

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD2105

Title: Revolving Investment in Cities (RICE) European Project Budget Revision

Executive Summary:

MD2062 gave approval for the GLA to enter into a consortium agreement with the City of the Hague to deliver the Revolving Investment in Cities European Project. During the project negotiations, it has become apparent that one of the partners can no longer fulfil their role as a partner and their allocated budget is to be shared amongst the remaining consortium partners. This seeks approval to upwardly revise the GLA's share of the funding award from €244,976 to €293,766.

Decision:

It is requested that the Mayor:

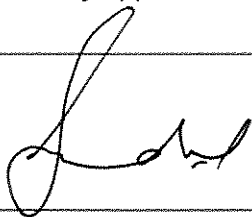
1. approves:
 - (a) the revision to the GLA's receipt of €293,766 EU Revolving Investment in Cities (RICE) funding from the City of The Hague (acting as lead partner); and
 - (b) GLA expenditure on the RICE project of up to €309,228 (€293,766 - EU RICE funding and up to €15,462 - existing GLA staff budgets);
2. delegates authority to the Executive Director for Development, Enterprise and Environment to take all steps necessary for the GLA to deliver its contribution to the RICE project, including revisions to proposed budget allocations, as appropriate, within the overall amount approved.

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:

4/4/17

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 MD2062 gave approval for the GLA to enter into a consortium agreement with the City of the Hague to deliver the Revolving Investment in Cities European Project (RICE). During the project negotiations, it has become apparent that one of the partners can no longer fulfil their role as a partner and their allocated budget is to be shared amongst the remaining consortium partners. This seeks approval to upwardly revise the GLA's share of the funding award from €244,976 to €293,766
- 1.2 It would also mean the GLA contribution to the project will increase in line with the increase in the award. This would mean it would go up from go up from €12,984 to €15,462.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

- 2.1 These have not changed from those outlined in MD2062.

3. Equality comments

- 3.1 These have not changed from those outlined in MD2062.

4. Financial comments

- 4.1 MD2062 approved the GLA's involvement in the Revolving Investment in Cities (RICE) European Project, which included the GLA receipt of funding totalling €244,976. Due to reasons noted within the main body of this report, the GLA will now be awarded €293,766 via the City of The Hague. Over a 12-month period. In addition, the GLA is required to provide match funding totalling €15,462, which will be in the form of staff time and contained within the existing Delivery & Intelligence Unit's Staffing budgets. This will bring the total estimated gross cost of the project to €309,228. A revised estimated project budget is summarised below:

Proposed Expenditure	€
Staffing resource	105,761
Travel & Subsistence	27,958
Consumables & Supplies	7,000
Dissemination of information / publications	4,023
Consultancy Support	144,258
Direct eligible costs (7%)	20,228
Total	309,228

- 4.2 It should be noted that the GLA will make claims for the reimbursement of costs from the EU in arrears based upon actual spend and will be paid in euros; consequently, there is the risk that the GLA will suffer from exchange rate losses and the income received will not cover the expenditure incurred. Whilst it is not possible to estimate how much the potential loss will be; the losses will be contained within the GLA's Delivery & Intelligence Units staffing budgets via savings made upon staffing resources already budgeted for and utilised as part of this project.

5. Legal comments

- 5.1 The foregoing sections of this report indicate that:
- 5.1.1 the decisions requested of the Mayor concern the exercise of the GLA's general powers, falling within the statutory powers of the GLA to do such things as may be considered necessary to further, and or be facilitative of or conducive or incidental to the furthering of, the promotion of wealth

creation and economic development in Greater London and the making of investments where for any purpose relevant to its functions under any enactment, or for the purposes of the prudent management of its financial affairs; and

5.1.2 in formulating the proposals in respect of which a decision is sought officers have complied with the GLA's related statutory duties to:

- (a) pay due regard to the principle that there should be equality of opportunity for all people;
- (b) consider how the proposals will promote the improvement of health of persons, health inequalities between persons and to contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; and
- (c) consult with appropriate bodies.

5.2 In taking the decisions requested, the Mayor must have due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty; namely the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, and to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment) and persons who do not share it and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010). To this end, the Mayor should have particular regard to section 3 (above) of this report.

5.3 Should the Mayor be minded to make the decisions sought Officers must ensure that they:

5.3.1 are content that the GLA can meet any conditions to which the RICE funding is subject seeking legal and finance advice as necessary;

5.3.2 do not act in reliance of such funding until The City of the Hague are obligated to the provision of the same (by way of a funding agreement or other legally binding document);

5.3.3 ensure that any services required for delivery of the project are procured by Transport for London Procurement who will determine the detail of the procurement strategy to be adopted in accordance with the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code and appropriate contract documentation is put in place and executed by the successful bidder(s) and the GLA before the commencement of the services; and

5.3.4 comply fully with all GLA HR/Head of Paid Service protocols in respect of staffing proposals, in particular the need to gain all necessary approvals for the creation of any new posts.

6. Planned delivery approach and next steps

Activity	Timeline
Project contracting, set up and recruitment	Dec - Feb 2017
Delivery Start Date [for project proposals]	Mar/Apr 2017
Publication of findings	March 2018
Delivery End Date [for project proposals]	March 2018
Project Closure: [for project proposals]	April 2018

Appendices and supporting papers:

Appendix 1: MD2062

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 to
confirm the
following (✓)

Drafting officer:

Nabeel Khan has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms the following: ✓

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:

Rajesh Agrawal 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 3 April 2017.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES:

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

Signature

M. D. Alce

Date 3.4.17

CHIEF OF STAFF:

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

Signature

*Approved by David Bellamy
by email*

Date 4.4.17