

# CROSSRAIL BUSINESS RATE SUPPLEMENT

The Greater London Authority (GLA) introduced a business rate supplement (BRS) in April 2010 to finance £4.1 billion of the £14.5 billion Crossrail project costs.

## **What is Crossrail and how will it benefit your business?**

Crossrail will connect the outer suburbs and Heathrow to the West End, City and Canary Wharf. It is pivotal to the future of London's economy and the increased earnings - from new jobs and quicker journeys - will benefit businesses across London.

It is the single largest investment in London's infrastructure for decades, employing up to 14,000 people at the peak of construction. Crossrail services will start on the Shenfield to Liverpool Street section in 2017 and through central London in 2018, followed by a phased introduction of further services.

Find out more at [www.crossrail.co.uk](http://www.crossrail.co.uk), by calling the Crossrail 24 hr Helpdesk on 0345 602 3813 or visiting our Crossrail Visitor Information Centres at Whitechapel and Tottenham Court Road.

## **Developments in building and financing Crossrail**

The Mayor of London agreed a settlement with government in October 2010 for the Crossrail route and secured investment for the upgrade of the Tube. Crossrail is now under construction at key sites across London.

In April 2012, the Mayor introduced a community infrastructure planning (CIL) levy on new developments in London to finance Crossrail. This is paid for by the developer. Find out more at [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk)

## How will London's businesses help to fund Crossrail?

The Crossrail BRS will be used to finance £3.5 billion worth of GLA borrowing and the repayment of this sum after Crossrail is completed. A further £0.6 billion of BRS revenues will finance construction works directly. The GLA will have contributed nearly £2.7 billion by March 2013 towards the project using revenues financed by the BRS. It expects the Crossrail BRS will run for a period of between 24 and 31 years until its borrowing is repaid. A further contribution of £875 million is forecast for 2013-14.

## Does my business have to pay the Crossrail BRS?

Your rates bill makes clear if you are liable to pay the BRS. It is applied only to assessments (eg business and other non domestic premises) on the local rating lists of the 32 London boroughs and City of London Corporation with a rateable value of more than £55,000. Over 80 per cent of non domestic properties in London are therefore exempt.

## How much do I pay if I am liable?

The Crossrail BRS multiplier for 2013-14 is 2p per pound of rateable value. Reliefs for Crossrail BRS will apply on the same basis and at the same percentage rate as for your National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR) bill, although no transitional relief is provided for the BRS.

## Keeping you up to date

We will provide an annual update for ratepayers over the lifetime of the BRS.

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