

CORPORATE ASSET SUB (FINANCE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 29 January 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Asset Sub (Finance) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Roger Chadwick (Chairman)	Deputy Brian Harris
Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman)	Tom Sleigh
Randall Anderson	Deputy John Tomlinson
Deputy John Chapman	

Officers:

Christopher Braithwaite	- Town Clerk's Department
Dianne Merrifield	- Chamberlain's Department
Peter Bennett	- City Surveyor
Chris Hartwell	- City Surveyor's Department
Alison Hurley	- City Surveyor's Department
Paul Nagle	- Chamberlain's Department
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Michael Dick	- Barbican Centre

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Boleat.

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

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting held on 24 November 2015 are approved as an accurate record.

4. HOUSING AND PLANNING BILL

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer which advised Members of provisions included in the Housing and Planning Bill, currently before Parliament, which are intended principally to encourage land held in the public sector to be made available for housing development. The provisions included a duty to consult other public authorities when developing proposals to dispose of land, a duty to prepare annual reports about surplus land-holdings, a broader power for the Secretary of State to direct the disposal of land, and a duty to prepare annual assessments on the sustainability and efficiency of the property estate.

RESOLVED – That the Sub-Committee notes the report.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no urgent items.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - 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 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item No.	Paragraphs in Schedule 12A
8-13, 15-19	3
14	3, 5

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 November 2015 were approved as an accurate record.

9. **GUILDHALL WEST WING STAIRCASE REPAIRS**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the City Surveyor which detailed urgent repairs which were required as a result of a glass panel failure causing a glass panel to be blown out from the North face of the third floor West Wing Staircase.

10. **BARBICAN CENTRE - UPDATE ON CAPITAL WORKS - JANUARY 2016**

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre which provided an update on the Centre's Capital Cap Programme and provided summary information regarding a number of non-Capital Cap projects related to the Centre.

11. **ADDITIONAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES - PROGRESS REPORT**

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the City Surveyor which provided an overview of progress and expenditure on the Additional Works Programmes for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16.

12. **ADDITIONAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2016/17 - REFERRAL FROM RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a presentation of the City Surveyor which provided the Sub-Committee with information regarding how the Additional Works Programme was developed, the priority levels assigned to projects, and the overall scope and scale of the Additional Works Programme. The presentation also provided further information regarding the largest projects within the Additional Works Programme.

13. **BARBICAN CENTRE AND GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA CAPITAL CAP REPLACEMENT - DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the Chamberlain which provided Members with information regarding the detailed arrangements for the administration of the Cyclical Works Programme.

14. **GLA ROADS - LAND DISPUTE WITH TRANSPORT FOR LONDON**

The Committee noted a report of the Comptroller and City Solicitor which provided information of the ruling made by the High Court regarding the land dispute with the Greater London Authority regarding the ownership of strategic roads within the City.

15. **FIRST REGISTRATION OF THE CITY'S FREEHOLD TITLES - PROGRESS SINCE JANUARY 2015**

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the City Surveyor which provided an annual update on progress with the programme to register the City Corporation's freehold titles.

16. **THE WARREN HOUSE - DECLARATION OF PROPERTY AS SURPLUS TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Open Spaces which set out a proposal to designate The Warren House as surplus to operational requirements. The Sub-Committee approved the recommendations within the report, subject to the approval of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee.

17. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the Town Clerk which provided information of a decision taken under delegated authority.

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

The Chairman advised that one Member had provided notification of two questions which he planned to ask at Sub-Committee. However, he explained that these questions were on areas not within the remit of the Sub-Committee.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm

Chairman

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