

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Thursday, 6 October 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 6 October 2016 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman)
Simon Duckworth (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Douglas Barrow
Alderman Sir Michael Bear
Deputy John Bennett
Alderman Charles Bowman
Deputy Roger Chadwick (Ex-Officio Member)
Henry Colthurst
Marianne Fredericks
George Gillon
Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines (Ex-Officio Member)
Wendy Hyde
Vivienne Littlechild (Ex-Officio Member)
Edward Lord
Jeremy Mayhew
Andrew McMurtrie (Ex-Officio Member)
Wendy Mead
Deputy Joyce Nash
Dhruv Patel (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Tom Sleigh
Sir Michael Snyder
Deputy John Tomlinson
Michael Welbank (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)
Alderman Sir David Wootton

In Attendance

Keith Bottomley

Officers:

John Barradell	-	Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Peter Kane	-	The Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Double	-	City Remembrancer
Paul Wilkinson	-	City Surveyor
Caroline Al-Beyerty	-	Financial Services Director
Carolyn Dwyer	-	Director of Built Environment
William Chapman	-	Private Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Lord Mayor

Peter Young	-	Surveyor's Office
Damian Nussbaum	-	Director of Economic Development
Bob Roberts	-	Director of Communications
Simon Murrells	-	Assistant Town Clerk
Peter Lisle	-	Assistant Town Clerk
Ian Hughes	-	Department of the Built Environment
Simon Glynn	-	Department of the Built Environment
David Farnsworth	-	Chief Grants officer
Scott Nixon	-	City Bridge Trust
Paul Nagle	-	Chamberlain's Office
Angela Roach	-	Principal Committee and Members Services Manager

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Alex Deane, Stuart Fraser, Christopher Hayward, Hugh Morris, and Alderman Andrew Parmley.

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

The Chairman declared an interest in item no. 14 as a member of Centre for London.

3. **MINUTES**

3a. The public minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2016 were approved.

3b. The draft public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 7 September 2016.

4. **ONE SAFE CITY PROGRAMME WORKING PARTY**

The Committee considered the appointment of an additional representative to serve on the One Safe City Programme Working Party.

RESOLVED – that Marianne Fredericks be appointed to serve on the One Safe City Programme Working Party.

5. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk, concerning the Court of Common Council's amendment to the Committee's terms of reference giving it oversight of all the City's Courts and how this should now be delivered.

RESOLVED - that:-

1. the remit of the new Central Criminal Court Sub-Committee be widened to give it oversight of all matters relating to the City's Courts;

2. the title of the new Sub-Committee be changed to the *Courts Sub-Committee* and its terms of reference be amended as follows:-

City Courts

To be responsible for oversight of the management of all matters relating to the City's Courts, so far as they concern the City of London Corporation.

6. CENTRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME - MANAGEMENT AND FEES

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Grants Officer concerning the interim management of the Central Grants Unit (CGU).

RESOLVED – That:-

1. the approach of seconding staff from City Bridge Trust to manage the CGP for a 6 month period be endorsed.
2. approval be given to the CGU recharging up to £41,000 to manage the Unit over a 6 month period; and
3. it be noted that a follow up report seeking resources for 2017/2018 including the management fee for the CGP would be submitted in March 2017.

7. THE CITY'S FRANCHISE

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning the outcome of investigations into the possibility of widening the City's Franchise to include people or businesses that occupy serviced and shared office space.

The Chairman advised that altering the current franchise arrangements would require primary legislation. Whilst this was not recommended the City Corporation should seek to communicate and engage with businesses of that nature in other ways.

It was noted that given the outcome of investigations it would no longer be necessary to establish a working party of Members to look at the issue.

RESOLVED – that:-

1. the report be noted and the view expressed informally by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee that no action should be taken to seek primary legislation to amend the City's franchise be endorsed;
2. a new category of constituent be created, who whilst not eligible to register and vote, should be engaged with; and
3. subject to agreement to a) and b) above a report on the conclusions be submitted to the Court of Common Council, for information.

8. VOTER REGISTRATION AND CITY OF LONDON WARD ELECTIONS 2017 - UPDATE

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk on the progress of the preparations for the Common Council elections in March 2017.

The Chairman referred to the *frequently asked questions* sheet which had been produced for candidates and thanked Wendy Hyde and Keith Bottomley for their help with its production.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and that the principle that the number of committee meetings would be minimised for the period after 17 February 2017 (in the lead up to the elections) be endorsed.

9. FUNDING FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURELONDON

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning the funding of the Foundation for FutureLondon in support of its London 2012 regeneration project.

RESOLVED – that:-

1. a sum of £200,000 per annum be included in the City Cash budgets to support the Foundation for FutureLondon in 2018/19 and four subsequent financial years; and
2. the release of such funding being conditional upon the Foundation for FutureLondon meeting its fundraising target, the recognition criteria set out in paragraph 11 of the report as well as other appropriate milestones, to be agreed with the Town Clerk

10. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

The Committee considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and Remembrancer concerning the Boundary Commission's review of parliamentary constituency boundaries.

RESOLVED – that:-

1. the Town Clerk and the Remembrancer be requested to draw up a written representation on the initial proposals of the Boundary Commission, supporting the retention of the constituency link between the City of London and the City of Westminster for the Committee to consider; and
2. the Town Clerk be asked to take appropriate measures to make local residents, businesses and organisations aware of the proposals and of the consultation process.

11. **EFFICIENCY PLAN**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning the publication of the City of London Corporation's Efficiency and Sustainability Plan.

RESOLVED - that the draft Efficiency and Sustainability Plan as set out in the appendix to the report be approved.

12. **CULTURAL HUB - LOOK AND FEEL STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the development of a "look and feel" Strategy for the public realm area covered by the City's Cultural Hub.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

13. **MAJOR HIGHWAY WORKS FOR 2016/17**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the high volume of activities taking place in the square mile which had resulted in an increase in demand on the City's highway network.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

14. **CENTRE FOR LONDON CONFERENCE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Economic Development concerning the sponsorship of the Centre for London's 2016 London Conference.

RESOLVED – that approval be given to the provision of £22,000 from the 2016/17 Policy Initiatives Fund for the City Corporation to be a headline sponsor of the 2016 London Conference, in partnership with the Centre For London, categorised under 'Events' and charged to 'City's Cash'.

15. **IPPR - ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Economic Development concerning the sponsorship of the Institute of Public Policy Research's Commission on Economic Justice.

RESOLVED – that approval be given to the provision of £185,000 (£85,000 in 2016/17 and £100,00 in 2017/18) from the Policy Initiatives Fund in support of IPPR's the Commission on Economic Justice, categorised under 'promoting the City' and charged to 'City's Cash'.

16. **EUROPEAN FINANCIAL SERVICE CHAIRMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Economic Development proposing that the City Corporation makes a contribution towards the European Financial Services Chairmen's Advisory Committee (EFSCAC).

RESOLVED – that approval be given to the provision of £20,000 from the 2016/17 the Policy Initiatives Fund towards the EFSCAC, categorised under ‘promoting the City’ and charged to ‘City’s Cash’.

17. REMEMBRANCER'S BUSINESS PLAN 2016/19 - UPDATE

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrance on the progress of the activities contained in the Remembrancer’s office business plan.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

18. INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOMES

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Community and Children’s Services on the progress of the commitment to increase the supply of homes on the City Corporation’s social housing estates.

Reference was made to the adverse impact of the planning system on developments and to the current system appearing to giving more weight to those who opposed applications.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

19. POLICY INITIATIVES FUND AND COMMITTEE CONTINGENCY

19a. The Committee considered an **annual monitoring** report of the Town Clerk relating to the projects funded from either, the Police Initiatives Fund or the Committee’s contingency in the last year.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

19b. The Committee considered a statement of the Chamberlain on the use of the Policy Initiatives Fund and Committee Contingency for 2016/17.

RESOLVED – That the statement be noted.

20. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business.

22. 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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Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda

23. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

23a. The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2016 were approved.

23b. The draft non-public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 7 September 2016 were noted.

23c. The draft non-public minutes of the Ceremonial Protocols Working Party meeting held on 8 September 2016 were considered.

The Chairman drew attention to the work being undertaken on the seating of Chairmen at the Court of Common Council.

RESOLVED – that the non-public minutes be noted.

23d. The draft non-public minutes of the Hospitality Working Party meeting held on 14 September 2016 were considered.

A Member queried an event associated with the Lord Mayor's Show.

RESOLVED – That the draft non-public minutes be noted.

24. SERVICE BASED REVIEW - SAVINGS TARGETS

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the Chamberlain concerning the savings targets applicable to the Barbican Centre and the Guildhall School.

25. OPERATIONAL PROPERTY REVIEW - PROGRESS

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the City Surveyor outlining the progress of the Operation Property Review.

26. PROJECT 3000 UPDATE

The Committee considered an update report of the City Surveyor on the progress of Project 3000 i.e. the delivery of 3,000 new homes across London by 2025.

RESOLVED – That the reported be noted and that a further progress report on the project be submitted in one year's time.

27. POULTRY MARKET REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the City Surveyor concerning repairs and maintenance of the Poultry Market.

28. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

29. 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 ended at 2.20pm

Chairman

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