

REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR DECISION – DD2123

Title: Integrated Impact Assessments – Mayor's London Environment Strategy

Executive Summary:

The Mayor has indicated that he would like a London Environment Strategy (LES) to be adopted. This is a statutory requirement, and as part of its preparation, under both European and national legislation, the Mayor is required to undertake a number of assessments, brought together within an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA).

Procurement of a consultancy to undertake the Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to support the preparation of the LES was approved through [DD2048](#). At that time expenditure was approved to a value of £70,000. Jacobs, the preferred supplier, were appointed to undertake the work.

Following the preparation of the LES, additional expenditure of £12,000 is now required to complete the work.

Decision:

The Director of Development, Enterprise and Environment approves:

- Agrees the additional expenditure of £12,000 – taking the total value to £82,000 – on consultancy costs for the Integrated Impact assessment (IIA) to support the preparation of the London Environment Strategy.

AUTHORISING DIRECTOR

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: Fiona Fletcher-Smith

Position: Director Development
Enterprise and Environment

Signature:



Date: 22/06/2017

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The Greater London Authority Act 1999 (the “Act”) requires the Mayor to produce a *London Environment Strategy* (LES) which must contain the following: biodiversity, municipal waste management, climate change mitigation and energy, adaptation to climate change, air quality and ambient noise.
- 1.2 In DD2048 expenditure of up to £70,000 to undertake the IIA of the London Environment Strategy was agreed.
- 1.3 Following the appointment of Jacobs and executing the contract, the GLA required additional work, i.e. the Variations, to complete the IIA; these are detailed in Section 2 below. The Variations will be carried out under and in accordance with the terms of the existing call-off contract between GLA and Jacobs.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes from the consultants

- 2.1 The Variations from the original contract that are required to be completed by Jacobs are:
 - Variation 1 (approved) - Undertaking a full review of the LES IIA Scoping Report to check for consistency and compliance with the SEA directive. This review will include a review of the framework section and associated questions [£1,165]
 - Variation 2 (approved) - Undertaking a high-level economic consideration of each LES option against the relevant IIA objectives included in the scoping report. The output of this work will be a high-level consideration against the relevant objectives and will include recommendations for methodologies to answer the guide questions during subsequent completion of the IIA [£8,289].
 - Variation 3 (to be approved) - Undertaking a further review of the LES by Jacobs to ensure the IIA report is in line with the draft LES to be published for consultation [£6,945]

3 Equality comments

- 3.1 The IIA includes an Equalities Impact Assessment which will evaluate the likely potential impacts, both positive and negative, of the Environment Strategy on those with protected characteristics (age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation).

4 Other considerations

- a) *key risks*
 - 4.1 If, post the public consultation on the LES, the draft strategy policies need to be amended to such an extent that there is a need for an additional IIA then the project could take up to two months longer to be completed.

- b) *links to Mayoral strategies and priorities*

- 4.2 The IIA is a requirement for the preparation of the Mayor’s LES.

5 Financial comments

DD2048 approved expenditure of up to £70,000 for consultancy of the Integrated Impact Assessment of the Mayors London Environment Strategy. Approval is now being sought for additional expenditure of £12,000. This will bring the total expenditure on the Integrated Impact Assessment to £82,000. The cost will be funded from Development, Enterprise and Environment Central Programme 2017-2018 Budget.

6 Legal comments

- 6.1 The Mayor under the Greater London Act (1999) shall prepare and publish a LES. In preparing or reviewing the strategy, the Mayor shall have regard to; the principal purpose of the GLA; the effect on the proposed strategy on the health of persons in Greater London; health inequalities between persons living in Greater London; achievement of sustainable development in the UK, equality of opportunity for all people climate change and its consequences; ensuring the policy is consistent with national policy and other GLA strategies; resources available to implement the strategy; and desirability of promoting and encouraging the use of the River Thames in the provision of passenger transport services.
- 6.2 The decisions requested of the Director falls within the GLA's statutory powers to do such things considered to further or which are facilitative of, conducive or incidental to the promotion of economic development and wealth creation, social development or the promotion of the improvement of the environment in Greater London; and in formulating the proposals in respect of which a decision is sought officers have complied with the Authority's related statutory duties (as outlined in 6.1) as well as consult with appropriate bodies.
- 6.3 Officers have indicated in DD 2048 that the framework under which the services were procured is in accordance with relevant procurement law; and the services were procured fully in accordance with the requirements of that framework.
- 6.4 The officers have indicated in paragraph 1.3 that the Variations are envisaged under the terms of the existing call-off contract between GLA and Jacobs.
- 6.5 Officers must ensure that the Variations are properly documented and that the procedure for implementation of the Variations is in accordance with the terms of the existing "call-off" contract between GLA and Jacobs.

7. Planned delivery approach and next steps

The variations detailed above will be delivered within the scope of the project timetable outlined in DD2048 and copied below.

Activity	Timeline
Procurement of contract [for externally delivered projects]	End of November 2016
Announcement [if applicable]	
Delivery Start Date [for project proposals]	Second week of December 2016
Final evaluation start and finish (self/external) [delete as applicable]:	Not applicable
Delivery End Date [for project proposals]	Sept 2017
Project Closure: [for project proposals]	Sept 2017

Appendices and supporting papers:

- DD2048. Available here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/decisions/dd2048-integrated-impact-assessments-london-environment-strategy>.

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:

Annette Figueiredo and Emma Fenton have drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirm that:

Assistant Director/Head of Service:

Patrick Feehily has reviewed the documentation and is satisfied for it to be referred to the Sponsoring Director for approval.

Financial and Legal advice:

The Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal, and this decision reflects their comments.

Corporate Investment Board:

The Corporate Investment Board reviewed this proposal on 19th June 2017

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES:

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

Signature *M. J. Bell*

Date *21.6.17*

References

GLA

- Mayoral Priorities: http://www.sadiq.london/a_manifesto_for_all_londoners
- The London Plan 2016 - Consolidated with Alterations since 2011: www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/current-london-plan

Other

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- European Directive 2001/42/EC (known as SEA Directive)
- National Planning Practice Guidance:
www.planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/strategic-environmental-assessment-and-sustainability-appraisal/
- The Greater London Authority Act 2007
- European Directive 92/43/EC (on the "conservation of natural habitats and wild fauna and flora for plans" that may have an impact of European (Natura 2000) Sites)

