

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD2056

Title: Trust for London Citizenship and Integration Initiative

Executive Summary:

Trust for London will launch a new Citizenship and Integration Initiative with a goal of raising £1 million by 2020 to support the Mayor's commitment to building a more socially integrated city.

The Initiative will be independent but seeks to advance shared goals of encouraging active citizenship, social integration and shared identities among all of London's residents.

The GLA will agree a memorandum of understanding with Trust for London to support specific activities in support of these objectives. An Advisory Panel will be established and the GLA will be a key player in this to actively work in partnership with funders and civil society to agree the objectives and skills of pro bono secondments in particular. The GLA will receive the secondments at no additional financial cost. The GLA will match secondments with existing Diversity & Social policy team resource. There will be some in-kind cost to the GLA (e.g. in relation to providing desk space) and this will be absorbed by the GLA.

Decision:

That the Assistant Director of Health and Communities approves:

1. That the GLA agrees an MOU with Trust for London and sits on the Advisory Panel of the Trust for London Citizenship and Integration board.
2. That the GLA receives a minimum of two and up to five secondments enabled by the Citizenship and Integration Initiative at no additional financial cost to the GLA.

AUTHORISING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/HEAD OF UNIT:

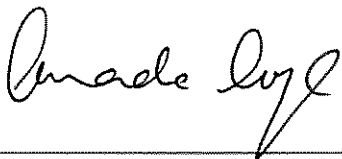
I have reviewed the request and am satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

It has my approval.

Name: Amanda Coyle

Position: Assistant Director of Health & Communities

Signature:



Date: 20 Dec 2016

PART I – NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

There is a real opportunity to work with Trust for London on their new Citizenship and Integration Initiative. The Initiative is a pooled funding with a goal of raising £1 million by 2020 to support the Mayor's commitment to building a more socially integrated city.

The Initiative will be independent but seeks to advance shared goals of encouraging active citizenship, social integration and shared identities among all of London's residents.

The Initiative will fund secondments from charities/civil society into the GLA to carry out elements of the social integration work programme that the Initiative's advisory board believe will advance the goals of the Initiative. Where appropriate, the Initiative will also co-fund specific programmes and projects on integration and citizenship, for example supporting charities and partners delivering aligned work in pursuit of shared objectives.

A memorandum of understanding will be developed between the GLA and Trust for London, and the GLA will be a member of the Trust for London Citizenship and Integration Initiative Advisory Panel.

Existing GLA resource (in the Diversity and Social Policy team) will form the GLA 'match' to the first two secondees.

The secondees will sit within the wider Diversity and Social Policy team which includes staff focused on fairness and equality (social mobility) and community engagement. Secondment agreements will be established between the GLA and the employing civil society organisation.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

The main objective is to encourage active citizenship and social integration, and to celebrate diversity and build shared identity. We believe there are a number of shared priorities between the GLA and civil society stakeholders. In particular:

- Increasing civic engagement
- Supporting young Londoners to secure their legal rights to residence
- Celebrating diversity and building shared identities

We think that the best way for the GLA to make progress on these priorities is in partnership with civil society. London's civil society organisations already work in many of these areas and would be able to bring particular on-the-ground experience, skills and expertise to enable significant progress at a city level.

3. Equality comments

This proposal enables the GLA to build capacity and benefit from civil society expertise to take forward specific initiatives to foster good relations between London's diverse communities, as well as advancing equality of opportunity for London's diverse communities.

4. Other considerations

This model enables the GLA to benefit from existing expertise and demonstrate new models of partnership working with civil society.

The independence of the Initiative and the GLA's place on the Advisory Panel provides the GLA with an appropriate level of input to the direction of the Initiative.

5. Financial comments

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications for the GLA and the agreed in-kind support is limited to desk space. It should be noted, that future costs that may arise from work undertaken by the core GLA must be contained within available budget provision in the C&I Directorate and be subject to approval via the Authority's decision-making process.

6. Planned delivery approach and next steps

The suggested timescales below have not yet been agreed with Trust for London but are set out to provide an indication of next steps. Given that this is a new way of working for many partners in London, the suggested timescales are likely to be the most ambitious that we can be at this stage.

Date	Action
January 2017	Trust for London first call for proposals
April 2017	First two secondments start at City Hall
Nov 2017	Review phase 1 secondments

Appendices and supporting papers: None

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? NO

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

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:**

Shanthi Gunasekera has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that the Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal as required, and this decision reflects their comments.

Corporate Investment Board:

The Corporate Investment Board reviewed this proposal on 19 December 2016.

HEAD OF FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE:

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

Signature:



Date:

19.12.16