

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 19 January 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee held at Committee Room
- 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 19 January 2017 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman)
Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman)
Alderman Charles Bowman
Henry Colthurst
Simon Duckworth
Stuart Fraser
Edward Lord
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Deputy Joyce Nash
Deputy Tom Sleigh
Sir Michael Snyder
Deputy John Tomlinson

Officers:

John Barradell	-	Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Peter Kane	-	Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Wilkinson	-	City Surveyor
Caroline Al-Beyerty	-	Deputy Chamberlain
John James	-	Chamberlain's Department
Dorian Price	-	City Surveyor's Department
Bob Roberts	-	Director of Communication
Peter Lisley	-	Assistant Town Clerk
Helen Isaac	-	City of London Police
Simon Cribbens	-	Community and Children's Services Department
Scott Nixon	-	Town Clerk's Department
Angela Roach	-	Principle Committee and Members Services Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Rev.d Stephen Haines, Hugh Morris and Giles Shilson.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2016 were approved.

4. **PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning the provision of funding to enable three projects, the Electronic Social Care Reporting and Case Management System replacement; Guildhall Stonework Repairs and repairs to the Dominant House Footbridge to progress to the next gateway of the projects approvals process.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended to the Grand Committee that, subject to any requisite approval by other committees, approval be given to the following:-

1. funding of up to £250k from the 2016/17 City Fund provision for new schemes to meet the cost of replacing the Electronic Social Care Reporting and Case Management System, the final amount being dependent on the project sum agreed by the Chief Officer following procurement;
2. funding of £130k from the 2016/17 City's Cash provision for new schemes to meet the cost of progressing the Guildhall Stonework Repairs project to the next gateway, subject to the requisite approval by the Projects Sub Committee; and
3. a sum of £33k from the On Street Parking Reserve to meet the cost of progressing a project to repair the Dominant House Footbridge to the next gateway, subject to the requisite approval by the Projects Sub Committee.

5. **POLICING THE BRIDGES**

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Comptroller and City Solicitor, attaching a resolution of the Police Committee and a report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police concerning the provision of funding for policing the five City Bridges.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended to the Grand Committee that approval be given to the provision of funding totalling £214,000 from the Bridge House Estates (BHE) revenue budget to fund the cost of policing of the City Bridges on an annual basis, subject to:-

- the sum being kept under review; and
- the City Corporation as sole trustee of BHE remaining satisfied that such expenditure is in the best interests of BHE.

6. **APPRENTICESHIPS SCHEME EXPANSION**

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Community and Children's Services and the Director of Human Resources concerning the City Corporation's Apprenticeship Scheme and the funding of the posts for the Scheme's support staff.

It was noted that the Community and Children's Services Committee and the Establishment Committee supported the staffing structure of the unit as set out in the report.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee referred to the funding element of the Scheme and commented that it was not good practice to agree a project in the absence of an indication of cost which appeared to have happened in this case.

RESOLVED – that approval be given to a baseline budget increase of £250,000 to fund the cost of those posts that could not be met from the apprenticeship Levy.

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

There no questions.

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

There were no urgent items.

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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Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2016 were approved.

11. **CYCLICAL WORKS PROGRAMME FUNDING FOR 2017/18**

The Sub-Committee considered and agreed a report of the Chamberlain concerning the funding of the Cyclical Works Programme for 2017/18.

12. **GUILDHALL WEST WING - PROVISION OF UPGRADED CLOAKROOM FACILITIES**

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor setting out proposals for the lavatories and cloakroom facilities in the basement area of the West Wing of Guildhall to be upgraded and the project's funding. It was noted that the matter had been considered by the Members Privileges Sub-Committee earlier that day and the Sub-Committee had requested that a further option be explored.

13. **PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE APPENDIX**

The non-public appendix to the project funding update report was noted.

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

There no questions.

15. **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 urgent items.

The meeting ended at 11.45am

Chairman

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