

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Thursday, 11 April 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chairman)
Simon Duckworth (Deputy Chairman)
Christopher Hayward (Vice-Chairman)
Randall Anderson (Ex-Officio Member)
Douglas Barrow
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Tijs Broeke
Marianne Fredericks
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Deputy Edward Lord
Alderman Ian Luder
Jeremy Mayhew
Andrew McMurtrie
Deputy Joyce Nash
Graham Packham (Ex-Officio Member)
Alderman William Russell
John Scott (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)
Sir Michael Snyder
Deputy John Tomlinson
Mark Wheatley
Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Alderman Sir David Wootton

In attendance:

Alderman Prem Goyal
Wendy Mead

Officers:

Angela Roach	- Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Member Services
Peter Lisley	- Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Major Projects
Nick Bodger	- Town Clerk's Department
Emma Cunningham	- Town Clerk's Department
Eugenie de Naurois	- Town Clerk's Department
Simon Latham	- Town Clerk's Department
Greg Moore	- Town Clerk's Department
Grace Rawnsley	- Town Clerk's Department
Peter Kane	- Chamberlain
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Deputy Chamberlain
Philip Gregory	- Chamberlain's Department

Paul Chadha	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Vic Annells	- Executive Director of Mansion House & Central Criminal Court
Nigel Lefton	- Remembrancer's Department
Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Anna Dunne	- City Surveyor's Department
Carolyn Dwyer	- Director of the Built Environment
Bob Roberts	- Director of Communications
Damian Nussbaum	- Director of Economic Development
Giles French	- Assistant Director, Economic Development Office
Roland Martin	- Headmaster, City of London Freemen's School
Alistair Sutherland	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Henry Colthurst, The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Peter Estlin, Deputy Dr Giles Shilson, Deputy Tom Sleigh, and Jeremy Simons.

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

There were none.

3. **MINUTES**

- a) The public minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held 14 March 2019 were approved.
- b) The draft public minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee held on 14 March 2019 were received.
- c) The draft public minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub-Committee held on 22 March 2019 were received.
- d) The draft public minutes of the meeting of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee held on 7 March 2019 were received.

4. **RESOLUTION REGARDING SPORT ENGAGEMENT**

The Committee received a resolution from the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee concerning sports engagement and the role of the several open spaces committees, together with certain other committees, with regard to the new strategy.

The Director of Communications provided clarification in respect of a number of areas and agreed that the pillars proposed were sensible, noting that they were already reflected within the job description of the Sports Engagement Officer post. He reiterated the previous commitment to share all sport engagement reports with interested committees and the Chair noted her longstanding

commitment to open spaces work needing to be at the forefront of sports engagement activities. It was noted that final decision-making would need to rest with Policy & Resources and its Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee as the work was cross-cutting and fell across multiple areas.

RESOLVED: That the resolution be noted.

5. CAPITAL FUNDING - INTERIM REVISED PRIORITISATION AND PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning arrangements for the prioritisation and funding of capital projects ahead of the forthcoming fundamental review process.

In response to questions concerning the deferred projects, it was confirmed that officers had scrutinised each in detail and considered the risk implications associated with all proposals. Each would be subject to ongoing officer review and any items could be brought back to Members to reconsider, should the position change materially. The next meeting of Resource Allocation Sub-Committee would provide an early opportunity and there would be flexibility to revisit items in the event of changed circumstances. In the meantime, a pragmatic approach would be taken in respect of each deferred project, with projects utilising existing funding approvals to take them up to the next Gateway point or other sensible place to pause.

With respect to Community Infrastructure Levy funding, it was clarified that the intent was to review future allocations, not to revisit sums already allocated to service departments.

RESOLVED: That Members:-

1. Approve the prioritisation of new capital projects in 2019/20 in accordance with the criteria in paragraph 6 and 7 and confirm any additional interim criteria to be applied pending the fundamental review (paragraph 18).
2. Approve the schemes set out in paragraph 13 (Tables 2 - 4 and Appendices 1 – 4) for release from hold to continue through the Gateway procedure, with a combined value of £89m.
3. Approve £23.622m of funding for schemes detailed in Appendix 6 as follows:
 - internal loan funding with:
 - payback periods of 5 years or less of up to £3m; and
 - payback periods of more than 5 years of up to £18.818m

to be allocated from the reserves of City Fund and City's Cash, subject to other relevant approvals including gateways and Court of Common Council, and with each scheme to be considered on its own merits.

- funding of up to £1.804m for the other bids be drawn from the unallocated balances remaining in the 2018/19 City Fund and City's Cash provisions for new schemes.
4. Defer the approval of funding for schemes identified in Appendix 5A and 5B with a current value of £340m pending the fundamental review of services.
 5. Note that the unallocated balances remaining in the 2018/19 annual provisions for new schemes will be returned to the centre.
 6. Approve the introduction of an annual capital bid process to ensure that proposed new schemes are affordable and properly prioritised against criteria developed to reflect the new corporate model.

6. CITY VISITOR STRATEGY 2019-23

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Major Projects seeking approval for the City of London Visitor Strategy 2019/23.

RESOLVED: That Members approve the final draft of the City of London's Visitor Destination Strategy (2019-2023) as shown in appendix 1 for submission to the Court of Common Council.

7. 2019 PARTY CONFERENCES

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Communications concerning the proposed programme of City Corporation activities at 2019 party conferences and funding for the associated think tank partnerships.

It was noted that further reporting may be necessary should the political landscape change following European Parliament elections.

RESOLVED: That Members:-

1. agree the City Corporation's proposed programme of activity at 2019 party conferences;
2. agree to provide funding for the City Corporation's partnerships, the total sum amounting to £41,000 from your Committees 2019/20 Policy Initiative Fund categorised under 'Events' and charged to City's Cash, with the four think tanks listed below at Liberal Democrat, Labour, and Conservative party conferences:
 - i) Social Market Foundation
 - ii) The Institute for Public Policy Research
 - iii) Centre for Policy Studies
 - iv) Policy Exchange
3. agree to visit the question of providing funding for partnership(s) at the 2019 Scottish National Party conference once details concerning the date, location and venue of the conference have been released.

8. BATTLE OF IDEAS SPONSORSHIP

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Communications proposing sponsorship of the 2019 Battle of Ideas event.

Members noted that this event had been funded from the Policy Initiatives Fund (PIF) for several years and questioned the appropriateness of continued funding from that source, given recent changes to how the PIF was administered. It was therefore agreed that funding should be provided from the Committee's Contingency instead on this occasion, with the funding source to be reviewed for any future years.

RESOLVED: That Members agree to provide £20,000 from the Committee's 2019/20 Contingency Fund to sponsor the 2019 Battle of Ideas festival.

9. **SPONSORSHIP OF THE FABIAN SOCIETY RESEARCH PROJECT**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Communications concerning the sponsorship of a Fabian Society research report intended to assess how investment in arts and culture drives economic development.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted to the sponsorship of the Fabian Society research project, 'Using Arts and Culture to Enable Deprived Communities to Thrive', at a cost of £20,000 to be met from the Committee's 2019/20 Policy Initiatives Fund categorised under 'Research' and charged to City's Cash.

10. **REVIEW OF THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION'S 2006 FAIRTRADE RESOLUTION**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and the Chamberlain concerning the City Corporation's position in respect of Fairtrade accreditation.

It was noted that the Hospitality Working Party, at its 26 March 2019 meeting, had agreed to recommend Option 1. The Policy and Resources Committee agree to endorse this position.

RESOLVED: That the 2006 Fairtrade Resolution be maintained, thereby:

1. Maintaining the City Corporation's support for the Fairtrade mark and the Fairtrade resolution of 2006, thus meeting the City Corporation's responsible business commitments and moreover retaining the City of London's 'Fairtrade Zone' status;
2. Continuing to advocate the use of Fairtrade products in the Guildhall Club and for City Hospitality Events in conjunction with wider ethical and sustainable sourcing initiatives as outlined in the City Corporation's Responsible Procurement Strategy 2016 – 2019 and corporate catering contracts specifically;
3. Reviewing the 2006 Fairtrade Resolution in the event of a change of standard used within the Good Food for London report.

11. **IMMIGRATION BILL**

The Committee received a report of the Remembrancer concerning the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill.

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

12. LONDON LIVING WAGE CAMPAIGN

The Committee received a report of the Director of Economic Development updating on the success of the London Living Wage Campaign.

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

13. POLICY INITIATIVES FUND AND COMMITTEE CONTINGENCY

The Committee received 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.

14. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk advising of one action taken in accordance with delegated authority arrangements, concerning the composition of the Freedom Applications Committee.

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

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

There were no questions.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were two urgent items:

Housing Delivery Working Group

RESOLVED: That, following Sir Mark Boleat's resignation from the Court, Deputy James Thomson be appointed as the new Chairman of the Housing Delivery Working Group.

Crossrail Arts Foundation

RESOLVED: That, following Sir Mark Boleat's resignation from the Court, Graham Packham be appointed as the Committee's representative on the Crossrail Arts Foundation.

17. 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.
18 – 23	3
26	2 & 3
27	3

18. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

- a) The non-public minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held 14 March 2019 were approved.
- b) The draft non-public minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub-Committee held on 22 March 2019 were received.
- c) The draft non-public minutes of the meeting of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee held on 7 March 2019 were received.
- d) The non-public minutes of the meeting of the Hospitality Working Party meeting held on 28 February 2019 were received.

19. NON-PUBLIC APPENDICES: CAPITAL FUNDING - INTERIM REVISED PRIORITISATION AND PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

The Committee noted the non-public appendices associated with item 5.

20. CITY OF LONDON FREEMEN'S SCHOOL MASTERPLAN

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain, the City Surveyor, and the Headmaster of the City of London Freemen's School concerning the School's Estate Development Plan.

21. MARKETS CONSOLIDATION PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a joint report of the City Surveyor and the Director of Major Projects concerning the Markets Consolidation Programme.

22. 2019-20 CYCLICAL WORKS PROGRAMME FUNDING

The Committee considered and approved a report of the Chamberlain which sought approval for the proposed 2019/20 Cyclical Works Programme (CWP).

23. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk advising of one action taken under urgency procedures since the last meeting, concerning the Police Accommodation Strategy.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were two items:

Brexit

The Chair provided an update on recent discussions with Government relating to Brexit.

Chief Commoner

The Chair noted that this would be John Scott's last meeting as Chief Commoner and Members took the opportunity to thank him for his contributions during the year.

26. **STRENGTHENING THE CITY**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Economic Development.

27. **CONFIDENTIAL APPENDICES: MARKETS CONSOLIDATION PROGRAMME**

The Committee noted the confidential appendices relating to Item 21.

The meeting ended at 3.20 pm

Chairman

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