

Gifford, Mayor



**A Court of Common
Council holden in the
Guildhall of the City
of London on
Thursday, the sixth
day of December,
2012.**

Post-implementation Review of the Governance Arrangements

At its meeting on 3 March 2011 the Court agreed a number of changes to the City Corporation's Governance. In approving the new arrangements it was also agreed that a post-implementation review should be undertaken after a year of operation to take stock and to ensure that the revised arrangements were operating effectively. To this end, a Working Party was established by the Court to conduct the post-implementation review.

A consultation exercise on the revised arrangements was subsequently carried out over the summer recess on behalf of the Working Party with both Members and City Corporation Committees. The Working Party has considered the responses in detail and concluded that overall the new arrangements are operating well but that there were one or two areas that required modification.

Whilst the various conclusions and recommendations of the Post-implementation Review of Governance are set out within the Working Party's report, the principal changes recommended are as follows:-

- An increase from 10 to 15 in the number of elected Members on the Establishment Committee, two of whom shall have less than 5 years' service on the Court.
- The Chief Commoner should be elected in October rather than September; should take office at the first Court meeting after the wardmotes and the current arrangement whereby there is an expectation that Aldermen will not vote in the election of that office should be dispensed with.
- The West Ham element of the Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committee should be reconstituted as a separate committee but with the same Court-elected Members on each committee.
- The Corporate Asset and Energy and Sustainability Sub Committees be transferred from the Policy and Resources Committee to the Finance Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee respectively.
- The Policy & Resources Committee should, in future, elect three Deputy Chairmen with the "chairman-in-waiting" being electing one year before the expected date of an election for Chairman.

We submit for consideration and **recommend** approval of, a printed and circulated report containing the various conclusions and recommendations of the Post-implementation Review of Governance Working Party.

Read.

Of particular relevance to your Committee:-

(Extract from the report)

The Working Party supported a suggestion from the Investment Committee that arrangements should be put in place to enable that Committee to play a part in the process undertaken by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee in determining the appropriate investment proportions between property and non-property assets. In addition the Working Party was of the view that the Chamberlain should report to the Investment Committee on the respective merits of equity or investment property disposal to generate funds to support the capital programme. It also considered a proposal that for clarity the membership of the Committee's two Boards should be set out in the City Corporation's official Pocket Book.

Recommendation: That:-

- i) the terms of reference of the Investment Committee be amended as follows:-
 - a) To be responsible for the strategic oversight and monitoring of the performance of all of the City of London Corporation's investments, in accordance with the investment strategy determined by the Policy & Resources Committee.
 - b) To fulfil (a) above by means of the appointment of a Property Investment Board, a Financial Investment Board and a Social Investment Board responsible for property, financial investments and social investments, respectively.
 - c) To provide the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee with proportions between property and non-property assets as part of the resource allocation process with the final decision remaining with the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee.
- ii) the Investment Committee be consulted on the respective merits of equity or investment property disposal to generate funds to support the capital programme. The outcome of which should be reported to the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee;
- iii) the Investment Committee be advised accordingly; and
- iv) the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee be requested to consider whether the membership of the Investment Committee's three Boards should be set out in the Pocket Book.

Motion – 'To agree the recommendations set out in the report relating to the Investment Committee?'

Resolved – That the recommendations set out in the report relating to the Investment Committee be agreed to.

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