Committee: Policy and Resources  
Date: 3 July 2014  

Subject: Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers  
Public  

Report of: Town Clerk  
For Information  

Summary

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

Recommendation

2. To note the action taken since the last meeting of the Committee.

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3. The following action has been taken under delegated authority Standing Order No. 41(b), since the last meeting of the Committee:

   Expanded European Engagement Strategy – Proposed Events and Projects

   Approval was given to expenditure totalling £20,000 in 2014/15 (i.e. one year only) to engage the services of Full Fact, the UK’s only independent fact-checking organisation, to assist the debate on Britain’s relationship with Europe. It was acknowledged that the Full Fact project did not represent the usual arrangement where brand recognition or speaking opportunities would be the major draw and noted that in terms of the specific benefits for the City Corporation, the project would assist with having a more informed debate on the UK’s relationship with Europe, in line with the Committee’s view in June 2013 that this should be part of the City Corporation’s role. Full Fact would work with the Corporation to identify information sources and getting stakeholders engaged in the debate.

   You might recall that approval was given to an additional sum of £150,000 being made available in 2014/15 to expand the City Corporation’s European engagement strategy and that the approval of the cost of specific projects to be met from within that sum was delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

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