

Committee(s):	Date:
Policy & Resources Committee – For Decision Police Committee – For Decision	14 December 2017 15 December 2017
Subject: Capital Buildings Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the formation of a new committee, appointed by the Court of Common Council, to scrutinise, provide detailed oversight and delivery of two major capital projects, namely the upcoming police accommodation and City’s Courts projects. The proposal is subject to the agreement of the Police Committee.

Recommendation

Members are asked to agree to the formation of a Capital Buildings Committee and the attached terms of reference and constitution.

Main Report

Background

1. As Members are aware, approval has been given in principle to two significant and potentially complex capital projects, relating to the renewal of police accommodation and the initial stages of the consolidation of the City’s Court services. There is considerable synergy between the two projects, which are likely to involve significant expenditure. In the past, complex schemes such as the refurbishment of the Guildhall Complex and the construction of Guildhall Yard East have been deemed to merit scrutiny outside of the standing governance structure.

Current Position

2. Currently, oversight of major schemes is covered by the relevant service committee and the Projects Sub-Committee. Under this proposed arrangement the detailed oversight would be undertaken by a dedicated stand-alone committee, reporting directly to the Court of Common Council

and, therefore, the existing projects regime, via the Projects Sub-Committee, would not be applied to these two projects

Proposals

3. In view of their complexity, it is recommended that a new committee is set up to provide dedicated oversight, scrutiny and delivery of the police accommodation and City's Courts projects, reporting directly to the Court of Common Council as necessary. The proposed terms of reference and constitution of the committee are attached as an appendix to this report.
4. It is also proposed that membership of this Committee should not count towards the limit on the number of committees on which a Member may serve contained in Standing Order 22.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

5. Ensuring that both projects are completed to the highest possible standard and as efficiently as possible speaks directly to the City Corporation's strategic aim to provide modern, efficient and high quality local services, including policing, within the Square Mile for workers, residents and visitors, and the key policy priority of improving the value for money of our services within the constraints of reduced resources.

Conclusion

Subject to the Police Committee concurring in the setting up of this committee, a Capital Buildings Committee should be created.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference and Constitution

Background Papers

Proposed New Combined Court Facility – Feasibility Study – Policy and Resources Committee, 21 September 2017

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Capital Buildings Committee
Terms of Reference

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In respect of the Police Accommodation and City's Courts projects, to be responsible for:

- (i) overall direction;
- (ii) review of progress; and
- (iii) decisions on significant option development and key policy choices.

Constitution

14 Members comprising:

- The Chairman and Deputy or a Vice Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee
- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee
- The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Committee
- Two members appointed by the Policy & Resources Committee
- Five Members appointed by the Court of Common Council
- The Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Alderman

Note: Membership of this Committee shall not count towards the limit on the number of committees on which a Member may serve contained in Standing Order 22.