

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Thursday, 12 December 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 12 December 2019 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

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

In attendance:

Ann Holmes

Officers:

John Barradell	- Town Clerk & Chief Executive
Angela Roach	- Assistant Town Clerk
Peter Lisley	- Assistant Town Clerk
Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Carolyn Dwyer	- Director of Built Environment
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Deputy Chamberlain
Damian Nussbaum	- Director of Innovation & Growth
Andrew Carter	- Director of Community & Children's Services
Gerald Mehrtens	- Community & Children's Services
David Farnsworth	- Director of City Bridge Trust
Amelia Ehren	- City Bridge Trust
Tim Jones	- Culture Mile Manager
Paul Double	- Remembrancer
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller & City Solicitor
Bob Roberts	- Director of Communications
Emma Cunnington	- Town Clerk's
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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Douglas Barrow, Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Alderman Ian Luder and Deputy Joyce Nash.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

3.1 **To agree the public minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2019.**

The public minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 21 November 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

3.2 **To note the public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 November 2019.**

The draft public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 November 2019 were noted.

3.3 **To note the public minutes of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 November 2019.**

The draft public minutes of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 November 2019 were noted.

4. **CITY OF LONDON ACADEMIES TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES: REAPPOINTMENT OF SPONSOR TRUSTEE**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk relative to the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees, requesting the reappointment of Andrew McMurtrie as a Sponsor Trustee.

RESOLVED, that:

- Andrew McMurtrie be reappointed as a Sponsor Trustee of the City of London Academies Trust Board of Trustees for a further four-year term commencing 14 January 2020.

5. **BID STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a joint report of the City Surveyor and Director of the Built Environment relative to the Business Improvement Districts Strategy.

RESOLVED, that:

- the BID Strategy framework be approved.

6. **FREIGHT PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of the Built Environment relative to the Freight Programme Update.

Members noted the importance of providing a public indication of freight and traffic restrictions, including restricting deliveries from 7am to 7pm, to businesses to ensure adequate time to establish consolidation centres and allow for planning. It was further noted that certain deliveries are not suitable for consolidation centres. The Policy Chair clarified that this freight strategy was in line with Central London Forward's Inclusive Growth Strategy, including

connectivity and transport links, as well as enforcement of new restrictions at Bank Junction should be further considered.

RESOLVED, that:-

- the report be received and its contents noted.

7. **MEMBERS' DIVERSITY UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk & Chief Executive relative to the Members' Diversity Update.

Members requested that a reminder be sent to all Members to encourage signing up for the Members Diversity Charter. Regarding recruitment of the dedicated officer responsible for diversity and inclusion, the Assistant Town Clerk committed to work with Human Resources (HR) to determine an alternative way of moving forward with this role considering the current moratorium on recruitment.

RESOLVED, that:-

- the report be received and its contents noted.

8. **POLICY INITIATIVES FUND AND COMMITTEE CONTINGENCY**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain relative to the Policy Initiatives Fund, Committee Contingency Fund, Brexit Contingency Fund and the Committee's Projects Reserve.

RESOLVED, that:-

- the report be received and its contents noted.

9. **DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk relative to decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers since the Committee's last meeting.

RESOLVED, that:-

- the report be received and its contents noted.

10. **CULTURE MILE REVENUE BUDGET**

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Town Clerk and Culture Mile Director relative to the Culture Mile Revenue Budget which requested 3 years of continued funding investment for 2020-2023.

Members expressed concern regarding agreeing funding in light of budgetary cuts and the fundamental review. Members were concerned that there was insufficient detail regarding how funding would be spent, and inadequate demonstration that partners were contributing financially.

In response to these reservations, other Members in support of the recommendations noted that Culture Mile has had a positive impact on the City;

the learning and educational elements have had strong external support; and that cultural offerings contribute to the City's standing as a global city.

Members were further concerned that the model presented did not demonstrate a move to self-sustaining model. Officers advised that the Culture Mile would move to a mixed-economy model, and Members requested that this transition be implemented within one year.

It was determined that three years of funding could not be agreed, however the Committee agreed to one year of funding and for future funding to be determined at a later date.

RESOLVED, that:-

- The rapid progress in developing Culture Mile as a major new creative and learning district for London and the UK be noted;
- The allocation of £1m be approved to Culture Mile in the 2020/21 financial year to be funded from City Fund General Reserve. Subsequent approval requests in 2021/22 and 2022/23 would be subject to further reports to Policy and Resources Committee in due course.

11. PROJECT FUNDING

Members considered a report of the Chamberlain relative to the Capital Funding Update which requested the release of £2.625m to fund two schemes agreed for progression outside of the fundamental review.

RESOLVED, that:-

- the Committee agree the allocation of central funding of up to £2.625m to allow two schemes to progress, subject to the requisite gateway approvals:
 1. up to £1.375m from City's Cash reserves as a contribution to the cost of the Baldwins and Birch Hall Park pond works;
 2. up to £1.250m from City Fund reserves to meet the cost of replacement airwave radio communication system.

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

There were no questions.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other business.

14. 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.

15. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

15.1 To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2019.

The non-public minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 21 November 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

15.2 To note the non-public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 November 2019.

The draft non-public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 November 2019 were noted.

15.3 To note the non-public minutes of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 November 2019.

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16. COP26 GREEN FINANCE STEERING GROUP

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Innovation and Growth relative to the City Corporation's approach to the COP26 conference (the annual UN climate negotiations), due to be hosted in Glasgow in November 2020.

17. CITY OF LONDON PRIMARY ACADEMY ISLINGTON: PROGRESS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services relative to progress of the provision of additional primary school places and social housing on the former Richard Cloudesley School site.

18. BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES STRATEGIC REVIEW UPDATE

The Committee received a joint report of the Towne Clerk & Chief Executive and the Chief Grants Officer and Director of City Bridge Trust relative to the Bridge House Estates Strategic Review.

19. ANNUAL CAPITAL PRIORITISATION

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain relative to Capital Funding and prioritisation of 2020/21 Annual Capital Bids.

20. CULTURE MILE REVENUE BUDGET: NON-PUBLIC APPENDIX

The Committee read the non-public appendix to the Culture Mile Revenue Budget in conjunction with the report of the Assistant Town Clerk & Culture Mile Director at Agenda Item 10.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

23. **THECITYUK**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Innovation and Growth concerning TheCityUK.

24. **GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk outlining the proposed arrangements concerning the governance review.

25. **FUNDAMENTAL REVIEW**

The Town Clerk updated Members on the fundamental review.

The meeting ended at 3.13 pm

Chairman

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