

**REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD1455**

**Title: London Health Board funding 2015/16 to 2017/18**

**Executive Summary:**

In light of the recommendations of the London Health Commission, partners have decided to refocus the board and change its support arrangements. The new Board will be supported by a small secretariat based at the GLA. The secretariat and the Board's support needs, for example research and analysis, will be funded by partners including the GLA.

**Decision:**

The Mayor approves:

1. Receipt of income of £350,000 for 2015-16 and, in principle and subject to partner approval processes, the same amounts in 2016-17 and 2017-18 (total £1.05 million) as set out below :
  - o London Councils £100,000 per annum;
  - o London Office of Clinical Commissioning Groups £100,000 per annum;
  - o NHS England (London) £100,000 per annum; and
  - o Public Health England £50,000 per annum; and
2. Expenditure of £400,000 (net annual GLA cost of £50,000) in 2015-16, and (subject to the continued provision of funding by the above contributors) in 2016-17 and 2017-18 on London Health Commission costs (total £1.2 million over three years).

**Mayor of London**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision, and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

## PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE MAYOR

### Decision required – supporting report

#### 1. Introduction and background

1.1 MD919 approved receipt of grant funding of £2m from NHS England to support the shadow London Health Improvement board in 2012/13. It was anticipated at that time that government would place the board on a statutory funding with a budget top sliced from local authority public health allocations.

1.2 This was not included in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and Mayor and partners agreed to establish and co-fund the London health Board with a total budget of £500,000. ADD147 approved GLA expenditure of £50,000 funding contribution to the previous London Health Board support team based at London Councils during 2013/14.

1.3 MD1286 approved receipt of the London Health Commission (LHC) budget from NHS England. In light of the leadership recommendations of the LHC, the Mayor and partners decided to refocus the board and review its support arrangements. The Board will have a streamlined membership and will no longer oversee programme delivery. Instead it will provide strategic and political leadership for health and care at pan-London level, including oversight of actions flowing from the Commission's report. The revised board will make the case for health resources for London, use political weight to remove barriers in the system and create a plan and structures to allow delivery organisations to hold each other to account.

1.4 Partners, including GLA, have agreed £400,000 per annum funding for the Board from partners as follows. To ensure stability it is intended to set the refocused board on a 3-year funding cycle.

Organisation	Annual funding	Total 2015/16 to 2017/18
GLA / Mayor	£50k	£150k
London Councils	£100k	£300k
NHS England (London)	£100k	£300k
Public Health England (London)	£50k	£150k
Office of London Clinical Commissioning Groups CCGS	£100k	£300k
<b>Total</b>	<b>£400k</b>	<b>£1.2 million</b>

A separate MD (number to be confirmed) seeks approval of receipt of a total of £300,000 from Public Health England (London) in 2014/15. This includes £50,000 contribution to the London Health Board for 2015/16. The remaining £250,000 is to fund public health specialists in the GLA to work on programmes relating to PHE's strategic priorities.

1.5 The refocused board met for the first time on 12 March 2015 and agreed childhood obesity, mental health and NHS estates as its initial areas of focus. It is for the Board to consider and agree what its detailed objectives and unique contribution will be in each of these areas and the resources needed to support them to achieve. The indicative annual budget breakdown is as follows:

Expenditure	Budget
GLA Staffing	£100,000
Policy & research	£200,000
Engagement with Londoners and annual report	£100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£400,000</b>

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

2.1 The Board will aim to drive improvements in London's health, care and health inequalities where political engagement at this level can uniquely make a difference. It will seek ways of giving additional impetus to the ambition to make London the healthiest global city. The Board will make the case for investment, power and freedoms to enable the improvement of health and care services and the wider determinants of health in London. It will consider ways of supporting and accelerating the transformation of health and care services in the capital. The Board will champion public participation in health and an increase in choice and accountability in health and care services.

2.2 The Board is chaired by the Mayor and agreed childhood obesity, mental health and NHS estates as its initial areas of focus, leaving flexibility to take on new areas as needed.

### **2.3 Outputs**

The Board will:

- hold four meetings a year and provisionally an annual public engagement activity as needed e.g. event, polling, report(s)
- commission research and analysis as needed to inform its policy papers
- report annually on actions towards and progress against the ten aspirations in the London Health Commission's Better health for London report
- Publish an annual report.

### **2.4 Outcomes**

- Drive improvements in the health of Londoners including the health & care services.
- Develop a case for London and advocate for appropriate health and care resources on behalf of Londoners
- Ultimately to contribute to improvements in health and social care for Londoners and a reduction in health inequalities by providing leadership on key issues.

## **3. Equality comments**

3.1 An independent Health Impact Assessment of the London Health Commission concluded that overall its recommendations will have a positive or neutral effect on populations with protected characteristics.

3.2 Further work is planned with implementers of the LHC recommendations to help them consider equalities and health inequalities implications of their plans

## **4. Other considerations**

The Board's work will be linked to the Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy and the refreshed delivery plan.

## **5. Financial comments**

5.1 This paper sets out the proposed funding of the London Health Board Secretariat for the next three financial-years from 2015-16 to 2017-18. The estimated gross cost of this programme is £1.2m and the net cost to the GLA will be £150,000. The balance of £1,050,000 will be funded by the receipt of income from project partners, namely London Councils (£300,000); NHS England (£300,000); Public Health England (£150,000) and the Office of London Clinical Commissioning Group (£300,000).

5.2 An estimated annual budget as provided by the Health Team is summarised below:

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£000</b>
GLA Staffing	100
Policy & Research	200
Engagement with Londoners & annual report	100
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>400</b>

<b>Income</b>	
London Councils	(100)
NHS England	(100)
Office of London Clinical Commissioning	(100)
Public Health England	(50)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(350)</b>

**Net Cost to the GLA** **50**

- 5.3 It should be noted that each of the partners have agreed in principle to a 3-year funding cycle until the end of March 2018, but will still be subject to their own internal decision-making and approval processes. Consequently, expenditure will not be committed for future years until formal confirmation has been received from each partner of their financial commitment.
- 5.4 With regards to the GLA's annual contribution to the secretariat; as part of the 2015-16 budget process, £50,000 has been earmarked in the GLA base budget to support the work of the London Health Board Secretariat. Future year's GLA contributions to the programme will be subject to the annual budget setting process for each subsequent financial-year.
- 5.5 Any changes to this proposal, including budgetary implications will be subject to further approval via the Authority's decision-making process. All appropriate budget adjustments will be made.
- 5.6 The Health Team within the Communities & Intelligence Directorate will be responsible for managing this programme and ensuring that all activities and associated expenditure complies with the Authority's Financial Regulations, Contracts & Funding Code and Expenses & Benefits Framework.

## **6. Legal comments**

- 6.1 The foregoing sections of this report indicate that the decisions requested of the Mayor fall 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 in manner which promotes the improvement of health of persons, health inequalities between persons and to contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom.
- 6.2 Officers must ensure that:
- 6.2.1 that they do not act in reliance of the third party funding until legally binding commitments from those third party funders are in place; and
- 6.2.2 any services or supplies required for the undertaking of London Health Board activities are procured by Transport for London Procurement who will determine the detail of the procurement strategy to be adopted in accordance with the GLA's Contracts and Funding Code and appropriate contract documentation is put in place and executed by the successful bidder(s) for such services or supplies and the GLA before the commencement of such services or supply.

## 7. Investment & Performance Board

This decision was approved by IPB on 19 March.

## 8. Planned delivery approach and next steps

Activity	Timeline
Meeting 1: Agree TORs, support and funding Review and agree next steps from London Health Commission Making the case for London – approve working up a position paper ahead of the comprehensive spending view	12/3/2015
Meeting 2 (focus tbc)	June 2015
Meeting 3 (focus tbc)	Sept 2015
Meeting 4 (focus tbc)	Dec 2015
Meeting 5 (focus tbc)	Mar 2015
Annual engagement activity (tbc)	Tbc
Annual report	Mar 2016

**Appendices and supporting papers: None**

**Public access to information**

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**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:**

Gus Wilson has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms the following have been consulted on the final decision.

✓

**Assistant Director/Head of Service:**

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

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**Sponsoring Director:**

Jeff Jacobs has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.

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**Mayoral Adviser:**

Victoria Borwick has been consulted about the proposal and agrees the recommendations.

✓

**Advice:**

The Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal.

✓

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES:**

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

**Signature**

**Date**

**CHIEF OF STAFF:**

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Mayor

**Signature**

**Date**