

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 9 July 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources)
Committee held at Accessible Remotely: <https://youtu.be/plGhwqVAil> on Thursday,
9 July 2020 at 12.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chair)
Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Tijs Broeke
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Karina Dostalova
Anne Fairweather

Sheriff Christopher Hayward
Alderman Vincent Keaveny
Deputy Edward Lord
Alderman Ian Luder
Deputy Tom Sleight
Sir Michael Snyder

In Attendance

Randall Anderson
Marianne Fredericks
Alderman Alison Gowman
Deputy James Thomson

Officers:

John Barradell
Angela Roach

Peter Lisley
Greg Moore
Emma Cunningham
Caroline Al-Beyerty
Colin Buttery
Cecilie Booth
Damian Nussbaum
Bob Roberts
Jacqueline Eggleston
Gerald Mehrtens
Simi Shah
Stuart Wright
Kate Smith

- Town Clerk & Chief Executive
- Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Members Services
- Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Major Projects
- Town Clerks
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- Deputy Chamberlain
- Director of Open Spaces
- City of London Police
- Director of Innovation & Growth
- Director of Communications
- Open Spaces
- Community and Children's Services
- Innovation and Growth
- Innovation and Growth
- Town Clerks

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2020 were approved as a correct record.

4. **CAPITAL FUNDING UPDATE INCLUDING NEW BIDS OUTSIDE OF THE ANNUAL BID PROCESS**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning capital prioritisation and the 2020/21 round of annual capital bids.

Members discussed the bid for up to £1.9m for the Wanstead Flats Artificial Grass Pitches from City's Cash. Some Members felt that this scheme was not essential and should not be approved, whereas others felt that it was essential due to the pressure on open spaces during the pandemic and that it was an invest to save scheme.

A further discussion took place in non-public session, where a ballot took place to agree whether to defer the decisions on bids until the next meeting and until a reprioritisation assessment had been undertaken by the Chamberlain, or to agree the report and recommendations now.

RESOLVED, that:-

- Further information be circulated electronically to all Members of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee concerning what would need to be reprioritised if the Wanstead Flats Artificial Grass Pitches were to be approved and delegated authority be granted to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman, to:-
 - To review the four schemes listed in Table 1 (detailed in paragraph 7) and, in the context of the current crisis, to confirm their continued essential priority for release of funding at this time.
 - That subject to this confirmation, to agree to the release of up to £5.057m for schemes (i) to (vi) from the reserves of the three funds as set out in Table 1, subject to the approval of the relevant gateway reports.
 - To consider the 'in principle' allocation of central funding for the three new schemes submitted outside of the 2020/21 annual bid process (detailed in paragraph 8):
 - (i) Transportation response to Covid-19 Phase 3 – up to £568.5k (City Fund)
 - (ii) COLPAI Temporary Accommodation additional costs £283.1k (City's Cash)
 - (iii) Wanstead Flats Artificial Grass Pitches £1.9m (City's Cash)
 - That subject to 'in principle' approval of bids (i) and (ii) above, to agree to the immediate release of funding of up to £568.5k from the On-Street Parking Reserve (also noting the loss of £336k in potential income) and £283.1k from the City's Cash provision,

with funding to be identified from within the approved provisions set aside for the 2020/21 capital bids.

- It be noted that an assessment of the financial impact and practical implications of Covid-19 on the 46 approved 2020/21 annual bids is underway to identify schemes for possible deferral, with a view to identifying substitute funding for the new bids.
- It be noted that officers are being encouraged, in the first instance, to explore the opportunities to de-scope projects to contain increased costs arising from Covid-19 within the existing funding envelope.

5. COLPAI TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION COSTS

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services updating Members on the temporary accommodation arrangements for the City of London Primary Academy Islington (COLPAI) and setting out additional funding required for these temporary accommodation arrangements in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Chair thanked parents for their patience and support during this time.

RESOLVED, that:-

- It be noted that the revised projected costs for COLPAI temporary accommodation at Copenhagen Primary School during the 2020/21 Autumn Term, following approval for up to £300k by this committee on 12 December 2019.
- Additional funding of £283,066.38 be approved for temporary accommodation costs for the 2020/21 Spring Term as a result of further delays to the completion of the permanent school build due to the impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic.
- It be noted that a further request may come back to this Sub-Committee should the Coronavirus pandemic impacts cause further delay to the completion of the COLPAI permanent build into the 2020/21 Summer Term.

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

There were no questions.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no urgent business.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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 I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2020 were approved as a correct record.

10. **NOTE OF THE INFORMAL MEETING**

The note of the meeting held on 25 June 2020 was received.

11. **COLPAI TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION COSTS - APPENDIX**

The Sub-Committee received the non-public appendix relating to the report of the Director of Community and Children's Services under item 5.

12. **ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCH PROVISION WANSTEAD FLATS**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Open Spaces concerning a capital bid for the Artificial Grass Pitch Provision at Wanstead Flats.

13. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE CAPITAL PROGRAMME - APPROVAL OF LOAN FUNDING**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police concerning the City of London Police Capital Programme.

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

There were no questions.

15. **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 items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 13:30

Chair

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