

## **DIGITAL SERVICES SUB (FINANCE) COMMITTEE**

**Friday, 11 September 2020**

Minutes of the meeting of the Digital Services Sub (Finance) Committee held at Guildhall, EC2 on Friday, 11 September 2020 at 1.45 pm

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Randall Anderson (Chairman)  
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin (Deputy Chairman)  
Rehana Ameer  
Deputy Keith Bottomley  
Deputy Roger Chadwick  
John Chapman  
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Barbara Newman  
James Tumbridge

#### **Officers:**

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#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Sylvia Moys, Tim Levene and Deputy Hugh Morris.

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

There were no declarations.

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** - That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 3 July 2020 be approved as an accurate record.

#### **4. FORWARD PLAN**

The Sub-Committee was informed that a presentation will be provided at the next meeting.

#### **5. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Sub-Committee noted a joint report of the Town Clerk and the Chamberlain which provided updates of outstanding actions from previous meetings. The report also provided information of the Sub-Committee's proposed work plan for forthcoming meetings.

**RESOLVED** – That the Sub-Committee notes the report.

6. **DESIGN, BUILD, SUPPORT AND HOSTING FOR NEW WEBSITE**

The Sub-Committee a report of the Director of Communications on the design, build, support and hosting for the new website. The Chairman noted the indexing issues with Google concerning the searches for the City of London.

The Deputy Chairman raised concerns with the new website not capturing historical data such as the elections results and requested for a timeline to be provided. The Project Manager for the website responded that there is a crossover of this as the microsite has all the elections pages and consulted with page owners to confirm this. additionally, the Mod.gov website which includes the committee papers has a crossover between main pages.

A Member noted that it was agreed that Mod.Gov was to be replaced. The Director of IT agreed to take this offline and inform the Sub-Committee once this had completed.

The Chairman had requested a report on how many pages on the website can be eliminated. The Project Manager for the website informed the Sub-Committee that a report can be put together for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee to break this down, but in general there were 3500 pages on old website and the new website contains 1500 pages for now.

**RESOLVED** – That the Sub-Committee noted the update.

7. **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME PROGRESS UPDATE AND DEEP DIVE**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Chamberlain on the Information Management Programme Progress Update and Deep Dive.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the report has been passed onto the Audit and Risk Committee. The projects are making progress although this was slowed down by diversion of resources in light of COVID-19.

The Deputy Chairman praised the set of principles and noted that it will be useful to revisit the principles and measure the progress against them for the City of London's digital services. The Director of IT mentioned that the Department is putting together a dashboard to produce some metrics and can bring this to Sub-Committee on a quarterly basis.

Furthermore, the Chairman noted that couple of important projects and was in support of this which were approved in the capital bid rounds.

**RESOLVED** – That the Sub-Committee noted the progress update contained in the report and continue to support delivery of the programme in principle, standing ready to intervene practically when requested.

8. **IT APPLICATION ROADMAP UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the the Chamberlain on the IT Application Roadmap Update.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the current Housing Management System is provided by Orchard but at present there is a current inflight project to transition to Civica's SaaS service CX. The original proposed go live date was October 2020 but due to COVID -19 this has now been moved to February 2021. The Chair asked as to as to the delay in transation. The Depty Dirctor of IT (Delivery) agreed to look into this and advise the Chairman accordling.

**RESOLVED** – That the Sub-Committee noted the report.

9. **IT DIVISION - IT SERVICE DELIVERY SUMMARY**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Chamberlain on the IT Division - IT Service Delivery Summary.

A Member noted that the Sub-Committee does not usually hear about the Members experience of IT issues and suggested that this should be look into, particularly as Members rely heavily on IT services. The Chairman commented that Officers can go through the Service Desk and get a ticket number, but Members do not get a ticket number. The Head of IT confirmed that tickets are raised as usual when a Member logs an issue which is subsequently investigated by the VIP IT support team.

A Member raised a concern that Members can be seen on screen not concentrating on meetings and would be good to remind Members they are being watched at the start of the meeting.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the IT Services received Public Service Accreditation which is part of the risk management process. The idea is to have a formal process to identify the risks, work out how to manage them and finally to assess. This was carried out by an external agency and provided the Public Service Accreditation to the City of London.

The Chairman thanked the Officers involved with the process.

**RESOLVED** – That the Sub-Committee noted the report.

10. **IT DIVISION RISK UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Chamberlain on the IT Division Risk Update.

A Member raised concerns as to the YouTube Channel for the City of London's committee meetings unexpectedly dropped out of service from a live session for a few minutes during the voting session of the Court of the Common Council. The Head of IT agreed to look further into the matter but noted that the

incident was due a laptop malfunctioning and assured the Sub-Committee that Officers are now exploring ways to future proof this.

This was followed by another Member who commented that in light of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg ruling that the agreement, known as Privacy Shield, did not comply with European privacy rights. The ruling affects big tech companies like Facebook and Google, as well as thousands of other multinational businesses. The Member asked if any of the City of London's contractors are affected on the data transfer ruling, as at present more than 100 complaints have been logged with regulators on this.

The Deputy Head of IT (Delivery) responded that the Department has carried out some work on this with the Comptroller and City Solicitor, majority of the City of London's contracts are with Microsoft which stored most of their within the United Kingdom with the possibility of a small number of contractors who may be storing out of the United Kingdom. It was noted that the Privacy Shield expires on 16 august 2020.

The Member noted that the City of London holds a lot of data in its software's, it may be leaving our shores by merit of how apps are structured. There is a need to provide an assurance that any contractors don't just rely on privacy shield as they could put the City of London in disrepute. The Head of IT agreed to review this further and bring it back to the Committee.

The Director of Information & CISO at City of London Police noted that in terms of the CR16 risk, a lot more risks have taken place in light of COVID-19. Although the risks level at the City of London remains the same and unchanged, there is a need to scrutinize such risks carefully.

The Head of IT noted that the team have been working around COVID-19, with several areas seeing improvements with extra resilience being built in the 2020 contracts. The future challenges remain that the IT Services are now preparing to see the transition of colleagues returning to work in the offices. The Sub-Committee was assured that IT Services is working around the new ways of workings in its preparedness.

The Deputy Chairman request a separate session to assist with the Sub-Committees direction forward. The Chairman agreed on this too.

**RESOLVED** – That the Sub-Committee noted the report.

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

There were no questions.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

A Member queried that if the application programming interface (API) integrations with EU organisations and their systems had been taken into consideration as part of the Brexit decommissioning process. The Chairman replied that as the City of London have employees in Brussels whose data is

stored in the UK therefore this should not be a problem. A Member commented that the City of London has a City Facebook account, Facebook is relying on privacy shield so can become an issue. This was followed by second question from the Member who asked if the City of London's Digital services team is working together with the Government on the contact tracing App which is being launched soon. The Director of IT noted that IT team has no impact on the contact tracing application but agreed to take this up with the Public Health team.

A Member asked if there has been an increase of internet phishing during the COVID-19. The Sub-Committee was informed that since the lockdown internet phishing has increased tremendously.

### 13. **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.

| <b>Item No.</b> | <b>Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A</b> |
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| 19              | 3                                   |

### 14. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** - That the Sub-Committee considered and approved the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2020 as an accurate record.

### 15. **REPLACEMENT OF THE COMPUTER AIDED FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor on the Replacement of the Computer Aided Facilities Management System.

### 16. **PENSION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM PROCUREMENT**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain on the Pension Administration System Procurement.

### 17. **INFORMATION SECURITY RISKS**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain on the CR 16 Information Security Risk. Members were informed although the report was for noting there is also a decision which is required from the Sub-Committee.

#### **17.1 CR 16 Information Security Risk**

The Sub-Committee received an oral update on IT Security and Remote Working from the from the Director of Information & CISO at City of London Police.

#### **18. IT SECURITY AND REMOTE WORKING (SLIDES AND VERBAL UPDATE)**

The Sub-Committee received an oral update on IT Security and Remote Working from the from the Head of Police IT (Interim).

#### **19. POLICE IT PROGRAMMES UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee recived of a presanetion of the Commsisioner of the City of London Police on the Police IT Programmes Update.

#### **20. IT SERVICES 2020 PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Sub Committee received a report the Chamberlain on the IT Services 2020 programme update.

#### **21. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE**

Two non-public questions were raised.

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

One item was discussed.

**The meeting ended at time not specified**

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Chairman

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