

GREATERLONDONAUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA091018-4760

2 November 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 9 October 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

In relation to the role of The London Mayor's Special Advisor for Markets:

- 1, When was this role created?*
- 2, How many previous holders of this title/role have there been?*
- 3, How many current holders of this title/role are there?*
- 4, What process and/or due diligence was undertaken to determine the suitability of Quarterbridge /Market Asset Management to be The London Mayor's Special Advisor for Markets*

The Specialist Assistance Team (SAT) supports delivery partners and the Greater London Authority (GLA) in the scoping, design and delivery of high-quality regeneration projects. As part of the support available through the Good Growth Fund, and in line with the Mayor's priorities and the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP) – improving London's people, places and prosperity – the GLA has assembled a team of 60 consultants across 16 areas of expertise, to help the realisation of projects delivering on these priorities.

In 2016, the Greater London Authority ran an open and competitive procurement exercise for SAT 4.

In 2017, Quarterbridge were appointed alongside a further 60 consultants, across 16 areas of expertise. Quarterbridge are in Lot 12 – Markets – with a further four consultants.

In line with Mayoral priorities, SAT supports delivery partners and the GLA in the scoping, design and delivery of high-quality regeneration projects.

Quarterbridge were appointed to the Specialist Assistance Team 3 (SAT) framework in 2014 and again, SAT 4 in 2017.

Neither Quarterbridge, nor any members of its team, serve, or have ever served, as a Special Advisor to the Mayor for Markets. We have contacted Quarterbridge about this issue, and references are being removed from their website and social media channels.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA091018-4760.

Yours sincerely

Paul Robinson
Information Governance Officer

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