

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Thursday, 17 October 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 17 October 2019 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chair)
Simon Duckworth (Deputy Chairman)
Sheriff Christopher Hayward (Vice-Chairman)
Deputy Tom Sleigh (Vice-Chair)
Randall Anderson (Ex-Officio Member)
Douglas Barrow (Ex-Officio Member)
Nicholas Bensted-Smith (Ex-Officio Member)
Tijs Broeke
Karina Dostalova
Marianne Fredericks
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Deputy Tom Hoffman (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Shravan Joshi
Deputy Edward Lord
Alderman Ian Luder
Jeremy Mayhew
Andrew McMurtrie
Wendy Mead
Graham Packham (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Jeremy Simons (Ex-Officio Member)
Sir Michael Snyder
Mark Wheatley
Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Alderman Sir David Wootton

In attendance:

Deputy Brian Mooney

Officers:

John Barradell	-	Town Clerk
Angela Roach	-	Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Member Services
Emma Cunnington	-	Town Clerk's Department
Simon Latham	-	Town Clerk's Department
Alistair MacLellan	-	Town Clerk's Department
Greg Moore	-	Town Clerk's Department
Peter Kane	-	Chamberlain
Caroline Al-Beyerty	-	Deputy Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor

Paul Double	-	City Remembrancer
Paul Wilkinson	-	City Surveyor
Caroline Dwyer	-	Director of the Built Environment
Bob Roberts	-	Director of Communications
Damian Nussbaum	-	Director of Economic Development
Vic Annells	-	Private Secretary and Chief of Staff, Mansion House

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Deputy Keith Bottomley, the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Peter Estlin, Anne Fairweather, Deputy Joyce Nash, and Alderman William Russell.

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

Randall Anderson declared an interest in respect of items 9 and 10 by virtue of having a client who worked with the Impact Investing Institute.

3. **MINUTES**

- a) The minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 19 September 2019 were approved.
- b) The draft public minutes of the meeting of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee held on 10 September 2019 were noted.
- c) The public minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub-Committee held on 20 September 2019 were noted.

4. **RESOLUTION FROM THE LIVERY COMMITTEE**

A resolution of the Livery Committee, dated 11 September 2019, was noted. The Chair advised that this matter would be considered together with other such items through the Fundamental Review process but was pleased to note that pro bono support had been procured in the interim.

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5. **RESOLUTION FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE**

The Committee received a resolution of the Establishment Committee, dated 5 September 2019, together with an explanatory note which was tabled by the Chair of the Establishment Committee.

Following discussion, it was agreed that it would not be suitable to seek to impose appraisal arrangements across committees; however, the Establishment Committee was welcome to undertake such a process itself, should it so wish.

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6. **INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA) DEFINITION ON ANTI-SEMITISM**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk proposing the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Definition on Anti-Semitism.

RESOLVED: That, subject to the concurrence of the Court of Common Council, Members:-

1. Approve the adoption of the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism, including the agreed working examples, as set out in Appendix 1.
2. Agree the inclusion of the IHRA definition and working examples within the Members' and Officers' Codes of Conduct.

7. **REVISED CHINA MARKET STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Innovation & Growth presenting a revised China Market Strategy.

RESOLVED: That the updated City of London Corporation China Strategy be approved as set out at Annex A.

8. **ATTENDANCE AT UK-CHINA PENSION FUND FORUM AND SHENZHEN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE EXPO**

This item was withdrawn.

9. **NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF THE IMPACT INVESTING INSTITUTE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Innovation & Growth proposing the appointment of Nicholas Bensted-Smith to the Board of the Impact Investing Institute (III).

RESOLVED: That:-

1. Nicholas Bensted-Smith be nominated as the COLC appointee to the III Board, the appointment to come into effect once the Management Board is formally constituted (expected to be 1 November 2019).
2. It be noted that, independent of the decision above, Sir Roger Gifford had been offered an additional seat on the Institute's Board by its Chair, which he was intending to accept.

10. **FLEXIBILITY OF DISBURSEMENT FOR CORPORATION SUPPORT OF THE IMPACT INVESTING INSTITUTE**

This item was withdrawn.

11. **CITY WEEK 2020 EVENT**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Innovation & Growth concerning the City Week 2020 event.

The Chair advised that she had instructed officers to produce an annual report which set out a coherent overview of the various conferences and events which the City Corporation engaged in. This would also include the various priority assessments for each. However, it was recognised that there would continue to

be a case for considering some events on an ad hoc basis, given the need to be responsive to emerging opportunities and to continually assess the merits of ongoing involvement with others.

RESOLVED: That the allocation of £25,000 from the Committees 2020/21 Policy Initiatives Fund, categorised under 'Events' and charged to City's Cash, be approved in order to finance the City Corporation's sponsorship of the 10th City Week annual conference.

12. CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION PARTICIPATION IN WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM (DAVOS) 2020

The Committee received a report of the Director of Innovation & Growth concerning the City Corporation's participation at the World Economic Forum in Davos in 2020.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and its content noted.

13. CLIMATE ACTION BRIEFING IMPLEMENTATION

The Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Innovation & Growth, the Director of the Built Environment, and the Director of Open Spaces presenting a Climate Action Briefing which set out a plan of work to ensure the right data, information and resources are in place to develop and implement an ambitious and successful Climate Action Strategy.

RESOLVED: That Members:-

1. Note the robust approach taken and current position of developing a Climate Action Strategy for both the Square Mile and the City of London Corporation.
2. Approve the reprioritisation of £200,000 from the 2019-20 Innovation & Growth departmental budget to cover the costs of consultancy support required to deliver the Climate Action Briefing.

14. CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain proposing funding for a scheme to undertake repairs and waterproofing works to the pipe subways of Holborn Viaduct and Snow Hill over Thameslink. The report also alluded to a project relating to a new Community Centre, which was the subject of a separate report on the agenda.

It was noted that this project had previously been approved for progression outside of the Fundamental Review and that the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee had supported the recommendations at its meeting earlier that day.

RESOLVED: That:

1. The allocation of up to £2.428m be approved from the On-Street Parking Reserve to allow the progression of a scheme to undertake repairs to the pipe subways of Holborn Viaduct and Snow Hill over Thameslink, subject to the approval of the requisite gateway reports.

2. A request to allow a proposal to facilitate a new community facility to progress outside of the fundamental review and annual capital bid process be noted.
3. It be noted that under the new annual capital bid process the 2020/21 capital funding bids will be presented in December for consideration against corporate priorities.

15. POLICY INITIATIVES FUND AND COMMITTEE CONTINGENCY

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain updating on projects and activities that had received Policy Initiatives Funding and funding from the Committee's contingency or Brexit contingency funds.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and its content noted.

16. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

18. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) 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 No.	Paragraph No.
19a - 23	3
26 - 27	1, 2, 3 & 4

19. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

- a) The non-public minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 19 September 2019 were approved.
- b) The non-public minutes of the meeting of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee held on 10 September 2019 were noted.
- c) The draft minutes of the Housing Delivery Programme Working Group meeting held on 6 September 2019 were noted.
- d) The draft non-public minutes of the Hospitality Working Party meeting held on 18 September 2019 were noted.
- e) The draft non-public minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub-Committee held on 20 September 2019 were noted.

- a) The draft non-public minutes of the informal away days of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee held on 12/13 July 2019 and 2 October 2019 were noted.
20. **NON-PUBLIC APPENDIX - CHINA STRATEGY**
The non-public appendix to item 7 was noted.
21. **NON-PUBLIC APPENDIX - DAVOS**
The non-public appendix to item 11 was noted.
22. **NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE**
The Committee considered and approved a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services concerning a new community centre.
23. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were two questions, concerning engagement with a property developer and engagement with Crossrail.
24. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED.**
There was one urgent item, concerning the Business Rates Retention Pilot Scheme.
25. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2019**
The confidential minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 19 September 2019 were approved.
26. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE INFORMAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB COMMITTEE AWAY DAY HELD ON 12/13 JULY 2019**
The confidential minutes of the informal away day of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee held on 12/13 July 2019 were noted.

The meeting ended at 2.25 pm

Chairman

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