

Subject: The Garden Bridge - Holding the Previous Mayor to Account

Report to: GLA Oversight Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 1 March 2018

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides background information to the GLA Oversight Committee in putting questions to Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP about the Garden Bridge project.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report and the discussion with the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Assembly has conducted extensive scrutiny work into the procurement of the Garden Bridge design contract since September 2015.
- 3.2 This has included question and answer sessions in 2015 and 2016 with; Boris Johnson, then Mayor of London, Mike Brown, Commissioner, Transport for London, Richard De Cani, then Director of Strategy and Policy, at Transport for London (TfL), Will Hurst, Deputy Editor of Architect's Journal, Walter Menteth, of Walter Menteth Architects; Clive Walker, Director of Internal Audit, TfL and Keith Williams, then Chair TfL Audit and Assurance Committee. Following the publication of her independent review into the project, the GLA Oversight Committee also questioned the Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MP in October 2017, alongside Mike Brown and David Bellamy – Chief of Staff, GLA.
- 3.3 Details, including transcripts and further supporting correspondence can be found at <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/london-assembly-publications/garden-bridge-design-procurement>.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 This meeting provides the GLA Oversight Committee with the opportunity to question the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP about his decisions regarding the Garden Bridge project when he was Mayor of London.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

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

List of appendices to this report: None

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List of Background Papers: None
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