GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION - ADD2093

Title: Sports Provision in the London Plan

Executive Summary:

To collate an evidence base on sports facilities to support revised London Plan policies. The work will consider the following facilities types: swimming pools, artificial grass pitches and sports halls. For these three facilities types, an assessment will be made of the baseline position and the impact of predicted population growth in London will be tested. Analysis will be split out by Borough and explained in three detailed reports. The work will be prepared by Sport England.

Decision:

That the Assistant Director of Planning approves expenditure of up to £13,000 for the preparation of three reports to provide an evidence base on sports facilities to support the London Plan.

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: Colin Wilson

Position: Acting Assistant Director of Planning

Signature:

Date: 20-3.17

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE Decision required - supporting report

1. Introduction and background

To collate an evidence base on sports facilities to support revised London Plan policies. The work will consider the following facilities types: swimming pools, artificial grass pitches and sports halls. For these three facilities types, an assessment will be made of the baseline position and the impact of predicted population growth in London will be tested. Analysis will be split out by Borough and explained in three detailed reports. The work will be prepared by Sport England. The total cost of the proposed work is up to £13,000.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

The objective of the project is to provide evidence base on sports facilities to support revisions to the London Plan policy approach to sports facilities. This is required so that, when tested at an Examination in Public, the policies can be shown to be supported by evidence of future need. The expected outcome is a set of three reports that show the current and future demands for sports facilities across London and by individual London Borough.

3. Equality comments

The work is to support policies in the London Plan, which will be assessed for equalities impact via an Integrated Impact Assessment. There are no specific equalities impacts related to the work.

4. Other considerations

The work is required to support policies on sports facilities within the London Plan and to give evidence for the need for these over the duration of the plan period. The risk of not doing this work is that the sports facilities policy in the London Plan will not be sufficiently supported by evidence and may be questioned for this at the Examination in Public.

5. Financial comments

5.1 Approval is being sought for expenditure of up to £13,000 for the preparation of three reports to provide an evidence base on sports facilities to support the London Plan by Sport England. The cost will be funded from the London Plan Programme 2016/17 and 2017/18 Budgets.

6. Planned delivery approach and next steps

Activity	Timeline
Procurement of contract [for externally delivered projects]	February 2017
Announcement [if applicable]	NA
Delivery Start Date [for project proposals]	27 th February 2017
Scenario analysis	March 2017
Preparation of reports	April 2017
Final evaluation start and finish (external) [delete as applicable]:	April 2017
Delivery End Date [for project proposals]	30 th April 2017
Project Closure: [for project proposals]	30 th April 2017

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.

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Note: This form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after approval <u>or</u> 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:

<u>Holly Weir</u> has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that the Finance and – if relevant– Legal teams have commented on this proposal as required, and this decision reflects their comments.

Corporate Investment Board:

The Corporate Investment Board reviewed this proposal on 20 March 2017.

HEAD OF FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE:

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

Signature:

Date:

20.03.17

