

MDA No.: 1667

Title: Confirmation Hearing for the Office of Chair of ReLondon – Outcome

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At the Confirmation Hearings Committee meeting on 9 December 2024, the Committee discussed the proposed appointment to the office of Chair of ReLondon and resolved that:

Authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to approve the additional comments in the letter to the Mayor regarding the proposed appointment to the office of Chair of ReLondon.

- 1.2 Following consultation with the party Group Leaders, the Chairman of the Confirmation Hearings Committee is asked to agree the additional comments in the letter to the Mayor of London regarding the proposed appointment to the office of Chair of ReLondon, as attached at **Appendix 1**

2. Decision

- 2.1 **That the Chairman of the Confirmation Hearings Committee agree the additional comments in the letter to the Mayor of London regarding the proposed appointment to the office of Chair of ReLondon, as attached at Appendix 1.**

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: Neil Garratt AM, Chair of the Confirmation Hearings Committee Meeting

Date: 16 December 2024

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 The exercise of delegated authority to agree the additional comments in the letter to the Mayor of London regarding the proposed appointment to the office of Chair of ReLondon will be formally noted at the next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services):



Printed Name: Diane Richards, Committee Officer

Date: 16 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: N/a

Date: N/a

Legal Implications:

The Chair of the Confirmation Hearings Committee Meeting has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Rory McKenna, Monitoring Officer

Date: 16.12.24

Email: rory.mckenna@london.gov.uk

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- Elly Baker AM
- Krupesh Hirani AM
- Caroline Russell AM
- James Small-Edwards AM
- Alex Wilson 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: David Hirst

Printed Name: David Hirst

Job Title: Head of Policy Scrutiny

Date: 16 December 2024

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: 

Printed Name: Helen Ewen

Date: 16 December 2024



Neil Garratt AM

Chairman of the Confirmation Hearings Committee

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
(Sent by email)

16 December 2024

Dear Mr Mayor,

Proposed Appointment to the Office of Chair of ReLondon

In accordance with Schedule 4A to the GLA Act 1999, I write to inform you of the Confirmation Hearings Committee's recommendation with regard to your proposed appointment of Mete Coban MBE to the office of Chair of ReLondon.

The Confirmation Hearings Committee put questions to Mete Coban MBE at its meeting on 9 December 2024 in relation to his proposed appointment. The Committee agreed via majority view not to object to the proposed appointment of Mete Coban MBE to the office of Chair of ReLondon and to make further comment to you regarding the appointment.

In fulfilling this role, the Committee seeks assurance that:

- The candidate has sufficient regard to the urgency of the need to meet waste reduction and recycling targets arising in London.
- The candidate will be able to strike an appropriate balance between the role of Chair of ReLondon and the role of Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy.

The Committee also notes that the proposed candidate brings only limited professional expertise, notwithstanding their work as Cabinet Member for Climate, Environment and Transport at the London Borough of Hackney. Therefore, the Committee seeks further assurance

that the candidate possesses the requisite credibility on key waste policy issues to provide effective leadership to the Board and to London more broadly.

In reaching this decision, the Committee's concerns centred around the candidate's CV and how it demonstrated or impacted on his ability to show leadership and act as a figurehead for ReLondon, particularly whether his record demonstrated regard to the urgency of the need to meet waste reduction targets arising in London and seeks further assurance on this matter.

A minority of the Committee felt the candidate's record of public facing leadership work was a credible way of fulfilling the leadership requirements of the role.

On behalf of the Confirmation Hearings Committee, I would like to welcome Mete Coban MBE to the role.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Garratt', with a stylized, cursive script.

Neil Garratt AM
Chairman of the Confirmation Hearings Committee