

MDA No.: 1685

Title: Confirmation Hearing for the Role of Co-Chair of the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board

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 of London on 16 January 2025 indicating his intention to appoint Amanda Parker and Tom Sleigh to the role of Co-Chairs of the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board. 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 the proposed appointments, and to ask the candidates to provide CVs and supporting statements. Copies of the Chair's letters to Amanda Parker, Tom Sleigh and the Mayor are attached at **Appendices 2, 3 and 4**.

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 Amanda Parker and Tom Sleigh to the role of Co-Chairs of the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board; and ask the candidates 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: **22 January 2025**

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 appointments of Amanda Parker and Tom Sleight as Co-Chairs of the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board 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: 22 January 2025

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

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Rory McKenna, Monitoring Officer

Date: 23.01.25

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 Conservative Group
- Caroline Russell AM, Leader of the City Hall Greens Group
- Hina Bokhari OBE 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: 

Printed Name: Diane Richards

Job Title: Committee Officer

Date: 22 January 2025

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: 

Printed Name: Helen Ewen

Date: 22 January 2025

MAYOR OF LONDON**Andrew Boff AM**

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

Date: 16 January 2025

Dear Andrew,

Proposed appointment to the role of Co-Chair of the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board

In accordance with the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (GLA Act) section 60A(2), I am writing to notify the London Assembly that I propose to appoint Tom Sleight and Amanda Parker to the role of Co-Chair of the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board.

Tom is currently Group Corporate Affairs Director at the Bank of London and Chair of the Norwich Theatre. He represents the ward of Bishopsgate in the Square Mile and sits on the City Corporation's Policy and Resources Committee, its Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee, and its Finance Committee. Tom was recently re-elected to serve a fourth year as Chair of the City of London Corporation's Barbican Centre Board. His tenure has seen a major programme of organisational and governance change and kick-started a period of cultural change within the institution. From September 2024, he has also been the Chair of the Council of Goldsmiths, University of London.

I propose to appoint Tom as Co-Chair alongside Amanda Parker, who is the most recent Vice-Chair of the Board. Amanda's career spans screen, broadcast, arts and culture, including Director, London Short Film Festival and Editor of Arts Professional magazine. She founded Inc Arts UK, which from 2019-2022 led national advocacy representing the UK's ethnically diverse arts sector workforce, producing sector-leading research and EDI solutions for creative and cultural organisations.

I am proposing to appoint Co-Chairs due to the volume and breadth of work expected in the upcoming Board cycle. We are seeking an active Board, and having two Chairs with complementary skill sets will provide more resources. Our openness to flexible working was referenced in the role adverts, and it will be positive to see this modelled in new arrangements for the Board.

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

MAYOR OF LONDON

The statutory confirmation process period will end three weeks from the date of receipt of this letter, within which time a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee can be held if this would help the Assembly to make a recommendation about whether I should proceed to confirm Tom and Amanda's appointments.

My office will share Tom and Amanda's contact details with your Secretariat. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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

Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London

LONDON ASSEMBLY



Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Amanda Parker

(Sent via email)

23 January 2025

Dear Amanda,

Confirmation Hearings Committee – 3 February 2025, 3.00pm, City Hall

Further to the Mayor's notification to the Assembly of his proposal to appoint you to the role of Co-Chair of the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board, 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 Monday 3 February 2025. 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 3.00pm 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 can confirm receipt of your CV and request your 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 the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board 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: Amanda Parker

1. The Confirmation Hearings Committee is an opportunity for Assembly Members to put questions to you, Amanda Parker, on the Mayor's proposal to appoint you to the role of Co-Chair of the Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board.
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 Monday 3 February 2025
 - Commencing at 3.00pm
 - 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). We can confirm separate receipt of the CV.

Signed: 

Mary Harpley
Head of Paid Service
Greater London Authority

Dated: 23/1/25

LONDON ASSEMBLY

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Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Tom Sleigh

(Sent via email)

22 January 2025

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To: Tom Sleigh

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Signed:

Mary Harpley
Head of Paid Service
Greater London Authority

Dated: 23/1/25