

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 28 May 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 28 May 2015 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman)
Roger Chadwick (Deputy Chairman)
Alderman The Lord Mountevans
Stuart Fraser
Marianne Fredericks
Jeremy Mayhew
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Edward Lord
Hugh Morris
Deputy Joyce Nash
Deputy John Tomlinson

Officers:

John Barradell	Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Peter Kane	Chamberlain
Caroline Al-Beyerty	Financial Services Director
Susan Attard	Deputy Town Clerk
Simon Murrells	Assistant Town Clerk
Michael Dick	Guildhall School of Music & Drama
Hannah Bibbins	Guildhall Schools of Music & Drama
Sue Baxter	Partnerships Advisor
Neil Davies	Town Clerk's Department
Angela Roach	Principal Committee and Members Services Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from George Gillon, Revd Stephen Haines, Giles Shilson, Sir Michael Snyder and Sir David Wootton.

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 held on 26 March 2015 were approved.

4. REVIEW OF GRANTS

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Deputy Town Clerk concerning the outcome of the cross-cutting review of the City Corporation's grant giving activities.

The Sub-Committee commended officers on the review and the content of the report and acknowledged that it was work in progress as there was more work to be done in terms of ensuring consistency. During discussion a number of comments were made which included the following:-

- a further category should be created to accommodate grants made to institutions as part of the City's Heritage e.g. the Reserves Forces and Cadets Association, St Lawrence Jewry and the City Scouts;
- in view of the fact that it was proposed that Finance Grants Sub-Committee's grant giving activity should cease, a Member questioned whether it was necessary for the Sub-Committee to carry on. Members acknowledged that this was a matter for the Finance Committee and supported a suggestion that strategic oversight and performance management should be given to that Committee rather than to its Sub-Committee as this would allow the Finance Committee to determine how best to monitor grant activities;
- reference was made to the Signor Pasquale Favale Bequest. It was noted that it attracted a lot of kudos and publicity in return for the small sums it dispensed each year and therefore it was important to ensure that it continued. Members were advised that how it was dealt with would be a matter for the committee it was allocated to. It was also suggested that the Bequest be considered as party of the poverty relief category.

RESOLVED - That it be recommended to the Grand Committee that:-

1. the proposed change of approach to grant giving as proposed in the report and in Appendix 2 be approved;
2. responsibility for strategic oversight and performance management of the City Corporation's grant giving activities be given to the Finance Committee rather than to its Finance Grants Sub-Committee;
3. the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee be authorised to:-
 - set the annual quantum for each City's Cash and City Fund grants programme (including for City's Cash funded open spaces grants)
 - consider annual performance reports for all grants programmes from the Finance Committee.
4. subject to the approval of (3), above the Sub-Committee's terms of reference be altered accordingly.

5. PROJECTS FUNDING UPDATE

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning the proposed funding of projects involving refreshment points at the Barbican Centre and the feasibility and planning of the transformation of Barbican and Shoe Lane libraries, which now required the allocation of resources to progress them to the next stage.

Reference was made to the need for a better mechanism for evaluating and differentiating projects with a payback period falling within the spend to save and income generation category.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended to the Grand Committee that:-

1. the content of the report in respect of the allocation of the 2014/15 provisions for new schemes be noted;
2. the 2014/15 unallocated balances of £0.486m for City Fund and £0.125m for City's Cash be carried forward to bolster support for Service Based Review (SBR) investment proposals;
3. the allocation of £154,000 from the 2015/16 City Fund provision to provide funding for SBR investments, comprising:-
 - £130,000 for coffee point and mobile bars at the Barbican Centre; and
 - £24,000 towards the cost of feasibility and planning for the transformation of the Barbican and Shoe Lane libraries.
4. the allocation of a total of £6m to be set aside in 2018/19 as a provision for new schemes (£3m each for City Fund and City's Cash) be approved.

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

There were no questions.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

MOTION - 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:-

Item Nos.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
9 -10	3

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2015 were approved.

10. **GUILDHALL SCHOOL - EXTENSION OF CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTARY REVENUE PROGRAMME**

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a report of the Principal of the Guildhall School concerning the proposed extension of the School's Capital and Supplementary Revenue Programme (Cap 3) to 2016/17 and other associated matters.

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

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk detailing a decision which had been taken the under urgency procedures since the last meeting relating to the Guildhall School's Capital and Supplementary Revenue Programme (Cap 2).

RESOLVED – that the report be received and its content noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 12.30pm

Chairman

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