

# Subject: Proposed Delegations of Authority to the Chair of the Committee

Report to: GLA Oversight Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 3 September 2019

This report will be considered in public

## 1. Summary

1.1 This report details two proposed delegations of authority to the Chair of the Committee.

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee delegates authority to Len Duvall AM, as Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, to agree any outputs of the Secretariat Research Unit which are produced for the purposes of publication, for the period up until the May 2020 GLA elections; and**

2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to Len Duvall AM, as Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, to agree any output from the investigation into the Garden Bridge project.**

## 3. Background

3.1 The GLA Oversight Committee has the following overall functions:

- Management and administration of the budget of the Assembly and Secretariat, and overseeing the Assembly's scrutiny work programme;
- Having oversight, on behalf of the London Assembly, of the Greater London Authority's (GLA) corporate governance policies and activities;
- Maintaining a watching brief in respect of the activities of the senior officers appointed by the Mayor; and
- Responding to consultations from the Head of Paid Service and scrutinising the Head of Paid Service function.

3.2 On 15 November 2018, the Committee established a working group to undertake an investigation into the Garden Bridge project.

- 3.3 On 19 March 2019, the Committee approved in principle the restructuring of the Scrutiny team which led to the creation of the Secretariat Research Unit. The Unit produces high-quality research and data for the London Assembly

#### **4. Issues for Consideration**

- 4.1 Delegations of authority to Len Duvall AM, as Chair of the Committee and following discussions with relevant Assembly Members, are sought in respect of the Committee's investigation into the Garden Bridge project and the work produced by the Assembly Secretariat Research Unit, the latter up until the next scheduled GLA elections in 2020. This is in order to ensure for the timely publication of work undertaken by the Assembly and its officers, and to ensure a mechanism exists to progress Assembly outputs outside of the normal meeting cycle when necessary.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Assembly, or a Committee of the Assembly, may arrange for any of the functions exercisable by it to be discharged on its behalf by a single member of the Assembly, in accordance with Section 54 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended).

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications for the purposes of this report.

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**List of appendices to this report:** None

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None
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