

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday, 18 March 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 18 March 2024 at 9.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Christopher Hayward (Chairman)
Deputy Keith Bottomley (Deputy Chairman)
Tijs Broeke (Vice-Chair)
Caroline Haines (Vice-Chair)
Deputy Rehana Ameer
Mary Durcan (Ex-Officio Member)
Helen Fentimen
Jason Groves
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Deputy Ann Holmes (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Shravan Joshi
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE
Deputy Paul Martinelli
Catherine McGuinness
Deputy Andrien Meyers
Alderman Sir William Russell
Deputy James Thomson
Philip Woodhouse

In attendance (Observing Online)

Deputy Randall Anderson
Deputy Marianne Fredericks
Deputy Madush Gupta
Deputy Elizabeth King
Deputy Edward Lord
Benjamin Murphy
Ruby Sayed

Officers:

Ian Thomas	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Gregory Moore	- Deputy Town Clerk
Jen Beckermann	- Executive Director and Private Secretary to the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee
Polly Dunn	- Assistant Town Clerk and Executive Director, Governance & Member Services
Benjamin Dixon	- Town Clerk's Department
Mark Gettleson	- Town Clerk's Department
David Mendoza Wolfson	- Town Clerk's Department

Chris Rumbles	- Town Clerk's Department
Kristy Sandino	- Town Clerk's Department
Emily Slatter	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain
John James	- Chamberlain's Department
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Genine Whitehorn	- Chamberlain's Department
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor, Deputy Chief Executive
Saira McKechnie	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Dionne Corradine	- Chief Strategy Officer
Judith Finlay	- Director of Community & Children's Services
David Farnsworth	- Managing Director, City Bridge Foundation
Fiona Rawes	- City Bridge Foundation
Damian Nussbaum	- Executive Director of Innovation & Growth
Daniel O'Byrne	- Innovation & Growth
Omkar Chana	- Innovation & Growth
Bob Roberts	- Executive Director, Environment
Emil Tofield	- Executive Director of Corporate Communication and External Affairs
Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Robert Murphy	- City Surveyor's Department
Ola Obadara	- City Surveyor's Department
Paul Wright	- Remembrancer
Bruce Hunt	- Remembrancer's Department
Katie Foster	- Remembrancer's Department

In attendance (In Guildhall)

Paul Martin (for item 31)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, Michael Mainelli, James Tumbridge, Deputy Brian Mooney, Deputy Henry Colthurst, Tom Sleigh, Deputy Marianne Fredericks and Munsur Ali.

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

Alderman Vincent Keaveny declared an interest in respect of all matters concerning Progress Together, as Chair.

Catherine McGuinness declared an interest in respect of all matters concerning 3Ci, as a Member of its Advisory Board.

3. **MINUTES**

- a) The public minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 22 February 2024 were approved as an accurate record.
- b) The public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on 22 November 2023 were noted.
- c) The draft public minutes of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee meeting on 29 January 2024 were noted.

4. **ANNUAL TERMS OF REFERENCE REPORT**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk detailing proposed changes to Committee terms of reference and seeking approval of these in advance of their presentation to Court of Common Council.

The Chairman introduced the item confirming that after a few years of governance changes to City Corporation committees, there was now a return to a business-as-usual approach in the form of a regular annual review of terms of reference. The Chairman added how the vast majority of these were straightforward, but with two the Town Clerk had asked to be considered. These being:

Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB)

It was questioned whether the Committee considered it necessary to increase the elected Membership from three to six, with this being proposed to retain a balance between City Corporation and external representatives and to alleviate potential quoracy issues. The Chairman questioned whether there was a strength of feeling on the proposal or whether it would be worthwhile trying a revised quorum initially, without increasing the City Corporation representatives.

A Member highlighted the intention being to widen experience on the Board through the addition of NHS representatives. A reduced quorum could be implemented and with a further recommendation coming back to Policy and Resources Committee if this did not resolve the issue.

A Member responded and stressed how it was important to engage Members in this important area of work and to broaden across the Court an interest in health issues. There was agreement on the importance of the issue, but with concerns raised around securing additional Members and their attendance at meetings.

The Chairman added his endorsement to the proposal to try a first step in reducing the quorum to understand if that worked and to come back to Policy and Resources Committee if the issue remained.

A Member, also Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board, confirmed they would hold the next two H&WB meetings with a reduced quorum and extra NHS Representatives to establish if that worked. Following which, a further

recommendation would come back to Policy and Resources Committee if it was considered necessary.

Markets Board

The Chairman confirmed that following publication of the report, Markets Board had met and discussed this further and they have acknowledged the challenges proposed, as outlined in the report, with a delegated authority have been issued to allow an opportunity to revisit the phrasing of their original decision. The Town Clerk had already met with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to discuss this further considering how to move forward, with a Member, also Chairman of Markets Board, confirming he was content with the approach being taken.

The Chairman referred Members to the recommendations before them, with the amendment relating to Health and Wellbeing Board that had been agreed, being presented for decision.

RESOLVED; That Members: -

- 1) Considered and approved the revised terms of reference as proposed in Table 1 and appended to the report; with the exception of Health and Wellbeing Board's terms of reference and not agreeing to the addition of three elected Members to the Board at this point.
 - 2) Noted that consultation on amendments to the terms of reference of the Corporate Services Committee, Natural Environment Board and Boards of Governors of the three City Independent Schools, were still ongoing.
 - 3) Approved delegated authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to consider and approve any subsequent changes to Committee Terms of Reference required ahead of the April 2024 Court of Common Council meeting.
 - 4) Authorised the Town Clerk to make factual amendments to Terms of Reference (such as the correction of job titles, committee names etc.) required ahead of presentation to the April 2024 Court meeting.
5. **DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS PLAN 2024/25 - CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**
- The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs presenting a high-level business plan for Corporate Communications and External Affairs Department for 2024-2025.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Approved the high-level Business Plan.

6. **HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS PLAN 2024/25 - INNOVATION AND GROWTH**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Innovation and Growth presenting for approval the high-level business plan for the Innovation and Growth Department for 2024/25.

A Member remarked on this area of work being absolutely vital in supporting what the City Corporation was doing within the Financial and Professional Services Sector. The Member added how there was no reference around sanctions or economic security and suggested this was an important issue that was being discussed elsewhere, with the Chairman agreeing with this point and suggesting a more substantive reference in this area.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- i. Noted the factors taken into consideration in compiling the Innovation & Growth Business Plan; and
- ii. Approved, subject to the incorporation of any changes sought by this Committee, Innovation & Growth's departmental Business Plan 2024/25.

7. CAPITAL FUNDING UPDATE

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain providing Members with an update on the two-step funding mechanism via the annual capital bid process and seeking approval to release of funding (following gateway approvals) to allow schemes to progress.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- (i) Reviewed the schemes summarised in Table 2 and, particularly in the context of the current financial climate, confirmed their continued essential priority for release of funding at this time and accordingly:
- (ii) Agreed the release of up to £23.3m for the schemes progressing to the next Gateway in Table 2 from City Fund £22.7m (including £3.65m for OSPR and £3.5m CIL), City Estate 0.56m and £0.05m from CBF.

8. CONCLUSION OF JOINT PHILANTHROPY STRATEGY 2018 - 2024 AND PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE WORK.

The Committee considered a report of the Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation setting out a range of strategic and operational considerations relating to the future direction and framing of the City of London Corporation's philanthropy.

The Chairman referred to a question that had recently been raised in relation to the proposed volunteering strategy and whether this could be encompassed within the People Strategy recently agreed by Court of Common Council, rather than developing a stand-alone strategy. The Chairman added how the Chief People Officer and Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation were supportive of this approach.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

1. Noted the conclusion of the Joint Philanthropy Strategy at the end of March 2024.
2. Agreed to the proposed new name of Central Funding and Charity Management Team (CFCMT) for the Central Grants Unit reflecting the substantively expanded scope of its operational responsibilities since it was established.
3. Agreed to new description of the Unit's work as set out in Appendix 6.
4. Agreed for revised oversight arrangements for the CoLC's Volunteering activities as set out in paragraph 16.
5. Agreed that a new Volunteering Strategy should be developed for review and consideration by the Corporate Services Committee, with timing to be subject to the recruitment of a replacement Volunteering Manager to undertake the associated work.

9. **CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM**

The Committee considered a joint report of the City Remembrancer and Comptroller and City Solicitor providing a high-level summary of the City's electoral franchise, legislative backdrop and seeking approval of an approach to be taken moving forward.

The Chairman referred to Deputy Brian Mooney, as being unable to attend the meeting today, and with it having been his consistency and persistence on this subject that had resulted in the paper before Members today. The Chairman added that Deputy Brian Mooney had been in contact with him making it clear that he was hoping for more radical change. The Chairman added that the report was very clear in what a major piece of work it would be to fully review the City's franchise and the substantial extra resource that would be required to do so; resource which does not currently exist.

During the discussion that followed concern was expressed over the disenfranchisement of small businesses, with it not being clear how many businesses were holding premises under licence and were not able to register or participate in elections. A system was needed where leaseholders can be checked and with introduction of rolling registration. It was important to sharpen up the integrity of the process for nominations and how they come through.

A Member referred to their previous discussions on the integrity of the process for nominations, during which it had been proposed introducing a voluntary scheme and code of conduct that people could sign up to ahead of the 2025 elections.

In response, it was clarified that all options would be reviewed including the process of nominations and with it being a huge piece of work regardless. It was stressed how the City Corporation's electoral registration process and its integrity was done within the bounds of electoral law. Electoral administration

was done in the same way throughout the UK, as prescribed in law, with the City Corporation following a national position.

The Comptroller and City Solicitor explained how electoral officials had very limited ability, with introduction of the City Corporation's own system for electoral administration e.g., requesting a passport not possible.

There was an acknowledgement of the challenges and caution being expressed, but with officers asked to explore possibilities, whilst taking into account the law. A Member suggested that officers set aside their caution and explore all options.

A Member added how, in their view, a proposed voluntary scheme for electoral candidates would not require changes in legislation, with it being an entirely voluntary process that people can choose to sign up to. It was requested that a further paper be prepared for consideration in advance of the 2025 elections.

The Comptroller and City Solicitor explained how the City Corporation had no control over how a person acted as an election candidate, with this being governed by law and any breach in behaviour being reported accordingly to City of London Police. It was further clarified that administration of elections was to ensure anyone that was eligible to stand can stand, anyone able to vote and with anything outside of this being a police issue. Case law was clear that a Returning Officer cannot investigate the contents of a nomination paper, even if it was done voluntarily. Members noted that Counsel's Opinion would need to be taken looking at what was possible within the law.

The Chairman thanked Members for the interesting discussion, adding that a report would be brought back setting out pros and cons for a voluntary system for electoral registration and whether this was an option in law, with this requiring Counsel's Opinion. This would come back to Policy and Resources Committee to allow introduction of any scheme to be in place in advance of the City-wide all-out elections in March 2025.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Agreed that officers further scope options for reform of the City's franchise insofar as current resources allow, and agree that after a General Election, when there is greater clarity on Government priorities, and engagement has taken place with Ministers and Officials, determine whether to proceed to undertake a formal end-to-end review of the franchise, subject to identifying resource to take project forward.
- Agreed to commission a ward boundary review led by the Recorder, the Common Serjeant and the Town Clerk following the next all-out elections in March 2025, subject to appropriate resource being identified. The Committee should also consider, at that point, the most appropriate mechanism for gathering Member views as part of that process.

- Noted that there were a number of areas of change relating to electoral integrity and processes that could be considered in the context of any wider reform of the franchise being undertaken.
- Noted the voter and candidacy changes in the Elections Act 2022 as a result of EU Exit that are being brought into force on 7 May 2024, and agree that an outline of these changes should be sent out to all elected members.

10. **ELECTION ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN 2025**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs providing an update on an approach to the 2025 City of London elections.

The Chairman introduced the item stressing how there was no challenge over the importance of the area of work or what was being proposed. The Chairman challenged a proposal that Policy Initiatives Fund be used to support this piece of work with it being an area of work that should be built into core budgeting. The Chairman asked the Executive Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs to review funding options further, working with the Chamberlain to see what might be adjusted to accommodate this piece of work and presenting additional funding options for Members to consider.

Members were unanimous in their agreement on the importance of this area of work, but with it being stressed that it should be built in to become business as usual. It was suggested looking at where the City Corporation was spending in other areas that were not as important and taking a corporate view on funding.

A Member commented on the importance of including residents as part of any election engagement, with a need for any resourcing requirements for elections to cover residents and businesses.

The Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs confirmed that she would be happy to undertake a review looking at potential funding options for an election engagement campaign, working with the Chamberlain and looking to move this area of work into core funding moving forward. Caution was urged with a deadline for electoral registration being by 30 September 2024 and a request to consider approving £95k today for recruitment of a Campaign Manager to support this piece of work and allow it to progress without delay.

The Chairman responded confirming it appeared a reasonable compromise to agree £95k today to allow recruitment of a Campaign Manager without delay.

Members were supportive of this proposed course of action, thereby allowing an opportunity for further conversation with the Chamberlain and considering all funding options to accommodate this work moving forward.

The Chamberlain added how any reference to reprioritisation of funding was to be welcomed, with there being an expectation that funding for core areas of work should come out of an agreed budget. Where there was additionality on

what was already being done it would be reasonable to call on contingency funding.

RESOLVED: That Members:

- Agreed a budget of £95,000 for a Campaign Manager, to be met from the 2024/25 Policy Initiatives Fund.

11. **ENHANCED POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs setting out the City Corporation's proposals to significantly increase strategic planning and engagement with key partners and stakeholders in 2024/2025 due to the certainty of a General Election taking place before January 2025.

Concern was raised over Policy Initiatives Fund being proposed as the source of funding for this piece of work, with a request that it be considered further looking at alternative funding options and a with report coming back next month for Members to consider. A Member stressed that it was important to begin this work at the earliest opportunity, with the Chairman responding confirming that he did not consider the work to be of such a critical nature that any lost work would be impacted by a one-month delay.

The Chairman added how work was already ongoing in this important area and suggested that there would be no blockage as a result of a delay in a decision today. The Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs confirmed that work was already underway and that there would be no blockage through delaying a decision until next month.

The Chairman stressed the importance of this work, with there being no question over whether it needed to be done and the only question being its funding source. Enough comfort had been given to Members today that planning can continue as intended whilst allowing for exploration of funding options in advance of a report being brought at the next meeting for further consideration.

The Chairman proposed that no decision be taken today; that a report be brought back to Policy and Resources Committee once funding options had been explored, with this proposal being seconded by Deputy Shravan Joshi.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Agreed that a report be brought back to Policy and Resources Committee, allowing for alternative funding options to be explored and presented for consideration.

12. **CITY CORPORATION EQUALITY OBJECTIVES 2024 - 2029**

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Strategy Officer seeking approval to publish updated corporate Equality Objectives to meet responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

A Member welcomed the report, adding how they would welcome seeing something around this for Members e.g., training, support and expectations. In response, the Town Clerk confirmed that work was already underway in looking at building this into planning for Members and including it as part of their induction. The Chairman remarked on the new Member induction as part of the all-out City-wide elections being excellent, but with the new Member inductions lacking when a Member was elected outside of this cycle and with the Chief Commoner currently reviewing this.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Endorsed and approved the revised Equality Objectives to enable their publication (on our website and intranet) in March 2024, thereby fulfilling our responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty, subject to the review and endorsement by the Equality, Diversity, & Inclusion Sub-Committee on 21st March 2024.
- Agreed to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee, to make any subsequent changes to the Equality Objectives recommended by the Equality, Diversity, & Inclusion Sub-Committee at its meeting on 21st March 2024, in order to meet the target publication date.
- Noted the Equality Objectives (2024-2029) will cover a five-year period to coincide with the Corporate Plan and People Strategy. However, there would be a review in 2028 to comply with the duty of publishing every four years.
- Noted that activity to develop relevant equity, equality, diversity and inclusion (EEDI) datasets for the Objectives was required to develop robust performance metrics.

13. **POLICY AND RESOURCES CONTINGENCY/DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain providing the schedule of projects and activities which have received funding from the Policy Initiatives Fund and the Policy and Resources Committee's Contingency Fund for 2023/24 and future years with details of expenditure in 2023/24.

RESOLVED: That Members:

- Noted the report and contents of the schedules.
- Approved the 2023/24 unallocated balances on your Committee's PIF and Contingency Funds being carried forward into 2024/25.
- Approve Departments request in carrying forward unspent allocations into 2024/25.

14. **MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Committee received a joint report of the Executive Director of Communications and External Affairs and Executive Director of Innovation & Growth providing an update on the City of London Corporation's external

engagement strategy on strategic areas of interest and a number of memberships held across various team in support of this.

The Chairman remarked on it not appearing to be a complete list with all City Corporation memberships and subscriptions included. A Member referred to this point being referenced at Corporate Communications and Corporate Affairs Sub-Committee, when it was noted that once there was a full picture it would be possible to look the funding of each area.

RESOLVED:

- Noted the current memberships and subscriptions.

15. **DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk detailing action taken by the Town Clerk outside of the Committee's meeting schedule, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b).

RESOLVED: That Members receive the report and note its content.

16. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Chairman confirmed that Deputy Brian Mooney, in absentia, had given notice of a question relating to the decision taken at March Court of Common Council regarding the imposition of a higher rate of Council Tax on second homes.

Higher rate of Council Tax on second homes – Deputy Brian Mooney

People own second homes in the City of London primarily for operational reasons. They need to be close to their workplaces. These second homes are not luxury pads – they are often very modest *pieds à terre*.

By charging double rates on these properties, were we not in danger of making a mockery of our ambitions to be a destination City and a City open for business?

The Chairman responded confirming that looking at the position across London, a recent survey indicates that 25 out of 32 London boroughs have included the option to implement such a higher rate on second homes from April 25 so we the City Corporation were by no means an outlier.

As the Finance Chairman said in the Budget debate, this was one of very few items where we were able to raise revenue and as much as none of us like doing so, the financial position of the organisation was such that we have had to make these tough decisions, just as we did on raising regular Council Tax and the Business Rate supplement. This was work in progress.

A Member sought clarification within Standing Orders for a Member to ask a question in absentia, with Members noting that standing orders were explicit in allowing the Town Clerk to ask a question on behalf of a Member. The Deputy Chairman suggested that where a Member was not in attendance at a meeting that they should be issued with a written answer outside of the meeting in future, with Members agreeing to this approach.

A Member questioned it was known how many people have a second homes in the City and funds received as a result, with the Chamberlain confirming this information was held and that it would be circulated to Members following the meeting.

Planning consent on the HSBC (St Paul's building)

Alderman Timothy Hailes referred to a number of colleagues and residents having raised with him the issue of an apparent material variation in the planning consent through a decision being taken under delegation and confirmed that he would welcome an explanation of the process that was followed, why it necessitated a decision between meetings and to reassure those who have raised their concerns around democratic oversight when it has been through a committee process that there was a change in what was permitted.

The Chairman responded confirming the application was a planning application determined under Delegated Authority under paragraph 167 of the Scheme of Delegations agreed by Court of Common Council.

It was dealt with via delegated authority because it effectively comprised of amendments to a previously consented scheme and was in compliance with local plan policies. The Planning Director discussed the number of objections with the Chairman of Planning and Transportation, of which there were 3; below the threshold of 9. There was also a discussion on policy compliance and it was agreed there was not a broader interest and the matter could be dealt with by officers under the Scheme of Delegations.

All members were sent a weekly list of planning applications received. This scheme was included on the weekly list. In terms of the omission of the elevated public terrace, this was a nice to have. We were all disappointed that it fell away and the planning team share that disappointment.

It was not a breach of planning policy and there were still considerable benefits from the financial contribution voluntarily offered by the applicant.

A Member, also Chairman of Planning and Transportation Committee, stressed how there was no heritage harm aspect in the new application and no wider impacting requiring it be brought back to Committee. A voluntary contribution from the developer had been negotiated with local people in the area, with agreement to embed this within S106. A roof terrace may have been lost but a lot more had been gained that would not otherwise have been had. The Member added how these extra pieces that had provided and embedded more than compensated.

A Member expressed their surprise at the question having been asked without it have been discussed with ward colleagues, with the Member adding how it was a massively important development where they had worked with the developer and ward Members having been fully engaged.

17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Town Clerk confirmed one additional item of urgent item of business as follows:

a) **Appointment of Additional Internal Members to Competitiveness Advisory Board (CAB)**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Innovation & Growth seeking agreement to the appointment of new internal Members to the Competitiveness Advisory Board.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Agreed to appoint the 4 new Members to the Competitiveness Advisory Board from 29th May 2024 subject to annual confirmation listed in Para 21.

18. **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 the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

19. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

- a) The non-public minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 22 February 2024 were approved as an accurate record.
- b) The public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on 22 November 2023 were noted.
- c) The non-public minutes of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee meeting on 29 January 2024 were noted.

20. **PARTNERSHIP ORGANISATIONS**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Innovation and Growth presenting an update on a portfolio view of Partnership Organisations.

21. **ESTABLISHING A LEGAL ENTITY IN THE USA**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Executive Director of Innovation & Growth, Comptroller and City Solicitor and Chamberlain relating to establishing a legal entity in the USA.

22. **CITY HOSTED EVENTS – APPROACH TO MEMBER NON ATTENDANCE AND THE INCLUSION OF MEMBERS’ CHILDREN AT CERTAIN CITY HOSTED OCCASIONS**

The Committee considered a report of the City Remembrancer relating to an approach to Member not attendance and the inclusion of Members’ children at City hosted occasions.

23. **CYCLICAL WORKS PROGRAMME (CWP) AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR CITY FUND PROPERTIES (ARCFP) REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR 2024/2025**

The Committee received a report of the City Surveyor relating to Cyclical Works Programme and Additional Resources for City Fund Properties request for funding for 2024/2025.

24. **CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT - CELL AREA DUCTING AND EXTRACT SYSTEM BALANCING**

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor relating to a project at Central Criminal Court for a cell area ducting and extract system balancing.

25. **MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Committee received a non-public annex to be read in conjunction with item 14.

26. **CITY’S ESTATE: 2024 INVESTMENT PROPERTY STRATEGY**

The Committee received a report of the City Surveyor providing an annual update report on the City’s Estate 2024 Investment Property Strategy.

27. **CITY FUND: 2024 INVESTMENT PROPERTY STRATEGY**

The Committee received a report of the City Surveyor providing an annual update report on the City Fund 2024 Investment Property Strategy.

28. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were none.

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

There were no additional items of business.

30. **MINUTES**

a) The confidential minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 22 February 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

31. **UPDATE ON THE DESTINATION CITY - INDEPENDENT REVIEW 2024**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Innovation & Growth providing an update on the Destination City Independent Review 2024.

The meeting ended at 11.30am.

Chairman

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