

Committee: Finance Committee	Date: 15 October 2019
Subject: Public Report of the work of the Sub-Committees	Public
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Summary

On 19 July 2016, the Finance Committee agreed that, in addition to draft minutes of Sub-Committee meetings, short reports be provided to advise the Committee of the main issues considered by the Sub-Committees at recent meetings. This report sets out some of the main public issues considered by the following Sub Committees since 10th September 2019:

Procurement Sub-Committee – 24th September 2019

RESPONSIBLE PROCUREMENT STRATEGY (RPS)

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain outlining the achievements of the Responsible Procurement Strategy (RPS) which in the interest of upholding responsible business principles, had been published on the CoL website but not included in printed agenda packs.

The RPS had guided the COL's approach to ensuring that contracting reflected the CoL values and aspirations by providing a framework through which departmental strategies informed targets for supply chain partners. The RSP had objectives which were set in the context of, social value, environmental sustainability and ethical sourcing.

The Sub-Committee noted that the CoL transport fleet was gradually being upgraded to leased electric vehicles and continuous improvements were being made to technology to improve battery life. Vehicle fleet costs were also closely monitored by the Corporate Fleet Management Group.

Discussions had taken place with Small and Medium Sized Enterprises to encourage suppliers to pay the London Living Wage and as Landlord and Officers were exploring the scope for including lease clauses to ensure that business tenants and suppliers at a minimum, paid employees the London Living Wage.

Corporate Asset Sub-Committee – 25th September 2019

CYCLICAL WORKS PROGRAMME (CWP) - PROPOSAL FOR 2020-21

The City Surveyor presented a programme of works for 2021/21 in priority order for cyclical repairs and maintenance of the operational property portfolio (circa 600 properties).

These proposed works are required to help maintain the operational properties to a fair to good standard as outlined in the Corporate Asset Management Strategy. The bid list is split into two areas; the Actual List that includes the highest priority projects and a Reserve List which includes those projects that should ideally be undertaken but due to limited budgets does not form part of the actual list.

Total estimated cost of the work in the Actual List totalled £11.8m and is within the assumption made in the Medium-Term Financial Forecast. Resource Allocation Sub-Committee approval for the programme resources will be sought in January 2020.

The total estimated cost on the Reserve List is £25.4m.

The Sub-committee resolved that –

- a) Works in the Actual List were reviewed and approval given to works to the value of £11.8m as essential and prioritised as proposed;
- b) Works in the Reserve List reviewed and approved to the value of £25.4m of desirable work, but for which funding does not exist and to be promoted should savings from the Actual List projects arise;
- c) Agree the final proposed programme of works be submitted for approval of funding at the meeting of Resource Allocation Sub-Committee in January 2020.
- d) Approve that where projects on the Actual List were delivered at a saving or do not proceed for any reason that funding be reallocated by the CWP Peer Review Group to undertake projects from the approved reserve list and then reported to this committee at the next progress report.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the report.

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