

# GLA 18/6.2

## Scope for Annual Review 2008

16 April 2008

**BOARD PAPER REFERENCE – GLA 18/6.2 – Scope of the Annual Review 2008**

Issue

1. Measuring the effectiveness of the GLA through independent research (“the Annual Review 2008”).

Recommendation

2. The Board is invited to:
  - approve the proposed scope set out below
  - agree to assist the researchers where possible
  - note the costs and timetable

Background

3. The University of Sheffield and University of Liverpool published a first evaluation of the GLA (“Annual Review 2007”) in November 2007. The GLA Accounting Officer (Chief Executive) is content to authorise commissioning the researchers again to conduct the second evaluation study on a single tender basis (see annex A for the GLA’s Procurement Policy).

Proposed Scope

4. The research will seek to:
  - Produce a performance index to measure the effectiveness of the GLA in reducing worker exploitation;
  - Produce a performance index to measure the effectiveness of the Authority in tackling non-compliance with the licensing standards as well as to assess the extent to which labour providers are operating without a licence in the GLA sectors;

*NB. Both indexes will be derived from external official statistics allied with the GLA’s own internal outputs as well as data input from GLA partners. Where statistical gaps are present qualitative testimonies will be collected based on interviews with workers.*

- Analyse changes in the structure of the licensed sectors in response to licensing (including level of consolidation and movement to other sectors);
- Assess the GLA’s compliance, enforcement and intelligence activity to highlight any issues associated with tackling worker exploitation and fraud;

- Assess the GLA's progress as a regulatory authority (specifically its financial and staffing base);
  - Provide a commentary on relevant external policy developments affecting the organisation
5. The research will be led by Professor Andrew Geddes (Professor of Politics, University of Sheffield) and Dr Sam Scott (Lecturer in Geography, University of Liverpool).
6. Board members will be invited to participate on a steering committee for the research. Board members are also asked to assist the researchers in contributing information and data where necessary.

#### Estimated Costs

<b>Staff Costs</b>	
Research Assistant:	6 months full-time
Dr Sam Scott	25 Days
Professor Andrew Geddes	7 Days
GIS / Statistics Consultant	6 Days
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£33,364.40</b>
<b>Research Expenses</b>	
Assuming UK based research. Includes transcription, travel and subsistence and document purchase / photocopying	
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£3,000</b>
<b>Conference Facilities</b>	
For meetings based at the Public Service Academy, University of Sheffield	
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£800</b>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>£37,164.40</b>

#### Timetable

7. The research will be presented in draft at the January 2009 Board meeting. Subject to Board approval, it will then be published in February 2009. A progress report highlighting emerging findings will be presented to the October 2008 Board meeting.