

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD2043

A city for all Londoners Precursor document to the statutory strategies

Executive Summary:

"*A city for all Londoners*" sets out the Mayor's over-arching vision for London for consultation with Londoners and stakeholders. It set out early indicative policy statements by the Mayor and indicates a direction of travel for the development of his policies for the Mayoralty. It also initiates early consultation activity to inform later revision of statutory strategies and plans. Following feedback on *A city for all Londoners* those policies will be implemented through those plans and strategies, which themselves will be subject to impact assessment and further statutory public and stakeholder consultation. *A city for all Londoners* is published by the Mayor on 24 October for seven weeks public and stakeholder consultation.

Decision:

The Mayor approves:

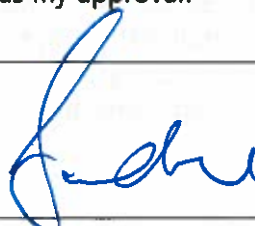
- *A city for all Londoners*, a copy of which is at Appendix 1 of this Form, which is deferred for publication until 24 October; and;
- Its publication for consultation with the public and stakeholders as an early indication of his policy position on the matters covered, and associated expenditure of up to £60,000.

Mayor of London

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision, and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date:

2/11/16

PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE MAYOR

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

Draft statutory strategies and plans (“the strategies”) under section 41 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (“GLA Act, as amended”) will not be ready for public and stakeholder consultation until spring/summer 2017, given the rigorous processes that accompany their preparation. The strategies of the previous Mayoralty require revision to reflect the Mayor’s changed priorities.

The purpose of *A city for all Londoners* is to set out an overarching narrative about the Mayor’s emerging policies for the Mayoralty and to indicate a direction of travel for the development of policies that will later inform the preparation of those strategies. The document will communicate to stakeholders how the Mayor intends to tackle London’s major challenges (subject to consultation and preparation of those strategies) and undertake early engagement and consultation that will feed into that process. It will also act as a coordination tool to draw together separate policy areas and help avoid ‘siloed’ policy making.

It is proposed that *A city for all Londoners* is published by the Mayor on 24 October 2016 for seven weeks consultation. (A copy is at Annex 1 of this Form which is deferred from publication until the consultation launch.)

The current suite of strategies required by section 41 of the GLA Act (the London Plan, and the following strategies: transport, economic development, environment, housing, health inequalities and culture) date from the previous administration and do not reflect the Mayor’s policies and priorities. In addition, as *A city for all Londoners* sets out, there have been significant developments since those strategies and plans were last formally revised. The Mayor is under a duty to keep the strategies under review. Therefore it is appropriate in the circumstances that the Mayor confirms it is his intention to review them and that the publication of *A city for all Londoners* is a step in that process. It also provides as an early indication of his policy position on the matters covered by the document.

Policy areas include:

- Accommodating growth
- Housing
- Economy
- Environment, transport and public space
- Social integration

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

The objectives of publishing *A city for all Londoners* are to:

- To indicate to stakeholders the Mayor’s direction of travel on a range of policy issues.
- To conduct early consultation – which will feed into and enrich the policy making process in the subsequent statutory plans and strategies.

3. Equality comments

Early work on a comprehensive Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) for all strategies is already underway and has informed early policy making in *A city for all Londoners*. This assessment work includes the Mayor’s duties under the public sector Equality Duty (s 149 of the Equality Act 2010) which requires him to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation as well as to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected

characteristic and those who do not.¹ IIAs will be produced alongside the full draft strategies. The Equality Duty will be taken into account as and when the final approved strategies are implemented.

4. Other considerations

Key risks and issues

The main risk associated with the project is delay. If it is not published in the autumn, it could delay the policy development of the strategies (or mean that insufficient 'pre-consultation' is undertaken).

Links to Mayoral strategies and priorities

This document is intrinsically linked to the development of revised Mayoral strategies and priorities.

Impact assessments and consultations

A city for all Londoners will be launched by the Mayor on 24 October 2016 and subject to public and stakeholder until 11 December 2016. Respondents will be able to provide their views on the document until 11 December 2016.

IIAs will be prepared in due course for the draft strategies prepared, and be available for public and stakeholder consultation.

5. Financial comments

In 2016/17, a budget of up to £750,000 is available for the statutory strategies - to cover Integrated Impact Assessments and some consultation work (required for the full, separate strategies). The costs of the 'precursor' document are covered by this budget and should not exceed £60,000 - to cover design (up to £5,000) and consultation (up to £55,000). The budget is held by the Governance team.

6. Legal comments

The Mayor is under a duty to keep his strategies under review and to make such revisions as he considers necessary (s 41(2) GLA Act). When deciding whether or not to revise a strategy he must have regard to the need to ensure they are consistent with national policies and the UK's EU obligations, that they continue to be consistent with one another, the resources available for their implementation and the use of the River Thames (where appropriate).

A city for all Londoners is not itself a draft strategy but is a preliminary document for the purpose of developing priorities and policies that will find their way into the draft strategies that the public and stakeholders will be consulted on as part of the formal strategy preparation process. This is authorised by sections 30, 41 and 34 of the GLA Act.

Appendices and supporting papers:

Text of *A city for all Londoners*

¹ This may involve, in particular, removing or minimising any disadvantage suffered by those who share a relevant protected characteristic, taking steps to meet the needs of such people; and encouraging them to participate in public life, or in any other activity where their participation is disproportionately low, including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding. The protected characteristics and groups are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, gender, religion or belief, sexual orientation and marriage/ civil partnership status. Compliance with the Act may involve treating people with a protected characteristic more favourably than those without the characteristic.

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and will be made available on the GLA website within one working day of approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary. **Note:** This form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after approval or on the defer date.

Part 1 Deferral:**Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? YES**

If YES, for what reason: The content of *A city for all Londoners* should not be made public until its official launch on 24 October.

Until what date: 24 October 2016

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered to be exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form –NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

Drafting officer to
confirm the
following (✓)

Drafting officer:

Julia Harrowsmith has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms the following have been consulted on the final decision.

✓

Sponsoring Director:

Fiona Fletcher-Smith has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

✓

Mayoral Adviser:

Nick Bowes has been consulted about the proposal and agrees the recommendations.

✓

Advice:

The Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal.

✓

Corporate Investment Board

This decision was agreed by the Corporate Investment Board on the 17 October 2016

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES:

I confirm that financial and legal implications have been appropriately considered in the preparation of this report.

Signature

M. D. Bellamy

Date

CHIEF OF STAFF:

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Mayor

Signature

D. Bellamy

Date

31 / 10 / 2016

