

# GLA 23/7.1

## GLA Board Liaison Groups

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**BOARD PAPER REFERENCE – GLA 23/7.1 – GLA Board Liaison Groups**

Issue

1. Formalising the new Labour Provider, Labour User and Worker Representative Liaison Groups.

Recommendation

2. The Board is invited to agree:
  - Paul Whitehouse as chair for each of the three groups for an initial 6 month period.
  - The terms of reference at annex A.
  - That representative Board members will be members of their corresponding Liaison Group. Membership of each group will also include other relevant non-Board member stakeholders.

Background

3. At its April 2009 meeting, the Board agreed to introduce formal Liaison Groups for Labour Providers, Labour Users and Worker Representative organisations under paragraph 7 of the Gangmasters (Licensing Authority) Regulations 2005 (see paper GLA22/7.1).
4. Representative Board members for labour providers, labour users and workers met on 2 June (in three separate meetings) to discuss who should chair the Liaison Groups chair as well as the terms of reference and membership.
5. It was agreed that Paul Whitehouse should chair each group for an initial 6 months (after which the position of who is best to chair each of the groups will be reviewed). The same terms of reference were also agreed for each group – these are at annex A. The groups will meet before each full Board meeting. This will allow for a timely report to be presented to the Board.
6. Membership will be based on the relevant representative GLA Board member plus non-Board member participants from the predecessor stakeholder groups. In addition, membership of a Liaison Group will also be open to any other relevant person with the same stakeholder interest, who may be considered as being able to make a worthwhile contribution.

## **Annex A**

### **Terms of Reference for the Labour Provider, Labour User and Worker Representative GLA Board Liaison Groups**

- The Groups will seek to enhance co-operation between the Authority and the stakeholders they represent,
- The Groups will identify joint areas of interest and provide the Authority with stakeholder views on the operation of existing or new policies and strategies (which will inform papers sent out for formal public consultation),
- The Groups will meet in sufficient time before each full Board meeting. The Groups will report to the Board at Board meetings,
- Group members may submit items for discussion where such proposals contribute to the strategic development of the GLA and its regulatory approach. The Groups will not be the appropriate forum to discuss specific cases,
- Group members and Chairs will complete a register of interests and declare any interests before the commencement of meeting.