

Report – Policy and Resources Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Museum of London Relocation Works

To be presented on Thursday, 13th September 2018

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

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. The Museum of London Relocation Project involves the refurbishment of Victorian buildings at the former General Market and Annexe Buildings, which will need to be substantially retained as part of the project.
2. Works to make these buildings safe were already underway, funded from the Landlord's budget. It had been anticipated that additional works might be required to stabilise and conserve the buildings as the project progressed and the works had been tendered in such a way that would facilitate this, with Members also having been advised of this likelihood in advance.
3. Over the summer period, it was confirmed that a number of additional works were indeed required to stabilise and improve access to these historic buildings and the specific actions necessary were identified.
4. An increased sum was therefore sought and approved under urgency procedures by your Policy and Resources Committee to stabilise the buildings and undertake the necessary works, with a waiver also approved to permit the extension of an existing contract.
5. As the funds represented an additional drawdown from City's Cash Reserves, the further approval of the Court of Common Council was also required. Approval was consequently sought and obtained pursuant to Standing Order No.19 to facilitate the undertaking of the requisite works.

RECOMMENDATION

6. We **recommend** that the urgent action taken be noted.

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

DATED this 21st day of August 2018.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee