

MDA No.: 1513

Title: Police & Crime Committee and Health Committee Joint Letters to Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England – London Ambulance Service Funding

1. Executive Summary

1.1 At the Police and Crime Committee meeting on 24 May 2023, the Committee resolved:

That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, and the Health Committee Chair and party Group Lead Members, to write to the Department for Health and Social Care, and NHS England, regarding additional resources for the London Ambulance Service.

1.2 At the Health Committee on 25 May 2023, the Health Committee resolved:

That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, and the Police and Crime Committee Chair and party Group Lead Members, to write to the Department for Health and Social Care and NHS England regarding additional resources for the London Ambulance Service.

1.3 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members of the Police and Crime and Health Committees, the Chairs of the Police and Crime and Health Committee jointly agreed the letters to the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England on funding for the London Ambulance Service, as attached at **Appendices 1 and 2**.

2. Decision

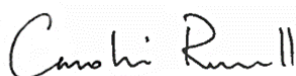
2.1 **That the Chairs of the Police and Crime Committee and the Health Committee, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members of both committees, agree the letters to the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England on funding for the London Ambulance Service, as attached at Appendices 1 and 2.**

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

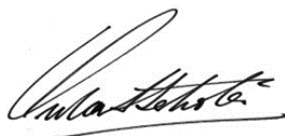
Signature:



Printed Name: **Caroline Russell AM, Chair of the Police and Crime Committee**

Date: **19 June 2023**

Signature:



Printed Name: Dr Onkar Sahota AM, Chair of the Health Committee

Date: 19 June 2023

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 The exercise of delegated authority approving the letters will be formally noted at the Police and Crime Committee and Health Committees' next appropriate meetings.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services): L Harvey



Printed Name: Lauren Harvey & Diane Richards

Date: 19 June 2023

Financial Implications: NOT REQUIRED

Note: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.


Signature (Finance): Not Required

Printed Name:

Date:

Legal Implications:

The Chairs of the Police and Crime and Health Committees have the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Rory McKenna, Monitoring Officer

Date: 19 June 2023

Email: rory.mckenna@london.gov.uk

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- *Susan Hall AM, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, Unmesh Desai AM and Emma Best AM*

4. Public Access to Information

- 4.1 Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website, usually within one working day of approval.
- 4.2 If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.
- 4.3 **Note:** this form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after it has been approved or on the defer date.

Part 1 - Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, until what date:

Part 2 – Sensitive Information:

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form? NO

Lead Officer / Author

Signature: Janette Roker

Printed Name: Janette Roker

Job Title: Senior Policy Adviser

Date: 19/6/23

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature:



Printed Name: Helen Ewen

Date: 19 June 2023

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Caroline Russell AM
Chair of the Police and Crime Committee

Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Chair of the Health Committee

Mr Will Quince MP
Minister of State at the Department of Health and Social Care

(Sent by email)

20 June 2023

Dear Mr Quince,

To explore the ever-changing threats from terrorism, the London Assembly Police and Crime Committee launched an investigation in 2022 into counter-terrorism and radicalisation in London. The investigation sought to assess London's preparedness for a terrorist attack, and efforts to prevent and tackle radicalisation.

The Committee's findings are set out in detail in the report [Counter-terrorism and radicalisation](#). The Committee was pleased that, one year on from the publication of Lord Harris' second review into London's preparedness for a major terrorist incident, progress has been made by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and the Metropolitan Police Service to implement the review's recommendations. It also found that progress has been made to further improve how blue-light services work together to prepare for and respond to a terror attack. However, it also highlighted that the London Ambulance Service and London Fire Brigade are facing significant pressures that could impede an effective response to a major incident.

In response to the report, the London Ambulance Service (LAS) told the Committee that it is grateful for the additional funding that has been provided to it which goes some way towards helping manage the costs associated with increased pressures. However, in the course of the investigation, LAS underlined that additional funding was required to properly and proportionately reflect the heightened costs inherent in providing an emergency ambulance service to a capital city, which inevitably has additional threats of terrorism to other parts of the country.

In light of what we heard, and in partnership with the London Assembly Health Committee, the Committee would welcome further information on how you are working with the LAS and the plans you have to ensure that the LAS has the funding it needs to meet the specific demands that operating in London places on the service.

We would welcome a response to this letter by 18 July 2023. Please copy your reply to Janette Roker, the Committee's Senior Policy Adviser (janette.roker@london.gov.uk), and do not hesitate to contact Janette to discuss in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

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Caroline Russell AM

Chair of the Police and Crime Committee

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Dr Onkar Sahota AM

Chair of the Health Committee

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Martin Machray
Executive Director of Performance for London
NHS London

(Sent by email)

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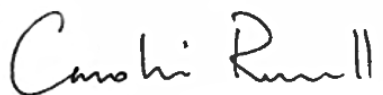
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Caroline Russell AM

Chair of the Police and Crime Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Onkar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'O' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr Onkar Sahota AM

Chair of the Health Committee