London Assembly – Membership of Committees/Panels and Terms of Reference 2023/24

The attached grid sets out the structure of and terms of reference for London Assembly committees and other bodies for the 2023/24 Assembly Year put forward following informal discussions between the Assembly's party Groups, and nominations from Groups to those bodies, an approved at the Annual Meeting.

The proposals set out give rise to the following proportionality calculations, across the committee structure as a whole. The proposed allocation of seats has been drawn up on the basis that the Assembly will fully comply with the provisions of Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act.

The working groups set out at Appendix 2 are not included in the calculations below as they are not subject to proportionality rules.

Number of seats per Group			
	Assembly		Committee
	Seats		seats overall ¹
Labour Group	11	44%	39 (39.16)
Conservative Group	9	36%	32 (32.04)
City Hall Greens			
Group	3	12%	11 (10.68)
Liberal Democrat	2	8%	7 (7.12)
Total seats	25		89
Committee Structure:			
1x11 Member committee			
2x10 Member committees			
2x9 Member committee			
2x7 Member committees			
2x6 Member committees			
2x5 Member committees			
1x4 Member committee			
Total – 89 seats			

¹ The strict proportional entitlement to seats as a whole is set out in brackets.

Audit Panel

Total number of seats: 4	Membership	
Allocation	Party Group	Name
2 Labour	Labour	Krupesh Hirani AM
2 Conservatives	Labour	Sakina Sheikh AM
	Conservative	Neil Garratt AM (Chairman)
	Conservative	Peter Fortune AM (Deputy Chairman)

Substitutes:

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

- 1. To review progress reports on the internal audit work plan; receive internal audit reports and follow-up reports arising from that plan; and consider the Director of Audit, Risk and Assurance's annual report and annual opinion on the internal control environment for the GLA;
- 2. To receive and note the external auditor's annual programme; receive external audit reports and management letters, and, where a report is made in respect of the GLA, to make recommendations to the Assembly at the meeting at which the report is to be formally considered in the presence of the Mayor in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;
- 3. To review the GLA's anti-fraud policies and the GLA's risk management framework, promoting probity and good practice across the GLA;
- 4. To review as appropriate matters raised by the external auditors' management letters and reports; and
- 5. To receive and commission other work within the remit of the Panel, following the advice of the Executive Director of Resources, as necessary.

Budget and Performance Committee			
Total number of seats: 9	Membership		
Allocation	Party Group	Name	
4 Labour	Labour	Krupesh Hirani AM (Deputy Chair)	
3 Conservative	Labour	Anne Clarke AM	
1 Green	Labour	Unmesh Desai AM	
1 Liberal Democrat	Labour	Len Duvall AM	
	Conservative	Neil Garratt AM (Chairman)	
	Conservative	Peter Fortune AM	
	Conservative	Nick Rogers AM	
	Green	Caroline Russell AM	
	Liberal Democrat	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For Liberal Democrat Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to the budgets and performance of the Greater London Authority and the Functional Bodies, including:

- 1. Examining at each stage of the consultation process the Mayor's budget proposals for the next financial year;
- 2. Undertaking the duties of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 2(2) and paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 6 to the GLA Act 1999; namely, to receive and consider the Mayor's consultation budget prior to the determination of the draft component budget for the Authority and to receive and consider the Mayor's consultation budget prior to the final determination of the draft consolidated GLA budget; and
- 3. Reporting to the Assembly on the Mayor's consultation budget at the conclusion of the consultation process.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

All GLA functional bodies.

Confirmation Hearings Committee			
Total number of seats: 6	Membership		
Allocation	Party Group	Name	
3 Labour	Labour	Léonie Cooper AM	
2 Conservative	Labour	Sem Moema AM	
1 Green	Labour	Dr Onkar Sahota AM	
	Conservative	Neil Garratt AM	
	Conservative	Emma Best AM	
	Green	Caroline Russell AM	

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

In accordance with Section 60A and Schedule 4A of the Greater London Authority Acts 1999 and 2007, to hold confirmation hearings and, as necessary, to make recommendations to the Mayor on proposed appointments.

Economy Committee			
Total number of seats: 7	Membership		
Allocation	Party Group	Name	
3 Labour	Labour	Marina Ahmad AM (Chair)	
2 Conservatives	Labour	Anne Clarke AM	
1 Green	Labour	Krupesh Hirani AM	
1 Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Andrew Boff AM (Deputy Chair)	
	Conservative	Neil Garratt AM	
	Green	Zack Polanski AM	
	Liberal Democrat	Hina Bokhari AM	

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For Liberal Democrat Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to economic development, culture, skills, sport and tourism in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Economic Development Strategy, the Mayor's Culture Strategy and Adult Education.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

Adult Education Mayoral Board; London & Partners; London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP); Royal Docks Enterprise Zone Programme Board; Royal Docks Network Forum; London ESIF Committee; Business Advisory Board; Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board; London Markets Board; Workspace Advisory Group; London Music Board; London Food Board; Skills for Londoners Board; Skills for Londoners Business Partnership; Infrastructure High Level Group; Museum of London.

Environment Committee		
Total number of seats: 7	Membership	
Allocation	Party Group	Name
3 Labour	Labour	Léonie Cooper AM (Chair)
2 Conservative	Labour	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
1 Green	Labour	Joanne McCartney AM
1 Liberal Democrat	Conservative	Tony Devenish AM
	Conservative	Emma Best AM
	Green	Zack Polanski AM (Deputy Chair)
	Liberal Democrat	Hina Bokhari AM

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For Liberal Democrat Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to the environment in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Environment Strategy.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

Green Spaces Commission; Sustainable Development Commission; London Waste and Recycling Board; London Fuel Poverty Partnership; London Electric Vehicles Taskforce.

Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee			
Total number of seats: 9	Membership		
Allocation	Party Group	Name	
4 Labour	Labour	Anne Clarke AM (Chair)	
3 Conservative	Labour	Léonie Cooper AM	
1 Green	Labour	Len Duvall AM	
1 Liberal Democrat	Labour	Sakina Sheikh AM	
	Conservative	Susan Hall AM (Deputy Chairman)	
	Conservative	Shaun Bailey AM	
	Conservative	Nick Rogers AM	
	Green	Zack Polanski AM	
	Liberal Democrat	Hina Bokhari AM	

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For Liberal Democrat Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

- 1. To review and make a report or recommendation to the Mayor on any draft document or revision given to the Assembly by the London Fire Commissioner which is prepared and published by the London Fire Commissioner in accordance with the Fire and Rescue National Framework in accordance with the provisions of the Policing and Crime Act 2017.²
- 2. To keep under review the exercise of the functions of the London Fire Commissioner.
- 3. To investigate, and prepare reports, as necessary, in accordance with the relevant provisions of section 327I of the Policing and Crime Act 2017.³

(a) sets out the Commissioner's priorities and objectives, for the period covered by the document, in connection with the discharge of the Commissioner's functions, or

(d) Matters in relation to which the functions of the London Fire Commissioner are exercisable; and

(e) Any other matters which the Assembly considers to be of importance to fire and rescue services in Greater London.

² Namely a document which also —

⁽b) contains a statement of the way in which the Commissioner has had regard, in the period covered by the document, to the Framework and to any document within paragraph (a) prepared by the Commissioner for that period.

³ The powers of the Committee include, in particular, power to investigate, and prepare reports about:

⁽a) Any actions and decisions of the London Fire Commissioner;

⁽b) Any actions and decisions of an officer of the London Fire Commissioner;

⁽c) Matters relating to the functions of the London Fire Commissioner;

- 4. To submit proposals to the Mayor/London Fire Commissioner in relation to fire and emergency matters in London as necessary.
- 5. To investigate, and prepare reports, as necessary, about the exercise of the Mayor's statutory resilience responsibilities and activities.
- 6. To hold confirmation hearings in respect of the Mayor's proposed candidate for the London Fire Commissioner and Deputy Mayor for Fire.

[Note: The Committee functions must be exercised with a view to supporting the effective exercise of the functions of the London Fire Commissioner].

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

London Fire Commissioner; London Resilience Forum

GLA Oversight Committee		
Total number of seats:	Membership	
Allocation	Party Group	Name
5 Labour	Labour	Len Duvall AM (Deputy Chair)
4 Conservative	Labour	Elly Baker AM
1 Green	Labour	Léonie Cooper AM
1 Liberal Democrat	Labour	Joanne McCartney AM
	Labour	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
	Conservative	Emma Best AM (Chair)
	Conservative	Susan Hall AM
	Conservative	Peter Fortune AM
	Conservative	Keith Prince AM
	Green	Caroline Russell AM
	Liberal Democrat	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For Liberal Democrat Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms	Terms of Reference				
A.	Staffing				
1.	To receive reports from the Head of Paid Service and respond on behalf of the London Assembly to formal consultation from the Head of Paid Service concerning staff appointments and terms and conditions for section 67 (2) employees under the GLA Acts 1999 and 2007.				
2.	Noting that it is a joint decision with the Mayor, to make recommendations to the London Assembly on appointments to the posts of the three statutory officers (Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer) and on the terms and conditions of employment for those posts.				
3.	Noting that it is a joint decision with the Mayor, to make recommendations to the London Assembly relating to any required disciplinary procedures against the Authority's statutory officers in accordance with relevant procedures.				
4.	In accordance with agreed protocols and at the request of the Head of Paid Service, to appoint as necessary Members to attend appointment panels as non-voting members for relevant staff posts.				
5.	To respond, on behalf of the London Assembly, to consultations under Section 401A of the GLA Act 1999 regarding proposed shared services arrangements.				

6.	To respond, on behalf of the London Assembly, to consultations on any other staffing matter not reserved to the full Assembly, including consultations on staffing policies and procedures.
B.	Scrutiny
1.	To approve all scrutiny-related Assembly expenditure and proposals for use of rapporteurs, in conformity with the Assembly's decision-making framework procedure.
2.	To scrutinise issues relating to civil contingency arrangements in London.
3.	To scrutinise issues relating to the provision of services to the public (other than those falling within the remit of other committees of the Assembly) and the performance of utilities in London.
4.	To scrutinise any actions or decisions taken by the Mayor on matters relating to education and childcare (other than those relating to Adult Education and Skills).
C.	General
1.	To oversee the programming of the Assembly's business.
2.	To provide a response from the Assembly on consultation in respect of electoral issues, arrangements for major events such as People's Question Time and the State of London debate, consultation concerning Parliamentary bills and all forms of secondary legislation or guidance and any other issue not falling within another committee or sub-committee's subject area and terms of reference.
3.	To deal with and determine any question, issue or other matter not falling within the approved subject area and terms of reference of any other committee.
4.	To vary the approved subject area and terms of reference of the Assembly's other committees and sub-committees, so as to include for the future an issue or other matter not otherwise provided for, in order to facilitate the efficient and effective discharge of the Assembly's business.
5.	To consider and approve a programme of Assembly receptions and events.
6.	To make recommendations to the London Assembly on any other matter requiring a joint decision with the Mayor, where time permits.
D.	Budget
1.	To recommend to the Mayor a budget proposal for the London Assembly for the following financial year.
2.	To allocate the Assembly's budget and to monitor expenditure on scrutiny throughout the year.

3.	To approve, in accordance with GLA policy, all proposed Assembly-related budget virements in excess of £25,000 (noting that virements in excess of £50,000 will be notified to the Mayor once a decision is taken) and to approve all proposed virements between staff and non-staff budgets within the overall Secretariat budget (in consultation with the Mayor for relevant proposed virements in excess of £50,000).
	Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
	Corporate Investment Board; GLA Group Collaborative Procurement Board; Congress of Leaders; Equality Diversity Inclusion Advisory Group; Strategic Migration Partnership Board; Smart London Board; London Pension Fund Authority; Strategic Coordination Group.

Health Committee		
Total number of seats: 5	Membership	
Allocation	Party Group	Name
2 Labour	Labour	Dr Onkar Sahota AM (Chair)
2 Conservative	Labour	Krupesh Hirani AM
1 Green	Conservative	Emma Best AM
	Conservative	Andrew Boff AM
	Green	Caroline Russell AM (Deputy Chair)

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to health in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

London Health Board; Child Obesity Task Force.

Housing Committee		
Total number of seats: 6	Membership	
Allocation	Party Group	Name
3 Labour	Labour	Sem Moema AM (Deputy Chair)
2 Conservative	Labour	Léonie Cooper AM
1 Green	Labour	Sakina Sheikh AM
	Conservative	Shaun Bailey AM (Chairman)
	Conservative	Tony Devenish AM
	Green	Siân Berry AM

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to housing in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Housing Strategy.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

Homes for Londoners Board; GLA Land and Property Company; Homes for Londoners Board (HfL); Barking Riverside Limited; Greenwich Peninsula Strategic Board.

Planning and Regeneration Committee		
Total number of seats: 5	Membership	
2 Labour	Labour	Sakina Sheikh AM (Chair)
2 Conservative	Labour	Elly Baker AM
1 Green	Conservative	Peter Fortune AM (Deputy Chairman)
	Conservative	Emma Best AM
	Green	Siân Berry AM

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to spatial development, planning and regeneration in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Spatial Development Strategy ('The London Plan').

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

Old Oak Common and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC).

Police and Crime Committee			
Total number of seats:	Membership		
Allocation	Party Group	Name	
4 Labour	Labour	Unmesh Desai AM	
4 Conservative	Labour	Marina Ahmad AM	
1 Green	Labour	Len Duvall AM	
1 Liberal Democrat	Labour	Sem Moema AM	
	Conservative	Susan Hall AM (Deputy Chairman)	
	Conservative	Tony Devenish AM	
	Conservative	Keith Prince AM	
	Conservative	Shaun Bailey AM	
	Green	Caroline Russell AM (Chair)	
	Liberal Democrat	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For Liberal Democrat Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

- To review and make a report or recommendation on the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the Assembly by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and on the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime Annual Report, in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
- 2. To keep under review the exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.
- 3. To investigate, and prepare reports, as necessary, in accordance with the relevant provisions of section 33 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.⁴
- 4. To submit proposals, as necessary, to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.
- 5. To hold a confirmation hearing in respect of the Mayor's proposed candidate for Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and to make recommendations to the Mayor and decisions as necessary on the proposed appointment.
- 6. To fulfil functions in relation to complaints about conduct matters, in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the Committee by section 31 and schedule 7 of

⁴ The powers of the London Assembly include, in particular, power to investigate, and prepare reports about:

⁽a) any actions and decisions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;

⁽b) any actions and decisions of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime;

⁽c) any actions and decisions of a member of staff of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;

⁽d) matters relating to the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;

⁽e) matters in relation to which the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime are exercisable; or

⁽f) any other matters which the Assembly considers to be of importance to policing and crime reduction in the metropolitan police district.

the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012.

[Note: The Committee functions must be exercised with a view to supporting the effective exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.]

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime; London Crime Reduction Board; Violence Reduction Unit Partnership Reference Group.

Transport Committee		
Total number of seats:	Membership	
Allocation	Party Group	Name
4 Labour	Labour	Elly Baker AM
4 Conservative	Labour	Unmesh Desai AM
1 Green	Labour	Joanne McCartney AM
1 Liberal Democrat	Labour	Sem Moema AM
	Conservative	Nick Rogers AM (Chairman)
	Conservative	Neil Garratt AM
	Conservative	Keith Prince AM
	Conservative	Andrew Boff AM
	Green	Siân Berry AM
	Liberal Democrat	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
		(Deputy Chair)

For London Assembly Labour Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For GLA Conservatives Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For City Hall Greens Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

For Liberal Democrat Group - all relevant non-appointed Members of the political Group.

Terms of Reference

- 1. To examine and report on matters in relation to transport in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Transport Strategy.
- 2. To discharge the responsibilities and functions of the Assembly in respect of the London Transport Users' Committee under the GLA Act 1999, in particular sections 247 252 and Schedules 18 and 19, including oversight of its work and recommendation to the Assembly of its annual budget.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

Transport for London.

London Assembly - Membership of Working Groups and Terms of Reference 2023/24

The grid below sets out a list of bodies re-established as working groups of the GLA Oversight Committee.

Working groups are not subject to the rules regarding political proportionality of seats.

Chief Officer Performance Review Panel			
Total number of seats: 4	Membership		
Allocation	Party Group	Name	
Member	Labour Group	Len Duvall AM	
	GLA Conservatives	Neil Garratt AM	
	City Hall Greens	Caroline Russell AM	
	Liberal Democrat Group	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	

Terms of Reference

To conduct, in conjunction with the Mayor, the performance review process for the Authority's Head of Paid Service (to be renamed Chief Officer), reporting relevant matters requiring formal decision and/or for consideration as necessary to the GLA Oversight Committee.

Standing Orders Working Group			
Total number of seats: 4 Membership			
Allocation	Party Group	Name	
Member	Labour Group	Léonie Cooper AM	
	GLA Conservatives	Neil Garratt AM	
	City Hall Greens	Caroline Russell AM	
	Liberal Democrat Group	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM	
Terms of Reference			

To consider changes to the GLA's Standing Orders as required and to make recommendations to the GLA Oversight Committee.

Cost of Living Working Group

Total number of seats: 4	Membership	
Allocation	Party Group	Name
Member	Labour Group	Len Duvall AM
	GLA Conservatives	Shaun Bailey AM
	City Hall Greens	Zack Polanski AM
	Liberal Democrat Group	Hina Bokhari AM

Terms of Reference

- 1) To examine and report on the cost of living in London.
- 2) To scrutinise the impact of Mayoral strategies and policies relating to the cost of living.
- 3) To consider the activities and approaches of the Government, local government, other devolved administrations and relevant bodies across the United Kingdom in relation to the cost of living, with a view to ensuring any particular implications arising for London (or parts of London) are understood and taken into account.
- 4) To make recommendations to the Mayor, Government and any other relevant parties in relation to the cost of living in London.
- 5) To support and supplement the work of the London Assembly's committees in relation to the cost of living and draw together strategic conclusions arising from the Assembly's work in this area.