

MDA No.: 1368

Title: Confirmation Hearing for the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 In accordance with the Assembly's Standing Orders and the provisions of Schedule 4A to the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), the Chair of the Assembly has delegated authority to: (i) decide whether to hold a confirmation hearing for the Mayor's candidate for appointment to the office listed in Section 60A(3) of the Act; and (ii) to request that the Mayor's candidate for appointment produce, under paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), documents that relate to his or her proposed appointment.
- 1.2 The Chair of the London Assembly received a letter from the Mayor on 31 December 2021 indicating his intention to appoint Seb Dance to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London. A copy of the letter from the Mayor is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.3 Following receipt of the letter and informal consultation with party Group Leaders, the Chair of the London Assembly has decided to hold a confirmation hearing in relation to this proposed appointment to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London, and to ask the candidate to provide a CV and supporting statement. Copies of the Chair's letters to Seb Dance and the Mayor are attached at **Appendices 2 and 3**.

2. Decision

- 3.1 **That the Chair of the London Assembly agreed to:**
 - (a) **Hold a confirmation hearing in relation to the Mayor's proposed appointment of Seb Dance to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London; and**
 - (b) **Ask the candidate to provide a CV and supporting statement.**

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:



Printed Name: **Andrew Boff AM, Chair of the London Assembly**

Date: **11 January 2022**

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 The exercise of delegated authority agreeing to hold a confirmation hearing in respect of the proposed appointment of Seb Dance as Deputy Chair of Transport for London will be formally noted at the London Assembly's next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services): L. Harvey

Printed Name: Lauren Harvey, Senior Committee Officer

Date: 10/01/2022

Telephone Number: 020 7983 4383

Financial Implications: NOT REQUIRED

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

Signature (Finance): Not Required


Printed Name:

Date:

Telephone Number:

Legal Implications:

The Chair of the London Assembly has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer

Date: 10/01/2022

Telephone Number: 020 7983 4421

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- Len Duvall AM, Leader of Labour Group
- Susan Hall AM, Leader of GLA Conservatives Group
- Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, Leader of London Assembly Liberal Democrat Group
- Caroline Russell AM, Leader of City Hall Greens Group

4. Public Access to Information

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 **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? NO

If yes, until what date:

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

Signature: L. Harvey


Printed Name: Lauren Harvey

Job Title: Senior Committee Officer

Date: 10/01/2022

Telephone Number: 020 7983 4383

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: 

Printed Name: Helen Ewan, Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat

Date: 11/01/2022

Telephone Number:

MAYOR OF LONDON**Andrew Boff AM**

Chair of the London Assembly

Andrew.Boff@london.gov.uk**Date:** 31 December 2021

Dear Andrew,

Appointment of Deputy Mayor for Transport and Confirmation Hearing – Deputy Chair of Transport for London

I write to give notice to the London Assembly of my appointment of a new Deputy Mayor for Transport, following Heidi Alexander's decision to step down from this role, effective from 31 December 2021. I have appointed Seb Dance to this role, and he will take up the post from 1 January 2022.

I also give notice of my nomination to the role of Deputy Chair of the Transport for London Board vacated by Heidi. I nominate:

Seb Dance

Deputy Mayor for Transport

City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London E16 1ZE

Seb.dance@london.gov.uk

It is proposed that Seb's appointment as Deputy Chair will be for a fixed term for the duration of the current Mayoral term, and will start three weeks from the date of this letter, subject to the recommendations of the Confirmation Hearings Committee (if any) and formal notification of my response.

The statutory confirmation process period will end three weeks from the date of this letter, within which time a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee can be held to make a recommendation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to notify you of a change to the job title of the statutory Deputy Mayor, Joanne McCartney AM. With effect from 1 January 2022, her title will change to Deputy Mayor for Children and Families, to more accurately reflect the portfolio she covers in this Mayoral term.

Yours sincerely,

**Sadiq Khan**

Mayor of London

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Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

Seb Dance**Deputy Mayor for Transport**

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10 January 2022

Dear Seb,

Confirmation Hearings Committee – 17 January 2022, 10.00am, 169 Union Street

Further to the Mayor's notification to the Assembly of his proposal to appoint you to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London (TfL), I am writing to advise that, in accordance with Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended), I have determined that the London Assembly will hold a Confirmation Hearing in relation to your proposed appointment.

It is requested, therefore, that you attend a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee on Monday, 17 January 2022. The meeting will take place in G02-G03-G04, LFB Headquarters, 169 Union Street, London, SE1 0LL and will be held in public. The meeting will begin at 10.00am. The hearing will last no longer than two hours.

The Authority's Head of Paid Service has issued a statutory notice to you in relation to this meeting (please see attached). I have also enclosed, for your information, a copy of the Mayor's letter to me.

I am also writing to request that you provide to the Committee in advance of the meeting a CV with any relevant details. In advance of the meeting you may also wish to provide a supporting statement or any other details which may be of interest to the Committee in relation to your appointment to this office. Please note that information provided will be made public. (Information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is only exempt from publication if and so long as,

in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.)

Questions and supplementary questions to you will relate to the following areas:

- whether the candidate is qualified for the position;
- whether the candidate has the time and capacity for the position;
- whether the candidate is fit (independent and impartial) for the position; and
- key responsibilities and issues for Transport for London for the future.

Please also note that, at the agenda's standing item *Declarations of Interests*, the Chair may invite you to declare any relevant interests in terms of the business of the meeting and regarding the (proposed) appointment.

If there is anything else in relation to this session that you wish to discuss, please contact Lauren Harvey, Senior Committee Officer, by telephone on 020 7983 4383 or by email: lauren.harvey@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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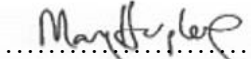
Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly

**SCHEDULE 4A TO THE GLA ACT 1999
CONFIRMATION HEARINGS**

**NOTICE REQUESTING ATTENDANCE AT PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LONDON ASSEMBLY'S CONFIRMATION HEARINGS COMMITTEE**

To: Seb Dance
Deputy Mayor for Transport
City Hall
Kamal Chunchie Way
London
E16 1ZE

1. The Confirmation Hearings Committee is an opportunity for Assembly Members to put questions to you, Seb Dance, on the Mayor's proposal to appoint you to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London.
2. You are requested to attend a meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee for the purposes of giving evidence on the matters described in paragraph 1 above on the time, date and location set out in paragraph 3 below.
3. The meeting of the Confirmation Hearings Committee which you are requested to attend to give evidence will be held –
 - On Monday 17 January 2022
 - Commencing at 10.00am
 - In G02-G03-G04, LFB Headquarters, 169 Union Street, London, SE1 0LL
4. The attached covering letter from the Chair of the Assembly requests that you provide a CV, a supporting statement if you would wish and any other information that the Committee would be interested in in relation to your appointment to this office. This request is made under paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999 (as amended).

Signed:

Mary Harpley
Head of Paid Service
Greater London Authority

Dated: 10 January 2022

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Mayor of London

10 January 2022

Dear Mr Mayor,

Proposed Appointment to the Office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London

Thank you for your letter dated 31 December 2021, in which you advised of your proposed appointment of Seb Dance to the office of Deputy Chair of Transport for London.

I write formally to confirm that I have decided to hold a Confirmation Hearing in respect of the proposed appointment. The Confirmation Hearings Committee will meet on Monday, 17 January 2022, at 10.00am in G02-G03-G04, LFB Headquarters, 169 Union Street, London, SE1 0LL. Your letter will be included in the agenda papers for the meeting.

As you know, in advance of the Hearing the Assembly requests that you provide an up-to-date summary of the role and responsibilities of the relevant office, together with a summary of key issues and priorities for the relevant organisation.

A notice in relation to the meeting has been sent to the nominee in accordance with Schedule 4A of the GLA Act 1999.

The Committee's recommendation regarding this appointment will be sent to you following the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Andrew Boff AM
Chair of the London Assembly