

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 17 March 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 17 March 2016 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Jeremy Mayhew (in the chair)
Stuart Fraser
George Gillon
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Edward Lord
Hugh Morris
Deputy Joyce Nash
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Sir Michael Snyder
Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley
Deputy John Tomlinson
Alderman Sir David Wootton

In Attendance

Ian Seaton

Officers:

John Barradell	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Peter Kane	- Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain's Officer
Paul Nagal	- Chamberlain's Officer
Susan Attard	- Deputy Town Clerk
David Farnsworth	- Chief Grants Officer
Peter Lisle	- Assistant Town Clerk
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Iain Simmons	- Department of the Built Environment
Neil Davies	- Town Clerk's Department
Scott Nixon	- Town Clerk's Department
Angela Roach	- Principal Committee and Members Services Manager.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mark Boleat, Roger Chadwick, Marianne Fredericks and Revd Stephen Haines.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

3a. The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2016 were approved.

3b. The minutes of the joint meeting of the Resource Allocation and the Efficiency and Performance Sub-Committees with Committee Chairmen held on 14 January 2016 were approved.

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANTS REVIEW

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Deputy Town Clerk concerning the implementation of the grants review.

A Member referred to the list of on-going grants and payments agreed by the previous Finance Grants Sub-Committee and questioned whether it was still necessary to retain the Finance Committee Chairman's Discretionary Fund. It was felt that, in view of the City Corporation's ability to respond to suitable unforeseen requests for funding, this Discretionary Fund should now be abolished.

RESOLVED – That the following be recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee that:-

1. the grant programmes identified as in scope for immediate centralised administration, those under review, and those not in scope be noted;
2. the following be agreed:-
 - transfer of funding commitments from Finance Grants Sub-Committee to the relevant Committees for on-going administration and request that each commitment be reviewed and reported back to this Committee no later than December 2016, except in cases where a specific review date had already been agreed;
 - the staffing resources for a new Central Grants Unit, to be funded from the individual grant programmes;
 - the grant programme arrangements are reviewed in 2017/18 to align with City Bridge Trust's next quinquennial review;
 - the four overarching funding themes for the grant programme (for 2016-2018) i.e. Stronger Communities; Education and Employment Support; Enjoying Open Spaces and the Natural Environment; and Inspiring London through Culture; and
 - the allocation of funding across the four funding themes as set out in the report.
3. The Finance Committee Chairman's Discretionary Fund of £10,000 be abolished.

5. **TRANSPORT FOR LONDON FUNDING 2015/16 - UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the allocation of the funding totalling £954,000 received from Transport for London in 2015/16.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. **COUSINS LANE STREET ENHANCEMENTS - SECTION 278 FUNDING**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning proposed street enhancements to Cousins Lane and the use of Section 278 funding to cover the costs.

Discussion ensued on whether the schemes to be funded from resources provided by developers via a Section 278 or Section 106 agreement should be noted or agreed by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee. Members were reminded that, when the community infrastructure levy (CIL) was created, it was agreed that the Sub-Committee should take more of a strategic role by approving the overall percentage of funding to be utilised from the various budgets falling under its remit, but that the actual allocation of resources from those budgets for individual projects would be dealt with by the relevant service committee. A Member questioned whether the Sub-Committee had the ability to make a judgement or apply intelligence at such an early stage. After further discussion, the Chairman suggested that the report be noted and that officers be requested to submit a paper clarifying the process for considering and utilising this type of funding. Members supported his suggestion.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted and that the Chamberlain be requested to submit a report clarifying the process for considering and utilising resources provided by developers via a Section 278, Section 106 and CIL agreements.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

9. **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

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1, 2 and 3

10. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

10a. The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2016 were approved.

10b. The non-public minutes of the joint meeting of the Resource Allocation and the Efficiency and Performance Sub-Committees with Committee Chairmen held on 14 January 2016 were approved.

11. PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the Chamberlain concerning the allocation of funding to three projects, namely, the One Safe City; Contact Centre Relocation and the Museum of London.

12. STAFF RESOURCES IN THE COMPTROLLER AND CITY SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT - CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a joint report of the Comptroller and City Solicitor and the Chamberlain proposing an increase in the Comptroller's base budget to cover additional staffing requirements.

13. POLICE ACCOMMODATION PROJECT

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a joint report of the Chamberlain, City Surveyor and the Commissioner of the City of London Police concerning the progress of the Police accommodation project and, in particular, the decant plan for the project.

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

The Sub-Committee considered resolutions from the Barbican Centre Board, Board of Governors of the Guildhall School and the Corporate Asset Sub-Committee, together with a report of the Chamberlain, concerning the detailed arrangements for the replacement of the Barbican Centre and Guildhall School's capital cap.

15. NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING (NLF) MONITORING REPORT

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a monitoring report of the City Surveyor concerning the City of London Corporation's bids for National Lottery Funding.

16. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS

The Sub-Committee noted a report of the Town Clerk reporting action taken since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee in relation to the refurbishment of 4-14 Tabernacle Street in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(a).

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

There were no questions.

18. 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 time 12.30pm

Chairman

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