MDA No.: 1924

Title: GLA Oversight Committee – Assembly Budget Requirements 2027-28

1. Executive Summary

1.1 At the GLA Oversight Committee meeting on 13 October 2026 the Committee resolved:

"That the proposed request to the Mayor of London for additional funding to support a small increase in resource for London TravelWatch set out at Section 10 of the Agenda report be considered, ahead of substantive consideration of this matter by the Transport Committee on 3 November 2026, and authority be delegated to the Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and Group Leads, to update the London Assembly's core budget requirement 2027-28, in order to reflect the Transport Committee's recommendation regarding London TravelWatch's budget for 2027-28".

1.2 Following consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Lead Members, the Chairman approved the London Assembly's budget submission for 2027-28, reflecting the Transport Committee's recommendation regarding London TravelWatch's budget for 2027-28, and agreed that the London Assembly budget submission for 2027-28 be sent to the Mayor of London, as attached at **Appendix 1**.

2. Decision

2.1 **That the London Assembly core budget submission for 2027-28 be agreed and submitted to the Mayor of London.**

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, Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee**

Date: **4 November 2026**

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

3.1 The standing orders of the GLA Oversight Committee require the Committee to recommend to the Mayor of London a budget proposal for the London Assembly for the following financial year.

3.2 At the meeting of the GLA Oversight Committee on 13 October 2026, the GLA Oversight Committee received the London Assembly's core draft budget requirement submission for 2027-28. This included a proposed request to the Mayor of London for additional funding to support an increase in resource for London TravelWatch. The GLA Oversight Committee agreed the draft submission ahead of substantive consideration of this matter by the Transport Committee at its meeting on 3 November 2026.

3.3 The GLA Oversight Committee delegated authority to the Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Leads, to update and approve the London Assembly's core budget submission 2027-28, in order to reflect the Transport Committee's recommendation regarding London TravelWatch.

3.4 At its meeting on 3 November 2026, the Transport Committee approved the request for additional funding to support an increase in resource for London TravelWatch, consisting of a request to the Mayor of London of an increase of £81,000 to the Assembly's budget allocation from 2027-28 onwards to support changes to the TravelWatch budgets and an allocation of £70,000 from the Assembly reserves.

3.5 Following this decision, the Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, agreed that the London Assembly's core draft budget submission for 2027-28 be submitted to the Mayor of London, as attached at **Appendix 1**.

3.6 The exercise of delegated authority approving the submission to the Mayor of London of the updated London Assembly core draft budget for 2027-28 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: 3 November 2026

Financial Implications:

Note: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.

Signature (Finance): 

Printed Name: Peter Sebastian, Assistant Director, Financial Services, GLA

Date: 4 November 2026

Legal Implications:

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

Signature (Legal): 

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Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

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- Hina Bokhari OBE AM
- Keith Prince AM
- Caroline Russell 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: 

Printed Name: Helen Ewen

Job Title: Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

Date: 4 November 2026

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: 

Printed Name: Helen Ewen

Date: 4 November 2026

Subject: Assembly Budget Requirements 2027-28

Report to:	**GLA Oversight Committee**
Report of:	**Executive Director of the Assembly Secretariat**
Date:	**13 October 2026**
Public Access:	**This report will be considered in public**

1. Summary

1.1 This report asks the Committee to agree and recommend to the Mayor the proposed Assembly budget submission for 2027-28.

2. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee agrees the London Assembly's core draft budget requirement for 2026-27 as set out at Section 7 of this paper for recommendation to the Mayor, subject to any changes prior to the final agreement on the budget in February 2026 to reflect:**

(a) Any further advice from the Chief Finance Officer on contingencies and financial reserves; and

(b) Any changes that emerge during the remainder of the budget process.

2.2 **That the Committee notes that the detailed allocation of the 2027-28 Assembly budget will be presented to this Committee for consideration and decision in March 2027.**

2.3 **That the Committee approves the general use of the Assembly's budget, as set out in Section 5 of this report.**

2.4 **That the Committee approves the proposed use of reserve funding in 2027-28 and future years as set out in Section 9 of this report.**

2.5 **That the Committee considers the proposed request to the Mayor for additional funding to support a small increase in resource for London Travel Watch set out at Section 10, ahead of substantive consideration of this matter by the Transport Committee on 3 November 2026, and delegates authority to the Chairman of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and Group Leads, to update the London**

Assembly's core budget requirement 2027-28, in order to reflect the Transport Committee's recommendation regarding London TravelWatch's budget for 2027-28.

3. Background

3.1 The Greater London Authority (GLA) Act 2007 introduced separate component budgets for the London Assembly and the Mayor, with the aim of giving the Assembly more control over its own budget and thus protecting its ability to continue to carry out its statutory functions.

3.2 The component budget for the Assembly comprises the estimates for defined expenditure (essentially direct expenditure), income and appropriate contingencies and financial reserves. The component budget for the Mayor comprises those items for the rest of the GLA.

3.3 The expenditure that is to be regarded as incurred by the Assembly in the performance of its functions includes any expenditure by the Authority in the performance of its functions which is incurred in respect of any of the following:

(a) The Assembly Members;

(b) The Assembly;

(c) The Secretariat (defined as employees of the Authority who normally work as support staff for the Assembly or Assembly Members);

(d) Goods or services procured solely for the purposes of the Assembly; and

(e) London TravelWatch.

3.4 Expenditure incurred on accommodation in relation to the Assembly's business and goods and services provided for the Authority in general are deemed to be part of the Mayor's budget.

3.5 The legislation defines the Assembly's functions as:

(a) Such of the functions of the Authority as are exercisable only by the Assembly acting on behalf of the Authority; and

(b) The Assembly's function of acting jointly with the Mayor in the case of those functions of the Authority which are exercisable only by the Mayor and the Assembly acting jointly on behalf of the Authority.

4. Timetable and Process

4.1 This report provides the basis for this Committee, on behalf of the Assembly, to inform the Mayor of the London Assembly's estimated 2027-28 budget requirement, in advance of him issuing a draft budget proposal for the GLA. The planned timetable and process is set out here:

Mid to late-Dec to mid-Jan	The Mayor consults the Assembly and other bodies on draft budget proposals.
Mid to late Jan	The Mayor publishes a draft consolidated budget and presents it to the Assembly for approval with or without amendment.

Early to mid-Feb	The Mayor publishes a final draft consolidated budget and presents it with or without Assembly amendments to the Assembly. The Assembly then approves the Mayor's final draft consolidated budget with or without amendment.

4.2 At the final budget stages, the Committee will note that the GLA Act 1999 limits the Assembly's powers to amend the Mayor's draft component budget requirement for the Assembly by reference to the year-on-year change in the Mayor's draft component budget requirement for the Mayor.

5. The Assembly

5.1 The primary purpose of the London Assembly is to hold the Mayor to account and investigate matters of interest to Londoners. This function is discharged in a variety of ways, including through direct questioning at the statutory Mayor's Question Time meetings and other Assembly meetings, investigations and monitoring undertaken by the Assembly's committees and panels, and bringing the work, recommendations and views of the Assembly to the attention of key stakeholders and the public. Assembly Members also have a representative role in relation to their constituents.

5.2 The Secretariat supports the Assembly's functions through the work of five services:

(a) Member Services (the staff working for each Party Group or any single Members). The Member Services budgets support the staffing and corporate resource (broadly defined here and below as training, printing, travel and subsistence, stationery, catering etc) for the party group teams and activities such as training, Members' communications, engagement and events, Member development and support for work experience placements;

(b) Scrutiny – this budget supports staffing and corporate resource for this team, and includes a budget that supports the Assembly and its committees' work, including events, site visits, surveys, focus groups and public engagement (including, where appropriate, costs relating to facilitating guest contributions and engagement). This budget also makes some small provision for engagement with other scrutiny institutions and practitioners;

(c) Committee Services –this budget supports staffing and corporate resource for this team, and activities such as transcription services for Assembly and committee meetings and the Secretariat's agenda management and MQT database systems, as well as support for the Secretariat's participation in the UK-wide Committee Secretariats' Network. In addition, the Assistant Director for Committee & Member Services is also the budget holder for the Assembly Members' cost centre, which funds Members' salaries and pension payments, and Member development;

(d) Communications – this budget supports staffing and corporate resource for this team, the delivery of Assembly events and engagement activity, the Secretariat's media monitoring services, the provision of specialised equipment, software for video and digital content, and social media costs; and

(e) Executive Director – the Director's budget supports staffing and corporate resource for the Director and Executive Support function and ancillary costs – for example legal advice or recruitment consultancy. This includes the Secretariat Internship Programme.

6. Mayor's Budget Guidance

6.1 The Mayor's budget guidance indicates that the GLA, function bodies and the Assembly should work to the assumptions set out in the 2027-28 'core central scenario', recognising that the figures will remain indicative until the local government funding for 2027-28 and the outturn position for business rates and council tax are confirmed.

6.2 The following table shows the approved control totals for 2027-28.

Discretionary Mayoral funding control totals (£ million)	**Baseline 26-27 incl.one off funding**	**Baseline 26-27 excl.one off funding**	**27-28**	**28-29**	**29-30**
GLA Mayor - Core	331.0	254.1	277.8	280.7	283.6
GLA: Assembly	10.0	10.0	10.2	10.4	10.6

7. Budget Implications and Context

7.1 The Assembly's projected picture is as follows:

	26-27 £000	**27-28 £000**	**28-29 £000**
Assembly Members*	2,078	2,078	2,078
Members Services – Party Groups total	2,841	2,852	2,858
Scrutiny	2,155	2,095	2,070
Committee Services	991	997	1,002
Assembly Communications	505	505	505
Director/Business Support	389	390	389
London TravelWatch	1,209	1,209	1,209
	10,168*	10,125	10,111
Provision for impact of any 2026-27 pay award	228	243	248
Total Cost	10,396	10,368	10,359
Anticipated budget allocation	10.050	10.227	10,407
Budget gap (reserve drawdown or budget submission)	**346**	**141**	**-**

*26-27 budget includes agreed fixed term reserve funded London Plan post and the continuation of additional non-pay provision for the Assembly Communications team funded from the reserve.

7.2 At this stage, numbers are indicative and subject to further clarification through the budget setting process. Control Totals in future years are also subject to change.

Pay Awards

7.3 Although core Assembly costs remain in line with expectations, Members will begin to note a change to the handling and presentation of the implications of pay awards from 2027-28. In previous years, the Assembly's budget has been adjusted in-year to reflect the direct impact of any pay award for GLA staff (including an equivalent award for LTW staff) and Elected Members.

7.4 From 2027-28 onwards a different approach will be taken – additional provision to meet the cost of pay awards will be added to the Assembly's Control Total before budgets are finalised, avoiding the need for an in-year transfer from GLA Mayor funds. The full cost of any award will continue to be met – with arrangements in place to ensure Assembly budgets are adjusted appropriately if there is any difference between the estimated provision including in Control Totals, and the final level of any awards agreed in practice. This will not affect the core uplift to the Assembly's Control Total which is received as part of the broader allocation of funding in line with the uprating of business rates and Council Tax receipts (in line with GLA Mayor and other functional bodies' budgets). The control total for 2027-28 above does not yet include this provision – this adjustment will be made before final budgets are set and in line with the level provision set aside for the GLA-Mayor budget.

Budget Gap

7.5 There remains a projected gap in 2026-27 and 2027-28, which we anticipate will be closed by 2029-30. Underspends in recent years have meant we have not had to rely on the reserve to bridge this gap – and have comfortable provision should we need to do so in this or future years.

Savings

7.6 In developing proposals for 2027-28, consideration has of course been given to the wider uncertainty in respect of the GLA's budget position. Any savings would have to be generated from staffing budgets, excluding the £2.1m set aside for Member pay (where there is no flexibility). There are some limited areas of discretionary spend supporting activity such as the internship programme (c.£120k per annum) or funds earmarked for a broader GLA subtitling project (c.£50k per annum) but these operate in support of wider GLA objectives. The majority of remaining budgets are pay budgets for the teams supporting Assembly business, all of which have been through one or more restructure in the last 5 years.

7.7 The Assembly has not been asked to put forward options for budget savings and it is not recommended that proactive savings are considered at this stage. As before, this approach reflects the following points:

- In the last 5 years, the Assembly has put forward limited requests for pro-active growth – making one request for additional funds (£150,000) in 2023-24 to support a restructure of the Scrutiny team. Secretariat analysis indicates that Assembly's budgets have grown by 28% since 2013-14 (compared to 145% growth for the GLA budgets over the same period).
- The Assembly has sought to make pro-active but prudent use of its reserve in order to limit draws on wider GLA resource – this included additional resource to support work on devolution and the London Plan, the 25th Anniversary, to meet legal costs, and retaining provision to meet resettlement grants in both 2028 and 2032.
- The Assembly continues to manage a shortfall in its budget allocation as a result of continued inflationary pressure.

8. Assembly Reserve

8.1 The reserve's primary purpose is to ensure the Assembly is able to meet resettlement grant costs post-election. After the 2024 GLA Elections, resettlement grants cost a total of £176,346, comfortably within estimated forecasts of £330,000. It is recommended that it would be prudent to retain that estimate (reflecting scope for turnover of 10 Members) as a working assumption for 2028. With this in mind, the current reserve trajectory is as below:

Year	Action	£000	Notes
April 2025-26	Final outturn	2,634	
2026-27	Potential draw down to bridge deficit	c.346	Agreed resource to support the London Plan and budget shortfall.
2027-28	Anticipated reserve reliance to bridge deficit	c.141	Includes on-going costs of London Plan and additional non-pay provision for communications.
2028 and 2032	Core Reserve retained for Assembly Member resettlement grants (£330k per Election)	c.660	This is the core designated purpose for this reserve – and reflects a high estimate of likely cost.
2026-2030	Proposed Senior Digital Officer role Proposed LTW one year allocation	c.300 c.£70	See below
	Remaining reserve	**£1,117**	

9. Proposals for 2027-28

9.1 As set out above, in recent years we have sought to absorb emerging costs wherever possible through the use of reserves and underspends, and in order to avoid adding pressure to wider GLA budgets. This has primarily been with a view to meeting the cost of time limited activity such as the 25th Anniversary programme.

9.2 It is now recommended that the reserve is also used to support additional staffing resource within the Assembly Communications team. **The Committee is invited to approve funding for the appointment of a new Grade 9 Senior Digital Officer. We anticipate the cost of this post to be around £75,000pa (inclusive of on costs).** Reserves are not typically used to fund permanent additions to the establishment. The approach reflects a desire to limit pressure on wider GLA budgets. It is recommended that funding is agreed for a fixed period of 4 years – allowing us to recruit substantively, and to undertake important activity ahead of the 2028 GLA Elections, whilst recognising that alternative funding arrangements may be required beyond that point. The impact on the reserve is reflected above. Whilst this paper is primarily concerned with the budget position for 2027-28, it is recommended that this appointment is made more quickly, within the current financial year.

9.3 The Assembly Communications team has remained static in size for over a decade. In that time, the comms landscape has changed significantly, and the Assembly's Committee profile and responsibilities have grown. There is a growing weight of work around social media and digital communication, which currently sits with one G6 digital communications officer. There are significant opportunities for the Assembly in this area, and real risks if we don't move to keep pace with now well-established trends. The Assembly is significantly under-resourced in this area compared to other comparable institutions. Additional senior specialist capacity will allow the team to widen the Assembly's reach across a range of channels, and will support the development of a more strategic approach to digital communications, building on the good work done to date in support of priority investigations. In particular, this will allow us to make much more active use of digital tools in supporting engagement with investigations, including through content tailored for specific channels. It will also allow us to tackle long standing concerns regarding the Assembly's website by leading work to overhaul the current site, ensuring it keeps pace with changing web-usage driven by AI. This work will begin immediately if reserve funding is agreed in the current financial year.

10. London TravelWatch

10.0 The Assembly's budget also covers the costs of London TravelWatch. This budget has remained flat in each of the last five years, except for an increase in line with the GLA staff pay award.

10.1 The Transport Committee will consider London TravelWatch's 2027-28 budget proposals at its meeting on 3 November 2026. They will be asked to consider an increase of £151,000 to the London TravelWatch budget in 2027-28. It is proposed that this will be funded by a request to the Mayor for an increase to the Assembly's allocation (£81,000pa), and from Assembly reserves (£70,000) as set out below. The GLA Oversight Committee may wish to offer views on these proposals in the context of the wider budget submission. Any feedback from the Committee will be provided to the Transport Committee for consideration during its own deliberations. The Chairman of the Oversight Committee will then be asked to approve the full submission, under delegated

authority and in consultation with the Deputy Chair and Group Leads, reflecting the decisions taken by the Transport Committee on this specific element.

10.2 If additional funds are agreed, they would be used to create one new permanent post in the team (a recurring cost beyond 2027/28), a part-time contracted role for one year, and to facilitate a change to the Chief Executive's salary level, ahead of recruitment in the coming months.

10.3 Careful consideration has been given to the timing of this request. While the London TravelWatch remit has remained unchanged since the GLA Act 1999, current funding sits some £500,000 below what it was in 2008. It is at the same level as set in 2012, a reduction of approximately 50% in real terms after accounting for inflation. London TravelWatch employs approximately 40% fewer staff than ten years ago following significant headcount reductions in 2017-18 and again in 2021-22. The demand for transport in the capital has now substantially recovered post-pandemic, with subsequent implications for London TravelWatch's workload. Significant rail reform is also beginning to have an impact. Their scope to redeploy resources internally to fund improved or changed capacity is increasingly limited, having already implemented other initiatives to reduce costs. These include 30% and 12% reductions in office rental costs in 2018 and 2023 respectively, and a reduction in IT costs of approximately 70% in 2022.

10.4 Any increased funding will be utilised as follows:

I) **A new permanent post within the Campaigns and Advocacy team at a cost of c £70k pa (inclusive of on-costs).** This request is made now because of significant rail industry reform – which will impact on the roles of both LTW and Transport Focus, with TravelWatch getting new investigatory and information gathering powers and an explicit duty to consider the needs of disabled passengers. London Travelwatch have underlined two points. Firstly, a key tenet of rail reform agenda is that passengers should have a stronger voice in the railway. In principle, their remit already allows for this in the London area, but in practice it will be challenging to meet an enhanced expectation in relation to national provision whilst maintaining their core role of holding TfL to account. At the same time, London Travelwatch want to be ready to ensure a distinctive London passenger voice is heard in respect of any opportunities and challenges arising from the impacts of reform such as fares simplification and the extent of effective co-ordination between GBR and TfL.

II) **Updating the starting salary of the London TravelWatch Chief Executive:** the Chair of London TravelWatch is about to commence recruitment for a new Chief Executive, following the announcement of Michael Roberts' plans to retire at Easter 2027. The Chair has undertaken an assessment of the current salary band for a post of this nature – the current salary of £89,000 has now fallen someway behind that in place for posts of this nature. Following market testing, it is recommended that additional recurring annual provision of £11,000 is made to allow the Chair to advertise a starting salary in the region of £100,000, to allow for a competitive recruitment. Any increase in salary beyond this point (up to a limit agreed with the Transport Committee), will be absorbed directly by London TravelWatch within existing budgets.

10.5 **It is therefore recommended that the Assembly includes in its budget submission to the Mayor, a request for an increase of £81,000 to its allocation from 2027-28 onwards to support these changes to TravelWatch budgets.** This approach reflects the broader use of reserves set out above, and the need to limit the reliance on reserves when funding permanent roles. This also reflects the very constrained funding environment London TraveWatch have operated in over the last 15 years, and the wider role they play as part of London's transport and governance landscape, and as a key part of the extended GLA family. It is also considered that it would be more challenging to make use of an internal reserve to support permanent changes to an arms-length body of this nature (noting the Assembly's role in scrutinising London TravelWatch's work).

10.6 In addition, LTW are seeking to create a part-time corporate support post, to manage critical HR, IT and finance functions. This would be a 0.5/0.6 FTE contracted for an initial one year pilot period, at an anticipated cost of c£70,000 (inclusive of on-costs). The role would manage the ongoing delivery of LTW's corporate services by third parties (IT and finance through collaboration with Transport Focus, HR through our partner hrInspire). These responsibilities currently sit with the Chief Executive, diverting a considerable amount of his time away from the core role of advocacy on behalf of the travelling public in London and managing the strategic direction of the organisation. It is anticipated that additional oversight of support services provided by Transport Focus will be required in the year ahead, as that organisation concentrates on taking up new responsibilities resulting from rail reform. This post will now also provide important corporate resilience during the transition period following the Chief Executive's departure. This fixed term approach will allow an incoming Chief Executive to reach his or her own view regarding future requirements before submitting any further requests to the Assembly for consideration in future years. It is recommended that this fixed term part time post is funded through the reserve, to allow London TravelWatch to test the concept before considering any future bids for permanent additions to their establishment.

11. Job Families

11.1 The Secretariat budget may be affected by the outcomes of the GLA's job families work in the course of 2027-28. The Committee is invited to note this further potential for change in the coming financial year, and the commitment from both the Chief Officer and Mayor's Chief of Staff that any such costs will be met centrally both next year and beyond. This ensures that Secretariat employees – and particularly those in Group Offices – will be treated in line with GLA policy and not affected by specific Group budgetary constraints.

12. Legal Implications

12.1 Under the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) Schedule 6 paragraph 1(1) the Mayor and the Assembly must prepare and approve for each financial year, in accordance with Schedule 6 of that Act, a component budget for each constituent body and a consolidated budget for the Authority.

12.2 By virtue of section 85(3) of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Mayor and the Assembly are separate constituent bodies, for the purposes of budget setting, and the Assembly has its own component budget. Sections 85 and 86 of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended by the 2007 Act) contain formulae for calculating each constituent body's component budget requirement.

12.3 The Assembly's functions are defined in the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) section 85(14) as such functions of the Authority as are exercisable only by the Assembly acting on behalf of the Authority; and the Assembly's functions of acting jointly with the Mayor in the case of those functions of the Authority which are exercisable only by the Mayor and the Assembly acting jointly on behalf of the Authority.

12.4 In addition, the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) section 85 (11) defines what expenditure is to be regarded as incurred by the Assembly in the performance of its functions (and therefore to be included within its component budget) as any expenditure by the Authority in the performance of its functions which is incurred in respect of any of the following:

(a) the Assembly Members;

(b) the Assembly Secretariat (defined as employees of the Authority who normally work as support staff for the Assembly or Assembly Members);

(c) goods or services procured solely for the purposes of the Assembly; or

(d) the London Transport Users' Committee (known as London TravelWatch).

12.5 It does not, however, include expenditure by the Authority in respect of (i) accommodation provided or procured in whole or in part for the conduct of the business of the Authority, or (ii) goods or services provided or procured for the Authority in general (see GLA Act 1999 (as amended) section 85 (11-12)).

12.6 The GLA Act 1999 (as amended) Schedule 6 sets out the procedural requirements for determining the component budget requirements of the constituent bodies. This applies to the Assembly's component budget and includes a requirement for the Mayor to consult with the Assembly.

12.7 Under paragraph D1 of the Terms of Reference of the Assembly's GLA Oversight Committee, that committee has the power to recommend to the Mayor a budget proposal for the London Assembly for the following financial year.

12.8 The Recommendations at Section 2 of this report fall within the powers of the Assembly's GLA Oversight Committee.

13. Financial Implications

13.1 The proposals aim to deliver a balanced budget. The proposals reflect the picture of spend in recent years, and a prudent approach to Reserve draw downs (noting the need to retain appropriate levels of Reserves for costs following the 2028 and future Elections). Further updates will be made as required ahead of the February 2027 draft budget, including confirmation of the level of provision being made for a pay award in 2027-28 for staff and Elected Members.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers:

Mayor's Budget Guidance 2027-28

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