

Subject: Action Taken Under Delegated Authority

Report to:	London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time)
Report of:	Executive Director of Secretariat
Date:	9 September 2021
Public Access:	This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines recent action taken by the Chair of the London Assembly, in accordance with the authority delegated to him, in relation to Confirmation Hearings.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Assembly notes the recent action taken by the Chair of the London Assembly, Andrew Boff AM, in accordance with the authority delegated to him, namely to agree to hold a Confirmation Hearing in relation to the proposed appointment of Dr Liz Goodwin OBE as Chair of ReLondon.**

3. Background and Issues for Consideration

- 3.1 The Mayor of London wrote to the Chair of the Assembly on 6 August 2021 to provide formal notification – in accordance with the provisions of Section 60A and Schedule 4A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended, ‘the GLA Act’) – of his proposed appointment of Dr Liz Goodwin OBE to the office of Chair of ReLondon, as attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 As allowed for by the provisions of Schedule 4A to the GLA Act, and as agreed at the Assembly’s meeting on 12 December 2007, the Chair of the Assembly has been granted a standing delegation of authority to: (i) decide whether to hold a confirmation hearing for the Mayor’s candidate for appointment to any of the offices listed in Section 60A(3) of the Act; and (ii) to request that the Mayor’s candidate for appointment, under paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 4A of the Act, provides documents that relate to his or her proposed appointment.

- 3.3 Following informal consultation with Assembly party Group Leaders, the Chair decided to hold a confirmation hearing in relation to the Mayor's proposed reappointment of Dr Liz Goodwin OBE. The Chair's letter of response to the Mayor is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 3.4 Following a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee on 24 August 2021, the Chairman of the Committee for that meeting, Peter Fortune AM, wrote to the Mayor to inform him that the Committee had recommended unanimously that he proceed with the appointment. The letter is attached at **Appendix 3** and the Committee is awaiting the Mayor's response.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Section 60A and Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) sets out the provisions relating to the confirmation processes. An explanation of the provisions has been set out in the text above.
- 4.2 Schedule 4 of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) specifies that the end of the confirmation process is reached when:

The Mayor has given the Chair of the Assembly the notification required by paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 4A in respect of acceptance or rejection of the Assembly's recommendation;

OR

The period of three weeks (from the day on which the Assembly received notification from the Mayor of the candidate(s) whom he intends to appoint) has expired without any recommendation or written notice of a decision to exercise the veto (as applicable) being given to the Mayor by the Assembly.

5. Financial Implications

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

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Letter from the Mayor to the Chair of the London Assembly, dated 6 August 2021

Appendix 2 – Letter from the Chair of the London Assembly to the Mayor, dated 16 August 2021

Appendix 3 - Letter from the Chairman of the Confirmation Hearings Committee to the Mayor, dated 24 August 2021

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers:

Member Delegated Authority Form 1321 (Confirmation Hearing for the office of Chair of ReLondon)

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