

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 2 November 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 2 November 2023 at 9.30 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Christopher Hayward (Chairman)	Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Deputy Randall Anderson	Alderman Sir William Russell
Jason Groves	Ruby Sayed
Deputy Shravan Joshi	

In Attendance

Members observing online:

Caroline Haines
Tom Sleigh
Deputy Madush Gupta

Officers:

Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive
Bob Roberts	- Executive Director Environment (Interim)
Ian Hughes	- Environment
Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Richard Chamberlain	- City Surveyor's Department
Joanne Hunneybell	- City Surveyor's Department
Peter Ochser	- City Surveyor's Department
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Daniel Peattie	- Chamberlain's Department
Radwan Ahmed	- Chamberlain's Department
Emily Tofield	- Executive Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs
Dionne Corradine	- Chief Strategy Officer
Zakki Ghauri	- Chief Operating Officer's Department
Benjamin Dixon	- Office of the Policy Chairman
Emily Slatter	- Office of the Policy Chairman
Polly Dunn	- Town Clerk's Department

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Deputy Henry Colthurst, Deputy James Thomson, Deputy Keith Bottomley and Tijs Broeke. Alderman Tim Hailes, who has formally been invited to observe the meetings, also gave apologies.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the public minutes and non-public summary from the meeting held on 5 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

4. **CAPITAL FUNDING UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Chamberlain providing an update on capital funding.

RESOLVED, that Members agree to:

- a) review the schemes summarised in Table 2 and, particularly in the context of the current financial climate, to confirm their continued essential priority for release of funding at this time and accordingly:
- b) release up to £1.104m for the schemes progressing to the next Gateway in Table 2 from the reserves of City Fund (£4.604m), City Cash (0.21m) and City Bridge Foundation (0.08m)
- c) release of £0.076m of City Cash contingency as described within 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 other business. However, a query was raised as to why item 9 was to be considered in non-public.

Officers agreed this exclusion should be reconsidered in time for the Policy & Resources Committee (due to meet in coming weeks) and confirmed that, if possible, the minutes of the discussion be made public.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, That under Section 100A(4) 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes from the meeting held on 5 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

9. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) AND ON STREET PARKING RESERVE (OSPR) CAPITAL BIDS (QUARTER 2 - 2023/24) & CAPITAL BIDS FOR 2024/25 CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Members received a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Executive Director, Environment concerning the Community Infrastructure Levy, the On Street Parking Reserve and the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED – that for projects bids considered under City CIL and OSPR funding, Members:

- a) Review the project bids in line with the eligibility and prioritisation criteria as set out in Appendix 1.
- b) Note the forecast balances for City CIL and OSPR as detailed in paras 2.1 and 2.2 of the report, which incorporates the recommendations of the Priorities Board,
- c) Recommend to Policy and Resources, and for Policy and Resources Committee to approve, the allocation of City CIL and OSPR funding to the three revenue schemes (listed in section 3.1 and detailed in Appendix 2):
 - i. City Gardens Revenue Budget
 - ii. Ground Penetrating Radar Survey (GPRS) for Infrastructure Strategy; and
 - iii. Street Furniture ASB Protection Measures; and

For new capital bids for the financial year 2024/25, Members:

- a) Approve the new capital bids submitted (listed in section 3.2 and detailed in appendix 2), amounts requested and purposes for which these are requested, including two schemes funded by CIL (Bid AB2 – City Cluster Programme) and OSPR monies (Bid AB1 – Car Parks Fire and Safety).
- b) Approve the recommendations of the Priorities Board in relation to three schemes of the fourteen Capital and SRP bids. These are listed below with further detail found in paragraph 3.26.
 - i. Network Contract - Support and Refresh,
 - ii. Corporate Device Stock Replacement
 - iii. Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Replacement
- c) To note new bids which require funding from City Bridge Foundation (CBF), will need to be considered as being in the best interests of the charity, noting the separate legal duties of the City Corporation as a Trustee.
- d) Note that the final decision for capital bids for inclusion in the 2024/25 draft budgets will be confirmed at the joint meeting of RASC and the Service Committee Chairmen and City Bridge Foundation Board in January 2024, with final approval in February /March by Finance Committee and the Court of Common Council
- e) Note the future funding requirements under section 7 of the report.

10. **GW5: GUILDHALL COOLING PLANT REPLACEMENT**
Members received a report of the City Surveyor concerning the Guildhall Cooling Plant Replacement project.
11. **DELEGATED AUTHORITY DECISIONS AND ARREARS UPDATE FOR GUILDHALL AND WALBROOK WHARF - 1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**
Members received a report of the City Surveyor concerning decisions taken under the City Surveyor's delegations.
12. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**
There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 9.54 am

Chairman

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