

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD2180

**Title: Climate KIC membership**

### Executive Summary:

This form requests approval for expenditure of £12,500, from LEAP funds for London, to cover the fees required for the London to become an affiliate partner of Climate KIC (one of three Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) created by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology in order to foster sustainable growth). Membership will give London access to expert resources and research to help the capital transition to a low carbon economy.

### Decision:

That the Assistant Director, Economic Business Policy Unit approves spend of £12,500 from LEAP funds for London to become an affiliate partner of Climate KIC.

### AUTHORISING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/HEAD OF UNIT:

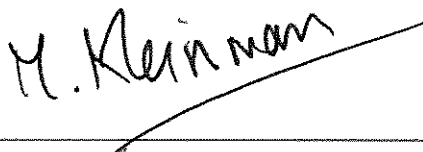
I have reviewed the request and am satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

It has my approval.

**Name:** Mark Kleinman

**Position:** Assistant Director - Economic and Business Policy

**Signature:**



**Date:**

11.12.17

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

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

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

The GLA wishes to become an 'affiliate partner' of Climate KIC to lever the expertise and resources Climate-KIC has to offer in order to support delivery of the key objectives set out in the Mayor's draft London Environment Strategy and the draft Economic Development Strategy – to support the transition to a low carbon economy through maximising CleanTech innovation across London.

Climate-KIC is a pan-European innovation agency working to accelerate the transition to 'a prosperous and inclusive climate-resilient society and a circular, zero-carbon economy'. Their role is to catalyse deep decarbonisation and strengthen climate resilience through innovation.

The cost is £12,500 (excluding VAT) for the GLA to become an affiliate partner of Climate KIC.

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

As part of the GLA's Cleantech programme, Climate-KIC membership allows the GLA to work with Climate KIC in developing a strategic plan for the CleanTech cluster in London. Climate KIC will provide the following as part of GLA membership:

- Access to expertise: core cluster staffing support will be provided in the form of dedicated staffing support (0.4 FTE) of senior and experienced professional to support the development of the cluster over 6 months.
- Building the innovation pipeline: Climate-KIC will work with the GLA to analyse the existing ecosystem supporting CleanTech innovation, identify gaps and co-develop a cluster business support programme. This will include collaborating with LEAP on the development of city challenges, and the provision of accelerator and technology validation support.
- Research and intelligence: access to research expertise to map London's CleanTech innovation ecosystem, alongside reports and publications providing insights into CleanTech innovation, including analysis of future trends.
- Networking and events: programme of events and activities to 'animate' the cluster and bring the business, research and start-up community together to network, share latest thinking, ideas and developments on CleanTech innovation.
- Connect to other CleanTech clusters in the UK, Europe and internationally: the Climate KIC will support GLA activity to develop joint programmes with other cities across the UK and internationally.
- EIT funding Access: As a member of Climate KIC, GLA will have access to European grant funding for innovation in climate change programs.

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

Under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, as a public authority, the Mayor of London must have 'due Regard' of the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation as well as to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who have a protected characteristic and those who do not.

Gender Equality and Equal Opportunities are enshrined within the GLA's programmes and activities according to the Mayor's Framework for Equal Life Chances (June 2014) and the Mayor's draft Diversity and Inclusion Strategy.

The activities delivered in partnership with Climate KIC will look to maximise its positive impact on equality for all Londoners, for example through ensuring innovation programmes are targeted at addressing some of the strategic inequality challenges facing Londoners. Any programmes delivered will be promoted through a wide variety of channels to reach out to underrepresented groups, events will be accessible and communication channels will be used to showcase and celebrate innovation across a diverse SME base.

#### 4. Other considerations

##### Links to Mayoral strategies and priorities

Both the Mayor’s draft Economic Development Strategy and the draft London Environment Strategy identify the importance of the CleanTech sector in addressing London’s climate change challenges. The Economic Development Strategy in particular sets out the Mayor’s ambition to lever London’s innovation to help solve London’s environmental challenges both to support business growth and help deliver London’s zero carbon ambitions.

##### Key Risks and Mitigation:

Risk: Climate KIC is not a suitable partner for the GLA’s CleanTech programme

Climate KIC convenes Europe’s largest network focused on transformative climate innovation. They work with businesses, academia, research institutes, and governments to create critical mass and develop solutions to tackle global climate change challenges. They run an established program of acceleration and business support for cleantech start-ups and SMEs, and have worked extensively in the UK and London. Climate KIC will provide valuable expertise and resource to help deliver the Mayor’s CleanTech innovation ambitions.

#### 5. Financial comments

The £12,500 cost of the Climate KIC membership will be funded from the 2017-18 LEAP Strategies budget.

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

Activity	Timeline
Membership application	Jan-18
Announcement [if applicable]	n/a
Delivery Start Date [for project proposals]	Jan-18
Delivery of sector engagement workshops	Feb-18
Mapping Innovation Ecosystem	March-18
Delivery End Date [for project proposals]	Interim – Apr-18
Project Closure: [for project proposals]	Jan 2019

**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:**

Soolmaz Moshiri 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 11 December 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:**

11/12/17