

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

MD1294

Title: Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan for London

Information may have to be disclosed in the event of a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In the event of a request for confidential facts and advice, please consult the Information Governance team for advice.

This information is not for publication until the stated date, because:

The report contains details of the budget for the procurement of services for the Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan for London. Publication prior to the procurement of these services may prevent the GLA from achieving the best value via the tender process. Publication should be deferred until the contracts are awarded.

Date at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed: until the contracts for the services are awarded

Legal recommendation on the grounds of keeping the information confidential:

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the “Act”) creates the general right of access, which provides that any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled:

- to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request; and
- if that be the case, to have that information communicated to him/her.

Part II of the Act contains a number of exemptions from disclosure for certain classes of information. In particular, section 43 allows the exemption from publication of information, the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

The section 43 exemption is a qualified exemption and its valid use is therefore subject to a public interest assessment.

Public Interest Assessment

On balance it is considered that the public interest is best served if the information in this Part 2 not be disclosed at this point. Disclosure by the GLA could have a detrimental effect on the procurement of services for the Infrastructure Plan programme. Scrutiny of information related to the value of the contracts may impact the GLA’s opportunity to secure best value.

For the reasons given above, the public interest in not publishing the information in Part 2 of this MD may be viewed as outweighing the public interest in publishing the information.

Legal Adviser - I make the above recommendations that this information should be considered confidential at this time

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Date: 31 October 2013

Once this form is fully authorised, it should be circulated with Part 1.

Decision required:

1. The Mayor is asked to approve the allocation of £200,000 for the delivery of the Long Term Infrastructure Plan for London. Costs include:
 - £170,000 for a consultancy project to assess the costs and benefits of the GLA's proposed infrastructure requirements.
 - £10,000 to commission external papers on funding and finance options for the Infrastructure Plan.
 - £2,000 to verify our internal economic and demographic projections.
 - £18,000 for stakeholder engagement.
2. The budget of £18,000 for stakeholder engagement includes one event that has already taken place and two planned events for which we will procure services. We held an infrastructure at 2050 debate at City Hall on 14th October. The total spend for this event was £5,700. This includes NLA's fee of £4,000 for their services, speaker fees and catering which represents value for money given the quality of service provided.