

MDA No.: 1666

Title: Response to the Department for Education's Consultation on the Delegation of Powers to the Greater London Authority

1. Executive Summary

1.1 At the Annual meeting on 1 May 2013 the Assembly resolved that:

That authority be delegated to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or sub-committee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting.

1.2 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair agreed the Committee's response to the consultation on delegating further funding powers to the Mayor of London, as attached at **Appendix 1**.

2. Decision


2.1 **That the Economy, Culture and Skills Committee's response to the Department of Education consultation on delegating further powers under section 100(1B) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children, and Learning Act 2009 to the GLA be agreed.**

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: Marina Ahmad, Chair of the Economy, Culture and Skills Committee

Date: 10 December 2024

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 The exercise of delegated authority agreeing the Committee's letter will be formally noted at the Economy, Culture and Skills Committee's next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services): *Sal*

Printed Name: Saleha Fazal, Committee Officer

Date: 5 December 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 Economy, Culture and Skills Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Rory McKenna, Monitoring Officer

Date: 11 December 2024

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Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- Alex Georgiou AM
- Hina Bokhari AM
- Zack Polanski 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: *Tim*

Printed Name: Tim Gallagher

Job Title: Senior Policy Adviser

Date: 5 December 2024

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: *Helen Ewen*

Printed Name: Helen Ewen, Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

Date: 12 December 2024



Marina Ahmad AM
Chair of the Economy, Culture and Skills Committee

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(Sent by email)

5 December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated 25 November to the Chair of the London Assembly about the delegation of powers to the Greater London Authority (GLA) to fund new technical qualifications. As Chair of the London Assembly's Economy, Culture and Skills Committee, I am replying on behalf of the Assembly.

The Economy, Culture and Skills Committee (previously the Economy Committee) has long called for the further devolution of skills powers and funding to London. We supported the delegation of the Adult Education Budget to the Mayor of London in 2019 and have previously called for further devolution of services such as London-wide careers services. It is vital that skills provision meets the needs of Londoners and London's economy, and the delegation of skills funding opens up opportunities to align courses and qualifications with the needs of both learners and employers.

We therefore agree with the Department for Education's proposal to delegate further powers under section 100(1B) of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children, and Learning Act 2009 to the GLA. We look forward to scrutinising the impact of these new technical qualifications in London in the future.

Thank you for consulting the London Assembly about this issue.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marina', enclosed within a light gray rectangular border.

Marina Ahmad AM
Chairman of the Economy, Culture and Skills Committee