London Assembly – Membership of Committees/Panels

and Terms of Reference 2026/27

The attached grid sets out a draft structure of and terms of reference for London Assembly committees and other bodies for the 2026/27 Assembly Year.

The proposals set out give rise to the proportionality calculations below, across the committee structure as a whole. The proposed allocation of seats has been drawn up on the basis that the Assembly will **fully comply** with the provisions of Section 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Proportionality rules do not apply to working groups and those seats are therefore not included in the seat total or proportionality calculations.

Number of seats per Group				
	Assembly Seats			**Committee seats overall**[1]
Labour	**11**	44%		**39 (39.16)**
City Hall Conservatives	**6**	24%		**21 (21.36)**
City Hall Greens	**3**	12%		**11 (10.68)**
Liberal Democrat	**2**	8%		**7 (7.12)**
Reform UK	**2**	8%		**7 (7.12)**
Ungrouped Member	**1**	4%		**4 (3.56)**
Total seats	**25**			**89**

[1] Each Group's strict proportional entitlement to seats as a whole is set out in brackets.

Appendix 1

Audit Panel

Total number of seats: 4	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
2 Labour	Labour	Krupesh Hirani AM (Deputy Chair)
1 Conservatives	Labour	Leonie Cooper AM
1 Ungrouped Member	City Hall Conservatives	**Neil Garratt AM (Chairman)**
	Ungrouped Member	Andrew Boff AM

Substitutes:
All Members of each established Assembly party Group are authorised to act as substitute Member for any other Member of their Group on all ordinary committees.

Terms of Reference

1. To review progress reports on the internal audit work plan; receive internal audit reports and follow-up reports arising from that plan; and consider the Director of Audit, Risk and Assurance's annual report and annual opinion on the internal control environment for the GLA;

2. To receive and note the external auditor's annual programme; receive external audit reports and management letters, and, where a report is made in respect of the GLA, to make recommendations to the Assembly at the meeting at which the report is to be formally considered in the presence of the Mayor in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;

3. To review the GLA's anti-fraud policies and the GLA's risk management framework, promoting probity and good practice across the GLA;

4. To review as appropriate matters raised by the external auditors' management letters and reports; and

5. To receive and commission other work within the remit of the Panel, following the advice of the Executive Director of Resources, as necessary.

Budget and Performance Committee		
Total number of seats: 11	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
5 Labour	Labour	Krupesh Hirani AM (Deputy Chair)
3 Conservative	Labour	Anne Clarke AM
1 Green	Labour	Unmesh Desai AM
1 Liberal Democrat	Labour	Leonie Cooper AM
1 Reform UK	Labour	James Small-Edwards AM
	City Hall Greens	Zack Polanski AM
	London Assembly Liberal Democrats	Gareth Roberts AM
	City Hall Conservatives	**Neil Garratt AM (Chairman)**
	City Hall Conservatives	Alessandro Georgiou AM
	City Hall Conservatives	Susan Hall AM
	Reform UK	Alex Wilson AM

Substitutes:
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Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to the budgets and performance of the Greater London Authority and the Functional Bodies, including:

1. Examining at each stage of the consultation process the Mayor's budget proposals for the next financial year;

2. Undertaking the duties of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 2(2) and paragraph 3(2)(b) of Schedule 6 to the GLA Act 1999; namely, to receive and consider the Mayor's consultation budget prior to the determination of the draft component budget for the Authority and to receive and consider the Mayor's consultation budget prior to the final determination of the draft consolidated GLA budget; and

3. Reporting to the Assembly on the Mayor's consultation budget at the conclusion of the consultation process.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
All GLA functional bodies.

Confirmation Hearings Committee		
Total number of seats: 5	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
2 Labour	Labour	Krupesh Hirani AM
1 Conservative	Labour	James Small-Edwards AM
1 Green	City Hall Conservatives	Susan Hall AM
1 Ungrouped Member	City Hall Greens	Caroline Russell AM
	Ungrouped Member	Andrew Boff AM
NB: The Chair for this Committee will be elected at the start of each meeting of the Committee.		
Substitutes: All Members of each established Assembly party Group are authorised to act as substitute Member for any other Member of their Group on all ordinary committees**.**		
Terms of Reference In accordance with Section 60A and Schedule 4A of the Greater London Authority Acts 1999 and 2007, to hold confirmation hearings and, as necessary, to make recommendations to the Mayor on proposed appointments.		

Economy, Culture and Skills Committee		
Total number of seats: 9	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
4 Labour	Labour	**Bassam Mahfouz AM (Chair)**
2 Conservatives	Labour	Unmesh Desai AM
1 Green	Labour	Marina Ahmad AM
1 Lib Dem	Labour	Anne Clarke AM
1 Reform UK	City Hall Greens	Zack Polanski AM (Deputy Chair)
	City Hall Conservatives	Lord Bailey of Paddington AM
	City Hall Conservatives	Alessandro Georgiou AM
	London Assembly Liberal Democrats	Hina Bokhari OBE AM
	Reform UK	Alex Wilson AM

Substitutes:
All Members of each established Assembly party Group are authorised to act as substitute Member for any other Member of their Group on all ordinary committees.

Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to economic development, culture, skills, sport and tourism in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Economic Development Strategy, the London Growth Plan, the Mayor's Culture Strategy and any actions or decisions taken by the Mayor on matters relating to education, Adult Education and childcare.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

Adult Education Mayoral Board; London & Partners; Royal Docks Enterprise Zone Programme Board; Royal Docks Network Forum; Business Advisory Board; Mayor's Cultural Leadership Board; Mayor's London Business Forum; Skills for Londoners Board; Skills for Londoners Business Partnership; Infrastructure High Level Group; Museum of London.

Environment Committee		
Total number of seats: 9	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
4 Labour	Labour	Leonie Cooper AM (Deputy Chair)
2 Conservative	Labour	Bassam Mahfouz AM
1 Green	Labour	Joanne McCartney AM
1 Lib Dem	Labour	Krupesh Hirani AM
1 Reform UK	City Hall Greens	Zack Polanski AM
	City Hall Conservatives	Lord Bailey of Paddington AM
	City Hall Conservatives	Thomas Turrell AM
	London Assembly Liberal Democrats	**Gareth Roberts AM (Chair)**
	Reform UK	Keith Prince AM

Substitutes:
All Members of each established Assembly party Group are authorised to act as substitute Member for any other Member of their Group on all ordinary committees.

Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to the environment in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Environment Strategy and related delivery plans.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
London Climate and Sustainability Commission; London Energy Mission; London Climate Readiness Partnership; ReLondon.

Fire Committee		
Total number of seats: 6	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
2 Labour	Labour	**Anne Clarke AM (Chair)**
2 Conservative	Labour	Leonie Cooper AM
1 Green	City Hall Conservative	Susan Hall AM
1 Liberal Democrats	City Hall Conservative	Thomas Turrell AM
	City Hall Greens	Zack Polanski AM
	London Assembly Liberal Democrats	Hina Bokhari OBE AM (Deputy Chair)

Substitutes:
All Members of each established Assembly party Group are authorised to act as substitute Member for any other Member of their Group on all ordinary committees.

Terms of Reference

1. To review and make a report or recommendation to the Mayor on any draft document or revision given to the Assembly by the London Fire Commissioner which is prepared and published by the London Fire Commissioner in accordance with the Fire and Rescue National Framework in accordance with the provisions of the Policing and Crime Act 2017.[2]
2. To keep under review the exercise of the functions of the London Fire Commissioner.
3. To investigate, and prepare reports, as necessary, in accordance with the relevant provisions of section 327I of the Policing and Crime Act 2017.[3]
4. To submit proposals to the Mayor/London Fire Commissioner in relation to fire and emergency matters in London as necessary.
5. To hold confirmation hearings in respect of the Mayor's proposed candidate for the London Fire Commissioner and Deputy Mayor for Fire.

[2] Namely a document which also—
(a) sets out the Commissioner's priorities and objectives, for the period covered by the document, in connection with the discharge of the Commissioner's functions, or
(b) contains a statement of the way in which the Commissioner has had regard, in the period covered by the document, to the Framework and to any document within paragraph (a) prepared by the Commissioner for that period.

[3] The powers of the Committee include, in particular, power to investigate, and prepare reports about:
(a) Any actions and decisions of the London Fire Commissioner;
(b) Any actions and decisions of an officer of the London Fire Commissioner;
(c) Matters relating to the functions of the London Fire Commissioner;
(d) Matters in relation to which the functions of the London Fire Commissioner are exercisable; and
(e) Any other matters which the Assembly considers to be of importance to fire and rescue services in Greater London.

[Note: The Committee functions must be exercised with a view to supporting the effective exercise of the functions of the London Fire Commissioner].

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:

London Fire Commissioner.

GLA Oversight Committee		
Total number of seats: 9	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
4 Labour	Labour	Bassam Mahfouz AM (Deputy Chair)
2 Conservative	Labour	Lord Duvall AM
1 Green	Labour	Joanne McCartney AM
1 Liberal Democrat	Labour	Elly Baker AM
1 Reform UK	City Hall Greens	Caroline Russell AM
	London Assembly Liberal Democrats	Hina Bokhari OBE AM
	City Hall Conservatives	**Emma Best AM (Chairman)**
	City Hall Conservatives	Alessandro Georgiou AM
	Reform UK	Keith Prince AM

Substitutes:
All Members of each established Assembly party Group are authorised to act as substitute Member for any other Member of their Group on all ordinary committees.

Terms of Reference	
A.	**Staffing**
1.	To receive reports from the Head of Paid Service and respond on behalf of the London Assembly to formal consultation from the Head of Paid Service concerning staff appointments and terms and conditions for section 67 (2) employees under the GLA Acts 1999 and 2007.
2.	Noting that it is a joint decision with the Mayor, to make recommendations to the London Assembly on appointments to the posts of the three statutory officers (Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer) and on the terms and conditions of employment for those posts.
3.	Noting that it is a joint decision with the Mayor, to make recommendations to the London Assembly relating to any required disciplinary procedures against the Authority's statutory officers in accordance with relevant procedures.
4.	In accordance with agreed protocols and at the request of the Head of Paid Service, to appoint as necessary Members to attend appointment panels as non-voting members for relevant staff posts.
5.	To respond, on behalf of the London Assembly, to consultations under Section 401A of the GLA Act 1999 regarding proposed shared services arrangements.
6.	To respond, on behalf of the London Assembly, to consultations on any other staffing matter not reserved to the full Assembly, including consultations on staffing policies and procedures.

B.	**Scrutiny**
1.	To approve all scrutiny-related Assembly expenditure and proposals for use of *rapporteurs*, in conformity with the Assembly's decision-making framework procedure.
2.	To scrutinise issues relating to the Mayor's civil contingency and resilience responsibilities.
3.	To scrutinise issues relating to the provision of services to the public (other than those falling within the remit of other committees of the Assembly) and the performance of utilities in London.
4.	To review published Mayoral Decisions at regular intervals and to refer specific Decisions to relevant committees for consideration of inclusion within their work programme, as appropriate.
C.	**General**
1.	To oversee the programming of the Assembly's business.
2.	To provide a response from the Assembly on consultation in respect of electoral issues, arrangements for major events such as People's Question Time and the State of London debate, consultation concerning Parliamentary bills and all forms of secondary legislation or guidance and any other issue not falling within another committee or sub-committee's subject area and terms of reference.
3.	To deal with and determine any question, issue or other matter not falling within the approved subject area and terms of reference of any other committee.
4.	To vary the approved subject area and terms of reference of the Assembly's other committees and sub-committees, so as to include for the future an issue or other matter not otherwise provided for, in order to facilitate the efficient and effective discharge of the Assembly's business.
5.	To consider and approve a programme of Assembly receptions and events.
6.	To make recommendations to the London Assembly on any other matter requiring a joint decision with the Mayor, where time permits.
D.	**Budget**
1.	To recommend to the Mayor a budget proposal for the London Assembly for the following financial year.
2.	To allocate the Assembly's budget and to monitor expenditure on scrutiny throughout the year.

3.	To approve, in accordance with GLA policy, all proposed Assembly-related budget virements in excess of £25,000 (noting that virements in excess of £50,000 will be notified to the Mayor once a decision is taken) and to approve all proposed virements between staff and non-staff budgets within the overall Secretariat budget (in consultation with the Mayor for relevant proposed virements in excess of £50,000).
	Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
	Corporate Investment Board; GLA Group Collaborative Procurement Board; Congress of Leaders; Equality Diversity Inclusion Advisory Group; Strategic Migration Partnership Board; Smart London Board; London Pension Fund Authority; Strategic Coordination Group; London Resilience Forum.

Health Committee		
Total number of seats: 6	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
2 Labour	Labour	**Krupesh Hirani AM (Chair)**
2 Conservative	Labour	Marina Ahmad AM
1 Green	City Hall Conservatives	Emma Best AM (Deputy Chairman)
1 Reform UK	City Hall Conservatives	Neil Garratt AM
	City Hall Greens	Caroline Russell AM
	Reform UK	Alex Wilson AM

Substitutes:
All Members of each established Assembly party Group are authorised to act as substitute Member for any other Member of their Group on all ordinary committees.

Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to health in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
London Health Board; Child Obesity Task Force.

Housing Committee		
Total number of seats: 6	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
3 Labour	Labour	Sem Moema AM (Deputy Chair)
2 Conservative	Labour	Leonie Cooper AM
1 Green	Labour	Elly Baker AM
	City Hall Greens	Benali Hamdache AM
	City Hall Conservatives	**Lord Bailey of Paddington AM (Chairman)**
	City Hall Conservatives	Andrew Boff AM

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Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to housing in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Housing Strategy.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
GLA Land and Property Company; Homes for Londoners Board (HfL); Barking Riverside Limited; Greenwich Peninsula Strategic Board.

Planning and Regeneration Committee		
Total number of seats: 6	**Membership**	
3 Labour	Labour	**James Small-Edwards AM (Chair)**
2 Conservative	Labour	Elly Baker AM
1 Green	Labour	Sem Moema AM
	City Hall Greens	Benali Hamdache AM
	City Hall Conservatives	Lord Bailey of Paddington AM
	City Hall Conservatives	Andrew Boff AM (Deputy Chairman)

Substitutes:
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Terms of Reference

To examine and report on matters relating to spatial development, planning and regeneration in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Spatial Development Strategy ('The London Plan').

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
London Legacy Development Corporation; Old Oak Common and Park Royal Development Corporation; Oxford Street Development Corporation.

Police and Crime Committee

Total number of seats: 9	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
4 Labour	Labour	Marina Ahmad (Deputy Chair)
2 Conservative	Labour	Lord Duvall AM
1 Green	Labour	Unmesh Desai AM
1 Liberal Democrat	Labour	James Small-Edwards AM
1 Reform UK	City Hall Conservatives	**Susan Hall AM (Chairman)**
	City Hall Conservatives	Emma Best AM
	City Hall Greens	Benali Hamdache AM
	London Assembly Liberal Democrats	Gareth Roberts AM
	Reform UK	Alex Wilson AM

Substitutes:
All Members of each established Assembly party Group are authorised to act as substitute Member for any other Member of their Group on all ordinary committees.

Terms of Reference

1. To review and make a report or recommendation on the draft police and crime plan, or draft variation, given to the Assembly by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime and on the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime Annual Report, in accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
2. To keep under review the exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.
3. To investigate, and prepare reports, as necessary, in accordance with the relevant provisions of section 33 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.[4]
4. To submit proposals, as necessary, to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.
5. To hold a confirmation hearing in respect of the Mayor's proposed candidate for Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime and to make recommendations to the Mayor and decisions as necessary on the proposed appointment.
6. To fulfil functions in relation to complaints about conduct matters, in accordance with the responsibilities accorded to the Committee by section 31 and schedule 7 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012.

   [Note: The Committee functions must be exercised with a view to supporting the effective exercise of the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.]

[4] The powers of the London Assembly include, in particular, power to investigate, and prepare reports about:
(a) any actions and decisions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
(b) any actions and decisions of the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime;
(c) any actions and decisions of a member of staff of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
(d) matters relating to the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime;
(e) matters in relation to which the functions of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime are exercisable; or
(f) any other matters which the Assembly considers to be of importance to policing and crime reduction in the metropolitan police district.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
The London Policing Board and its sub-committees; the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, including the London Criminal Justice Board and other Boards; and the Violence Reduction Unit Partnership Reference Group.

Transport Committee		
Total number of seats: 9	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
4 Labour	Labour	Elly Baker AM (Deputy Chair)
2 Conservative	Labour	Joanne McCartney AM
1 Green	Labour	Bassam Mahfouz AM
1 Liberal Democrat	Labour	Sem Moema AM
1 Reform UK	City Hall Greens	**Caroline Russell AM (Chair)**
	City Hall Conservatives	Neil Garratt AM
	City Hall Conservatives	Thomas Turrell AM
	London Assembly Liberal Democrats	Hina Bokhari OBE AM
	Reform UK	Keith Prince AM

Substitutes:
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Terms of Reference

1. To examine and report on matters in relation to transport in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Transport Strategy.

2. To discharge the responsibilities and functions of the Assembly in respect of the London Transport Users' Committee (known as London TravelWatch) under the GLA Act 1999, in particular sections 247 – 252 and Schedules 18 and 19, including oversight of its work and recommendation to the Assembly of its annual budget.

Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
Transport for London.

Working Groups

Chief Officer Performance Review Panel		
Total number of seats:	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
1 Labour	Labour	Lord Duvall AM
1 Conservative	City Hall Conservatives	Susan Hall AM
1 Green	City Hall Greens	Caroline Russell AM
1 Liberal Democrat	London Assembly Liberal Democrats	Hina Bokhari OBE AM
1 Reform UK	Reform UK	Alex Wilson AM
Terms of Reference		
To conduct, in conjunction with the Mayor, the performance review process for the Authority's Head of Paid Service (to be renamed Chief Officer), reporting relevant matters requiring formal decision and/or for consideration as necessary to the GLA Oversight Committee.		

Standing Orders Working Group		
Total number of seats:	**Membership**	
Allocation	*Party Group*	*Name*
1 Labour	Labour	Leonie Cooper AM
1 Conservative	City Hall Conservatives	Susan Hall AM
1 Green	City Hall Greens	Caroline Russell AM
1 Liberal Democrat	London Assembly Liberal Democrats	Hina Bokhari OBE AM
1 Reform UK	Reform UK	Alex Wilson AM
Terms of Reference		
To consider changes to the GLA's Standing Orders as required and to make recommendations to the GLA Oversight Committee.		