

Report – Policy & Resources Committee

Appointment of a Capital Buildings Committee

To be presented on Thursday, 11th January 2018

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the formation of a new committee 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 supported by your Police Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Court of Common Council is recommended to:

- a) approve the formation of a Capital Buildings Committee together with the attached terms of reference and constitution;
- b) agree that the membership of the Committee should not count towards the limit on the number of committees on which a Member may serve contained in Standing Order 22; and
- c) agree that the Committee be added to those Committees listed in Standing Order 29 (3), thereby enabling its Chairman to be eligible to be Chairman of another Committee (Ward or non-Ward) at the same time.

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 a) 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 and b) the Committee be included within the list of those Committees in Standing Order 29 (3), thereby enabling its Chairman to be eligible to be Chairman of another Committee (Ward or non-Ward) at the same time.
5. Considering the nature of the business to be conducted, the Police Committee has been consulted and it supports the proposal for the creation of a new Committee.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

6. 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.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference and Constitution

Background Papers

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

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 14th day of December 2017.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Catherine McGuinness
Chairman, Policy & Resources Committee

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 Aldermen

Together with

- Up to two non-City of London Corporation Members with appropriate experience, skills or knowledge.

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 and its Chairman shall be eligible to be Chairman of another Committee (Ward or non-Ward) at the same time, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 29 (3).*