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**Subject:** Matters on which the LDA has received Mayoral  
Advice and/or Mayoral Direction

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**Report to:** Board

**Report of:** Debbie Adams, Secretary to the Board

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## 1. Recommendations

1.1. The Board is asked to **Note** the contents of this report.

## 2. Summary

2.1. Since the last Board meeting on July 22 there are two matters in relation to which the LDA has received a Mayoral Direction. Each is dealt with in turn below.

### *Transfer of the London Food Budget to the GLA*

2.2 A copy of the signed Direction, which was issued on 7 August 2009, is attached as Appendix 1. The Direction relates to transfer of the funding for the London Food programme, in the form of revenue grants from the LDA to the GLA, in the following three tranches:

- (a) £830, 547.00 on or before 31 August 2009;
- (b) £2,000,000.00 on or before 1 April 2010; and
- (c) £2,000,000.00 on or before 1 April 2011.

2.3. The LDA is directed to transfer the funds under the power in section 121(2) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. The LDA is therefore legally required to make the transfer and, under the terms of section 121(3), the grant cannot be made subject to any limitation in respect of the expenditure that it may be applied towards meeting by the GLA. Under section 121(4) the GLA are legally required to use the funding in the exercise of its statutory functions and as the Direction makes clear, the management, administration and delivery of funding for the programme is also transferred to the GLA.

- 2.4. The Direction also requires the LDA to fully co-operate with and assist the GLA in its implementation and delivery of the plan.

#### *London Graduate Website*

- 2.5 A copy of the signed Direction, which was issued on 22 July 2009, is attached as Appendix 2. The Direction requires the transfer to the GLA of revenue funds amounting to a total of £200,000.00 in 2009/2010 and £50,000.00 in 2010/2011. The funds are to be used by the GLA to provide a web based graduate information website to support the development of employment ideas, opportunities and signposting to graduate employment opportunities including advice, guidance, and available support and notification of jobs fairs being held in London. It is proposed to build on this 'phase one' graduate information website to develop information on employment and training support for other groups of Londoners. Plans for this phase are being developed in consultation with relevant agencies, including the London Development Agency, Jobcentre plus and the London Learning and Skills Council. The Economic Development Team within the Communities and Intelligence Directorate of the GLA will be responsible for managing this project.
- 2.6. The LDA is directed to transfer the funds under the power in section 121(2) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. The LDA is therefore legally required to make the transfer and, under the terms of section 121(3), the grant cannot be made subject to any limitation in respect of the expenditure that it may be applied towards meeting by the GLA. Under section 121(4) the GLA are legally required to use the funding in the exercise of its statutory functions and as the Direction makes clear, the GLA have taken on ownership of the delivery of the programme.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The budget requirements are as set out at paragraphs 2.2 and 2.5

#### **3.1. Comments of the Director of Corporate Finance**

The 2009/10 budget requirements are included in the 2009/10 budget.  
All budgets for 2010/11 and beyond are indicative and any budget requirements will be subject to decisions on the Investment strategy.

**4. Appendices**

1. MD 388: Mayoral Direction: London Food Budget
2. MD 415: Mayoral Direction: London Graduate Website

**5. Background documents**

None.

# Report approval checklist

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