

MDA No.: 1621

Title: Confirmation Hearing for the Office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 In accordance with the Assembly's Standing Orders and the provisions of Schedule 4A to the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Chair of the Assembly has delegated authority to: (i) decide whether to hold a confirmation hearing for the Mayor's candidate for appointment to the office listed in Section 60A(3) of the Act; and (ii) to request that the Mayor's candidate for appointment produce, under paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 4A of the Act, documents that relate to his or her proposed appointment.
- 1.2 The Chair of the London Assembly received a letter from the Mayor on 10 May 2024 (dated 9 May 2024) indicating his intention to reappoint Seb Dance to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London (TfL). A copy of the letter from the Mayor is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.3 Following receipt of the letter and informal consultation with party Group Leaders, the Chair of the London Assembly has decided to hold a confirmation hearing in relation to this proposed appointment, and to ask the candidate to provide a CV and supporting statement. Copies of the Chair's letters to Seb Dance and the Mayor are attached at **Appendices 2 and 3**.

2. Decision

- 2.1 **That the Chair of the London Assembly agrees to hold a confirmation hearing in relation to the Mayor's proposed appointment of Seb Dance to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London; and ask the candidate to provide a CV and supporting statement.**

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: **Andrew Boff AM, Chair of the London Assembly**

Date: **17 May 2024**

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 The exercise of delegated authority agreeing to hold a confirmation hearing in respect of the proposed appointment of Seb Dance as Deputy Chair of TfL will be formally noted at the London Assembly's next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services): L. Harvey

Printed Name: Lauren Harvey, Senior Committee Officer

Date: 16 May 2024

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 Chair of the London Assembly has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Rory McKenna, Monitoring Officer

Date: 20 May 2024

Email: rory.mckenna@london.gov.uk

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- Len Duvall AM, Leader of the Labour Group and Deputy Chair of the Assembly
- Neil Garratt AM, Leader of the City Hall Conservatives Group
- Caroline Russell AM, Leader of the City Hall Greens Group
- Hina Bokhari AM, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

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: L. Harvey

Printed Name: Lauren Harvey

Job Title: Senior Committee Officer

Date: 16 May 2024

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature:



Printed Name: Helen Ewen, Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

Date: 16 May 2024

Chair of the Assembly
AssemblyChair@london.gov.uk

Date: 9 May 2024

Dear Chair,

Proposed reappointment to the role of Deputy Chair of Transport for London

In accordance with the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (GLA Act) section 60A and Schedule 4A, paragraph 3, I am writing to notify the London Assembly that I propose to reappoint Seb Dance, Deputy Mayor for Transport, to the role of Deputy Chair of Transport for London.

Seb has served as a Member of the European Parliament for London from 2014 to 2020, during which time he was Vice Chair of the Environment Committee, Co-ordinator for the Socialist and Democrats Group on vehicle emissions, and spokesperson for the Socialists and Democrats Group on air quality. He was also Deputy Leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party.

Seb has recently been appointed to this role over the last term as Deputy Chair of Transport for London and also Deputy Mayor for Transport and will continue to focus on delivering my transport strategy.

I note under section 60A of the GLA Act the Assembly are required to consider this proposed appointment and have the right to hold a confirmation hearing meeting, should it so choose.

Please use the City Hall address for any further correspondence, including with the candidate for appointment, on this matter.

I await your response to this proposed designation within 21 days of the Assembly's next Annual Meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

LONDON ASSEMBLY

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Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Seb Dance
Deputy Mayor for Transport

City Hall
Kamal Chunchie Way
London
E16 1ZE

(Sent via email)

20 May 2024

Dear Seb,

Confirmation Hearings Committee – 29 May 2024, 2.00pm, City Hall

Further to the Mayor's notification to the Assembly of his proposal to appoint you to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London (TfL), I am writing to advise that, in accordance with Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), I have determined that the London Assembly will hold a Confirmation Hearing in relation to your proposed appointment.

It is requested, therefore, that you attend a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee on Wednesday 29 May 2024. The meeting will take place in the Chamber at City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London E16 1ZE, and will be held in public. The meeting will begin at 2.00pm and will last no longer than two hours.

The Authority's Head of Paid Service has issued a statutory notice to you in relation to this meeting (please see attached). I have also enclosed, for your information, a copy of the Mayor's letter to me.

I am also writing to request that you provide to the Committee, in advance of the meeting, a CV with any relevant details and a supporting statement. You may also wish to provide any other details which may be of interest to the Committee in relation to your appointment to this office. Please note that information provided will be made public. (Information under Schedule 21A of the Local

Government Act 1972 is only exempt from publication if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information).

Questions and supplementary questions to you will relate to the following areas:

- whether the candidate is qualified for the position;
- whether the candidate has the time and capacity for the position;
- whether the candidate is fit (independent and impartial) for the position; and
- key responsibilities and issues for Transport for London for the future.

Please also note that, at the agenda's standing item 'Declarations of Interests', the Chair of the Committee may invite you to declare any relevant interests in terms of the business of the meeting and regarding the (proposed) appointment.

If there is anything else in relation to this session that you wish to discuss, please contact Lauren Harvey, Senior Committee Officer, by email: lauren.harvey@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Boff', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

**SCHEDULE 4A TO THE GLA ACT 1999
CONFIRMATION HEARINGS**

**NOTICE REQUESTING ATTENDANCE AT PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LONDON ASSEMBLY'S CONFIRMATION HEARINGS COMMITTEE**

To: Seb Dance
Deputy Mayor for Transport
City Hall
Kamal Chunchie Way
London
E16 1ZE

1. The Confirmation Hearings Committee is an opportunity for Assembly Members to put questions to you, Seb Dance, on the Mayor's proposal to appoint you to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London.
2. You are requested to attend a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee for the purposes of giving evidence on the matters described in paragraph 1 above on the time, date and location set out in paragraph 3 below.
3. The meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee which you are requested to attend to give evidence will be held –
 - On Wednesday 29 May 2024
 - Commencing at 2.00pm
 - In the Chamber, City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE
4. The attached covering letter from the Chair of the Assembly requests that you provide a CV, a supporting statement and any other information that the Committee would be interested in in relation to your appointment to this office. This request is made under paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended).

Signed:

Mary Harpley
Head of Paid Service
Greater London Authority

Dated: 17/05/24

LONDON ASSEMBLY



Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

(Sent via email)

20 May 2024

Dear Mr Mayor,

Proposed Appointment to the Office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London

Thank you for your letter dated 9 May 2024, which was received on 10 May 2024, in which you advised of your proposed re-appointment of Seb Dance to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London.

I write formally to confirm that, following informal discussions with Assembly party Groups, I have decided to hold a Confirmation Hearing in respect of the proposed appointment. The Confirmation Hearings Committee will meet on Wednesday 29 May 2024, at 2.00pm in the Chamber at City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London E16 1ZE. Your letter will be included in the agenda papers for the meeting.

The Assembly requests that you provide an up-to-date summary of the role and responsibilities of the relevant office, together with a summary of key issues and priorities for the relevant organisation, in advance of the Hearing.

A notice in relation to the meeting has been sent to the nominee in accordance with Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999.

The Committee's recommendation regarding this appointment will be sent to you following the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly