

COURTS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2017

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By virtue of paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

14. STAFFING UPDATE

The Sub-Committee considered and approved a report of the Town Clerk & Chief Executive setting out proposals for the reorganisation of Mansion House and the management of the Central Criminal Court.

The Chairman confirmed that the report had been approved by the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Aldermen at their meeting last week.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that the opportunity to undertake this proposed reorganisation had arisen as a result of the forthcoming retirement of the current Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor. He added that it would also have staffing implications for the City Courts. He drew Members' attention to the proposed new structure for Mansion House and the Central Criminal Court appended to the report.

The Sub-Committee were informed that it was likely that facilities management across both buildings would come together making the service more efficient. It was possible that this would result in a small number of redundancies.

A Member commented on the fact that the Central Criminal Court was an asset that was not currently used to its full potential in terms of raising income from events. He suggested that events management could, therefore, usefully be brought together with Mansion House.

In response to questions regarding the role of the Secondary and Under Sheriff, the Town Clerk highlighted that there was a clear distinction between the statutory, ceremonial side of this role and the management of the building/facilities and liaison with the HMCTS.

The Chairman stated that she would very much welcome the improved lines of communication that were likely to flow from the proposed reorganisation.

The meeting ended at 11.30 am

Chairman

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