

# Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee

Date: THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2015

Time: AT THE RISING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(APPROXIMATELY 3.00 pm)

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOMS, 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

**Members:** Mark Boleat (Chairman)

Roger Chadwick (Deputy Chairman)

Deputy John Barker Deputy Douglas Barrow Deputy John Bennett Deputy Michael Cassidy

Simon Duckworth

Alderman Jeffrey Evans

Stuart Fraser George Gillon Jeremy Mayhew

**Deputy Catherine McGuinness** 

Deputy Joyce Nash Deputy Dr Giles Shilson Sir Michael Snyder Deputy John Tomlinson Alderman Sir David Wootton

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Lunch will be served in the Guildhall Club at 1pm NB: Part of this meeting could be the subject of audio video recording

John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. APOLOGIES

### 2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

#### 3. MINUTES

To agree the public minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 22 January 2015.

For Decision (Pages 1 - 4)

#### 4. JOINT MEETING WITH THE EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

To agree the minutes of the Sub-Committee's joint meeting with the Efficiency and Performance Sub-Committee held on 22 January 2015.

For Decision (Pages 5 - 8)

#### 5. **ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUND**

This report will have been considered earlier by the Grand Committee (please refer to item no. 8, page 45, of that agenda for details) and its resolution should be noted.

For Information

#### 6. PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

This report will have been considered earlier by the Grand Committee (please refer to item no. 11, page 81, of that agenda for details) and its resolution should be noted.

For Information

#### 7. OPERATIONAL PROPERTY REVIEW

Joint report of the Chamberlain and the City Surveyor.

For Information (Pages 9 - 12)

#### 8. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

#### 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

#### 10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

MOTION – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

#### 11. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

To agree the non-public minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 22 January 2015.

For Decision (Pages 13 - 16)

#### 12. JOINT MEETING WITH THE EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

To approve the non-public minutes of the Sub-Committee's joint meeting with the Efficiency and Performance Sub-Committee held on 22 January 2015.

For Decision (Pages 17 - 18)

#### 13. CITY ACADEMY HACKNEY SIXTH FORM EXPANSION

This report will have been considered earlier by the Grand Committee (please refer to item no. 30, page 255) of that agenda for details) and its resolution should be noted.

For Information

- 14. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE
- 15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED



#### RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

#### Thursday, 22 January 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources)
Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday,
22 January 2015 at 11.30 am

#### Present

#### Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman) Jeremy Mayhew

Roger Chadwick (Deputy Chairman) Deputy Catherine McGuinness

Deputy John Barker
Deputy Douglas Barrow
Deputy John Bennett
Deputy Michael Cassidy
Alderman Jeffrey Evans
Deputy John Bennett
Deputy John Tomlinson
Alderman Sir David Wootton

George Gillon

#### In Attendance

Jeremy Simons

#### Officers:

John Barradell Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Peter Kane Chamberlain
Peter Bennett City Surveyor

Philip Everett Director of the Built Environment Sir Nicholas Kenyon Director of the Barbican Centre

Caroline Al-Beyerty Chamberlains

Simon Murrells

Peter Lisley

Assistant Town Clerk

Assistant Town Clerk

City of London Police

Sarah Wall

Barbican Centre

Neil Davies

Town Clerk's Office

Angela Roach Principal Committee and Members Services Manager

#### 1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Stuart Fraser.

### 2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

#### 3. MINUTES

The public minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2014 were approved.

#### 4. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

### 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business.

#### 6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

MOTION - That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act:-

Item Nos. Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A

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#### 7. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2014 were approved.

#### 8. 42 NORTH ROAD

This item was withdrawn.

#### 9. RING OF STEEL

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police concerning the upkeep of the Ring of Steel.

#### 10. BARBICAN CENTRE - BAR OPERATIONS

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a report of the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre concerning the bar operations in the Barbican Centre.

### 11. SERVICE BASED REVIEW - BARBICAN CENTRE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre concerning the implementation of the improvement recommendations of a review of the Barbican Centre's operations commissioned as part of the service based review.

RESOLVED – that the content of the report be noted.

#### 12. PROJECTS FUNDING UPDATE

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a report of the Chamberlain concerning the proposed funding of projects which now required the allocation

of resources or the allocation of additional funding to progress to the next stage.

#### 13. ADDITIONAL WORKS PROGRAMME

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a report of the Chamberlain concerning the proposed 2015/16 programme of cyclical repairs and maintenance for the City Corporation's operation property (the Additional Works Programme).

#### 14. SERVICE BASED REVIEW - OPERATIONAL PROPERTY

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a joint report of Chamberlain and the City Surveyor concerning the review of operational property; the governance responsibilities associated with it and the allocation of resources to support service delivery.

15. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There were no urgent items.

The meetin	g ended 1	2.05pm
Chairman		••

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### JOINT MEETING OF THE RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE SUB-COMMITTEE WITH COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

#### Thursday, 22 January 2015

Minutes of the joint meeting of the Resource Allocation and Efficiency and Performance Sub-Committee with Committee Chairmen held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 22 January 2015 at 12.15 pm

#### **Present**

#### Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman)
Roger Chadwick (Deputy Chairman)

Randall Anderson

Deputy John Barker

Deputy Douglas Barrow

Deputy John Bennett, Chief Commoner

**Deputy Michael Cassidy** 

Nigel Challis Simon Duckworth

Alderman Jeffrey Evans Deputy Anthony Eskenzi

John Fletcher George Gillon

#### In Attendance

Deputy Billy Dove Marianne Fredericks Alderman David Graves Alderman Gordon Haines

Edward Lord Wendy Mead Gareth Moore Dhurv Patel Jeremy Simons

Deputy Michael Welbank

Jamie Ingham Clark Jeremy Mayhew

**Deputy Catherine McGuinness** 

Deputy Joyce Nash

Ian Seaton

Deputy Dr Giles Shilson Sir Michael Snyder Deputy John Tomlinson Alderman Sir David Wootton

#### Officers:

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Peter Kane Chamberlain
Peter Bennett City Surveyor

Caroline Al-Beyerty Financial Services Director

Simon Murrells Assistant Town Clerk
Peter Lisley Assistant Town Clerk
Neil Davies Town Clerk's Department

Angela Roach Principle Committee and Members Services Manager

#### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Stuart Fraser, Robert Howard, Vivienne Littlechild, Henry Pollard and Philip Woodhouse.

MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN 2. RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-3. COMMITTEES

There were no questions.

- ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT 4. There were no urgent items.
- **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** 5.

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item Nos.

Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A

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6. OVERALL FINANCIAL POSITION AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL **PLANNING** 

The Sub-Committees considered and supported a joint report of the Town Clerk and the Chamberlain concerning the City Corporation's overall financial.

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-7. COMMITTEES

There were no questions.

8.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGEN AND WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED There were no urgent items.
The	meeting ended at 1pm
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### Agenda Item 7

Committee(s)	Dated:
Resource Allocation Sub-Committee	26 March 2015
Subject: Operational Property Review	
Report of: The Chamberlain and the City Surveyor	For Information

#### **Summary**

At the last Resource Allocation Sub-Committee it was agreed that the Committee takes on a more formal role in relation to the current operational property resources to support service delivery by becoming the reporting and oversight body for the review of Operational Property. This report provides an update on the Operational Property Review Project.

The Senior Officer Project Board has been formed and detailed project objectives, deliverables and milestones discussed and agreed at its first meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. As part of the review, Chief Officers will be asked to review their operational property portfolio through a series of workshops to identify opportunities for rationalisation and improved efficiency. The aim will be to identify proposals for property rationalisation which are likely to deliver the greatest VFM benefits.

The first phase of workshops covering the Markets and Consumer Protection, Open Spaces, Community and Children's Services and Built Environment Departments will be held over the period April 2015 to May 2015. These workshops will review at a strategic level the operational properties owned and operated by Departments with the aim of identifying proposals in the short, medium and longer term to enable rationalisation and/or more effective utilisation of existing property assets. Proposals developed may entail the relocation of people and operations, with resulting costs in order to facilitate the freeing up of property assets.

The existing Barbican and GSMD Capital Caps programmes used primarily for cyclical repair works, are currently being reviewed as part of this project. We are currently exploring options, with one option under consideration being whether improvements could be made to the operation of the current Additional Work Programme (AWP) to make it more suitable for the governance of all property maintenance programmes, including the schools, Barbican Centre and GSMD.

#### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the progress on the Operational Property Review to date and that a further report will be provided at the May meeting.

#### Main Report

#### Background

- 1. Last year Corporate Asset Sub Committee requested a review into how well our property assets are maintained. Until this point we had no central and overall picture of the management of the operational estate. The review established that there is a funding gap each year, compounding and creating a cumulative shortfall of funding for cyclical maintenance. Effectively this is creating a 'bow wave' of postponed maintenance costs which we will, at some point, need to meet. This funding gap is unsustainable in the long term.
- 2. This work has also exposed that the current management of operational property assets is fragmented.
- 3. There was also an underpinning issue as to where governance responsibilities lie for the allocation of operational property assets. Resource Allocation Sub Committee covers the allocation of revenue resources for service delivery and capital resources to new capital schemes, but did not regularly review the allocation of property assets for service delivery.
- 4. The Sub-Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and the City Surveyor concerning the review of operational property, the governance responsibilities associated with it and the allocation of resources to support service delivery at the 22nd January 2015 meeting.
- 5. Whilst Members were supportive of the thrust of the review and the proposal for the Sub-Committee to have a greater role, the current level of oversight between the City Corporation as the budget holder and the quality and impact of the work undertaken by suppliers of the service was an area to be considered. Members were reminded at the meeting that the report represented the first stage of the review process and confirmed that the tension between budget holder and service supplier would be examined. This would apply to the review work on the Barbican and GSMD Cap and more generally in relation to the Additional Work Programme. More detailed work was still to be undertaken to ensure consistency and better oversight of the use of all operational property as well as competing priorities. It was resolved that the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee takes on a more formal role in relation to the current operational property resources to support service delivery by:-
  - considering the allocation of operational property resources for service delivery, following Corporate Asset Sub Committee's consideration of effective use; and
  - becoming the reporting and oversight body for the review of Operational Property.
- 6. As part of the review, Chief Officers will be asked to review their operational asset base portfolio through a series of workshops to identify opportunities for rationalisation and improved efficiency. The aim will be to identify proposals for

property rationalisation which are likely to deliver the greatest VFM benefits. A series of specific projects will then progress these proposals to completion seeking appropriate resources to facilitate disposals, and obtaining approval through current project processes.

#### **Progress to date**

- 7. The Senior Officer Project Board has been formed and detailed project objectives, deliverables and milestones discussed and agreed at its first meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- 8. The membership of the officer board is as follows:-
  - John Barradell, Town Clerk Chairman
  - Caroline Al-Beyerty, Financial Services Director Deputy Chairman
  - Peter Bennett, City Surveyor
  - Simon Murrells, Assistant Town Clerk
  - Peter Young, Corporate Property Group Director
  - Alan Bennetts, Assistant City Solicitor
  - David Smith, Director of Markets and Consumer Protection
  - Paul Nagle, Head of Finance projects
- This Board will meet monthly and will be responsible for driving the project, providing strategic oversight and embedding an organisational approach to continually reviewing the efficient and effective use of operational property.
- 10. The first phase of workshops are now being scheduled over the period April 2015 to May 2015. The purpose of these workshops is to review at a strategic level the operational properties owned and operated by Departments with the aim of identifying proposals in the short, medium and longer term to enable rationalisation and/or more effective utilisation of existing property assets.
- 11. The initial focus will be on four discovery workshops, starting with Markets & Consumer Protection, and then Open Spaces, DCCS and DBE. Following this initial stage of workshops the Project Board will take stock and review rationalisation and improved utilisation opportunities identified to date and take a view on whether to arrange further workshops on the remainder of property assets on a Departmental or themed basis.
- 12. As these Operational Property Review workshops progress, any relevant issues identified from the Facilities Management and Business Repairs Management contract review workshops will be incorporated into this review.
- 13. Further workshops will be undertaken in June and July to firm up proposals and additionally engage relevant Committee chairman. The aim will be to follow a similar approach to review and engagement with Members as was undertaken for the overall Service Based Review.

#### **Barbican and GSMD Capital Caps**

- 14. Within the scope of this project is the review of the Barbican and GSMD Capital Caps. In the recent years the Barbican and GSMD have operated a Capital Cap (Cap) programme for building cyclical repair works, administered in five year cycles. The Cap incorporates large building projects, repairs and maintenance, and equipment purchases: for example, items like lighting and small power, refurbishment and redecoration of rooms, brickwork, roof repairs, and infrastructure repairs/ replacement works. The Cap programmes mean that unlike all other Service Departments, the Barbican Centre and GSMD receive a set budget for a five year period for buildings works rather than applying directly to the City and competing for funding for each individual building project. Costs of works not carried out and savings from overestimated work, unlike the AWP, can be vired for other works.
- 15. Revised arrangements for the governance and control of this area of expenditure are currently being developed. We are currently exploring options; with one option under consideration being whether improvements could be made to the operation of the Additional Work Programme (AWP) to make it more suitable for the governance of all property maintenance programmes, including the schools, the Barbican Centre and GSMD.
- 16. The aim will be to provide a more fair, consistent, long-term and flexible approach to cyclical work planning across the entire operational portfolio.

#### **Next Steps**

17. A further update on progress being made with this review will be provided to the next Resource Allocations Sub-Committee on the 28th May 2015. This will include recommendations in relation to the current Barbican and GSMD Capital Cap and the future operation of the current Additional Work Programme.

#### Conclusion

18. Good initial progress has been made on the Operational Property Review Project, with the Project Board established and initial planning phases largely completed. Workshops planned over the next three months will determine the extent that property utilisation can be improved and where further asset realisation opportunities may exist. Review of the Additional Work Programme alongside the Barbican and Capital Cap arrangements can potentially provide a fairer, consistent, long-term and flexible approach to cyclical building work planning.

#### **Background Papers**

RASC - Operational Property Review – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 (Non-Public)

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## Agenda Item 11

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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## Agenda Item 12

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