

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD2076

Title: GLA Group Capital Spending Plan for 2017-18

Executive Summary:

The Mayor is required under sections 122 and 123 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (the “GLA Act”) to prepare a capital spending plan for the following financial year for the five functional bodies; these are the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA); the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC); the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC); Transport for London (TfL); and the Old Oak Common and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC). The Mayor is also required under the GLA Act to send it to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, London Assembly and the functional bodies before 28 February. For completeness the capital spending plan for the core Greater London Authority is also included within this approval so that the proposed expenditure for the entire GLA group – as it will be constituted in 2017-18 – is presented in one place.

The draft capital spending plan for 2017-18 was issued for consultation on 20 December 2016 alongside the Mayor’s consultation budget. Revised versions of the capital spending plan were presented in the Mayor’s draft and final draft consolidated budgets for 2017-18 which were considered by the Assembly on 25 January and 20 February respectively.

A copy of the final capital spending plan for 2017-18 will be placed on the GLA website at:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/greater-london-authority-gla/spending-money-wisely/mayors-budget>

Decision:

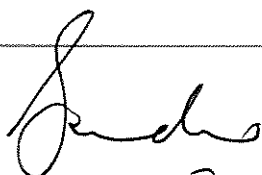
The Mayor is requested to approve the Capital Spending Plan for 2017-18 for the GLA group and to note that the approved plan will be sent to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the London Assembly and each functional body before 28 February 2017.

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:

22/2/17

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The Mayor is required to prepare a capital spending plan for the subsequent financial year for the functional bodies and to send it to the Secretary of State (for Communities and Local Government) and the London Assembly before 28 February in line with section 123 of the GLA Act. This report seeks the Mayor's formal approval for the final capital spending plan for 2017-18.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

- 2.1 The draft capital spending plan for 2017-18 was issued for consultation on 20 December 2016 alongside the Mayor's consultation budget. The Mayor has noted all the comments from respondents to the consultation and taken them into account before finalising his budget and capital spending plan for 2017-18.
- 2.2 The capital spending plan figures in the draft consolidated budget remained the same as those published in the consultation budget; however, reflecting updated information received after the publication of the draft consolidated budget, the GLA Mayor and MOPAC capital expenditure figures were revised in the final draft consolidated budget considered by the Assembly on 20 February.
- 2.3 The borrowing limits and statutory prudential indicators for 2017-18 which the Mayor is required to set for the GLA and functional bodies – in order to illustrate that their proposed capital plans are prudent, affordable and represent value for money – will be submitted for approval by the Mayor before the end of March 2017.
- 2.4 A copy of the final capital spending plan for 2017-18 will be placed on the GLA website at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/greater-london-authority-gla/spending-money-wisely/mayors-budget>

3. Equality comments

- 3.1 As public bodies, the GLA and the functional bodies must comply with section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, which provides for the "public sector equality duty". This duty requires each body to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. The protected characteristics covered by section 149 are: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; sex; religion or belief; and sexual orientation. Observance of the duty 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. In limited circumstances this may involve treating people with a protected characteristic more favourably than those without the characteristic.

- 3.2 The duty has applied to the formulation and approval of the GLA's and functional bodies' individual budgets and capital spending plans. Part 3 to the final draft budget provided detailed advice on the equalities implications of the Mayor's final draft budget relevant to their proposed capital spending plans.
- 3.3 How the GLA group capital spending plan for 2017-18 will impact on specific persons who share a protected characteristic will be dependent on the specific decisions of the GLA and the functional bodies in regards to their individual capital programmes. In exercising their functions, including when making policy and spending decisions, the bodies are required to comply with the public sector equality duty. Compliance is necessarily iterative and on-going. It includes carrying out a process to identify and actively consider potential detrimental impacts (if any) that may arise for individual protected groups and what mitigations (if any) could be implemented to address them at a level proportionate to the decision being taken. The GLA and functional bodies will continue to carry out this process at a budget and capital spending plan level, and in the implementation of their individual strategies, policies, programmes, projects and expenditure.

4. Other considerations

Consultation Responses

- 4.1 As set out above, the Mayor consulted on the 2017-18 budget - including the capital spending plan - with the London Assembly, London boroughs, the Corporation of London and other key stakeholders between 20 December 2016 and 12 January 2017.
- 4.2 The Mayor has noted all the comments from respondents to the consultation and taken them into account before finalising his budget and capital spending plan for 2017-18.

Risks

- 4.3 There are no further implications for risk management as these have been addressed as part of the budgetary process.

Links to Mayoral Strategies and Priorities

- 4.4 Links to Mayoral strategies and priorities are set out within the capital spending plan for 2017-18 (appended to this MD) in so far as they are relevant. Where relevant these were also addressed in the Mayor's draft and final draft budgets presented to the Assembly.

5. Financial comments

- 5.1 These are highlighted in so far as they are relevant in the capital spending plan for 2017-18.

6. Legal comments

- 6.1 The Mayor is required, under section 122 of the GLA Act, each financial year to prepare a capital spending plan (the Plan) for each functional body. Section 122 sets out the required contents of Sections A to D of the Plan in terms of estimates of receipts, borrowing and expenditure, and this appears in Table 1 of the Plan. In preparing the Plan the Mayor may take into account such factors as appear to him to be appropriate and the other matters listed in section 124.

- 6.2 The Mayor fulfilled the requirement to consult the Assembly and each functional body by 12 January 2016. He must have regard to their comments (if any) before determining the final Plan. The final Plan must be approved before 28 February, when copies must be sent to the Secretary of State, the Assembly and functional bodies, and a copy kept at City Hall for inspection by the public for the next 6 years.

7. Planned delivery approach and next steps

| Activity | Timeline |
|---|------------------|
| In accordance with the GLA Act the capital spending plan for 2017-18 will be sent to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, London Assembly and the functional bodies before 28 February. | 27 February 2017 |

Appendices and supporting papers:

Appendix: The Mayor of London's Capital Spending Plan for 2017-18

The following documents were referred to in the preparation of the final capital spending plan for 2017-18:

- Section 9 and Appendices A to F of The Mayor of London's Consultation Budget for 2017-18
- Section 9 and Appendices A to F of The Mayor of London's Final Draft Consolidated Budget 2017-18: Explanation of Final Draft Proposals.
- 2017-18 budget submissions for GLA, MOPAC, LFEPA, TfL, LLDC and OPDC.

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Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If YES, for what reason:

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 to
confirm the
following (✓)

Drafting officer:

Matthew Beals, Financial Analyst has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms the following:

✓

Sponsoring Director:

Martin Clarke, Executive Director Resources has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

✓

Mayoral Adviser:

David Bellamy, Chief of Staff has been consulted about the proposal and agrees the recommendations.

✓

Advice:

The Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal. The proposal originates from Finance.

✓

Corporate Investment Board

This decision was agreed by the Corporate Investment Board on 20 February 2017

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES:

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

Signature

M. D. Beals

Date

20.2.17

CHIEF OF STAFF:

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

Signature

D. Bellamy

Date

20/2/2017.

