

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA110221-5817

10 March 2021

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 11 February 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for information relating to members of the GLA Landmark Commission¹

What checks were done to ensure that Commissioners were fit for public office as there has been concern about at least one of them?

How were Commissioners chosen to ensure that they reflect the wider London population rather than people who want to rename streets and remove statues?

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Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *What checks were done to ensure that Commissioners were fit for public office as there has been concern about at least one of them?*

As with all Mayoral appointments, Commission recruitment and appointment follows the Protocol on Mayoral Appointments. Recruitment to the Commission followed an open and transparent process with clear criteria. At interview, candidates were given the opportunity to discuss or provide feedback on any potential conflicts of interest or anything which could cause reputational damage. An Independent Panel Member was present at all interviews following the best practice as set out in the Protocol. In line with the Protocol, all new board appointees require a minimum of two references. GLA HR and Organisational Development are responsible for ensuring references are valid, cover a minimum of three years and are completed by appropriate referees. Additional checks such as eligibility to work in the UK weren't required as the Commissioner roles are unremunerated.

2. *How were Commissioners chosen to ensure that they reflect the wider London population rather than people who want to rename streets and remove statues?*

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Members of the Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm were recruited through an open and transparent process via the GLA vacancies portal on London.gov.uk. Recruitment to the Commission followed clear criteria as set out in the published job application pack. The recommendations and work of the Commission will be supported by a Partners Board and a Borough Working Group which has cross-party representation and is open to all London boroughs. The Partners Board includes a range of organisations representing a range of interests, including Arts Council England, Black Cultural Archives, English Heritage, National Heritage Lottery Foundation and Shape Arts.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>