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Deputy Mayor for Policing blocks local Assembly Members from meeting on falling response times

- Police response times have fallen in Pathfinder borough mergers
- Deputy Mayor Sophie Lindon refused meeting request from Keith Prince AM, despite arranging private meeting with council leaders

The Deputy Mayor for Policing has blocked a local London Assembly member from attending a meeting about emergency response times on his patch.

Sophie Linden declined the request from Havering and Redbridge AM Keith Prince, despite agreeing to meet with local council leaders on the impact of an ongoing borough merger trial.

The Pathfinders scheme has seen response times in affected boroughs plummet, prompting concern from Mr Prince and others.

London Assembly member Keith Prince said: “This is an important and worrying issue for residents in my boroughs who have seen emergency response times plummet.

“As a representative of two of the affected boroughs who can hold the Met to account through the Greater London Assembly, I’ve asked for direct discussions on this.

“Bizarrely the Deputy Mayor has declined a meeting with me. The current situation with falling response times is unacceptable and we need answers to address this urgently. Simply refusing to meet with interested parties is not good enough.”

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