

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD2067

Title: Health Team Programme Budget 2016/17 - additional

Executive Summary:

The Health Team is requesting additional funding for its policy development programme for 2016/17. The request is for £48,700 of funding and the breakdown is set out below:

1. Sustainability and Transformation plan analysis - £45,000
2. Policy development events - £3,700

The Sustainability and Transformation Plan analysis is intended to provide the Mayor and GLA with a platform from which they can adopt a position on the NHS change programme. This will in part meet the Mayor's manifesto commitments around "Championing and Challenging" the NHS.

The policy development funding is to support several miscellaneous items including for the forthcoming health inequalities strategy and more general health team development.

Decision:

That the Assistant Director of Health and Communities approves:

1. Sustainability and Transformation plan analysis - £45,000
2. Policy development events - £3,700

AUTHORISING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/HEAD OF UNIT:

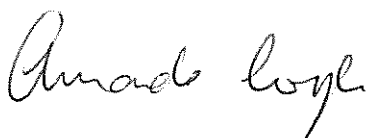
I have reviewed the request and am satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

It has my approval.

Name: Amanda Coyle

Position: Assistant Director of Health and Communities

Signature:



Date: 24 January 2017

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

These requests follow from the Health Team's central programme request agreed in May 2015:

1. Sustainability and Transformation plan (STP) analysis - £45,000

The NHS is currently developing STPs to bridge a significant finance gap and to develop and deliver a health and care system that is sustainable over the longer term. It is expected that these STPs will recommend significant changes to NHS services.

An analysis is required to support the GLA in our understanding of the changes being proposed and in order to respond effectively to matters arising from the NHS's STP process.

2. Policy development events - £3,700

Various miscellaneous items including support for the development of the Health Inequalities Strategy publication and other items such as stakeholder meeting catering

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

1. Sustainability and Transformation plan analysis

As noted above, we expect the NHS STP process to recommend significant NHS service changes, something which will impact on many patients in London in addition to their friends, family, carers and the significant number of NHS and social care employees working in the capital.

NHS service changes almost always attract significant media and stakeholder interest, and as such it is something the public will expect the Mayor to have a policy position on.

In his election manifesto, the Mayor said that he would:

“Be a champion for London's NHS...campaigning alongside patients and health workers and all NHS supporters against any service closures or reconfigurations without proper consultation.”

The STP process provides the first clear opportunity to do this for the Mayor to demonstrate “leadership in healthcare”.

Therefore we would like to commission independent external advice on the content of each of the five STPs affecting London. Full terms of reference will be developed prior to the commission with clear expectations about the product required. However, we anticipate the analysis will consider and provide expert views about:

- clinical models,
- financial assumptions,
- capacity issues, and
- communication and engagement (clinical leadership, consultation etc).

The objectives of the work are to enable the GLA to identify the areas within each STP which the Mayor may wish highlight as part of his commitment to “champion and challenge” the NHS, and to enable the GLA to establish a platform from which the Mayor can demonstrate this “leadership in health”.

2. Policy development events

This is to cover a number of minor programme costs (previously identified but which hadn’t to date been realised) in addition to Team development processes.

3. Equality comments

All the work of the GLA Health Team is predicated around the need to address health inequalities, including leading the implementation of the Mayor’s Health Inequalities Strategy. Health inequalities are experienced by Londoners with the protected characteristics of the Equalities Act and between other groups of Londoners.

The health team actively considers the impact of its work on health inequalities (including the protected characteristics) and works with a range of other teams within the GLA to help them do the same.

4. Financial comments

- 4.1 The estimated cost of this initiative is £48,700 and will be funded from the C&I ‘Minor Programmes’ budget for 2016-17. £22,000 will be redirected from the previously approved ‘Alcohol harm reduction’ project that has not been utilised (ADD2046), with the balance of £26,700 being drawn-down directly from the remaining balance of the Minor Programme budget.
- 4.2 Any changes to this proposal, including budgetary implications will be subject to further approval via the Authority’s decision-making process. All appropriate budget adjustments will be made.

5. Planned delivery approach and next steps

Sustainability and Transformation plan (STP) analysis

Activity	Timeline
Procurement of contract [for externally delivered projects]	January 2016
Announcement [if applicable]	none
Delivery Start Date [for project proposals]	January 2017
Final evaluation start and finish (self/external) [delete as applicable]:	January – March 2017
Delivery End Date [for project proposals]	April 2017
Project Closure: [for project proposals]	April 2017

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

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:**

Ethan Wheatley has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that the Finance and –if relevant- Legal teams have commented on this proposal as required, and this decision reflects their comments.

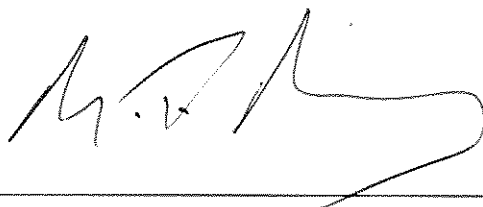
Corporate Investment Board:

The Corporate Investment Board reviewed this proposal on 23 January 2017.

HEAD OF FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE:

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

Signature:



Date:

24.01.17