

<b>Committee:</b> Policy and Resources	<b>Date:</b> 16 February 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### **Summary**

1. This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b) in relation to the following:-
  - The allocation of funding in relation to the highway works as part of the Bloomberg Development;
  - Sponsorship of a Social Mobility Employer Index; and
  - The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the governance arrangements for the North East London Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

### **Recommendation**

To note the action taken since the last meeting of the Committee

### **Main Report**

2. Since the last meeting of the Committee approval has been given in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(a) to the following:-

#### **Bloomberg Development Highway Works – Allocation of Funding**

3. Approval was given to the allocation of funding for highway works currently taking place as part of the Bloomberg Development as follows:-
  - £673,800 to meet the cost of highway improvements at Queen Victoria Street, Bucklersbury and Walbrook (i.e. the area around the City of London Magistrates Court). The funds were received from the Developer under S256 of the Highways Act 1980 (power to exchange land to adjust boundaries of highways) and it is therefore subject to a public notice and appeal process; and
  - £70,000 from 2016/17 City's Cash provision for new schemes for improvements to City's Estate land known as "The Grid" (i.e. private land immediately in front of the Mansion House).

4. Urgent action was taken as Bloomberg have requested that all highway improvements be delivered by 31 August 2017. In order to achieve this, the works at Bucklersbury needed to commence in February 2017. It should be noted that in the normal course of events, the recommendations relating to the allocation of the resources would have been considered by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and its recommendation ratified by this Committee. In the interest of efficiency and given the request for the matter to be considered urgently, approval was sought from the Grand Committee direct.

### **Sponsorship of the Social Mobility Employer Index**

5. A Social Mobility Employer Index has been launched by the cross party Social Mobility Commission. In July 2017 Britain's businesses will be ranked on how open they are to accessing and progressing talent from all socio-economic backgrounds. Following an approach from the Commission approval was given to the provision of £70,000 (£60,000 in sponsorship plus £10,000 to cover a launch event in June) to sponsor the Index in its first year of operation. The cost is to be met from the Committee's Policy Initiatives Fund for 2016/17, categorised under the Communities section of the Fund and charged to City's Cash.
6. The Index is to be listed in a Times supplement in June. It is a benchmarking initiative targeted of 'elite' sectors which, traditionally, have low rates of social mobility – such as law, accountancy, media, banking and finance and the sciences. The Index will be managed by the Social Mobility Foundation on behalf of the Social Mobility Commission. Firms will have the opportunity to choose to take part, be entitled to remain anonymous and, if they finish outside the top list, will not be named.
7. Amongst other things sponsoring the initiative would enable the City Corporation to speak credibly at the highest levels of Government about the issue; promote its support for the regions as well as linking its support into the visits undertaken by the Lord Mayor and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.
8. Urgent action was taken as other sponsors had been approached and the Social Mobility Commission was due to consider its potential sponsor at its Board meeting in January. The City Corporation therefore needed to act quickly.

### **North East London Sustainability and Transformation Plan – Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

9. In December the Committee agreed in principle to a proposal to integrate health and social care budgets and services between the City of London Corporation and the City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The proposal included integrated governance arrangements between the two bodies.
10. The proposal sits within wider changes to the way that health services are to be delivered across eight local authorities, seven CCGs and four NHS providers

across North East London. It is encapsulated in a sustainability and transformation plan (NEL STP) for the region.

11. The NEL STP recently produced interim shadow governance proposals and all NHS providers, CCGs and local authorities were asked to sign an MoU that recognised and supported the proposals. Therefore approval was given to delegating responsibility for signing the MoU to the Director of Community and Children's Services. Urgent action was taken on the delegation as the formal date for signing the MoU was the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

### **Museum of London Relocation Funding up to July 2017**

12. At its meeting on 15 December 2016, the Committee delegated authority to the Town Clerk and Chamberlain, in consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Policy and Resources and Finance Committees, to approve the release of funds to take the relocation of the Museum of London project to its next stage. This was subject to:-
  - the funds being contained within the approved cap for the project;
  - the Town Clerk and Chamberlain being satisfied that the programme and budget had not materially altered from the estimated programme and budget;
  - if the budget or programme is materially altered, the Town Clerk and Chamberlain reporting to the Policy and Resources Committee before requesting the release funds; and
  - the Town Clerk submitting a progress report on the project to the Policy Committee every six months and more frequently if necessary e.g. if the programme or budget was about to over-run.
13. Approval was subsequently given to the release of funding (in instalments) of up to £5.398m to take the project to the end of RIBA Stage 1 by July 2017.

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