

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD2413

Title: Open Project System enhancements – Recycled Capital Grant Fund returns (part 1) and new processing route

Executive Summary:

Mayoral Decision (MD) 2293 approved corporate roll out of the Open Project System (OPS) within the GLA. It also approved a budget to fund a development supplier for both 2018-19 and 2019-20. OPS enhancements beneficial to GLA directorates must be funded from directorate resources.

This decision approves transfer of £28,854 from Housing & Land (H&L) budgets to the OPS team to cover the cost of system enhancements to benefit H&L and, in particular, the operation of the Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21 (approved by MD2125).

Decision:

That the Assistant Director (Housing) approves:

- Expenditure of £28,854 to cover the costs of two enhancements to Open Project System (OPS) that benefit Housing & Land; and
- Transfer of £28,854 from the H&L management and consultancy budget to the Open Project System (OPS) team budget to cover the costs of the two enhancements to OPS.

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: Rickardo Hyatt

Position: Assistant Director (Housing)

Signature:



Date:

16 January 2020

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. MD2293 approved the corporate roll out of Open Project System (OPS) within the GLA. It also approved a budget to fund a development supplier for both 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- 1.2. OPS enhancements beneficial to GLA directorates must be funded from directorate resources. This decision approves transferring £28,854 from the H&L management and consultancy budget to the OPS team budget to cover enhancements that have been made to benefit H&L, including the operation of the Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21 (approved by MD2125).
- 1.3. There are two enhancements that are the subject of this decision. The first relates to introducing a new processing route within OPS to ensure that all projects are categorised accurately.
- 1.4. The second enhancement relates to Recycled Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) and Disposals Proceeds Fund (DPF) returns. A number of system improvements were made to the return process including enabling returns to be certified and adding validations to the returns. These enhancements are the first part of improvements to the RCGF/DPF returns process. Further enhancements to the process are currently under way. Funding for these further enhancements will be the subject of a future decision form.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

- 2.1. The objective of this decision is to help administer the Mayor's Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21 successfully by enhancing OPS.

3. Equality comments

- 3.1. Under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, as a public authority, the GLA must have 'due regard' of the need to:
 - eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; and
 - advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who have a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 3.2. The public sector equality duty requires the identification and evaluation of the likely potential impacts, both positive and negative, of the decision on those with protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, gender, religion or belief, sexual orientation) and to set out how the duty is being addressed.
- 3.3. The enhancements set out in this decision will improve the operation of the Mayor's Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21. There are no likely potential positive or negative impacts to note from this decision other than those already identified in relation to the Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21 and detailed in MD2125.

4. Other considerations

a) Key risks and issues

- 4.1. Without an effective grant and project management system, there is a risk that the Mayor's investment programmes are not delivered successfully. The enhancements to OPS detailed in this report will improve how the Mayor's Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21 operates.

b) Links to Mayoral strategies and priorities

- 4.2. The enhancements to OPS detailed in this report will support the GLA and its partners to delivery the aims and objectives of the Mayor's Affordable Homes Programme 2016-21, as approved by MD2125.

c) Consultations and impact assessments

- 4.3. The recommendations in this report followed input and discussions between the OPS Delivery Team, GLA Finance and Governance and the Housing & Land Directorate. There are no significant data protection issues to note resulting from this decision.

5. Financial comments

- 5.1. This decision seeks approval for expenditure of £28,854 from the H&L management and consultancy budget to the Open Project System (OPS) team budget to cover the costs of two enhancements made to OPS that benefit Housing & Land as detailed in section 1.

6. Planned delivery approach and next steps

- 6.1. The system enhancements set out above have already been delivered.

Appendices and supporting papers:

None.

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) 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 it has been approved 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 - Sensitive information

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA should be included 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:

Dan Maton has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures.

✓

Corporate Investment Board

This decision was agreed by the Corporate Investment Board on 13 January 2020.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE:

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

Signature

M. D. ElGe

Date 13.1.20