

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD185

Title: Mayor's Regeneration Fund – Tottenham Taskforce Report

Executive Summary:

This ADD seeks approval for expenditure related to the payment of the reasonable costs of producing the 'It Took Another Riot Report' prepared by the Tottenham Taskforce and published in December 2012.

Decision:

That the Assistant Director approves the payment of £18,900 from the Mayor's Regeneration Fund to pay the reasonable costs incurred in the production of the 'It Took Another Riot' Report.

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: Debbie Jackson

Position: Assistant Director - Regeneration

Signature:

Date: 25/04/14

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

Following the civil disturbances in London in August 2011, the Mayor announced £28m of funding from the Mayor's Regeneration Fund to be matched with funding from Haringey Council to create a £41m package of investment for Tottenham. The purpose of this investment is to support medium to long term growth in the area.

In order to develop the package of funding, the Mayor and Borough put in place a Taskforce to advise on use of the fund and to oversee delivery and the development of a wider strategic activity in Tottenham. The Taskforce was a strategic group of experts in building construction, community safety, the business world, design and delivery as well as senior local figures and politicians.

The culmination of the work of the taskforce was the publication of the 'It Took Another Riot' report. The GLA agreed to pay for the reasonable costs of producing the report.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

The outcome was the completed report which has been launched and published.

3. Other considerations

The report and work of the Taskforce is now mentioned in the GLA strategic plan directly, as it is a response to the unforeseen exceptional incidents which took place in August 2011. The programme of investment in Tottenham is however closely linked to three of the Mayor's priority themes: improving Londoners' quality of life; investing in young Londoners; and making London safer.

4. Financial comments

MRF revenue is currently overcommitted by £0.3m and capital under committed by £0.5m. This is revenue expenditure, so underspends against committed sums will be required to remain within budget. Alternatively, a transfer of budget from elsewhere in the directorate may be requested.

5. Legal comments

The GLA's legal team have reviewed this paper and their comments are incorporated.

5. Planned delivery approach and next steps

The report has been completed and published so payment will be made immediately following approval.

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? YES**

If YES, for what reason: Publication should be deferred until the payment has been completed.

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring) 30 April 2014

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 – YES

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

Drafting officer
to confirm the
following (✓)

Drafting officer:

Alison Murray 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.

✓

HEAD OF GOVERNANCE AND RESILIENCE:

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

Signature:

Date: