

MDA No.: 1833

Title: Consultation on Arrangements for People's Question Time – March 2026

1. Executive Summary

1.1 At the GLA Oversight Committee meeting on 27 February 2025, the Committee resolved:

"That authority be delegated to the Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee, following consultation with the Deputy Chair and Party Group Leads, to respond to further consultations outside this meeting regarding specific future People's Question Time dates, of venues during the period of this Mayoral and Assembly Term".

1.2 Following consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Lead Members, the former Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee agreed the Committee's letter to the Head of Events for London on the proposed arrangements for the March 2026 People's Question Time, as attached at **Appendix 1**.

2. Decision

2.1 **That the GLA Oversight Committee's letter in response to the consultation on the proposed arrangements for the March 2026 People's Question Time meeting 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: Emma Best AM, Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee

Date: 29 July 2026

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 Section 48 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 requires the Mayor of London and the London Assembly to hold a meeting which is open to all members of the public twice in every financial year. This meeting is referred to as People's Question Time. The form of, and procedure for, People's Question Time shall be such as the Mayor may determine after consultation with the Assembly.
- 3.2 The terms of reference for the GLA Oversight Committee requires the Committee to provide a response from the Assembly on consultations for arrangements for People's Question Time.
- 3.3 On 14 January 2026, the former Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee received a request from the Head of Events for London to respond to proposals for arrangements for the People's Question Time in March 2026. This letter is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 3.4 The exercise of delegated authority approving the letter to the Head of Events for London on the proposed arrangements for the March 2026 People's Question Time will be formally noted at the GLA Oversight Committee's next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services): Nikoleta Kemp

Printed Name: Nikoleta Kemp

Date: 22 July 2026

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

Legal Implications:

The GLA Oversight Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Rebecca Arnold, Deputy Monitoring Officer

Date: 29 July 2026

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- Bassam Mahfouz AM (Deputy Chair)
- Hina Bokhari OBE AM
- Caroline Russell AM

- Keith Prince 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

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: PG

Printed Name: Paul Goodchild

Job Title: Committee Services Manager

Date: 22 July 2026

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: 

Printed Name: Helen Ewen, Executive Director, Assembly Secretariat

Date: 29 July 2026

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Bassam Mahfouz AM
Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee

Kim Hobbs
Senior Manager, Events for London
Greater London Authority

(Sent by email)

5 February 2026

Dear Kim,

Confidential: GLA Oversight Committee – People’s Question Time – Consultation

Thank you for the letter dated 14 January 2026, consulting the London Assembly - through the GLA Oversight Committee - on the arrangements for the next People's Question Time (PQT). I can confirm that the Committee is raising no objections to the proposed date or the arrangements for PQT and notes that the details of the venue will remain confidential until nearer the time. We also welcome the earlier engagement with the Assembly on these arrangements.

Separately, you will know that Members fed back on a range of detailed issues following the last PQT, including around sightlines of those Members seated in the second row and around lighting.

We would be grateful to understand how that feedback has been taken on board and to also understand any feedback you received from the public and/or staff following the last PQT and how that has been acted on.

Yours sincerely,



Bassam Mahfouz AM
Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee

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Bassam Mahfouz AM
Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee

14 January 2026

Dear Assembly Member Mahfouz,

Oversight Committee – People’s Question Time (PQT)

Following the Oversight Committee’s delegation of authority to the Chair to respond to further consultations outside of the monthly meetings, I am writing to provide an update on the proposed plans for the next People’s Question Time (PQT) and to invite your consultation with the Deputy Chair and Group Leads.

As you’re aware, the next PQT must take place before the end of the financial year, and therefore, following consultation on venue availability and that of the Mayor and PQT Chair, Charlene White, we are proposing to hold the next People’s Question Time on **Tuesday, 24 March 2026**.

The proposed venue for the event is the **Broadway Theatre, Catford**, located in the London borough of Lewisham. Please note that the specific venue details are confidential and will not be shared publicly until tickets are issued to attendees. Therefore, we kindly ask the committee to refrain from sharing this information publicly at this time.

In line with statutory requirements, we will need to begin advertising the event one month prior. Accordingly, we would welcome any comments or feedback by **12 noon on Thursday, 12 February 2026**.

Yours sincerely,



Kim Hobbs
Senior Manager, Events for London