

REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD1475

Transport for London's disposal of non-operational assets: bus sculpture auction

Executive Summary:

As part of the 2014 Year of the Bus celebrations, Transport for London (TfL) produced 60 bus sculptures based on the New Routemaster bus, which were painted and designed by aspiring artists and displayed as walking tours across London. The bus sculptures are now going to be auctioned with the proceeds (net of TfL's costs) being distributed to charitable institutions in London.

TfL may, in the future, seek to undertake similar activities which entail the disposal of non-operational assets of low or nil value to TfL for charitable purposes.

The approvals below are sought in order that TfL may do so.

Decision:

The Mayor delegates to Transport for London (TfL) the exercise of the Mayor's powers under sections 30 and 34 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 so that it may dispose, by auction or otherwise, of non-operational assets of a low or nil value to TfL, with the net proceeds being applied for the benefit of charitable purposes.

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:

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 As part of the 2014 Year of the Bus celebrations, Transport for London (TfL) produced 60 bus sculptures based on the New Routemaster bus.
- 1.2 Each bus sculpture has a unique design, painted and adorned by well known and aspiring artists. Many of the bus sculptures were also sponsored by large organisations.
- 1.3 The bus sculptures were installed on the streets of London around Westminster, the River Thames, City of London, Croydon and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford as the basis of three walking tours, to promote the bus and walking.
- 1.4 Following the successful installation of the bus sculptures around London, TfL now wishes to dispose of them since they no longer have any purpose for TfL, and they are up for auction online. Bidding opened in December 2014 and a live auction will be held in central London on 24 March 2015 when the auction will close. Funds raised from the auction (net of TfL's costs) will be distributed to three charities. In the absence of a delegation from the Mayor of relevant powers, TfL has limited powers in relation to charitable donations.
- 1.5 TfL may, in the future wish to undertake similar activities which entail the disposal of other low or nil value non-operational assets for charitable purposes.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

- 2.1 The disposal by TfL of the 60 bus sculptures and, in the future, of other low or nil value non-operational assets, by way of auction or otherwise, for the benefit of charitable institutions in London would be considered facilitative of the Mayor's section 30 powers to promote social development in Greater London.

3. Equality comments

- 3.1 The provision of funds to charities has no adverse effects, and is likely to have beneficial effects on members of equality groups.

4. Other considerations

- a) Key risks and issues
 - As TfL is disposing of non-operational TfL assets there is no risk to the GLA.
- b) Links to Mayoral strategies and priorities
 - The proposed activity by TfL is in keeping with the Mayor's section 30 and 34 powers to do anything which is facilitative of or conducive or incidental to the promotion of economic development and wealth creation, social development or the promotion of the improvement of the environment in Greater London.
- c) Impact assessments and consultations.
 - The GLA has consulted with TfL in accordance with the statutory requirement set out at section

6.1.2(c) of this report. This delegation is made at TfL's request.

5. Financial comments

- 5.1 There are no financial implications for the GLA and, as the assets concerned have little or no value to TfL and the costs of the process by which they are disposed of are recovered, there is negligible cost to TfL.

6. Legal comments

- 6.1 The foregoing sections of this report indicate that:

6.1.1 the decisions requested of the Mayor fall within his power acting on behalf of the Authority under sections 30 and 34 of the Act, to do anything which is facilitative of or conducive or incidental to the promotion of economic development and wealth creation, social development or the promotion of the improvement of the environment in Greater London; and

6.1.2 in formulating the proposals in respect of which a decision is sought officers have complied with the Authority'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, reduction of health inequalities between persons, and to contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; and

(c) consult with appropriate bodies.

- 6.2 Under section 38 of the Act the Mayor may delegate the exercise of his section 30 and 34 powers (noted in paragraph 6.1 above) to TfL. TfL may exercise powers delegated to it.

- 6.3 The GLA has consulted TfL regarding the delegation.

7 Investment & Performance Board

This decision does not fall within the IPB terms of reference.

8. Planned delivery approach and next steps

Activity	Timeline
Auction	24 March 2015

Appendices and supporting papers:

Appendix 1: Mayoral Delegation to TfL

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:

Claire Hamilton, Transport Manager has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms the following have been consulted on the final decision.

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Assistant Director/Head of Service:

Debbie Jackson, Assistant Director – Regeneration, has reviewed the documentation and is satisfied for it to be referred to the Sponsoring Director for approval.

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Sponsoring Director:

Fiona Fletcher-Smith, Executive Director – Development, Enterprise and Environment, has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

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Mayoral Adviser:

Isabel Dedring, Deputy Mayor for Transport has been consulted about the proposal and agrees the recommendations.

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Advice:

The Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal.

✓

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES:

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

Signature

Date

CHIEF OF STAFF:

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

Signature

Date