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Dear Mr Evans,

Confirmation Hearings Committee – Monday, 10 April at 2.30pm, City Hall

Further to the Mayor's notification to the Assembly of his proposal to appoint you to the office of Chair of the Cultural Leadership Board, I am writing to advise that, in accordance with Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), I have determined that the London Assembly will hold a Confirmation Hearing in relation to your proposed appointment.

It is requested, therefore, that you attend a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee on Monday, 10 April 2017. The meeting will take place in the Chamber at City Hall and will be held in public. A Confirmation Hearing is due to be held for two offices at the same meeting and each session is likely to be of approximately one hour in duration. The meeting will begin at 2.30pm and the session with you will be the first one at 2.30pm. However, I would be grateful if you could keep from 2.30pm to 4.30pm free in your diary.

The Authority's Head of Paid Service has issued a statutory notice to you in relation to this meeting (please see attached). I have also enclosed, for your information, a copy of the Mayor's letter to me.

In advance of the meeting please provide your CV. You may also wish to provide a supporting statement or any other details which may be of interest to the Committee in relation to your appointment to this office. Please note that information provided will be made public. (Information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is only exempt from publication if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.)

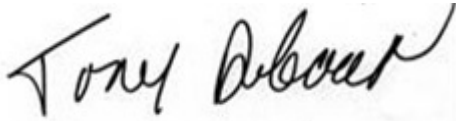
Questions and supplementary questions to you will relate to the following areas:

- whether the candidate is qualified for the position;
- whether the candidate has the time and capacity for the position;
- whether the candidate is fit (independent and impartial) for the position; and
- key responsibilities and issues for the Cultural Leadership Board.

Please note also that at the agenda's standing item *Declarations of Interests* the Chair may invite you to declare any relevant interests in terms of the business of the meeting and regarding the your proposed appointment.

If there is anything else in relation to this session that you wish to discuss, please contact Joanna Brown or Teresa Young, Senior Committee Officers, by telephone on 020 7983 6559 or by email: joanna.brown@london.gov.uk and teresa.young@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Arbour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'A'.

Tony Arbour AM

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Appendix 1 – Letter from the Mayor to the Chairman of the Assembly, advising the proposed appointment

Appendix 2 – Statutory Notice from the Head of Paid Service