

# Subject: Action Taken Under Delegated Authority

Report to: GLA Oversight Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 17 December 2015

This report will be considered in public

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report summarises the action taken by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee under delegated authority since the date of the last meeting.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the actions taken by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee under delegated authority.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Under the Chair's standing delegation as set out in Standing Orders, the Chair may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of any of that body's functions including entering into correspondence on that body's behalf. Under section 54 of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) the Assembly may delegate relevant functions to individual Members.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 As part of its ongoing work on Transport for London's (TfL) procurement of the Garden Bridge design, the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, following consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Lead Members, wrote to the Chair of TfL's Audit and Assurance Committee setting out the Committee's concerns on this matter. The letter is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 Under the delegated authority granted to him at the GLA Oversight Committee meeting of 25 November 2015, the Chair of the Committee also rescheduled items of business for the 17 December 2015 and subsequent meetings in order to facilitate the attendance of the Mayor and

the Commissioner of TfL, in order to answer further questions on the procurement of the Garden Bridge design, as detailed in Item 9 of this agenda, Work Programme for the GLA Oversight Committee.

## 5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Under section 34 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended), the Authority, acting under the Mayor or Assembly, may do anything that is considered to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the exercise of any of the functions of the Assembly.
- 5.2 The Assembly may, under section 54 of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) delegate relevant functions to individual Members. The decision making function on this matter has, accordingly, been properly delegated by the Assembly, through one of its committees, to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee.

## 6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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### List of appendices to this report:

**Appendix 1** - Letter to the Chair of TfL's Audit and Assurance Committee

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: Member Delegated Authority (MDA 661)
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