

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD2064

Title: Urban partnership agenda work package 2: understanding the EU legislative framework for air quality

Executive Summary:

London has been invited to be part of the European Commission's Urban Partnership Agenda, which uniquely brings together cities, member states and the Commission.

The Agenda is focusing on air quality initially and London is down to lead work stream mapping air quality legislation, identifying significant gaps and making recommendations to plug them. This will look beyond urban sources (e.g. agriculture, because of its contribution to transboundary pollution); hence consultancy support is required to complete the work.

This request is in addition to ADD2049 which approved £15,000 for activities related to air quality.

Decision:

That the Assistant Director of Environment approves a further £11,000 to the agreed £15,000 (making a total of £26,000) to tender and appoint a consultancy company to undertake three activities in relation to air quality:

1. scoping exercise focusing on all pollutants and sources;
2. making a detailed analysis for the most important pollutants and sources making recommendations on changes;
3. identifying why cities still exceed EU legal limits even in the cases where the EU has notionally legislated to provide tools, funding or to take action to improve air quality.

AUTHORISING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/HEAD OF UNIT:

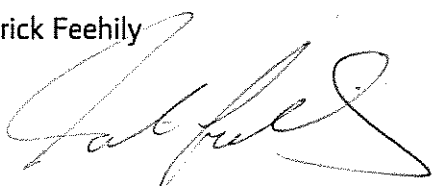
I have reviewed the request and am satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

It has my approval.

Name: Patrick Feehily

Position: Assistant Director of Environment

Signature:



Date:

10.1.2017

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

The GLA is a member of the Urban Agenda Partnership. This is a grouping of the European Commission, member states and European cities who are working together to address urban air quality issues. More information on the partnership is provided below.

The partnership has adopted four key interlinked actions. The GLA is leading action 2 and requires consultancy support to fulfil its commitments under this action.

Action 2 relates to mapping the existing regulatory and funding structure in place at the European level, identify where gaps or contradictions may exist and how these could be resolved. Case studies will be used to illustrate the effect of these gaps or contradictions.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

The GLA is seeking the services of a consultant to complete the activities listed below. Consultants are invited to make alternative proposals if they have other suggestions for the best way of completing this work:

Stage 1: Scoping exercise focusing on all pollutants and sources (first two months). This is meant to create a general overview that forms the basis for choosing where to focus the more detailed analysis.

Stage 2: Undertake a more detailed analysis for the most important pollutants and sources as identified in stage 2 (second two months), making specific recommendations about changes that need to be made to rectify any deficiencies.

Stage 3: After Stages 1 and 2 are complete, the partnership will choose three cities for case studies which trace the impact of EU legislation and funding (including the impact of a lack of EU legislation and funding) on achieving compliance in the real world. The consultants will need to use the outputs of action 1 to identify why cities still exceed EU legal limits even in the cases where the EU has notionally legislated to provide tools, funding or to take action to improve air quality. It should also include an analysis of the interaction between EU and national legislation on air quality to determine how this positively or detrimentally affects the ability of cities to achieve compliance, and to make associated recommendations (final two months).

3. Equality comments

This project won't have any detrimental impact on those with protected characteristics. Ensuring that this work is done will in fact help tackle inequality caused by air pollution.

4. Other considerations

The work is in line with the Air Quality strategy for London. Under the GLA Act 1999 the Mayor of London has legal responsibility for preparing an Air Quality Strategy for London (now subsumed within the London Environment Strategy) and leads on the implementation of measures in the capital to tackle pollution emissions, reduce exposure, raise awareness and integrate air quality and public health.

5. Financial comments

- 5.1 ADD2049 approved expenditure of up to £15,000 for consultants to produce a report on the European Legislative Framework for Air Quality. Approval is now being sought for the additional expenditure of £11,000; this will bring the total expenditure on consultancy to £26,000. The cost of this work will be funded from Environment's European Funded Project 2016-17 Budget.
- 5.2 As this work relates to a consultancy contract, officers have to ensure that the requirements of the Authority's Contracts & Funding Code are adhered to and that the requirements relating to consultancy services within the Authority's Financial Regulations and Expenses & Benefits Framework are adhered to.
- 5.3 Any changes to this proposal, including budgetary implications, will be subject to further approval via the Authority's decision-making process.

6. Planned delivery approach and next steps

Activity	Timeline
Issue of Request for Proposal	14 November 2016
Deadline for Bidder Clarifications	16 November 2016
Deadline for responses to Bidder Clarifications	18 November 2016
Deadline for receipt of Tender	28 November 2016
Award subject to contract	16 December 2016
Inception meeting	9 January 2016

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.

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:

Dolly Oladini 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 9 January 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:

10.01.17