

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 1: General Functions of the Authority

Officers and staff

Sections 7 to 11: Officers and staff

33. [Sections 67 to 73](#) and section 127 of the GLA Act 1999 provide for the appointment of employees of the Authority.
34. Under the provisions of section 67(1)(a) and (b) the Mayor is able to appoint two political advisers and not more than 10 other members of staff. Under the provisions of section 67(2) the Assembly appoints all other staff, following consultation with the Mayor.
35. [Section 7](#) replaces section 67(2) so as to provide for the Authority's staff to be appointed by the Authority's Head of Paid Service, except for the appointments of the Head of Paid Service himself, the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance Officer. The Head of Paid Service must consult the Mayor and Assembly before making appointments, and must have regard to available resources and the priorities of the Authority in making them. The section also amends section 70(2) of the GLA Act 1999 to provide for the Head of Paid Service to set the terms and conditions of those staff he appoints after consulting the Mayor and Assembly. The appointments, and terms and conditions, of the Authority's existing staff have effect as if they had been appointed or set by the Head of Paid Service.
36. [Section 8](#) amends section 72 of the GLA Act 1999. Under the provisions of that section as amended, the Mayor and Assembly acting jointly will appoint the Authority's Head of Paid Service, and set his terms and conditions. *Subsection (6)* inserts into section 72 of the 1999 Act a new subsection (11) which allows the Head of Paid Service to delegate to a member of staff of the Authority (other than a member of staff appointed under section 67(1)) his functions of making appointments and setting terms and conditions.
37. [Section 9](#) amends section 73 of the GLA Act 1999 to require the Mayor and Assembly, acting jointly, to appoint the Authority's Monitoring Officer and set his terms and conditions.
38. [Section 10](#) amends section 127 of the GLA Act 1999 and inserts a new section 127A to make similar provision with respect to the Authority's Chief Finance Officer.