

Mayor's Report to the Assembly

Background Document – List of decisions between 7 November 2013 and 4 December 2013

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* = previously deferred publication.

Ref	Decision	Date	Approved by/ Mayoral Advisor	Financial Implications
MD1286	<p>Approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The receipt of an expected £4.0m from NHS England (final amount may be subject to negotiation) to fund a range of policy, research and influencing activities in line with priorities set out by the Commission and including, but not limited to, the setting up of the Commission and associated project team. 2. Funding of £35k from the GLA to support the Commission. 3. The delegation of authority to the Executive Director of Communities and Intelligence to take all further actions required to implement the Commission activities. 	22/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Victoria Borwick	<p>The indicative profile for the receipt of NHS England income is £2m per year for 2013-14 and 2014-15. The Income will be accounted for within the Health & Communities Unit. As indicated within the main body of this report, it is anticipated that the commission will be further funded by other Health Agencies, for which the receipt of income will be subject to further approval once secured.</p> <p>The GLA contribution of £35,000 in 2013-14 will be funded by a virement from the Central Programme budget to the Health & Communities Unit.</p>
MD1284	<p>Approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The contents and publication of the draft London Housing Strategy (attached at Appendix 1 to the decision form) for consultation with the public, the London Assembly, the GLA's Functional Bodies, and other relevant parties. 	25/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Richard Blakeway	<p>This mayoral decision is required to approve the draft London Housing Strategy for public consultation and as such it has no direct financial implications. However, funding for the Housing Strategy has yet to be</p>

	<p>2. The delegation of authority to the Executive Director for Housing & Land in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property to:</p> <p>a) approve non-material changes to the text of the draft London Housing Strategy; and</p> <p>b) do anything which the Executive Director for Housing & Land in consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property considers is necessary or expedient – either during or after the conclusion of the consultation process - for the purposes of finalising a draft of the London Housing Strategy that will be submitted to the Mayor for approval prior to being submitted to the London Assembly under section 42B of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended).</p> <p>3. The delegation of authority to the Executive Director for Housing and Land to prepare, approve and publish a funding prospectus, which will invite bids for GLA funding for the 2015-18 affordable homes programme for London.</p>			<p>confirmed by DCLG. As such, future approvals will be required in order to authorise future funding allocations.</p>
MD1283	<p>Noted:</p> <p>1. The contents of the 11 internal audit reports and one external audit report presented to the 22 October 2013 meeting of the London Assembly's Audit Panel, particularly with regard to the management action being taken in response to the two limited assurance internal audit reports (estate management and mentoring).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Funding • ICT Procurement • Housing Grants • Decent Homes • Affordable Housing • Estate Management 	19/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Sir Edward Lister	<p>There are no direct financial implications arising from this decision.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring • Agency Staffing (follow-up) • Contract Monitoring (follow-up) • Capital Programme (follow-up) • Members' Expenses (follow-up) • External audit report (2012-13 audit results) 			
MD1281	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. £52.977m of funding allocations on schemes to support 1,700 affordable housing completions and 132 additional bedrooms through the following products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent and Sale; • Empty Homes; • Tenant's Incentive Scheme; • Extensions and De-conversions and • Consumer-led Shared Ownership products under the MHC Building the Pipeline programme. <p>2. The closure of the Mortgage Rescue Scheme in London with unallocated budget (less £0.382m required for outstanding FirstBuy completions) transferred to MHC.</p> <p>3. Receipt of the following to the MHC budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Empty Homes funding DCLG £11.865m • New DCLG funding initiative £180m <p>4. Transfer of the following to the MHC budget (and noting this comes within the £118m budget for the MHC approved through MD1174):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Homes Programme £20.009m • National Affordable Housing Programme £0.045m • Right to Buy receipts £0.892m 	19/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Richard Blakeway	<p>This report proposes creating an overall MHC budget of approximately £307m (subject to finalising the amount available from closure of the Mortgage Rescue Scheme).</p> <p>£206.598m of the proposed budget has been approved to date (of which £11.074m was committed in 2012-13).</p> <p>Approval is sought for further allocations of £52.977m requested in this MD. The remaining balance within the proposed budget will be used on new allocations to achieve DCLG's target for 9,000 homes with additional GLA funded where required to achieve a £20k DCLG grant per unit on the remaining homes to be allocated.</p>

	<p>5. That all products funded through the Mayor's Housing Covenant programme are combined into a single budget.</p> <p>6. The delegation of authority to the Executive Director Housing and Land to approve the engagement with, and the allocation to, new additional successful bidders of unallocated funding in the full MHC programme and to approve variations to existing grants.</p>			
MD1280	<p>The Mayor:</p> <p>1. Confirms his agreement (noting that it is a joint decision with the London Assembly) that the 1% consolidated pay award made to GLA staff should be made to the GLA's statutory officers (the Head of Paid Service, the Executive Director of Resources as Chief Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer). The London Assembly agreed this at the Assembly Plenary meeting on 9 October 2013.</p> <p>2. Notes that, in accordance with the previous recommendations of the Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB) and as agreed by the Mayor and Assembly in 2009, the local government pay settlement of 1% will be applied to the pay of Assembly Members, to be reflected in an updated statutory pay notice. The settlement would also normally apply to the Mayor. However the Mayor has expressly declined the increase.</p> <p>3. Confirms that his appointments made under sections 67 (1) of the GLA Act should receive the 1% consolidated pay award awarded to other GLA staff.</p>	06/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Sir Edward Lister	The amounts will be absorbed within the existing 2013/14 budget and taken into account in the budget setting process for 2014/15. The Mayor has declined to take the increase to which he is entitled.
MD1279	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The appointment of Kate Hoey MP, his Commissioner for Sport, as Chair of London Sport, for a term of three years.</p> <p>2. The appointment, also for a term of three years, David Sparkes (Chief Executive of British Swimming) and Andy Sutch (Chair of the</p>	02/12/13	Boris Johnson/ Kate Hoey	There are no financial liabilities arising for the GLA from this new arrangement. London Sport is to be established by Sport England and will assume complete responsibility for its assets and liabilities.

	<p>London Federation and Sport and Recreation) as Board members of London Sport.</p> <p>3. To disband the London Community Sports Board, which was established in July 2009 under MD385.</p>			
MD1277	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The allocation of annual funding towards the implementation of a New Year's Eve event for 2014 – 2016 (3 years), as set out in the Part 2 confidential section.</p> <p>2. The event remaining at its current location for the next 3 years as a free-to-attend public event.</p> <p><i>Part 2 of this report is confidential under the FOI Act</i></p>	19/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Will Walden	Approval is being sought for budget allocation and associated expenditure to deliver the New Year's Eve events in 2014, 2015 and 2016. The budget is to be held within the External Affairs Directorate.
MD1273	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Entry into contract with providers delivering Traveller Pitch Funding projects with expenditure up to a maximum of £1,027,233 to provide a contribution to the costs of delivering projects, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £69,000 – London Borough of Barking & Dagenham; • £766,000 – London Borough of Hounslow; • £192,233 – London Borough of Lambeth. 	06/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Richard Blakeway	<p>Under the London Settlement, the GLA's grant included an amount of £0.7m to cover an HCA commitment to provide Camden with Traveller Pitch funding and a further £0.85m was agreed subsequently. However, this project has now been abandoned</p> <p>As a result of this decision, a balance of £0.523m remains that, due to the un-ringfenced nature of the London Settlement, could be utilised for any purpose.</p>

MD1269	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. To instruct officers to carry out the necessary processes (including development of materials for consultation) to amend the GLA's draft Capital Spending Plan and Borrowing Limits for inclusion in the Mayor's Group Budget proposals to be issued in December 2013. This is to ensure GLA's authorised borrowing limits can accommodate up to £1 billion of additional borrowing for the Northern Line Extension (NLE), and that such monies can be granted to Transport for London (TfL) for that purpose.</p> <p>2. Authorise the GLA to enter into a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of Agreement between the GLA, TfL and the London Boroughs of Lambeth and Wandsworth in relation to the funding of the Northern Line Extension, including the recovery of contributions from those Boroughs together with any side letter between TfL and the GLA as may be required relating to the same; and • Guarantee with HM Treasury by which a proportion of the borrowing referred to above will be guaranteed by HM Treasury. <p>3. To authorise the Executive Director of Resources (and any senior officer nominated by him for such purposes) to agree any non-material changes to such agreements and execute them, and to do all such other things as he considers reasonably necessary or desirable (including, without limitation, entering into further agreements) to facilitate the implementation of the matters referred to in this Mayoral Decision; and</p> <p>4. Authorise the Executive Director of Resources to incur legal costs in agreeing the 'UK Guarantee Scheme' with the Treasury which are estimated to cost £40,000.</p> <p><i>Part 2 of this report is confidential under the FOI Act</i></p>	21/11/13	Boris Johnson/ Sir Edward Lister	The whole of this report is concerned with the financial issues for the GLA arising from the NLE. The costs of entering into the legal agreements with the Treasury under the 'UK Guarantee Scheme' are estimated at £40,000. These costs will be capitalised and funded from the revenues the GLA will receive to finance the NLE.
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MD1243	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The proposed revisions to TfL fares to be implemented from 2 January 2014 as set out in the decision form; and sign the attached Direction to TfL under section 155 (1)(c) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 to implement these fares from that date.</p>	02/12/13	Boris Johnson/ Isabel Dedring	There are no direct financial implications for the GLA from these proposals.
MD1209*	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The grant of a 25 year lease to a doctors' surgery of a building 'The Click', the freehold to which is held by GLAP.</p>	24/05/13	Boris Johnson/ Richard Blakeway	A cost of £10k was incurred in recovering the freehold of the building, which can be contained within existing budgets.
DD1132	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. A virement of £125,000 for the Smart London Demonstrator Programme (MD1247) from the Environment team to Team London for the first phase of the micro work and volunteering platform (development of the technology).</p>	07/11/13	Fiona Fletcher- Smith	<p>MD1247 approved the Smart London Demonstrator Programme that included a 3-year budget totalling £3m from 2013-14 to 2015-16.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the micro-work and volunteering platform is estimated to cost £125,000 and will be utilised on procuring a technology partner.</p> <p>The programme will be managed by the Team London Unit.</p>
DD1119*	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of up to £95,000 on the following technical support services to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support the day-to-day operation of the GLA website for one year, with the option of a further one year extension; • implement the recommendations of the technical audit of the GLA Websites; and • provide technical advice to the GLA. 	03/10/13	Martin Clarke	The total estimated cost of the contract is £95,000 for a period of 2 years. The estimated value of the contract for year 1 will be £65,000 which will be funded from the 2013-14 Technology budget. Year 2 will be £30,000 which will be funded from the 2014-15 Technology budget.

DD1118*	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The allocation of up to £6,982,557 of London Schools Excellence Funding for the recommended Round 1, Window 1 applications as set out in Appendix A of the decision form.</p>	04/10/13	Martin Clarke	MD1132 approved the London Schools Excellence Fund (LSEF), including a gross budget of £24.25m, which comprises of £20m external income from the Department of Education and a GLA budget totalling up to £4.25m.
DD1103	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of up to £7,689,850 by way of grant funding (£7,385,000 capital including a contingency of £840,500, and £304,850 revenue) from the Mayor's Regeneration Fund and London Enterprise Fund to the London Borough of Croydon as a contribution to its costs of delivering its High Streets Improvement Project.</p>	27/11/13	Fiona Fletcher-Smith	Of the £7,689,850, the retail element (£389,850) will be funded from the London Enterprise Fund (LEF), while the primarily capital element (£7.3 million) will be funded from the Mayor's Regeneration Fund (MRF).
ADD105	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. The entry into and execution of a hire agreement between the GLA and The Sydney Festival Ltd.</p> <p>2. The receipt of £24,000 from The Sydney Festival for the hire of <i>Sacrilege</i>, an interactive artwork commissioned for the London 2012 festival.</p> <p>3. The payment of £12,500 to Glasgow International and Jeremy Deller from the hire charge received by the GLA for the hire of <i>Sacrilege</i>.</p> <p>4. The allocation of a percentage of hire fee to the Cultural Tourism Consultant under a new contract which is specific to the delivery of <i>Sacrilege</i> and the continuation of promoting this work on behalf of the GLA and to store the work as necessary.</p>	14/11/13	Amanda Coyle	The cost of the Sydney Festival is being met by the host organisation. However, the proposed GLA expenditure that relates to the exhibition of <i>Sacrilege</i> totals £24,000 and will be fully funded from the hire fee of £24,000 to be received from the 'Sydney Festival'.

ADD102	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of £50,000 on external consultancy to enable the research report on the UK's membership of the EU and additional activity relating to the research to take place, funded from the Central Programme Budget.</p>	07/11/13	Andrew Collinge	The £50,000 budget requirement for this project will be funded via a budget virement from the Central Programme budget to the GLA Economics budget held within the Intelligence Unit for 2013-14.
ADD101	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of up to £40,160 of grant funding to SE1 United for the expansion of Mayor's Mentoring Programme into the London borough of Westminster.</p>	14/11/13	Amanda Coyle	The proposed grant award of up to £40,160 will be funded from the existing Mayor's Mentoring Programme (MMP) budget held within the Health & Communities Unit.
ADD100	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. A sum of up to £15,000 for consultancy support for the provision of an external review of borough-level waste apportionments and update London's waste arisings and management methods to the GLA Planning Unit in respect of completion of a review of London Plan Policy 5.17 (Waste Capacity) by end of November 2013.</p>	21/11/13	Stewart Murray	This proposal will be funded from the London Plan element of the 2013-14 Planning Budget via a budget transfer from the Planning Smoothing reserve.
ADD99	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of £47,000 towards (i) the website development of the Team London Schools Programme (£18,859); (ii) the reward and recognition of the Young Ambassadors (£11,141); and (iii) associated programme material costs (£17,000).</p> <p>2. The variation of the GLA's existing agreement of £25,000 expenditure with Cloudred dated March 2013 to allow for a further £18,859 worth of web-building services to be undertaken in order to increase functionality to be built into the Team London website.</p> <p>3. A related exemption from the requirements of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code in relation to decision 2 above, so as to facilitate the retention of Cloudred without the need to obtain three written quotes or call off the services from an accessible framework.</p>	21/11/13	Patrick Feehily	The expenditure of up to £47,000 will be funded from the 2013-14 Team London Programme Budget, as approved by MD1177.

ADD97*	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure by the GLA of up to £26,000 from the Outer London Fund Programme Support Budget for the services described in the two bullet points below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to £13,000 in respect of a copywriter; • Up to £13,000 in respect of a photographer. 	11/11/13	Debbie Jackson	<p>The services provided by the copy writer and photographer are revenue in nature and will be met from the Outer London Fund general revenue budget already in place.</p>
ADD89	<p>Approved:</p> <p>1. Expenditure of up to £20,000 (inclusive of the £14,000 expenditure already incurred) on a leadership coaching programme for the Planning Unit management team with a designated external coach which incorporates multiple group and individual sessions.</p> <p>2. An exemption from Section 5 of the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code in order to approve VBA Partners to undertake the Services.</p>	14/11/13	Stewart Murray	<p>This decision seeks approval for expenditure of up to £20,000 on a leadership coaching programme for the Planning Unit management team. This includes initial expenditure of £5,000 which was approved by a DAR. The full cost will be funded from the Planning Decisions Programme element of the 2013-14 Planning budget.</p>