

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD2026

Title: Appointment of a Senior Adviser to the Mayor (Health Policy)

Executive Summary:

The Mayor has committed to championing London's NHS, campaigning for extra powers to co-ordinate Health Services and improving public health and health inequalities. The Mayor chairs the London Health Board.

The Mayor is intending to appoint an unpaid Senior Adviser to the Mayor (Health Policy).

Decision:

The Mayor to approve:

- the appointment of an unpaid Senior Adviser to the Mayor (Health Policy).

Mayor of London

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:



Date:

13/9/16

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE MAYOR

1 Introduction and background

- 1.1 The Mayor has committed to championing London's NHS, fighting for greater support for GP, A&E, London Ambulance Service and mental health services. He has outlined his commitment to campaigning for extra powers to coordinate health services across the city to provide proper strategic planning, and to ensure greater access for Londoners to crucial services while providing democratic scrutiny of London-wide health services. He will champion the need for additional funding to plug the social care gap.
- 1.2 The Mayor has also committed to action to improve public health and tackle health inequalities in London.
- 1.3 The Mayor chairs the London Health Board which aims to drive improvements in health care, develop an approach to health devolution and challenge health inequalities.
- 1.4 The Mayor has a Statutory Health Adviser who is also the London Director of Public Health England. Whilst this post provides the Mayor with invaluable support on public health issues he also feels a need for advice and support on wider issues relating to healthcare and health inequalities in London. He therefore intends to appoint an unpaid Senior Adviser to the Mayor (Health Policy).

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

- 2.1 Appoint an unpaid Senior Adviser to the Mayor (Health Policy)
- 2.2 The Senior Adviser to the Mayor (Health Policy) will support and advise the Mayor on health policy in London and support the Mayor in his role as Chair of the London Health Board. The Adviser role will complement the work of the Health policy team in City Hall. The Senior Adviser to the Mayor (Health Policy) will have experience of frontline NHS services and be able to advise the Mayor in respect of this.
- 2.3 The Senior Adviser to the Mayor (Health Policy) will:
 - Provide health policy advice to the Mayor on an ongoing basis
 - Work closely with the Mayor's Statutory Health Adviser on matters relating to health policy
 - Support the Mayoral Director of Policy in work on health policy, and delivering the Mayoral commitments on health
 - Attend the quarterly meetings of the London Health Board, provide support in advance to the Mayor, and assist in the drafting of agendas and papers
 - Support the Mayor's leading role on health and care devolution and the work of the London Health Board
 - Provide advice on health policy, health inequalities and the impact on Londoners
- 2.4 The Senior Adviser to the Mayor (Health Policy) will be appointed on an unpaid, part-time consultancy contract.
- 2.5 The Mayor intends to appoint Tom Coffey, OBE to the role. He is currently a GP, Clinical Lead for Mental Health and Children's Services at Wandsworth CCG and the Clinical Director for Emergency Care NHS England (London). He also works in A&E in Charing Cross Hospital and is a GP advisor to the Battersea Healthcare social enterprise. He has extensive experience of the NHS from his role as GP and substantial knowledge of improving clinical commissioning and the performance of primary

care services in London. Accordingly he has all the experience necessary for this role and is willing to provide advice and assistance on an unpaid basis

3 Equality comments

- 3.1 In accordance with the obligations imposed on the GLA under equalities legislation including the public sector equality duty in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 the Senior Health Adviser will advise on the policy impacts on hard to reach groups and communities. He will particularly focus on health inequalities in London and on the development of strategies to reduce inequality amongst groups in London. This is will be an integral part of the work of the Senior Adviser. Reducing health inequalities will benefit Londoners with protected characteristics - older people, disabled people and those from ethnic minority groups who can be more vulnerable and have difficulty in accessing health services.
- 3.2 The equalities implications of the work will be actively considered on an ongoing basis.

4 Other considerations

- 4.1 Links to Mayoral strategies and priorities

The Mayor has a statutory responsibility for developing a Health Inequality Strategy and this role will help deliver this.

5 Financial comments

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this decision.

6 Legal comments

6.1 Power to Undertake the Requested Decision

Under sub-section 30 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (the 'Act') the GLA, acting by the mayor and after appropriate consultation, is entitled to do anything that will further the promotion, within Greater London, of economic development and wealth creation, social development and the improvement of the environment (the "General Power"). In accordance with sub-section 30(4) of the Act, in determining whether or how to exercise the General Power, the mayor must have regard to the effect, which its exercise would have on, inter alia, the health of persons in Greater London and health inequalities between persons living in Greater London.

- 6.2 Furthermore, section 34 of the Act allows the mayor to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of any functions of the GLA. In this case, the mayor wishes to appoint Tom Coffey in order to advise on health services in London. Accordingly, the appointment of Tom Coffey may be viewed as being calculated to facilitate and conducive and incidental to the mayor's exercise of each of his functions under section 30.
- 6.3 For directly awarded contracts with a value below £10,000, paragraph 4.1 of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code (the "Code") requires that the GLA secure value for money. Paragraph 2.4 summarises how this requirement has been met.

7 Investment & Performance Board

7.1 This approval falls outside of the terms of reference of the Investment and Performance Board.

8 Planned delivery approach and next steps

8.1 This post will be supported by staff in the health team.

Public access to information
 Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and will be made available on the GLA website within one working day of approval.

Part 1 Deferral:
Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered to be exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.
Is there a part 2 form – NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:	Drafting officer to confirm the following (✓)
Drafting officer: Juliette Carter has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms the following have been consulted on the final decision.	✓
Assistant Director/Head of Service: Juliette Carter has reviewed the documentation and is satisfied for it to be referred to the Sponsoring Director for approval.	✓
Sponsoring Director: <u>Jeff Jacobs</u> has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.	✓
Mayoral Adviser: <u>Nick Bowes</u> has been consulted about the proposal and agrees the recommendations.	✓
Advice: The Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal.	✓

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES:
 I confirm that financial and legal implications have been appropriately considered in the preparation of this report.

Signature *M. D. Ollie* Date *13.9.16*

CHIEF OF STAFF:
 I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Mayor

Signature *D. Bellamy* Date *13/9/2016*

