

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

## REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD2008

### Title: Appointment of a director of Greater London Authority Holdings Limited

#### Executive Summary:

In January 2012 the then Mayor established two companies (reference MD937): Greater London Authority Holdings Limited and GLA Land and Property Limited. This was done so as to facilitate compliance with the Localism Act 2011 concerning the commercial activities of the Homes and Communities Agency in London, the London Development Agency and the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation which were devolved to the Greater London Authority (GLA) on 1 April 2012. With the change of Mayoral administration in May 2016, director appointments need to be made to both companies. In the case of Greater London Authority Holdings Limited, the appointment requires a Mayoral decision.

#### Decision:

That the Mayor approves the appointment of David Bellamy, Chief of Staff, as a director of Greater London Authority Holdings Limited.

#### 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:

27/6/16

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

### **Decision required – supporting report**

#### **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1 In January 2012 the then Mayor established two companies (reference MD937): Greater London Authority Holdings Limited and GLA Land and Property Limited (commonly referred to as GLAP). This was done so as to facilitate compliance with the Localism Act 2011 concerning the commercial activities of the Homes and Communities Agency in London, the London Development Agency and the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation which were devolved to the Greater London Authority (GLA) on 1 April 2012.
- 1.2 With the change of Mayoral administration in May 2016, director appointments need to be made to both companies. In the case of Greater London Authority Holdings Limited, the appointment requires a Mayoral decision as the GLA is the shareholder. For GLA Land and Property Limited, appointments can be made by company resolution as Greater London Authority Holdings Limited is the shareholder.
- 1.3 Greater London Authority Holdings Limited acts as a holding company for a subsidiary company GLA Land and Property Limited. This structure allows other future subsidiary companies to be held by the holding company if required which would help optimise the GLA's future tax position.
- 1.4 It is proposed that those appointed as directors of the companies follow the previously established pattern with the Chief of Staff acting as a director of both companies and the Deputy Mayor for Housing acting as a director of GLA Land and Property Limited. The Executive Director of Resources and the Executive Director of Housing & Land would remain directors of both companies. Further details of the proposals follow immediately below.

#### Greater London Authority Holdings Limited (Company Number 07923665)

Status: GLA subsidiary company

Type: UK company limited by shares

Directors:

- Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources;
- David Lunts, Executive Director of Housing & Land; and
- David Bellamy, Chief of Staff.

Shareholder: Greater London Authority

Shareholder's Representative: Executive Director of Resources

#### GLA Land and Property Limited (Company Number 07911046)

Status: GLA subsidiary company

Type: UK company limited by shares

Directors:

- Martin Clarke, Executive Director of Resources;
- David Lunts, Executive Director of Housing & Land;
- David Bellamy, Chief of Staff; and
- James Murray, Deputy Mayor – Housing.

Shareholder: Greater London Authority Holdings Limited

Shareholder's Representative: Executive Director of Resources

## **2. Objectives and expected outcomes**

- 2.1 The decision is concerned with sound governance of the GLA.

## **3. Equality comments**

- 3.1 There are no equality issues arising directly from this decision.

## **4. Other considerations**

- 4.1 There are no other relevant considerations.

## **5. Financial comments**

- 5.1 There are no financial issues arising directly from this decision.

## **6. Legal comments**

- 6.1 The legal basis for establishment of Greater London Authority Holdings Limited was set out in MD937 and remains unchanged. The Mayor may act on behalf of the Authority in exercising the right of the Authority, as the shareholder of Greater London Authority Holdings Limited, to appoint any director to that company.

## **7. Investment & Performance Board**

- 7.1 This decision does not fall within the remit of IPB.

## **8. Planned delivery approach and next steps**

- 8.1 The appointment will take effect in June 2016.

## **Appendices and supporting papers:**

None.

**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.

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 approval or on the defer date.

**Part 1 Deferral:**

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

If YES, for what reason:

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

**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:**

Tom Middleton 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:**

Tom Middleton has reviewed the documentation and is satisfied for it to be referred to the Sponsoring Director for approval.

✓

**Sponsoring Director:**

Martin Clarke has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

✓

**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. J. Allen*

**Date**

*23.6.16*