

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Thursday, 6 November 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 6 November 2014 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman)
Deputy Douglas Barrow (Deputy Chairman)
Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Ken Ayers
Deputy John Barker (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy John Bennett
Deputy Alex Deane
Deputy Billy Dove (Ex-Officio Member)
Simon Duckworth
Alderman Jeffrey Evans
Marianne Fredericks
George Gillon
Alderman Sir David Howard
Wendy Hyde
Vivienne Littlechild (Ex-Officio Member)
Edward Lord
Wendy Mead
Hugh Morris
Deputy Joyce Nash
Stephen Quilter
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Sir Michael Snyder
Deputy John Tomlinson
Deputy Michael Welbank (Ex-Officio Member)

In Attendance

Jeremy Simons

Officers:

John Barradell	Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Peter Kane	The Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Double	City Remembrancer
Peter Bennett	City Surveyor
William Chapman	Private Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Lord Mayor
Philip Everett	Director of the Built Environment
Iain Simmonds	Assistant Director (Local Transport)
Tony Halmos	Director of Public Relations

Caroline Al-Beyerty	Financial Services Director
Suzanne Jones	Business Support Director
Graham Bell	Chief Information Officer
Nigel Lefton	Remembrancer's Department
Giles French	Assistant Director of Economic Development
Simon Murrells	Assistant Town Clerk
Peter Lisley	Assistant Town Clerk
Angela Roach	Committee and Members Services Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Roger Chadwick, Stuart Fraser, Henry Pollard, Sir David Wotton and Alan Yarrow.

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

Alderman Jeffrey Evans declared an interest in item no. 16 relating to St Lawrence Jewry Church as the Church Warden.

3. MINUTES

- 3a. The public minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2014 were approved.
- 3b. The draft public minutes of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee meeting held on 2 October 2014 were noted.
- 3c. The draft public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 8 October 2014 were noted.
- 3d. The draft public minutes of the Members' Privileges Sub-Committee meeting held on 1 October 2014 were noted.

4. CONTINGENCY APPLICATION - LIVERY SCHOOLS LINK CONSULTANT PROJECT MANAGER

The Committee considered a resolution from the Education Board of 16 October 2014 together with a report of the Town Clerk concerning the recruitment of a part-time consultant project manager for a period of six months to assist with the creation of an Education Office for the Livery Schools Link.

RSOLVED - that £13, 000 be provided in 2014/15 and £3,000 in 2015/16 from the Committee's City's Cash contingency for those years to fund the recruitment of a part-time consultant project manager for a period of six months to assist with the creation of an Education Office for the Livery Schools Link.

5. **RESPONSE TO CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAY CONSULTATION**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of the Built Environment concerning the City Corporation's response to Transport for London's (TfL) public consultation exercise on its Cycle Superhighways.

A Member, who was also the Deputy of the Ward of Castle Baynard, referred to the number of accidents which had occurred in the Ward and as a consequence she was keen to ensure that any concerns expressed did not delay the implementation of necessary safety improvements. The Chairman assured Members that safety was a key issue for the City Corporation and that the impact of the cycle superhighways on safety for cyclists and pedestrians was one of its concerns.

The Chairman also advised that the structure of the proposed letter of response would benefit from some modest changes, such as, placing more emphasis on the narrative in point 13 by setting it out as a separate paragraph. He therefore sought agreement to some minor changes being made. Members supported the suggestion.

RESOLVED - that approval be given to the following:-

1. the future use of Castle Baynard Street for the East-West Cycle Superhighway on the condition that the North-West route proposals are agreed with the City Corporation prior to its implementation; and
2. the submission of the City Corporation's response TfL's consultation exercise as set out in Annex 2 of the report, subject to minor alterations to the final wording.

6. **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE (POLICY AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES) BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk on the progress made towards achieving the objectivities set out in the departmental business plan.

In response to a query about the departmental risk register, the Assistant Town Clerk undertook to ensure that the register was included in future quarterly updates.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and its content noted.

7. **RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning the implementation of the Risk Management Strategy recently approved by the Audit and Risk Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and its content noted.

8. ONE YEAR ON: A REVIEW OF THE CITY'S VISITOR STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2013/17

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries setting out the progress of the City Corporation's Visitor Strategy which was adopted last year.

Reference was made to the Magna Carta on display in the new Heritage Gallery and it was suggested that it would be helpful to have information available in the West Wing Reception area highlighting the gallery. Members also felt that it would be useful for them to be provided with details of the events taking place in Guildhall Yard and it was suggested that in future a notice indicating events taking place in forthcoming weeks should be placed in the Members' area on the 3rd floor. The Committee supported both suggestions.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted and that the Director of Culture, Heritage and Libraries be requested to arrange for information on the Heritage Gallery to be available in the West Wing Reception area and that the Remembrancer be asked to provide a notice setting out the events taking place in Guildhall Yard to be placed in the Members area on the 3rd floor in future.

9. POLICY CHAIRMAN'S VISIT TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON DC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OCTOBER 2014

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Economic Development setting out the outcome of the Chairman's recent visit to New York and Washington DC.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and its content noted.

10. POLICY INITIATIVES FUND

The Committee considered a statement of the Chamberlain on activities relating to the Policy Initiatives Fund and the Committee's contingency for 2014/15.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted.

11. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk reporting action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the last meeting of the Committee in accordance with standing orders.

RESOLVED – That it be noted that approval was given to the following:-

1. the provision of £20,000 in sponsorship of the CER Conference '*Is Europe's economic stagnation inevitable or policy-driven?*' at Ditchley Park in Oxfordshire, which took place on 3-4 October 2014;
2. £25,000 for a number of events with King's College London as part of the '*Europe in Crisis*' project;
3. £35,000 for research on the City of London's position in the EU to be carried out by Policy Network;
4. legal and other related fees for setting up the Crossrail Art Foundation at a cost not exceeding £20,000; and
5. matched fund-raising in order to continue the appointment of Global Cities for a further period of up to 12 months (at £5,000 per month), not exceeding £60,000.

12. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

In response to a question about the current political climate in the US and the timing of the recent visit, the Chairman advised that the visit had been timed around the IMF World Banking Annual Meeting participation in which allowed the City Corporation to expand its network of contacts

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no items of urgent business.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

MOTION - 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 the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act:-

Item Nos.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
22 – 28	3

15. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

- 15a. The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2014 were approved.
- 15b. The draft non-public minutes of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee meeting held on 2 October 2014 were noted.
- 15c. The draft non-public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 8 October 2014 were noted.

15d. The draft non-public minutes of the Hospitality Working Party meeting held on 21 October 2014 were noted.

16. ST LAWRENCE JEWRY

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the Town Clerk concerning a memorandum of understanding between the City Corporation, the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry and the London Diocesan Fund in relation to refurbishment works, maintenance and funding at the Church.

17. CITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY OPTIONS APPRAISAL

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the Chamberlain concerning the progress and funding of the City Telecommunications Strategy. During discussion the Chairman highlighted the importance of the issue of connectivity and advised that the City Corporation would be making a public statement on the matter.

18. CASKETS FOR STATE BANQUETS

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the Remembrancer outlining options for the purchase of caskets for presentation to Heads of State.

19. GUILDHALL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the City Surveyor concerning the outcome of the Guildhall Accommodation Project.

20. REQUEST FOR AN UPLIFT TO THE CITY BRIDGE TRUST'S LOCAL RISK BUDGET

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the Chief Grants Officer concerning the City Bridge Trust's Investing in Londoners Programme.

21. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

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

There were no urgent items.

23. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2014 were approved.

24. PROVISION OF TRANSPORT

The Committee considered and agreed a joint of the Town Clerk concerning a review undertaken as part of the Service Based Reviews.

The meeting ended at 2.45pm

Chairman

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