MDA No.: 1907

Title: Arrangements for People's Question Time – October 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, in 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, or rotation of venues during the period of this Mayoral and Assembly Term".

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

2. Decision

2.1 **That the GLA Oversight Committee's letter to the Senior Manager, Events for London in response to the consultation on the proposed arrangements for the October 2026 People's Question Time 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: **22 October 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 19 August 2026, the Chairman of GLA Oversight Committee received a request from the Senior Manager, Events for London, to respond to proposals for arrangements for the People's Question Time in October 2026. This letter is attached as **Annex 1.**

3.4 The exercise of delegated authority approving the letter to the Senior Manager, Events for London on the proposed arrangements for the October 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, Principal Committee Manager

Date: 14 October 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 Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Rory McKenna, Monitoring Officer

Date: 22 October 2026

Email: rory.mckenna@london.gov.uk

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- Bassam Mahfouz AM (Deputy Chair)

- Hina Bokhari OBE AM
- Caroline Russell 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? YES

If yes, until what date: 22 October 2026

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: Paul Goodchild

Printed Name: Paul Goodchild

Job Title: Committee Services Manager

Date: 4 September 2026

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: 

Printed Name: Helen Ewen, Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

Date: 22 October 2026

Appendix 1

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LONDONASSEMBLY



Emma Best AM
Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee

Kim Hobbs
Senior Manager, Events for London
Greater London Authority

(Sent by email) 4 September 2026

Dear Kim,

GLA Oversight Committee – People's Question Time Consultation

Thank you for your letter dated 19 August 2026, consulting the London Assembly – through the GLA Oversight Committee - on the proposed plans for the next People's Question Time on 21 October 2026.

We note that the proposed venue for the event should be kept confidential at this stage, but the Committee would request more detailed information on the venue and security arrangements for the event in due course as we have done in previous years.

We also seek assurances regarding the suitability of the venue, particulalry in relation to lighting, seating, visibility and other technical arrangements. These have presented challenges at previous PQT events.

Please send your response to Nikoleta Kemp, Principal Committee Manager (nikoleta.kemp@london.gov.uk).

Yours,



Emma Best AM
Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee

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Kim Hobbs
Senior Manager, Events for London
Email: kim.hobbs@london.gov.uk

Emma Best AM
Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee

19 August 2026

Dear Assembly Member Best,

Oversight Committee – People's Question Time (PQT)

As the Oversight Committee has delegated authority to the Chair to respond to consultations on the dates and venues for People's Question Time (PQT) between scheduled meetings, I am writing to update you on the proposed arrangements for the next PQT event and to invite comments from the Deputy Chair and Group Leads.

PQT must be held twice each financial year and cannot take place within one month of the State of London Debate. The events are typically held in spring and autumn. During previous discussions, Assembly Members expressed a preference for holding the autumn event earlier in the season, ideally in September, to avoid colder and darker evenings. However, the timing of party conferences throughout September and early October has limited the available options.

Following discussions on venue availability and the availability of the Mayor and PQT Chair, Charlene White, we propose holding the next People's Question Time on **Wednesday, 21 October 2026**.

The proposed venue is **Islington Assembly Hall** in the London Borough of Islington. As venue details remain confidential until tickets are issued, we ask Members not to share this information publicly at this stage.

Following the recent PQT Review, the Assembly requested that committee chairs be prioritised when Members are called to speak after the Mayor. For example, during the Policing and Safety section, the Chairs of the Police and Crime Committee and Fire Committee would be called first. The Mayor has considered this proposal and is content for it to be adopted at future PQT events.

Although the statutory requirement is to begin advertising the event one month in advance, we intend to start promotion one to two weeks earlier. We would therefore welcome any comments or feedback by **12 noon on Friday, 4 September 2026**.

Yours sincerely,



Kim Hobbs
Senior Manager, Events for London