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Gareth Bacon AM

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Dear Gareth

Confirmation Hearings Committee – 23 February 2015, City Hall

Further to the Mayor's notification to the Assembly of his proposal to appoint you to the office of Chairman of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA), I am writing to advise that, in accordance with Schedule 4A of the GLA act 1999 (as amended) and following consultation with Assembly party Groups, 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 23 February 2015. The meeting will take place in the Chamber at City Hall and will be held in public. The meeting will begin at 2.30pm or at the rise of the Mayor's Question Time meeting that day, whichever is the later. The question and answer session with you is likely to be of approximately one hour in duration.

Jeff Jacobs, as the Authority's Head of Paid Service, has issued a statutory notice to you in relation to this meeting (please see attached).

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

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• key responsibilities and issues for the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority for the future.

Please note also 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 Rebecca Arnold, Committee Services Manager by telephone on 020 7983 4421 or by e-mail rebecca.arnold@london.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Roger Evans AM

Chairman of the London Assembly

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