

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD171

Title: Contractual Arrangements for iCity

Executive Summary:

MD1081 set out the requirement for expert technical support to the European iCity project.

Further to the latest claim by the GLA submitted to the European Commission, this ADD seeks approval for the reimbursement of services rendered by Citi Logik Ltd up until January 15 2014.

Decision:

That the Assistant Director approves expenditure of £43,539 for the services rendered by Citi Logik Limited on behalf of the GLA up until the 15 January 2014.

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: Andrew Collinge

Position: Assistant Director, Intelligence

Signature:

Date: 20 March 2013

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The iCity Project is designed to take forward the smart city agenda in London through the development of web based and smart data applications. London's involvement is primarily to assist with sourcing application program interface (api) providers (Open Infrastructure) and software developers, which in turn will enable a community of software developers and innovators convened by the GLA to generate social and economic value for the capital through the creation of new smart data applications.
- 1.2 Work carried out by Citi Logik up to the period of 15 January 2014, in line with the period the GLA submitted as part of the latest claim to the European Commission, now requires reimbursement.
- 1.3 Further approvals will be sought for expenditure incurred for Citi Logik Limited to continue to provide services to meet the technical aspects of the EU iCity Work Programme.
- 1.4 A decision will be taken on the future contribution to the project by the GLA, once the outcome of the second annual review of the project by the European Commission is known.

2. Objectives and expected outcomes

- 2.1 The iCity platform remains under development with stage 2 of the Work Package 5 pilot roll-out delayed. The GLA will continue to support the iCity programme team in Barcelona primarily with the roll-out of Work Package 4 of iCity with contributions to all Work Packages (1-8).
- 2.2 The programme and expert technical support that Citi Logik have been undertaking and providing is detailed below. This expertise is also required for the remainder of the project to take forward GLA contract 80385. These services are:
 - Maintaining and managing the GLA project plan according to shifting priorities and deadlines as the situation changes with the iCity partners/suppliers i.e. Abertis;
 - Coordinating GLA elements of the iCity platform testing (e.g. Open Data elements, reporting on fit to requirements, coordinating with technology partners, notifying GLA of issues/risks);
 - Representing GLA on the Technical Management Team;
 - Interpretation of Barcelona led technical architecture and iCity platform performance, advising GLA of options and alternatives;
 - Engaging with Transport for London to open up opportunities for the use of TfL transport data and API's on the iCity platform;
 - Providing consultancy facilitation and input to assist Croydon with LDF London Plan response;

3. Other considerations

- a) Links to strategies and Mayoral and corporate priorities
 - This project is recognised as supporting the London Plan and work of the Mayor's Smart London Board – primarily the development of a Smart London Strategy and Action Plan.

b) Impact assessments and Consultation

- The project will be evaluated through assessing outputs and adherence to the service level agreement.

c) Risk

- Failure to complete the GLA contracted contribution to the projects presents a financial risk to the GLA in that the £147k income received from the EU may have to be repaid. To mitigate against this the GLA iCity project team will report to the Assistant Director, Intelligence who will monitor delivery of service against activities and costs set out in the proposal.

4. Financial comments

- 4.1 Approval is being sought for expenditure totalling £43,539 for the services rendered by Citi Logik Limited on behalf of the GLA up until the 15th January 2014 for the ICITY Project. This cost will be funded via a virement from the 2013-14 Corporate Managements Teams budget to the iCity budget held within the Intelligence Unit.
- 4.2 As noted within the main body of this report, officers will seek to extend the contract for Citi Logik Limited to continue to provide services to meet the technical aspects of the EU iCity Work Programme, which will be subject to further approval via the Authority's decision-making process. All appropriate budget adjustments will be made.
- 4.3 The Intelligence Unit within the Communities & Intelligence Directorate will be responsible for managing the iCity Project and ensuring that all expenditure complies with the Authority's Financial Regulations, Contracts & Funding Code and Expenses & Benefits Framework.

5. Planned delivery approach and next steps

- 5.1 The immediate next step is to procure the services of Citi Logik via a 'single source' procurement process.
- 5.2 The contract with Citi Logik will also need to be extended commensurately.

Appendices and supporting papers: None

Public access to information

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Part 1 Deferral:

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Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

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Is there a part 2 form – NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

Drafting officer to confirm the following (✓)

Drafting officer:

Nabeel Khan has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that the Finance team have commented on this proposal as required, and this decision reflects their comments.

✓

HEAD OF GOVERNANCE AND RESILIENCE:

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

Signature:

Date: