

Committee: Policy and Resources	Date: 16 November 2017
Subject: Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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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).

Recommendation

2. To note the action taken since the last meeting of the Committee in relation to the Outside Bodies Sub-Committee

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3. Since the last meeting of the Committee approval was given under the urgency procedures, Standing Order No. 41(a), as follows:-

10th Anniversary of the City Office in Mumbai – February 2018

4. Approval was given to Sir Michael Snyder representing the City Corporation as part of the main programme of events being organised to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Mumbai representative office in India in February 2018. The City anniversary presented the City Corporation with the opportunity to further its the strategic objectives in relation to India. A series of events to showcase the continuing importance of London for growing Indian businesses is planned and will involve a programme of in-depth meetings and round tables with leaders and politicians. Sir Michael Snyder is well-connected in the UK and India financial services communities. He also oversaw the opening the City of London Mumbai representative office in his former capacity as Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee and represented the City in India throughout his term.
5. Due to the significance of the 10th anniversary, urgent action was taken to enable officers to begin the process of securing meetings with Ministers and senior government officials'. The City Corporation's Special Adviser for Asia, who is leading on the programme is also attending. The estimated cost of the overall visit was approximately £5,000 and arrangements made in accordance with the Business Travel Scheme.

Proposed Sponsorship of the London Councils Development Guide

6. Approval was given to the provision of £10,000 in seed funding from the 2017/18 Policy Initiatives Fund to sponsor the London Councils Guide to Development Book.

The City Corporation was approach by London Councils to consider becoming a co-sponsor of a new publication - The London Councils Guide to Development.

The Guide is targeted at future investors and will comprise information that summarises the key investment and development opportunities available in each London borough. It is to be used in conjunction with London & Partners material relating to development opportunities and is scheduled to be launched at a property conference on 8 February 2018 and internationally at the MIPIM Property Conference 13 March 2018.

Seed funding was provided to assist London Councils in seeking further sponsorship and to get the project started. A response was required by 30 October 2017 to ensure the project was completed by January 2018, the date the Guide is scheduled to be published.

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