

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD364

### Title: GLA ESF Youth Programme - Learning Difficulties

#### Executive Summary:

This ADD seeks approval from the Assistant Director of Health & Communities to vary the following Grant Agreements to extend the final date that the achievement of Sustained Outcomes can be counted to 30 September 2015.

- LDD1/ LDD3 (Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities theme) – delivered by Remploy
- LDD2 (Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities theme) – delivered by Leonard Cheshire Disability

DD1395 approved the extension of the final date from the 31 August to 18 September 2015 for all projects within the GLA/ESF Youth Programme, this ADD request is specific to LDD projects to allow for additional Sustained Outcomes to be reported and claimed.

#### Decision:

The Assistant Director approves a Deed of Variation to LDD1/ LDD3 (Remploy) and LDD2 (Leonard Cheshire Disability), extending the final date for the achievement of all Sustained outcomes from 31 August to 30 September 2015 subject to claims being made by 16 October 2015.

#### 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:** Amanda Coyle

**Position:** Assistant Director of Health & Communities

**Signature:**



**Date:**

13.11.2015

## **PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE**

### **Decision required – supporting report**

#### **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1 In February 2012, the Mayor, under cover of MD 948, approved the allocation of £10m funding for the GLA's European Social Fund (ESF) Co-Financing Plan for the ESF 2011-2013 programme, (£5m GLA funding, matched by an equivalent sum of ESF on a 50/50 basis); and delegated authority to the Executive Director, Communities and Intelligence (C&I), to approve the allocation of GLA ESF.
- 1.2 The Executive Director of Communities and Intelligence authorised, under cover of DD 875, on 10 August 2012 the allocation of funding to eight projects, Excluded from School theme (EFS) 1 and 2, Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities theme (LDD) 1, 2 and 3, and Young Offenders theme (YO) 1, 2 and 3).
- 1.3 The Executive Director of Communities and Intelligence authorised, under cover of DD 1395, on the 03 September 2015 approved the extension of the final date from the 31 August to 18 September 2015 for all projects within the GLA/ESF Youth Programme, including LDD, this ADD requests a further extension for the LDD projects to allow for additional Sustained Outcomes to be reported and claimed up until the 30 September 2015.

#### **2. Objectives and expected outcomes**

- 2.1 The objectives of the GLA ESF Youth Programme remain as proposed in the Co-Financing Plan agreed in MD 948; to assist young people with barriers (EFS, LDD and YO) to progress into sustained Employment, Education and/or Training (EET).
- 2.2 The objective of the amendments to Grant Agreements is to maximise the outcomes that can be achieved and reported within the confines of the current grant eligibility and evidence guidelines, and within the current budget allocation, therefore increasing the potential number of participants supported by the programme, to increase the potential number of outcomes for participants, and to increase the volume of outcomes that the GLA can report to Department for Work and Pensions under the GLA's Co-Financing Beneficiary Agreement, which is the agreement with The Secretary of State for the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) that allows the GLA to deliver co-funded activities as part of the England and Gibraltar European Social Fund (ESF) Convergence, Competitiveness and Employment Programme 2007-2013.
- 2.3 The extension of the final date from the 31 August to 30 September 2015 for the LDD projects will allow for an additional 15 (approx.) Sustained Outcomes to be reported and claimed for a total value not exceeding £25,000 which is already part of the approved funding agreements with the grantee. This will be managed within the current budget allocations as originally approved by MD948 for the ESF Youth Programme and subsequently reduced and reported via the Investment Programme Board.

#### **3. Equality comments**

- 3.1 The proportional targets agreed with project Delivery Partners in the original agreements remain unaltered, and projects are required to report against equality characteristics for disability, gender and ethnicity. The grant agreement requires that Delivery Partners must comply with all applicable existing and future equal opportunities laws, regulations and guidance, and GLA guidance in relation to race, nationality, ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief.

#### **4. Other considerations**

##### **Key risks and issues**

- 4.1 The delivery risks remain as they are in the current programme in that targets will continue to be challenging due to the nature of the target groups. The proposed amendments seek to enhance outcome achievement, and do not adversely affect current arrangements; therefore no additional risks or issues have been created.

##### **Links to Mayoral strategies and priorities**

- 4.2 The GLA ESF Youth Programme projects support the Mayors strategy regarding young people, and helping them to achieve their potential.

##### **Impact assessments and consultations**

- 4.3 The planned impact is no more than an enhanced opportunity for Delivery Partners to achieve the outcomes currently that the currently committed with GLA ESF Grant Agreement. Consultation to confirm acceptability of the proposals has taken place with the GLA budget holder, The Assistant Director of Health and Communities.

#### **5. Financial comments**

- 5.1 This proposal does not require any changes to the expenditure of individual projects but to vary funding agreements to allow time for the maximum number of sustained outcomes / achievements as possible. All budget variations will be managed within the current budget allocations as originally approved by MD948 for the ESF Youth Programme and subsequently reduced and reported via the Investment Programme Board.

#### **6. Planned delivery approach and next steps**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Deeds of Variations issued	By 9 November 2015
All other timelines within the project remain unaltered	

#### **Appendices and supporting papers:**

**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:**

Sejal Patel has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that:

✓

**Financial advice:**

The Finance team have commented on this proposal, 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:**

10.11.15