

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 12 December 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources)
Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday,
12 December 2019 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chairman)	Anne Fairweather
Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman)	Sheriff Christopher Hayward
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Deputy Edward Lord
Tijs Broeke	Sir Michael Snyder
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark	Alderman Sir David Wootton
Karina Dostalova	

Officers:

John Barradell	- Town Clerk & Chief Executive
Angela Roach	- Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Members Services
Peter Lisley	- Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Major Projects
Simon Latham	- Town Clerk's
Bob Roberts	- Director of Communications
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Ola Obadara	- Surveyor's
Andrew Carter	- Director of Community and Children's Services
Simon Cribbens	- Community and Children's Services
Gerald Mehrtens	- Community and Children's Services
Ian Dyson	- Commissioner of the City of London Police
Cecilie Booth	- City of London Police
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain's
Leah Coburn	- Built Environment
Emma Cunningham	- Town Clerk's

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Alderman Vincent Keaveny and Alderman Ian Luder.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The public minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee held on 17 October 2019 were approved as a correct record.

4. **PROJECT FUNDING REPORT**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain proposing the release of £2.625m to fund two schemes agreed for progression outside of the fundamental review.

RESOLVED, that:

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

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

Late papers

A Member sought clarification concerning the amount of late papers for both this Sub-Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee. The Chair agreed that late papers were not normally acceptable, but felt that on this occasion, the reports were such that they required Members' urgent attention.

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

There was one item of urgent business:-

Beech Street Transport and Public Realm Improvements

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the Beech Street project, due to address air quality issues in Beech Street by reducing or removing traffic, and to deliver a vibrant street with high-quality public realm at the centre of Culture Mile.

One Member felt that it was difficult for the Sub-Committee to make an informed decision on a late and lengthy paper; however, the majority of Members felt that it was such a critical, strategic and political priority of the organisation, that it should be supported.

RESOLVED, that:

- Approval be given for an additional £167,430 of On-Street Parking Reserves (OSPR) funding to underwrite the upfront staffing costs for Saba;
- It be noted that GLA funding of £91,000 has been secured for the project; and
- The work and findings to date be noted.

7. **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.

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8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee held on 17 October 2019.

9. **ANNUAL CAPITAL PRIORITISATION REPORT**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning the prioritisation of 2020/21 Annual Capital Bids.

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

There was one question concerning the Annual Capital Bids Process.

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

There were two items of urgent business:-

- The provision of additional primary school places and social housing on the former Richard Cloudesley School site;
- Fundamental Review update.

12. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

RESOLVED – that the confidential minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee held on 17 October 2019 be approved.

13. **FUNDAMENTAL REVIEW**

The Town Clerk gave an oral update on the fundamental review.

The meeting ended at 1.02 pm

Chairman

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