

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD2006

Title: Review of the strategic direction and work programme of Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

Executive Summary:

The Mayor has asked that a review of the strategic direction and current work programme of Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) be undertaken. The focus of the review shall be the implications of the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between OPDC and the Secretary of State for Transport concerning the transfer of Government owned land at Old Oak Common. The review aims to conclude and report its recommendations to the Mayor at the end of July 2016.

Decision:

That the Mayor approves:

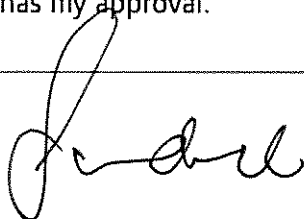
1. A review into the strategic direction and current work programme of OPDC.
2. A contingency of £25,000, noting the aim is to support the review using internal staff resource, that the Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment may if necessary draw on to procure consultancy support for the review.

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:

23/6/16

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

OPDC, the second Mayoral Development Corporation, was launched on 1 April 2015 to further secure the benefits of the regeneration and development of Old Oak and Park Royal.

OPDC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Secretary of State for Transport for the transfer of public sector and central Government-owned brownfield land around Old Oak to OPDC for redevelopment. (Appendix A) The land surrounds the HS2 and Crossrail station super-hub, which is set to open in 2026.

The Mayor recognises the opportunity that exists at Old Oak and Park Royal to create a thriving new area of London. It is in this context that he is initiating a review to ensure the implications of the MoU with Government are fully understood and to look also, given the proposed land transfer, into the strategic direction, work programme and governance of OPDC.

The purpose of this MD is to initiate said review formally. It further agrees a contingency of £25,000 to support the review. The expectation is that the review will not incur any additional spend and the contingency will be spent only on the authorisation of the Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment and where it is necessary to procure expert consultancy support for the review.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

The objectives and expected outcomes of the review are covered in the Terms of Reference at Appendix B. Section (a) of the ToFR sets out the specific areas that will be examined.

The review will culminate in a report and recommendations to be presented to the Mayor at or shortly after the end of July 2016.

The review will be coordinated by City Hall officers who will work closely with the OPDC Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer. OPDC Board Members will be asked for their input to inform the review's findings.

3. Equality comments

There is not expected to be any negative impact in terms of equality as part of this review; the review will be mindful of all the requirements set out in the Equality Act 2010 and as a result will be of benefit to all Londoners.

4. Other considerations

Risks and issues

Should this decision not be approved, the Mayor will be less informed in steering the future direction of OPDC.

The main risks associated with the review concern the tight timescales involved.

Links to Mayoral strategies and priorities

The review links directly to the Mayor's stated commitments to business, prosperity and opportunity and to building more homes for Londoners. The level of affordable housing at OPDC is purposefully and specifically included in the terms of reference.

Impact assessments and consultations.

The views of OPDC Board Members will be sought as part of the review.

5. Financial comments

Any costs arising from the review will be met from the corporate contingency budget set aside for such purposes, subject to authorisation from the Executive Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment.

6. Legal comments

No particular legal implications arise from this proposal.

7. Planned delivery approach and next steps

Activity	Timeline
Commence review	June 2016
Establish review workstreams and detailed timescales	June 2016
Report and recommendations to be presented to the Mayor	End July 2016

Appendices and supporting papers:

- Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State for Transport, March 2016 (Redacted) – Appendix A
- Terms of Reference for the Review – Appendix B

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:

Tim Somerville has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms the following have been consulted on the final decision.

✓

Assistant Director/Head of Service:

Tom Middleton 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 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:

David Bellamy, Chief of Staff, 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

M. J. Bellamy

Date

20.6.16

CHIEF OF STAFF:

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

Signature

D. Bellamy

Date

22/6/2016.