

GMCA RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: 26th May 2023

Subject: Assistant Deputy Mayor for Police, Crime and Fire

Report of: Mayor Andy Burnham

1. PROTOCOL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MAYORAL ADVISORS

1.1 All Mayoral Advisor appointments (remunerated or not) are subject to the approval of Resources Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Resources Committee is requested to:

2.1 Agree the extension of Baroness Beverley Hughes' appointment as Assistant Deputy Mayor for Police Crime and Fire on the terms outlined in paragraph 3.2.

3. ASSISTANT DEPUTY MAYOR FOR POLICE CRIME AND FIRE

3.1 On 16th December, 2022 the Resources Committee agreed to the appointment of Baroness Beverley Hughes as Assistant Deputy Mayor for Police, Crime and Fire for a 6 month period, to support the transition of responsibilities to the new Deputy Mayor and to provide continued oversight and focus on specific key areas of work. The arrangement has worked well and the new Deputy Mayor has now assumed full responsibility for all aspects of her role, although the Assistant Deputy Mayor continues to play a key role on the Gender Based Violence Board, the GMP Transformation Boards and the Violence Reduction Board. In addition to this there

are three areas of work that require ongoing input from the Assistant Deputy Mayor beyond July 2023. These are summarised below:

3.1.1 **CSE Assurance Review** – the final report of the CSE Independent Assurance Review will not be published until the last quarter 2023. Good progress is being made by the Review Team but factors outside of the control of the GMCA or the Review Team are the primary cause of the delay.

3.1.2 **Manchester Arena Inquiry (MAI) oversight.** The MAI oversight work is on track with oral hearings and questioning of specific witnesses in early June. The inquiry Chairman will report later in 2023 and it is only at this point that we will have clarity on the requirement for any further work or formal progress reports.

3.1.3 **Outstanding review of historic police complaints** - The work to review police complaints is substantial and we are dealing with a significant volume. The Deputy Mayor is responsible for new complaints. The Assistant Deputy Mayor retains responsibility for those received during her tenure as Deputy Mayor. Given the nature and complexity of some of these complaints it is estimated that the backlog will not be cleared before the end of August 2023 at the earliest.

3.2 Resources Committee are requested to approve a final extension of the Assistant Deputy Mayor's contract up to 31st December, 2023. The extension will be on the terms and conditions agreed at the December 2022 Resources Committee meeting: 2.5 days per week at a salary of £45000.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH GMCA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

4.1 All Mayoral Advisors are required to comply with GMCA policies and procedures under the terms of their employment or contracts for services.