

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 7 July 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, 7 July 2016 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman)
Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman)
Henry Colthurst
Simon Duckworth
Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines
Edward Lord
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Hugh Morris
Deputy Joyce Nash
Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Sir Michael Snyder
Deputy John Tomlinson
Alderman Sir David Wootton

Officers:

John Barradell	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Peter Kane	- Chamberlain
Peter Bennett	- City Surveyor
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Financial Services Director
Damian Nussbaum	- Director of Economic Development
Bob Roberts	- Director of Communications
Giles French	- Assistant Director of Economic Development
Simon Murrells	- Assistant Town Clerk
Peter Lisle	- Assistant Town Clerk
Nigel Lefton	- Remembrancer's Department
Paul Nagel	- Chamberlain's Department
Angela Roach	- Principal Committee and Members Services Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Roger Chadwick and Tom Sleigh.

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

Catherine McGuinness declared an interest in item no 16 as a Governor on the Board of Governors of the City Academy Hackney.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2016 were approved.

4. **EFFICIENCY PLAN**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning the production and publication of the City Corporation's Efficiency Plan.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and, in particular, that the framework for the Efficiency Plan would include the following:-

1. light touch continuous improvement annual saving of 2-3% in budgets from 2018-19, with an incentive element adopted - in which a share of the savings could be re-invested in new priorities in the subsequent year as part of a revised carry-forward process;
2. the option of removing the 1% pay and prices allowance earlier, from 2017/18 when the majority of Serviced Based Review savings would have been delivered;
3. a rolling programme of departmental peer reviews to help identify more radical effectiveness and efficiency improvements; and
4. further cross cutting reviews, including prevention/demand management, when the current reviews have been implemented.

5. **PROJECTS FUNDING UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning the provision of one-off funding to enable two projects, the Wide Area Network Replacement and the IT Infrastructure Performance Improvement Plan, to progress to the next gateway of the projects approvals process.

RESOLVED – that, subject to any requisite approval by other committees, it be recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee that approval be given to the provision of funding totalling £72k from the 2016/17 provisions for new schemes (50 % City Fund and 50% City's Cash) to progress the following two schemes to the next gateway:-

- Wide Area Network (WAN) replacement – £16k
- IT Infrastructure Performance Improvement Plan - £56k.

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 urgent items.

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

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Non-Public Agenda

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2016 were approved.

10. **STRENGTHENING THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION'S SUPPORT AND PROMOTION OF THE CITY**

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a report of the Town Clerk concerning the next steps to be taken in strengthening the City Corporation's support and promotion of the City.

11. **BARBICAN EXHIBITION HALL 1**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor which provided an update on the enabling works to Barbican Exhibition Hall 1 in order to make the property more marketable. The latest position was noted.

12. **CYCLICAL WORK PROGRAMME – TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BARBICAN & GSMD**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain updating it on the transitional arrangements for the Cyclical Work Programme for Barbican and Guildhall School projects. The content of the report was noted.

13. **REVIEW OF CASH BALANCES**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning a review of the cash balances held by the City Corporation and noted its content.

14. **PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE - APPENDIX**

The Sub-Committee noted the appendix to the Project Funding Update report at item no. 5.

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

There were no questions.

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

The following item of urgent business was considered:-

City Academy Hackney Sixth Form Expansion Loan

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a report of the Town Clerk concerning the interest payable on the loan to the City Academy Hackney for its expansion project.

The meeting ended at 12.20pm

Chairman

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