

Finance Committee – Supplementary (information items) Agenda

Date: TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2022

Time: 1.45 pm

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

6. REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES

For Information (Pages 329 - 330)

7a) Draft public minutes of the Efficiency and Performance Sub-Committee held on 21st January 2022 (Pages 331 - 334)

19. REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES - NON-PUBLIC ISSUES

For Information (Pages 335 - 336)

20a) Draft non-public minutes of the Efficiency and Performance Sub-Committee held on 21st January 2022 (Pages 337 - 342)

Items received too late for circulation in conjunction with the Agenda.

John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive



Committee(s)	Dated:
Finance Committee	15 February 2022
Subject: Report of the Work of the Sub-Committee(s)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate	N/A
Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or	¥/N
capital spending?	
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the	N/A
Chamberlain's Department?	
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
Report author:	
John Cater, Committee Clerk, Finance Committee	

Summary

On 19 July 2016, the Finance Committee agreed that, in addition to draft minutes of Sub-Committee meetings, short reports be provided to advise the Committee of the main issues considered by the Sub-Committees at recent meetings. This report sets out some of the main public issues considered by the following Sub Committees since 25th January 2022:

<u>Digital Services Sub-Committee – 28th January 2022</u>

IT Priority Programmes and Capital Bids 22/23 – Presentation

The Sub-Committee received a presentation updating on Core Programme Themes during 2021-23 and IT Capital Bids 2022-23, with bids being subject to Capital Programme Approval by Court of Common Council in February 2022.

Members noted that a refresh of Member devices would take place following the Citywide elections being held in March 2022. Security and compliance remained a key focus for the team with an upgrade to E5 Microsoft licensing a significant step forward in this regard and mitigating against the ongoing threat. Efforts remained ongoing in looking to enhance the range of services on offer through IT.

It was noted that a number of capital and annual cycle bids had been submitted from across a number of IT areas focussed on priorities against agreed criteria, but no official view on this until approval of the budget by Court of Common Council.

The Chairman questioned whether the plans included tools to reflect the new ways of working e.g., home working. The Chamberlain responded and explained how the IT service had now been set up to offer direct provision and set up of IT equipment from the supplier to speed up service deployment. This was part of a look ahead to the next generation in serving and supporting people in a range of different settings including the office, out on site, or at home.

A Member, also Chairman of Finance Committee, stressed how it was vital to get the right level of oversight and to understand how IT provision would interact with the Energy Reduction Programme.

Members noted that the presentation offered a high-level overview showing the current portfolio of work, how it was funded and current status. IT has a key supporting role in providing the necessary tech for the organisational vision for new ways of working as part of the Target Operating Model. The next 3-6 months would see the team focus on a core programme of activities in responding to more agile and flexible working patterns.

Members stressed the importance of a lead officer for Modern.gov in support of paperless working moving forward, which the IT Director agreed to follow up on. The IT Director assured Members that Modern.gov training would be a key feature of the new Member induction programme following the elections. The Chairman added that there was a need to look at providing access to confidential papers through modern.gov.

Members noted the update.

<u>Finance Grants Oversight & Performance Sub-Committee – 14th February</u> Summary to be provided at the FC meeting on 15th February.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the report.

John Cater

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EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE SUB (FINANCE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 21 January 2022

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Efficiency and Performance Sub (Finance) Committee held virtually on Friday, 21 January 2022 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark (Chairman) Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman) Randall Anderson James de Sausmarez Alderman Professor Emma Edhem Paul Martinelli Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Observers

Tijs Broeke Ruby Sayed Tom Sleigh

Officers:

John Cater - Committee Clerk

Caroline Al-Beyerty - Chamberlain's Department
Sonia Virdee - Chamberlain's Department

Angela McLaren - Commissioner, City of London Police

Andrew Carter - Director of Community and Children's Services
Sandeep Dwesar - Interim Managing Director - Barbican Centre
Will Gompertz - Interim Managing Director - Barbican Centre

Ellie Ward - Community and Children's Services Department

Alistair Cook - Chamberlain's Department
Mark Jarvis - Chamberlain's Department
Oliver Shaw - City of London Police

Simon Latham - Town Clerk's Department
Sarah Wall - Chamberlain's Department

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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deputy Roger Chadwick and Henry Colthurst.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 23rd November 2021 be agreed as an accurate record.

4. SECURING 'FLIGHTPATH' SAVINGS AND UNDERSTANDING SERVICE IMPACTS: 2021/22 PROGRESS

The Sub-Committee received an oral update of the Chamberlain concerning the Target Operating Model flightpath savings.

The Chamberlain informed Members that there had been a significant and welcome shift from temporary to permanent savings within departmental planning; however, there was still circa £2m of permanent savings, in toto, from across several departments which was still to be identified; a fuller Report with an update on these figures would be considered by Members at the 18th February Efficiency & Performance Sub-Committee meeting.

The Chamberlain circulated an up-to-date TOM Savings Table for information.

RESOLVED – That the Sub-Committee noted the Report.

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

There were no questions.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT There were no items of urgent business.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED - 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 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

8. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2021 be agreed as an accurate record.

9. BARBICAN CENTRE - ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS HEALTH CHECK

The Sub-Committee received a Report of the Joint Interim Managing Directors, Barbican Centre concerning the Centre's financial outlook.

10. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEEP DIVE SAVINGS REPORT

The Sub-Committee received a Report of the Director of Community & Children's Services concerning the TOM and Fundamental Review savings at the Department of Community & Children's Services (DCCS).

11. DEEP DIVE REPORT - CITY OF LONDON POLICE

The Sub-Committee received a Report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police concerning the City of London Police's funding streams, savings, and its Medium-Term Financial Plan.

12. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

Chairman

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Agenda Item 19

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