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Dear Len,

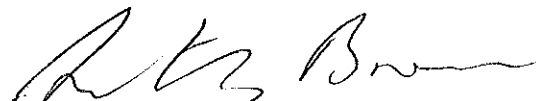
Thank you for your letter dated 25 October 2010 following my attendance at the Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee meeting.

I can confirm that the Mayor remains committed to making London the best big city in the world, as stated in his Economic Development Strategy published earlier this year. The Mayor's top priorities related to LDA functions remain, as I indicated at your committee meeting, International Promotion, Youth Programmes and Regeneration.

On the issue of the transfer of LDA staff to the GLA, again as indicated at the committee, a programme to manage the process of folding the LDA functions into the GLA continues under Leo Boland's leadership. This programme will, among other things, determine the future staffing structure of the GLA.

I can also confirm that the Mayor is in detailed discussions with Government so as to ensure that London gets its fair share of economic development funding. As you are aware, we have yet to receive grant settlements from Government for the LDA and GLA in 2011-12. Once these discussions have been concluded and settlements agreed, the GLA will be making available the Mayor's representations to Government on the Spending Review as they relate to LDA functions. As the Mayor stated in his letter to you of 23 November 2010, the reason for this is that it is information intended for future publication and it would not be in the public interest to disclose it at this stage.

Yours sincerely,



Anthony Browne

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