

MDA No.: 1659

Title: Letter to the Mayor: Transfer of the GLC's Coat of Arms

1. Executive Summary

1.1 At the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 7 November 2024 the Assembly resolved:

That Authority be delegated to the Chair of the Assembly, in consultation with Group Leaders, to write to the Mayor to confirm the Assembly's continued support to petition for the transfer of the Greater London Council's (GLC) Coat of Arms to the Greater London Authority (GLA) and to outline proposed next steps.

1.2 Following consultation with party Group Leaders, the Chair has agreed to write to the Mayor of London, as attached at **Appendix 1**.

2. Decision

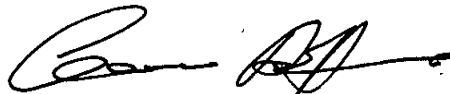
2.1 **That the letter attached as Appendix 1 be sent to the Mayor of London.**

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**

Date: **21 November 2024**

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 In 2020, the Assembly agreed a unanimous motion expressing support for the transfer of the GLC;s Coat of Arms to the GLA: [Greater London Council's Coat of Arms | London City Hall](#)
- 3.2 Further to a number of internal discussions and related work, the Assembly agrees to delegate authority to the Chair of the Assembly, in consultation with Group Leaders, to write to the Mayor of London confirming the Assembly's continued support and outlining proposed next steps to progress this work.
- 3.3 The exercise of delegated authority approving the letter 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: REBECCA ARNOLD




Date: 21 November 2024

Financial Implications: NOT REQUIRED

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: 21 November 2024

Email: rory.mckenna@london.gov.uk

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- Len Duvall AM, Neil Garratt AM, Caroline Russell AM and Hina Bokhari 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:



Printed Name: Rebecca Arnold

Job Title: Assistant Director, Committee & Member Services

Date: 21 November 2024

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature:



Printed Name: Helen Ewen, Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

Date: 21 November 2024



Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

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Mayor of London

(Sent by email)

21 November 2024

Dear Mr Mayor,

Petition for the Transfer of the GLC's Coat of Arms to the GLA

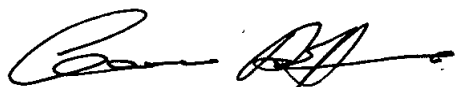
Following recent informal discussions with your office, the Assembly is delighted to have confirmation of your continued support for the submission of a formal petition to His Majesty the King, via the College of Arms, for the transfer of the former Greater London Council's Coat of Arms to the GLA and of your support for the display of a physical Coat of Arms within City Hall.

As you will recall, the Assembly first raised the issue of the transfer of the Coat of Arms with you, on a unanimous and cross-party basis, in 2020. The Coat of Arms is an important part of further entrenching the GLA's identity and in building the fabric of new City Hall as a civic space for London with strong roots and connections to London's proud devolved history. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with you with those aims in mind.

In terms of next steps, Secretariat officers will be asked to prepare a Mayoral decision form for your signature. A formal Mayoral decision is sought as it is not within the Assembly's statutory powers to initiate the petition. However, the Assembly will pay, from its own component budget, for the associated costs - namely the petition fee, fees for digital art work and for architect's advice ahead of the commission of a physical Coat of Arms. The Assembly also anticipates meeting the costs for the commission and manufacture of a physical Coat of Arms. Officers will work with those in your office and in Facilities Management regarding the placement of any Coat of Arms in due course.

The Executive Director of Secretariat will lead on the preparation and submission of the petition and all associated matters, under the General Delegation and in consultation with the Assistant Director of External Relations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Boff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Boff AM

Chair of the London Assembly