

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 28 March 2013	Decision Taker: Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Recycling
Report title:		Mayor's Air Quality Fund – bid for funding	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Chief Executive	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Recycling approves;
 - The 'single borough', individual bid submission to the Mayor's air quality fund, with conditional match funding, to the maximum of £400,000.
 - The 'multiple partner' submissions, one with Tower Hamlets and one with Lend Lease, with conditional match funding from Southwark to the maximum of £250,000.
 - Southwark's commitment to becoming an Exemplar Borough
 - The borough support for the central sub regional group bid

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. In June 2012 the cabinet agreed The Air Quality Improvement Strategy (2012-2017) and Action Plan. This document details how the council plan to make air quality a priority in the process of carrying out its work. It also contains measures that will hopefully improve air quality in Southwark. These measures range from reducing the impact of traffic pollution to how we monitor air quality within the borough.
3. Chapter 5 and policy 7.14 of the London Plan seeks to improve air quality in the capital, with more specific guidance in the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy (2010). To progress this aim, The Mayor has launched a new Air Quality Fund, supported by Transport for London (TfL) and the Greater London Authority (GLA). This fund will provide match-funding for innovative schemes, projects and trials to tackle air pollution related to transport.
4. The Cleaner Air Borough fund will provide £6m over three years commencing in 2013/14 with a further £20m indicated once the initial fund has been assessed for impact. Boroughs are invited to submit one individual bid with a max £400,000 available over three years. Multiple partnership bids are also invited which have no maximum (partners include other boroughs and third party organisations). Projects in areas with poor air quality will be looked upon more favourably and are more likely to be awarded funding.
5. Following workshops and partnership meetings, in which a range of project ideas were put forward, a prioritisation process has taken place in order to decide which schemes to allocate funding to. Following this, a Southwark bid which for the maximum allocation allowed (£400,000) has been developed, along with several partnership bids.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The Southwark individual borough bid is:
 - Promotion of air quality issues throughout the borough, expansion of existing programmes that improve air quality, such as estate cycle parking, school cycle clubs and air quality projects in schools, trials of electric fleet vehicles and trial projects such as the Open Streets scheme.
7. The multiple partner bids are:
 - River crossings, bid with Tower Hamlets to improve air quality around Tower Bridge.
 - Elephant and Castle, bid with Lend Lease to implement construction best practices and additional projects (such as a temporary nursery for the site's trees and air quality champions) to improve air quality at the Elephant and Castle development site.
8. Match funding is required and is expected to come from the Local Improvement Plan (LIP) , Better Bankside, Lend Lease (Elephant & Castle) and DEFRA.
9. Criteria for becoming an Exemplar Borough are consistent with the policies and actions set out in the Air Quality Action Plan, the Transport Plan and Southwark's Core Strategy.

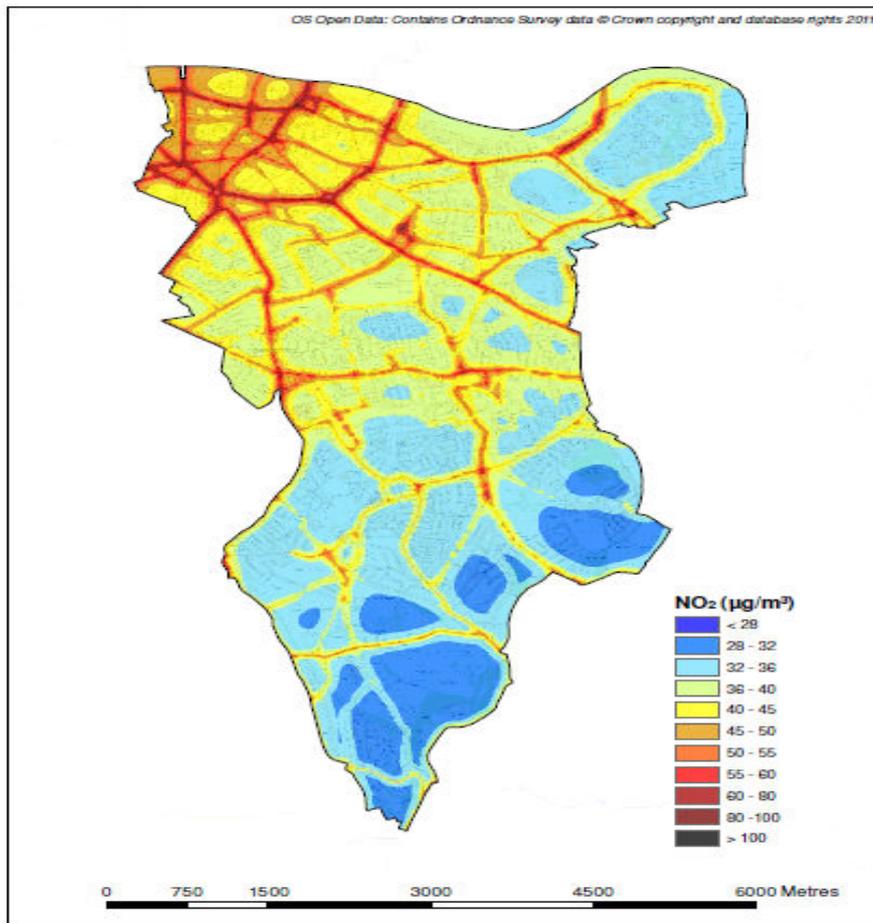
Policy implications

10. To address the issue of poor air quality, the London Plan and the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy, as stated in paragraph 1, have handed down targets and objectives to the boroughs to help improve the quality of our air.
11. Southwark's Air Quality Improvement Strategy (2012-2017) and Action Plan has been developed to meet four strategic air quality objectives, including:
 - Reduce emissions from vehicular transport
 - Protect public health and monitor air quality
12. Within the council's Transport Plan there are a number of objectives whose delivery will help to improve air quality:
 - Objective 2: Encourage sustainable travel choices
 - Objective 4: Improve the health and wellbeing of all by making the borough a better place
 - Objective 8: Reduce the impact of transport on the environment

Community impact statement

13. As stated in the section above, Southwark seeks to introduce measures that will improve the health of those people living and working in the borough, by reducing exposure to air pollution and raising air quality awareness.

Figure 1, Annual average NO₂ concentrations $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$, 2011 (as predicted)



Financial / Resource implications

15. Funding will be absorbed into existing programmes and management so there will be no staffing implications.
16. There are no other financial implications arising from the report and any extension or variation of the bid shall be subject to a formal approval
14. Below is a financial summary of the bids.

Table 1, Southwark bid financial summary

Southwark bid	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Total
Mayor's Air Quality funding (in £k)	184	108	108	400
Match funding (in £k)	188	107	108	403
Funding body(s) for match	Lip, Council, DEFRA (TBC) and Better Bankside	Lip, Council and DEFRA (TBC) and Better Bankside	Lip, Council and DEFRA (TBC) and Better Bankside	

Elephant and Castle bid	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Total
Mayor's Air Quality funding (in £k)	315	15	65	395
Match funding (in £k)	45	150	200	395
Funding body(s) for match	Lend Lease	Council and Lend Lease	Council and Lend Lease	

Tower Bridge bid	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Total
Mayor's Air Quality funding (in £k)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Match funding (in £k)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Funding body(s) for match	TBD	TBD	TBD	

Consultation

17. There has been no public consultation at present, but standard procedures will be followed when implementing physical infrastructure schemes. Promotion and awareness activities will follow corporate communications guidelines.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services (CE/2012/037)

18. The individual bid from Southwark is for a total of £400k over three years, and match funding, as set out in Appendix 1, will be confirmed prior to acceptance of any successful grant bids. Also in Appendix 1 are details of the multiple partnership bids which are being developed, along with the current match funding.
19. Specific schemes to be funded from the Air Quality Fund will be the subject of individual reports.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background paper	Held at	Contact
Gateway 1	Transport Planning 160 Tooley Street	Stephanie Ladlow on 020 7525 5466
Mayor's Air Quality Fund bidding guidance	Transport Planning 160 Tooley Street	Stephanie Ladlow on 020 7525 5466

APPENDICES

No.	Title
1	Further details of projects and funding levels in individual Southwark bid and joint bids

AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Yes	Yes
List other officers here	N/A	N/A
Cabinet Member	Yes	No
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