

Subject: Annual Governance Statement 2011-12

Report to: Audit Panel

Report of: Head of Paid Service & Executive Director of Resources

Date: 10 July 2012

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 Members are asked to comment on the draft GLA Annual Governance Statement for 2011-12.

2. Recommendation

2.1 **That the Committee comments on the draft GLA Annual Governance Statement for 2011-12 (attached at Appendix 1).**

3. Background

3.1 The draft GLA Annual Governance Statement for 2011-12 is appended to this report. The Statement is a distinct document which seeks to complement the GLA's Statement of Accounts for 2011-12. Both Statements will be published in final form in September. The draft Governance Statement was presented to the 19 June meeting of the Assembly's GLA Oversight Committee for comment.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 The issues arising are highlighted in the appended Statement. Members may wish to note that the GLA Oversight Committee highlighted the following issues which led to changes in the text:

- Governance training for Deputy Mayors (see paragraph 4.8);
- Value for money from the Crimestoppers arrangement (paragraph 3.25);
- Best Assembly scrutiny examples to include in the summary (summary and paragraph 5.11);
- How the Statement relates to the work of the GLA Group (paragraph 3.1);
- How commitments in the Statement will be monitored (paragraph 1.5);
- Transparency issues, for example the Mayor holding 'open' press conferences (paragraph 5.12);
- Labelling general GLA savings as 'efficiency' savings (paragraph 5.8);
- Assembly Members outside of the Statutory Deputy Mayor taking up GLA executive roles (paragraph 5.13);

- Use of statistics and the Datastore (paragraph 6.1);
- Scrutiny recommendations relating to the Mayoral Development Corporation for the Olympic Park which were not accepted by the Mayor (paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4);
- Governance of GLA Group shared services (paragraph 5.14);
- Wider value for money issues, for example the independent assessment approach used by Transport for London known as IIPAG (paragraph 5.15);
- The Authority devolving functions to boroughs or the voluntary sector with particular reference to the work of the Health and Communities Unit (paragraph 5.16); and
- The Assembly's approach to setting its own budget (paragraph 5.17).

5. Legal implications

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising for the GLA from this report.

6. Financial implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising for the GLA from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Draft GLA Annual Governance Statement 2011-12

<p>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</p> <p>List of Background Papers:</p> <p>There are none.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Tom Middleton, Head of Governance and Resilience</p> <p>Telephone: 020 7983 4257</p> <p>E-mail: tom.middleton@london.gov.uk</p>
