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Apologies for the delay - our comment as below.

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A spokesperson for the Mayor of London said: “The Mayor met with Apple in 2013 to discuss a number of investment opportunities in London. Thomas Heatherwick was also in California to meet a separate commitment with Apple. Given that he had already expressed interest in creating a Garden Bridge, the Mayor invited him to join the meeting and outline his ideas.

“That meeting had no bearing on the procurement process led by Transport for London for the design of the Garden Bridge, which was open, fair and transparent.

“The Garden Bridge will be a spectacular new addition to London. Work on building the bridge is due to begin this year and it is widely supported by Londoners and businesses on both sides of the river.”

Information for reporter:

- Thomas Heatherwick and one of his colleagues, Stuart Wood, were in California at the same time as the result of a separate invitation from Apple and attended the meeting.

- Joanna Lumley was not present at any of the meetings.

- The Mayor's report sets out key engagements. Meetings regarding emerging proposals may not be included if they could prejudice commercial confidentiality.

- The original entry was listed as a private trip in order not to prejudice commercial confidentiality. In April 2013 the Mayor published his expenses for a trip to San Francisco on the Greater London Authority website. These were listed as 'Return flights from London to San Francisco. Negotiations for a major investment in London' and 'Accommodation costs at Intercontinental Hotel in San Francisco. Negotiations for a major investment in London'.

- There are still ongoing discussions with Apple about potential investments in London and the Mayor does not wish to prejudice those conversations.

- Major procurement decisions are reviewed and approved by the TfL Board and its Committees in accordance with TfL's Standing Orders, which are available on their website and are in line with Corporate Governance best practice.

- In addition, procurement falls within the remit of TfL's audit and assurance processes, which were highlighted in May 2015 by the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors as a model of how to organise a successful internal audit function.

- The Commissioner of Transport for London, Mike Brown, is wholly satisfied with the decision-making and internal audit processes for the procurement of the Garden Bridge.

- The London Assembly wrote to the Mayor requesting a great deal of information on 29 December. We are in the process of responding to them.

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