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Title: **Proposed Delegation of Authority to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee**

### **Executive Summary**

The proposed Work Programme for the London Assembly's committees and panels for the period May to August 2020 is set out for approval.

### **Decision**

That the Chair approves the proposed draft Work Programme for the London Assembly's committees and panels for the period May to August 2020.

### **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**

**Date:** 13/05/2020



**Printed Name** Len Duvall AM

## Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Notes:

1. The Lead Officer should prepare this form for signature by relevant Members of the Assembly to record any instance where the Member proposes to take action under a specific delegated authority. The purpose of the form is to record the advice received from officers, and the decision made.
2. **The 'background' section (below) should be used to include an indication as to whether the information contained in / referred to in this Form should be considered as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If so, the specimen Annexe (attached below) should be used. If this form does deal with exempt information, you must submit both parts of this form for approval together.**

### Background and proposed next steps:

At its meeting on 19 March 2020, the London Assembly resolved:

*"That in relation to urgent matters only, a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly's powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) be given to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman of that Committee, party Group Leaders, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and any relevant committee Chair(s), from the close of this meeting until the next scheduled meeting of the Assembly, which is the Assembly's Annual Meeting on 15 May 2020."*

The proposed Work Programme for the London Assembly's committees and panels for the period May to August 2020 is now set out for formal approval, under the terms of the delegation set out above, to provide a framework for the Assembly's work for the period up until the end of August 2020, subject to decisions made by the Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2020 regarding the Assembly's committee structure for 2020/21.

The Deputy Chairman of GLA Oversight Committee, party Group Leaders and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM have been consulted on the draft Work Programme.

The Work Programme will be reported back to the GLA Oversight Committee at its next formal meeting, for the Committee to note.

### Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee  
Services

Date 11/05/2020



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### Financial implications NOT REQUIRED

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

Signed by Finance	N/A	Date	.....
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**Legal implications**  
 The Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signed by Legal		Date	11/05/2020
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**Supporting detail/List of Consultees:**  
 Deputy Chairman of GLA Oversight Committee, party Group Leaders and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

**Public Access to Information**

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.

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. **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?**

Until what date: N/A

**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**

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## Update on next steps for the Assembly's work programme in 2020-21

1. As agreed at the Group Leaders' meeting on 14 April, immediate Assembly activity over the next month will focus on the special Oversight session on coronavirus and the Annual Meeting, along with arrangements for MQT and detailed planning for the first round of meetings of some committees.
2. The dates listed against the sessions below are based on the draft Committee timetable that has been before Group Leaders. These sessions would allow for necessary accountability sessions to take place with key mayoral appointees, covering critical aspects relating to the coronavirus outbreak in particular – and with the GLA Oversight Committee retaining coordination for scrutiny into the COVID-19 response:
  - An **Oversight Committee** session on 20 May and on 21 July, with potentially further dates to be scheduled, to discuss matters related to COVID-19 and to cover GLA business arising over the next few months;
  - **Mayor's Question Time** meetings (sessions are scheduled for 21 May, 18 June and 16 July);
  - The **Transport Committee** could meet with Commissioner and the Deputy Mayor in early June (tbc, depending on their availability) and on 9 July (tbc) to discuss: matters relating to the running of the transport network, measures implemented to maintain its cleanliness, the protection of its staff, the impacts on TfL's bottom line and on major infrastructure projects (such as Crossrail), as well as the impacts on walking and cycling in the city;
  - The **Police and Crime Committee** could meet with the Met Commissioner, as well as the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime on 3 June, and hold another meeting on 15 July (tbc) and discuss police measures in enforcing law and order as per the powers enabled by the Coronavirus Act, as well as other related impacts such as increased rates of domestic violence;
  - The **Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee** is due to meet on 11 June (tbc), with the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience (tbc), to discuss the response of the Strategic Coordinating Group and its sub-groups to the coronavirus outbreak, as well as to meet with the London Fire Commissioner on the work of the LFB at this time.
  - The **Economy Committee**, which could meet on 17 June (tbc) and on 7 August (tbc) with the Deputy Mayor to discuss to impact of COVID-19 on the self-employed; on those who have been put on furlough; on businesses that have been impacted by changes to traditional consumer habits as a result of the crisis, in particular small and micro businesses; on cultural institutions, amongst other topics;
  - A **Health Committee** session, aiming to meet with representatives from PHE, is scheduled for 25 June (tbc), and another session could be scheduled for 11 August (tbc), if desired. Mayoral health advisors could also be invited, to consider the

impacts of coronavirus on the health of Londoners and on the resilience of London's public health services: the NHS as well as other health bodies and health practitioners;

- A **Plenary** session in June (tbc) and on 23 July, on topics to be agreed on closer to the time;
  - A **Budget & Performance Committee** session is scheduled for 7 July (tbc), to discuss the impacts of coronavirus on the GLA's finances, the effectiveness of various funds set up to deal with the virus, as well as the ability of the functional bodies to carry out their duties during this time. In addition, there is a need to reschedule the BPC session on OPDC and questions arising following the loss of the HIF funding, at the earliest possible opportunity. It is also worthwhile considering the impact of COVID-19 on the funding of all functional bodies, including OPDC and TfL; and
  - A **Planning & Regeneration Committee** session on 14 July to discuss the London Plan following directions given to the Mayor by the Secretary of State in March 2020, as well as to consider how issues arising from the crisis, including new advice for local government from MHCLG are impacting borough planning department.
3. The Assembly may also wish to consider holding meetings in August of the following committees, and others:
- The **Housing Committee**, which could meet on 5 August (tbc) to discuss: the measures the Mayor has taken to provide accommodation to the homeless; the impact of COVID-10 on housebuilding in London; the actions taken by the Deputy Mayor's housing recovery taskforce, amongst other areas; and
  - The **Environment Committee**, which could meet on 6 August (tbc) to discuss: the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on London's environment; the impact of the crisis on the Mayor's environmental targets; the outlook on future environmental programmes in the context of measures to restart the economy, on road user charging measures such as ULEZ, amongst other areas.
4. It would also be important for the Education Panel to meet early in the autumn, in order to consider the impacts on the Adult Education Budget and Further Education funding, as well as mayoral policies and programmes for children that will be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.
5. All morning meetings, aside from MQT, will be scheduled to start at 11am to ensure that anyone needing to be present at City Hall for the meeting can avoid rush hour travel. All afternoon meetings will start at 1pm as is usually the case.
6. In order to prepare for the sessions listed above, discussions with the relevant Chairs and Committee Members should start imminently, with other committees focussing on the discussion of work related to the period from autumn onwards. Any suggestions that would be additional to the work programme and phasing of activity agreed within this paper would need to be raised with Group Leaders for their consideration.

7. With both public and political focus being firmly fixed on COVID-19 over the next few months, it would be sensible for the Assembly to also focus solely on issues associated with COVID-19 in the period leading up to September. Therefore the Assembly's public activity over the summer would focus on the COVID-19 response through the committees identified above. It would, however, be critical for other committees to start working on plans for post-September scrutiny, as well as to respond to COVID-19 related issues as these arise and are related to the committees' Terms of Reference.
8. An example of a broader range of activities could include responding to various Government consultations and inquiries on COVID-19. For instance, the HCLG Select Committee has launched, on 20 April, an inquiry into the impact of COVID-19 on homelessness and the private rented sector (with a response deadline by 1 May). It is foreseeable that numerous other Select Committees and Government departments will launch similar inquiries. This could be a worthwhile avenue in terms of undertaking topical work outside of the Assembly's own investigations; however, in the interests of strategic coordination, it may be worth establishing that whilst consultation responses should be first decided at Committee level, a final sign-off would be undertaken by Group Leaders.