

MDA No.: 1635

Title: Confirmation Hearing for the Office of Chair of London Legacy Development Corporation

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 16 August 2024 indicating his intention to appoint Suki Kalirai to the office of Chair of London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC). 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 Suki Kalirai and the Mayor are attached at **Appendices 2 and 3**.

2. Decision

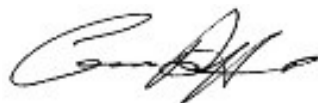
- 2.1 **That the Chair of the London Assembly agrees to hold a confirmation hearing in relation to the Mayor's proposed appointment of Suki Kalirai to the office of Chair of London Legacy Development Corporation; and ask the candidate to provide a CV and supporting statement.**

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: **20 August 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 Suki Kalirai as Chair of LLDC will be formally noted at the London Assembly's next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services):



Printed Name: Diane Richards, Committee Officer

Date: 19 August 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): Rebecca Arnold (pp for Rory McKenna)

Printed Name: Rory McKenna, Monitoring Officer

Date: 20 August 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: 20 August 2024

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: Rebecca Arnold (pp for Helen Ewen)

Printed Name: Helen Ewen, Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

Date: 20 August 2024

Andrew Boff AM

Chair of the London Assembly
AssemblyChair@london.gov.uk

Date: 16 August 2024

Dear Andrew,

Proposed appointment of the Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC)

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 appoint Suki Kalirai as the Chair of the LLDC.

This follows an open and transparent recruitment process. Suki demonstrated that he was the best candidate for the role by drawing on experience in his current roles as Chair of Paragon Asra Housing and non-executive Director for Housing 21 and in previous roles, including as Chair of Youth United Foundation, Chair of Skills Active, Chief Executive of Brentwood Academy, Chief Executive of Unilever Dove SPA, and Commercial Director Forte & Le Meridien Hotels and Resorts.

I am confident that Suki has the experience and the commitment to assist me in delivering my priorities for London.

I hereby give the required 21 days' notice from receipt of this letter for the Assembly to consider my proposed appointment, convene a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee, and make a recommendation if appropriate.

My office will share Suki's contact details with your Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the name.**Sadiq Khan**

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LONDON ASSEMBLY



Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Suki Kalirai

(Sent via email)

22 August 2024

Dear Suki,

Confirmation Hearings Committee – 3 September 2024, 3.30pm, City Hall

Further to the Mayor's notification to the Assembly of his proposal to appoint you to the office of Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), 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 Tuesday 3 September 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 3.30pm 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 can confirm separate receipt of your CV 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 London Legacy Development Corporation 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 Diane Richards, Committee Officer, by email: diane.richards@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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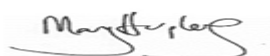
Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

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

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

To: Suki Kalirai

1. The Confirmation Hearings Committee is an opportunity for Assembly Members to put questions to you, Suki Kalirai, on the Mayor's proposal to appoint you to the office of Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC).
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 Tuesday 3 September 2024
 - Commencing at 3.30pm
 - 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). We can confirm separate receipt of the CV and support statement.



Signed:

Mary Harpley
Head of Paid Service
Greater London Authority

Dated: 21 August 2024

LONDON ASSEMBLY



Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Sadiq Khan

Mayor of London

(Sent via email)

20 August 2024

Dear Mr Mayor,

Proposed Appointment to the Office of Chair of London Legacy Development Corporation

Thank you for your letter dated 16 August 2024, which was received on 16 August 2024, in which you advised of your proposed appointment of Suki Kalirai to the office of Chair of the London Legacy Development Corporation.

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 Tuesday 3 September 2024, at 3.30pm in the Chamber at City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London E16 1ZE. Your letter will be included in the agenda papers for the meeting.

I can confirm separate receipt of the summary of key responsibilities relating to the role. If the Candidate has been provided with separate details of the key priorities facing the LLDC and therefore the office holder, the Assembly would be grateful to receive those details 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