

## MAYOR OF LONDON

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**Confirmation Hearings**

I have begun the process for appointing the Chair to the Cultural Leadership Board (known as the Culture Strategy Group for London). This appointment is one to which the confirmation hearing process under section 60A and Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 applies.

I write to give notice to the London Assembly of my intention to appoint to the role above. I have set out the details of the appointments as required by the GLA Act.

I propose to appoint Ben Evans, Director of London Design Festival as Chair of the Cultural Leadership Board. The appointment will be for the period 24 April 2017 to May 7 2020. Ben's address for correspondence is The London Design Festival, 33 John St, London, WC1N 2AT.

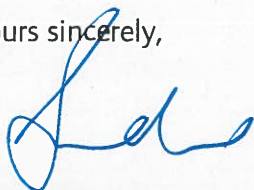
Ben has extensive experience within the creative and cultural industries including developing cultural policy with Government. As founder of the London Design Festival, Ben has grown the event into the largest of its kind in the world; made up of over 400 events and exhibitions staged by 300 international partner organisations. Ben attended the Royal College of Art and is a Governor for University of the Arts London.

I am confident that I have selected a high calibre, experienced and committed individual to head up this important board and I am confident he will assist me in delivering my priorities for London.

The statutory three week confirmation process period will end three weeks from the date of this letter, within which time a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee can be held to make a recommendation about whether I should proceed to confirm the above appointment.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**

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