

Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Background Document – List of decisions published between 8 December 2023 and 4 January 2024.

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MD3107*	<p>Crystal Palace National Sports Centre Contract Extension</p> <p>That the Mayor approves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">the extension of the CPNSC Contract for a period of up to four years from the 1 April 2023 (three years with an option in favour of the GLA to extend for one further year)a related exemption from the requirements of section 9 of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Codeexpenditure as set out in detail in the Part 2 of this decision paper, associated with the CPNSC Contract.	23/03/23	Sadiq Khan/ Jules Pipe	Projected net costs to the GLA of this contract extension are set out in Part 2 and will be funded from the Crystal Palace revenue budget. There will be a need to re-profile the budget set as part of the 2024-25 budget setting process to match the proposed net contract costs to 2026-27.

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MD3190	<p>Delegation of Mayoral Powers to Homes England for Brownfield Infrastructure Land funding in London</p> <p>That the Mayor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. delegates the exercise of the Mayor's powers in sections 30 and 34 of the Greater London Authority Act (GLA Act) to Homes England for the purposes of administering the BIL funding in London, on the basis specified in the Instrument of Delegation (Appendix A) 2. notes the proposed establishment of the London BIL Board and delegates authority to the GLA's Executive Director of Housing and Land to agree on behalf of the GLA (without the need for a Director Decision form) the terms of reference and associated governance arrangements of the London BIL Board and the GLA's participation in that Board, and further delegates authority to the GLA's Executive Director of Housing and Land or their nominee to act as the GLA's representative on the London BIL Board. 	12/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ Tom Copley	No costs will be incurred by the GLA in implementing the delegation as set out in the "Instrument of Delegation" paragraph 7-xi.

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MD3194	<p>London Power - Decision to extend allocation of resources for London Power</p> <p>That the Mayor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. approves the extension of London Power’s available funding up to August 2027 2. delegates to the Executive Director for Good Growth responsibility for approving by Director Decision any new expenditure beyond cost neutral. 	12/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ Shirley Rodrigues	<p>The available funding requested sets the upper limit of funding that may be drawn down from the loan facility provided to London Power by the GLA. Any additional resource requirements beyond cost neutral will be approved through a Director Decision.</p> <p>It should be noted that the loan facility is available to the end of February 2027 whereas this agreement seeks approval of the available funding up to August 2027. In the event that there is an outstanding balance on the loan in February 2027 then additional resource will need to be identified from within the Environment and Energy Unit budget to cover this.</p>

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MD3206	<p>Appointment of Independent Persons and related arrangements under the Localism Act 2011</p> <p>The Mayor is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve the extension, to 2 May 2024, of the appointment of Suzanne McCarthy and Alan Simcock as Independent Persons (IPs) under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 • approve the appointment of Suzanne McCarthy and Farhat Sadik as IPs under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011, from 3 May 2024 to 30 April 2026; and to delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Mayor’s Chief of Staff, to extend the appointments for up to two years (noting that extensions will be subject to the joint approval of the London Assembly) • agree, with effect from May 2024, to pay each IP £1,250 per annum as an allowance payable in April each year for the work undertaken in the previous year. <p>It should be noted that these matters are subject to joint approval with the London Assembly.</p>	12/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ David Bellamy	It is proposed that each IP is paid an annual allowance of £1,250. This cost will be met from the standards budget for that period, which is held in the Chief Officer’s Directorate. There is sufficient budget to cover these costs in the current year and future years’ planned budgets.

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MD3208	<p>GLIF - Replacement of ReLondon and European Investment Bank loan</p> <p>That the Mayor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grants approval to SME Wholesale Finance (London) Limited (SMEWFL) and GLIF Limited (GLIF) to enter into contracts to borrow such sums from the GLA, the London Treasury Liquidity Fund (LTLF) and/or each other to refinance an existing £50m loan from the European Investment Bank (EIB) to GLIF in relation to the finance of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). 2. Approves the acquisition by the GLA of the London Waste and Recycling Board's (LWARB) entire interests in GLIF's investment funds for a consideration of £5.6m. 3. Authorises the Chief Investment Officer to do all such things (including the finalisation, approval and execution of any documents or agreements) they consider necessary or desirable to give effect to the above. 	12/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ David Bellamy	<p>Approval is being sought to allow Funding London and GLIF to enter into a new loan agreement(s) to refinance an existing GLIF loan with EIB, without taking on additional borrowing. (over and above the existing EIB loan commitment). This aspect of the decision does not require any funding commitments or expenditure from the GLA.</p> <p>Also, approval is requested for a payment by the GLA of £5.6m to ReLondon to support its work to improve waste and resource management and to transform the city into a low-carbon circular economy. In exchange, the GLA will take over ReLondon's interests in GLIF's investment funds. This payment will come from GLA cash balances linked to investments returned from the LGF (specifically returns associated with ERDF monies, which are ringfenced for reinvestment); there is no direct budgetary impact for the GLA in relation to the payment.</p>

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MD3155	<p>Employer skills brokerage service</p> <p>That the Mayor approves expenditure of up to £1.35m in grant funding to London & Partners (L&P) as a contribution to the costs of delivering a stand-alone skills brokerage pilot as part of <i>Grow London Local</i> over the next two financial years (FY) (£500,000 for the 2023-24 FY and £850,000 for the 2024-25 FY). This will be funded by £350,000 from the London Multiply programme budget (2024-25 FY) and £1m from the Adult Education Budget (AEB) (£500,000 for each FY). AEB funding for the 2024-25 FY will be subject to budget availability and confirmation of London's annual AEB allocation by the Department for Education in early 2024.</p>	19/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ Jules Pipe	<p>This will be funded by £350,000 from the London Multiply programme budget in 2024-25 FY and £1m from the AEB (£500,000 for each FY). Both Programme budgets are funded by the Department for Education. AEB and Multiply funding of £850,000 for the 2024-25 FY would be subject to budget availability and confirmation of London's annual AEB and Multiply allocation by the Department for Education in early 2024.</p> <p>Any contracts that commit the GLA in future years are subject to appropriate break clauses.</p>

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MD3189	<p>Trees for London Programme 2023-25</p> <p>The Mayor approves expenditure of up to £304,000 (from the Tree Planting budget approved under MD3032) to enhance the Trees for London tree-planting programme in 2023-24. This would comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £112,000 to The Conservation Volunteers for 20,000 extra free community trees; an evaluation of the social and environmental value of community trees; and a programme of tree planting and engagement as part of the Mayor’s Young Ambassadors programme • £170,000 to be made available to London boroughs to match-fund street-tree planting funded by the Forestry Commission’s Urban Tree Challenge Fund, increasing the number of trees planted in London by circa 1,000 • £22,000 to match-fund London Urban Forest Plan recipients of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Trees Call to Action Fund. 	19/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ Shirley Rodrigues	<p>This expenditure will be funded from the Tree Planting budget within the Environment and Energy Unit’s approved budget envelope for 2023-24. Funds are available due to delays in spending on some of the other Trees for London-funded projects, which will now deliver in 2024-25 (subject to budget confirmation).</p> <p>All expenditure will be incurred by 31 March 2024.</p> <p>All relevant budget adjustments will be made.</p>
MD3197	<p>Child Health and Early Years Programmes 2024-25 to 2025-26</p> <p>That the Mayor approves expenditure of up to £336,000 for the ongoing management and delivery of the child health programmes until the end of March 2026.</p>	20/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ Joanne McCartney	<p>The expenditure will be funded from the Early Years programme budget held in the Health, Children & Young Londoners Unit.</p> <p>Funding for future financial years is subject to the GLA’s annual budget setting process and is subject to change.</p> <p>Any contracts that commit the GLA in future years are subject to appropriate break clauses.</p>

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MD3202	<p>London Legacy Development Corporation Transition – approval of reduced Mayoral development area</p> <p>That the Mayor in accordance with his powers set out in section 199 (1) of the Localism Act 2011:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. having considered the consultation report on the proposed reduction in the Mayoral development area (Appendix 2), the Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendix 4), and all the information and advice in this Decision document, and having decided that no further information is needed to support his decision 2. having made the decision in MD3015 that from 1 December 2024 the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) shall cease to exercise, as regards the whole of its Mayoral development area (MDA), the entirety of the town-planning functions conferred on it by SI 2012/No.2167, and subsequently notified the relevant Secretary of State by letter 3. makes an alteration to the boundary of LLDC’s MDA so as to exclude the land as set out on the map at page 10 of the Reduced Area Consultation (Appendix 3) to take effect from 1 December 2024 and authorises: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) publication of the alteration (b) notification of the alteration to be given to the Secretary of State by letter (c) notification of the alteration to be given to the LLDC. 	20/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ Jules Pipe	<p>The GLA is aware that provisions for the direct costs have been included within LLDC’s approved 2023-24 budget and its 2024-25 budget submission. Once LLDC’s budget is set by its Board in March each year following the conclusion of the GLA Group budget process, LLDC is required to monitor and report on its expenditure on a quarterly basis; thereby reducing the risk of in-year overspends relating to these items.</p> <p>The Mayor’s Budget Guidance 2024-25, published in July 2023, highlights that LLDC’s future funding allocations from the Mayor will reduce from 2025-26 reflecting the lower funding amounts required as LLDC will be a smaller organisation following transition; and notes that the final level of grant required for the reset LLDC will be determined during 2024-25.</p>

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MD3204	<p>Rough sleeping services for newly recognised refugees</p> <p>That the Mayor approves the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receipt of £84,272 from the Royal Borough of Greenwich and £246,568 from the London Borough of Redbridge • expenditure of the above £330,840, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – £165,000 in grant funding to Refugee Council for a Private Rented Sector Access service for newly recognised refugees, in 2023-24 – £165,840 in grant funding to Housing Justice for a supported lodgings scheme for newly recognised refugees, in 2023-24. 	20/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ Tom Copley	This money was allocated to the two councils from the Government’s Rough Sleeping Initiative programme specifically for onward grant to the GLA, for the purpose of additional support for newly granted refugees who are sleeping rough across 14 boroughs in South East and East London.

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MD3212	<p>Transfer of funding from the LLDC Capital Funding Reserve for additional East Bank costs and other changes to the LLDC's capital programme</p> <p>That the Mayor approves the payment of a capital grant of £40m to the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), to be paid from the LLDC Capital Funding Reserve held by the GLA, to meet unavoidable financial pressures associated with the East Bank project and the wider LLDC capital programme.</p>	20/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ David Bellamy	<p>Financial issues are integral to this decision and considered accordingly throughout.</p> <p>This decision proposes to allocate £40m to the LLDC from the LLDC Capital Funding Reserve during 2023-24.</p> <p>As a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) the LLDC's reserves are held within the GLA's earmarked reserves. The LLDC Capital Funding Reserve's purpose, as stated in the GLA's draft 2022-23 accounts, is to provide a source of funding for revenue grants to the LLDC for the financing of future LLDC capital expenditure.</p> <p>The draft 2022-23 GLA accounts confirm, as at the end of March 2023, the opening balance on the LLDC Capital Funding Reserve was £75.661m. The Mayor's Consolidated GLA Group Budget 2023-24 contained a net drawdown from this reserve of £33.301m. Therefore, if this decision is approved, the required funding can be provided from within available resources and would result in a closing balance on the LLDC Capital Funding Reserve, at 31 March 2024, of £2.36m.</p>

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MD3213	<p>Land lying to the west of Angel Lane, Stratford, London Public Inquiry</p> <p>That the Mayor approves expenditure of up to £450,000 to cover the costs of his involvement in the public inquiry.</p>	20/12/23	Sadiq Khan/ Jules Pipe	<p>It should be noted that a contingency has been included within the overall budget and it is anticipated at this stage that the final expenditure for the inquiry will remain within the overall envelope of £450,000. In the event the complexities of the case and the evidence of other parties necessitate additional resources, this would be subject to further approval via the GLA's decision-making process.</p> <p>There is no allocated budget for this expenditure and therefore this expenditure will need to be covered from reserves. There is currently £198,000 within the Planning Smoothing reserve that will be utilised to partially cover the expenditure however, once this is exhausted a drawdown will be required from the Revenue Grants Unapplied reserve for the remaining balance.</p>

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DD2672	<p>Schools Programme/Planning for London Programme 2023-24</p> <p>That the Executive Director of Good Growth approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. expenditure of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – £30,000 on supporting the licensing arrangements for Minecraft as a teaching resource in schools – £45,000 for the development of materials to be used in the classroom and targeted classroom support in schools across London with a high pupil premium – £20,000 on supporting the operation of the competition 2. the award of a contract to Terawe for tenant services – creating and managing the licensing arrangements with users (with a value of £30,000) – and a related exemption from the requirement of the Contracts and Funding Code to competitively procure such services. 	11/12/23	Philip Graham	All expenditure will be funded from the London Plan budget within the Planning Unit's approved budget for 2023-24 financial year, and all expenditure will be incurred in 2023-24 financial year.
DD2678	<p>Improving social outcomes for Londoners</p> <p>That the Executive Director of Communities and Skills approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. expenditure of £67,500 of GLA budget for 2023-24 to contribute towards the social evidence base 2. receipt of £70,000 of grant funding from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities to support Ukrainians in London 3. expenditure of this £70,000 across 2023-24 and 2024-25 to support Ukrainians in London. 	11/12/23	Tunde Olayinka	The expenditure of £67,500 in 2023-24 will be funded from the Social Evidence programme budget.

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DD2679	<p>Just transition in retrofits</p> <p>That the Executive Director of Good Growth approves expenditure up to the value of up to £100,000 to procure consultancy services to research the impacts of home retrofits on London’s diverse communities.</p>	20/12/23	Philip Graham	<p>£70,000 of this expenditure will be funded from the Sustainability and Strategy Team (Environment Unit)’s budget, comprising £50,000 from the 2023-24 financial year and £20,000 from the 2024-25 financial year. £30,000 will be funded from the Energy Team (Environment Unit)’s budget for 2024-25 financial year.</p> <p>The budget for 2024-25 has been included as part of the Mayor’s draft budget for the Environment unit however this is subject to formal approval as part of the Mayor’s budget setting process. In the event of the programme not being sufficiently resourced following conclusion of the budget setting process then budget would need to be identified from elsewhere within the Environment Unit’s budget.</p>
DD2680	<p>London Ownership Hub - continuation of funding</p> <p>That the Executive Director of Good Growth approves expenditure of up to £75,000 (£18,750 from the 2023-24 Economic Fairness programme budget and £56,250 from 2024-25 Economic Fairness programme budget), which is in addition to the previous spending of £75,000 approved in DD2575, via the award of grant funding, as a contribution to Co-operatives UK’s costs of its London Ownership Hub project, taking total expenditure to £150,000. This aims to support employee and worker-owned businesses.</p>	20/12/23	Philip Graham	<p>This expenditure will be funded from the Economic Fairness programme budget within the Economic Development Unit. The budget for 2024-25 financial year is subject to formal approval as part of the Mayor’s budget setting process. To mitigate any risk of the programme not being sufficiently resourced following conclusion of the budget-setting process, the grant agreement should include break clauses that can be exercised if required.</p>

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ADD2690	<p>Planning London Datahub – Data visualisation platform</p> <p>That the Assistant Director of Planning and Regeneration approves expenditure of £50,000 towards the delivery of a data visualisation platform that better enables Londoners to understand and interrogate data in the Planning London DataHub.</p>	11/12/23	Lucinda Turner	This expenditure will be funded from the Digitalisation budget within the Planning and Regeneration Unit’s approved budget for 2023-24 financial year.
ADD2691	<p>Planning London Datahub - Data Quality Improvement</p> <p>That the Assistant Director of Planning and Regeneration approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the expenditure of £45,000 towards technical improvements and updates on the collection and flow of data through the Planning Portal and the Planning London DataHub 2. the expenditure of up to £4,000 towards producing guidance setting out the role of data in the Planning London DataHub, and how to answer specific questions to improve the granularity and accuracy of data. 	11/12/23	Lucinda Turner	<p>This expenditure will be funded from the Digitalisation budget within the Planning and Regeneration Unit’s approved budget for 2023-24 financial year.</p> <p>All expenditure will be incurred by 31 March 2024.</p>
ADD2679	<p>Clean Air Night 2024</p> <p>That the Assistant Director – Connectivity, Air Quality, Transport and Infrastructure approves the expenditure of up to £30,000 via a grant to Global Action Plan to support its delivery of Clean Air Night 2024.</p>	13/12/23	Elliot Treharne	<p>This expenditure will be funded from the Air Quality programme budget within the Mayor’s approved budget for 2023-24.</p> <p>All expenditure will be incurred within the 2023-24 financial year.</p>
ADD2688	<p>London Anchor Institutions’ Network Conference 2024</p> <p>That the Assistant Director of Economic Development approves expenditure of up to £25,000, to cover all costs associated with the London Anchor Institutions’ Network Conference 2024, from the Anchor Institutions programme budget 2023-24.</p>	19/12/23	Alex Conway	<p>This expenditure is to be funded from the GLA’s Anchor Institutions budget held within the Economic Development Unit.</p> <p>All expenditure will be incurred by 31 March 2024.</p>

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ADD2689	<p>New Museum of London project</p> <p>That the Assistant Director of Culture and Creative Industries approves expenditure of £33,375 (representing 50 per cent of the anticipated fees of £66,750) in grant funding to the City of London Corporation, as part of co-commissioning two pieces of consultancy to review the New Museum of London project before committing to additional funding.</p>	19/12/23	Shonagh Manson	There is no identified budget for these costs at present. In the first instance these costs will be funded from any underspends within the Culture and Creative Industries Unit's budget for 2023-24; or from within the wider Good Growth Directorate budget. If, following this there are insufficient underspends to cover this expenditure, this will need to be covered from a drawdown from the revenue grants unapplied reserve.
DMFD218	<p>Personal Injury Claims 2024-25</p> <p>That the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience (Deputy Mayor) authorises the London Fire Commissioner (LFC) to commit expenditure for the amounts set out in part 2 of the decision, for personal injury claims settled in 2024-25. This is provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the LFC obtains and follows the advice of specialist counsel on settlement, and the advice of a costs lawyer on costs claimed • spend is contained within the total funding for 2023-24, as identified in part 2 of this decision • spend per claim is contained within the limit identified in part 2 of the decision • LFC's General Counsel notifies the Deputy Mayor when upon receipt of a claim anticipated to exceed £150,000, and upon final settlement of such cases • the LFC provides the Deputy Mayor with a year-end financial update on spend that occurred within the terms of this authority. 	15/12/23	Fiona Twycross	The 2024-25 LFC budget submission includes an amount contained in part 2 of this report as base funding. This budget is based on the previous year's spend and future anticipated expenditure. It is currently estimated that it will be sufficient to meet the costs arising in 2024-25. However, in unexpected circumstances such as a large number of claims or a significant settlement, there is also a reserve earmarked specifically for these types of events.

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DMFD219	<p>Grenfell Legal Costs</p> <p>That the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience authorises the London Fire Commissioner to commit expenditure of up to £2,464,753 plus a 15% contingency of £369,712, totalling £2,834,465 during 2024-25 on legal costs related to the Grenfell Tower fire.</p>	18/12/23	Fiona Twycross	<p>LFC's annual budget includes an amount of £694,000 for legal costs associated with the Inquiry. It is anticipated that the majority of any additional costs incurred over and above the budgeted sum of these costs will be recovered from the insurers. Part two of this report provides further information on anticipated expenditure.</p> <p>If it is found that the costs recovered from insurers do not cover all future liabilities, LFC will be required to reduce its expenditure and/or find compensatory savings to meet any funding gap.</p>
DMFD224	<p>Procurement of BT Smart Numbers Service</p> <p>That the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience authorises the London Fire Commissioner to commit revenue expenditure up to the amount stated in Part 2 of the report, for the procurement of the BT Smart Numbers service.</p>	18/12/23	Fiona Twycross	There are no direct financial implications for the GLA.