

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Resource Allocation Sub Committee	24 September 2020
<b>Subject:</b> Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

This report advises Members of actions taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b) since the last meeting.

### Recommendation

That Members note the actions taken since the last meeting of the Committee.

### Main Report

#### **Revised Capital Funding Update for the Transportation Response to COVID19 Phase 3 and COLPAI Temporary Accommodation**

7. At its meeting on 9 July, the Resource Allocation Sub Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain setting out three new funding bids which had been submitted outside of the annual process for 'in principal' allocation of £2.752m from City Fund and City's Cash resources.
8. These three bids were:-
  - (i) Transportation response to Covid-19 Phase 3 – up to £568.5k (City Fund)
  - (ii) COLPAI Temporary Accommodation additional costs £283.1k (City's Cash)
  - (iii) Wanstead Flats Artificial Grass Pitches £1.9m (City's Cash)
9. At the meeting on 9 July, there was much discussion about the Wanstead Flats Artificial Grass Pitches match funding of up to £1.9m from City's Cash. Members wished to understand which schemes or projects would need to be re-prioritised to allow for the funding of up to £1.9m allocated for the Wanstead Flats Artificial Grass Pitches.
10. Members asked for the Chamberlain to amend the report to make clear the impact of approving these bids would have, and for the revised report to be considered under delegated authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with all Members of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee, and in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

11. This report was updated and circulated to Members of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee on 17 July 2020. However, following circulation, it became clear that further work was needed on the invest to save proposal.
12. As time has gone on, the two 'uncontroversial' bids had become more pressing. This delegated authority was therefore progressed, asking for approvals for two out of three of the schemes at this stage, whilst further discussions took place to finalise proposals to Members for the Wanstead Flats Artificial Grass Pitches bid.
13. These two bids were:
  - (i) Transportation response to Covid-19 Phase 3 – up to £568.5k (City Fund)
  - (ii) COLPAI Temporary Accommodation additional costs £283.1k (City's Cash)
14. The revised report recommended that if Members were agreeable to approve allocation of central funding for these two bids, then there would need to be re-prioritisation of other 'less essential' schemes to make way for these new bids - effectively deferring selected schemes at least until next year's bid round.
15. Specifically, that the additional funding would be offset against savings from the provision set aside for the Barbican exhibition halls health and safety works which came in at lower cost and through the deferral of the scheme for a new visitor centre at the Monument.
16. Approval was granted for the 'in principle' allocation of central funding for two of the three new schemes submitted outside of the 2020/21 annual bid process:
  - (i) Transportation response to Covid-19 Phase 3 – up to £568.5k (City Fund)
  - (ii) COLPAI Temporary Accommodation additional costs £283.1k (City's Cash)
17. It was agreed for the immediate release of funding of
  - i. up to £568.5k from the On-Street Parking Reserve (also noting the loss of £336k in potential income), the additional funding to be offset against savings from the provision set aside for the Barbican exhibition halls health and safety works which came in at lower cost.
  - ii. £283.1k from the City's Cash provision, with funding provided through the deferral of the scheme for a new visitor centre at the Monument.
18. A further report would be submitted concerning the third new scheme: Wanstead Flats Artificial Grass Pitches £1.9m (City's Cash), in due course.

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