

GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD1628

Title: Proposed Museum of London relocation – GLA Statement of Intent

Executive summary

The Museum of London is actively exploring the possibility of moving from its current London Wall site to a new site at Smithfield General Market, adjacent to the new Farringdon Crossrail station.

This decision form sets out a Greater London Authority (GLA) Statement of Intent in relation to that proposed relocation.

Decision

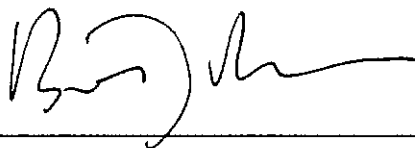
That the Mayor agrees a GLA statement of intent in relation to the Museum of London's proposed relocation to Smithfield and signs the appended letter to the City of London Corporation accordingly.

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:

17.3.2016

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Proposed Museum of London relocation: GLA Statement of Intent

- 1.1 The Museum of London is actively exploring the possibility of moving from its current London Wall site to a new site at Smithfield General Market, adjacent to the new Farringdon Crossrail station.
- 1.2 This decision form sets out a Greater London Authority (GLA) Statement of Intent in relation to that proposed relocation in the form of a letter to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee at the City of London Corporation (see Appendix). The contents of the letter are self-explanatory.
- 1.3 The purpose of the letter is to formalise the GLA's commitment and enable preparatory work to continue in that knowledge. It is anticipated that the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee will respond positively to the Mayor's letter.

2. Equality comments

- 2.1 There are no specific equalities issues arising from this decision. It is intended that the new premises will be accessible to all, including people with impaired mobility and other disabilities.

3. Financial comments

- 3.1 There will be significant financial implications arising for the GLA from the proposed relocation. They will be set out in full in a future Mayoral decision form, once the funding package has been discussed with the City of London Corporation and developed further.

4. Legal comments

- 4.1 Under the *Museum of London Act 1965*, the Corporation of the City of London and the GLA have power to appoint equal numbers of the Board of the Museum of London; the Board has power to acquire premises for the maintenance and exhibition of its collection; and – subject to specific agreement otherwise – the Corporation and the GLA bear the Museum's expenditure equally.
- 4.2 It is in accordance with the GLA's functions under section 30 of the *Greater London Authority Act 1999* to promote the social development of Greater London, and its functions under the *Museum of London Act 1965*, for the GLA to support a relocation of the Museum of London for reasonable cause.

5. Investment & Performance Board

- 5.1 This approval falls outside the terms of reference of the Investment & Performance Board.

Appendices and supporting papers:

Appendix: Letter from the Mayor to the City of London Corporation

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

Until what date:

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:

Tom Middleton 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.

✓

Sponsoring Director:

Martin Clarke has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

✓

Mayoral Adviser:

Sir Edward Lister has been consulted about the proposal and agrees the recommendations.

✓

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. Allen

Date

15.3.16

CHIEF OF STAFF:

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

Signature

*Approved by Sir Edward
Lister by email*

Date

15.3.16

