

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Roger

Chairman of LFEPA: Proposed Appointment

Thank you for your letter of 11 February.

In terms of the role and responsibilities of the Chairman of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA), you will be aware that the legislation sets out very little by way of the duties involved. It is clear that the Chairman should preside over full meetings of the Authority. Beyond that, it would seem to rely, at least in part, on what other LFEPA Members are prepared to allow the Chairman to do on their behalf.

For my part, I would look for the Chairman to:

- Seek to progress through LFEPA structures the agreed Mayoral agenda on major issues such as resourcing;
- Brief me on the key issues arising in the fire and rescue field; and
- Work constructively with all partner bodies, especially the Department for Communities and Local Government (DLCG), so that LFEPA is portrayed in the best possible light.

In terms of the key issues and priorities for LFEPA for 2015/16 and beyond, I would highlight the need to:

- Move to a governance structure for LFEPA which makes the body more democratically accountable to Londoners;
- Begin preparations for the Sixth London Safety Plan (LSP6) to include the options available to future decision-makers on further frontline efficiency measures; and
- Embed the new London Fire Brigade (LFB) staffing structure, which is currently under consideration, and see what scope there is for further shared service arrangements in that light.

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I look forward to hearing the outcome of the Assembly's confirmation hearing for Gareth Bacon.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Boris Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London