

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DECISION – ADD210

Title: Appointment of Governors to the Museum of London

Executive Summary:

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Decision:

To approve grant funding of £25,000 in 2014-15 to meet the Museum of London's cost of engaging HPA Advisory to source candidates for four Governor roles on the Museum's Board.

To approve entry into, and execution of, a funding agreement with the Museum of London in respect of its costs of engaging HPA Advisory to carry out recruitment services for the four Governor vacancies.

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: Tom Middleton

Position: Head of Governance & Resilience

Signature:

Date: 8 July 2014

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

Decision required – supporting report

1. Appointment of Governors to the Museum of London

- 1.1 Under the Museum of London Act, the Mayor appoints nine Governors to serve on the Museum of London Board. This comprises half the total strength of the Board. The remaining appointments are made by the Corporation of London.
- 1.2 There are currently four vacancies within the Mayoral appointed half of the Board. To enable high quality candidates to be sourced for these roles, the Museum of London has engaged a firm of headhunters, HPA Advisory, and the GLA has agreed to reimburse the Museum in full for the costs arising. This is in keeping with previous practice. As a result, approval is sought for GLA funding of £25,000 in 2014-15 to meet the cost of the Museum engaging HPA Advisory.
- 1.3 The Museum has undertaken its own procurement process to appoint HPA Advisory. The GLA will provide the Museum with a grant for the costs of engaging HPA Advisory, reflecting the GLA's statutory role in overseeing the appointment process and the Mayor's role as the final decision-maker for these appointments.
- 1.4 Once the recruitment process is completed, the Mayor will issue appointment letters to the four successful candidates. This is expected to happen later this month. As with other Mayoral board appointments, key details will be posted on the GLA website via the following link:
<http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Principal%20Mayoral%20Appointments%20%28Non-Staffing%29%20-160614.pdf>

2. Equality comments

- 2.1 Equal opportunities are integral to all appointments overseen by the GLA.

3. Financial comments

- 3.1 The costs arising will be met from the GLA corporate contingency for 2014-15.

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
to confirm the
following (✓)

Drafting officer:

Tom Middleton has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms that the Finance and Legal teams 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: