

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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**Date:** 25 July 2014

Dear Ron

## **Partial performance**

Thank you for your letter of 24 July to the Mayor on behalf of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) regarding partial performance. The Mayor has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I am concerned that some LFEPA Members appear to regard a Mayoral direction as an opportunity to start a debate on the course of action being taken by the Mayor, particularly given that the report on this matter to the 24 July meeting of LFEPA's Appointments and Urgency Committee included the following text from LFEPA's Head of Legal and Democratic Services:

*The Authority has had advice in the past that a direction under the 1999 Act meant a stipulation that had to be obeyed.*

In terms of the specific points raised by Members:

- The Mayor has noted the comments made by the London Assembly;
- Mayoral decision form 1385 explicitly refers to LFEPA's Appointments and Urgency Committee's consideration of this issue on 16 July and the Mayor is aware that it had been discussed by LFEPA on previous occasions;
- The Commissioner's paper to the LFEPA meeting on 2 October can examine the experiences of the fire and rescue authorities in Buckinghamshire, Surrey, Essex and elsewhere; and
- The Mayor has noted the content of the correspondence between the Fire Minister and the Fire Brigades Union (FBU).

The Mayor remains of the view that it is important for LFEPA to receive a balanced report on partial performance which picks up all the issues arising, including those relating to resourcing.

In the light of the above, the Mayor will not be reconsidering his direction on partial performance.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edmund', written in a cursive style.

**Sir Edward Lister**

Chief of Staff and Deputy Mayor of London, Planning and Policy