

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, 8 April 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held over Microsoft Teams and live-streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OlrpMdzc7s> on Thursday, 8 April 2021 at 1.45 pm

**Present**

**Members:**

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chair)  
Sheriff Christopher Hayward (Deputy Chairman)  
Deputy Keith Bottomley (Vice-Chairman)  
Deputy Tom Sleigh (Vice-Chair)  
Randall Anderson (Ex-Officio Member)  
Rehana Ameer  
Nicholas Bensted-Smith (Ex-Officio Member)  
Tijs Broeke  
Karina Dostalova  
Anne Fairweather  
Marianne Fredericks  
Alderman Timothy Hailes  
Deputy Wendy Hyde (Ex-Officio Member)  
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark  
Shravan Joshi  
Deputy Edward Lord  
Alderman Vincent Keaveny  
Alderman Ian Luder  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Andrew McMurtrie  
Wendy Mead  
Deputy Andrien Meyers  
Deputy Brian Mooney (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)  
Deputy Alastair Moss (Ex-Officio Member)  
Sir Michael Snyder  
Deputy James Thomson (Ex-Officio Member)  
Mark Wheatley  
Deputy Philip Woodhouse  
Alderman Sir David Wootton

**In attendance:**

John Chapman  
Helen Fentimen  
Sophie Fernandes  
Alderman Sir Roger Gifford  
Alderman Alison Gowman  
Graeme Harrower  
Ann Holmes  
Graham Packham  
Oliver Sells

Jeremy Simons  
Deputy John Tomlinson

**Officers:**

John Barradell	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Peter Kane	- The Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Double	- City Remembrancer
Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Deputy Chamberlain & Financial Services Director
Damian Nussbaum	- Director of Innovation & Growth
Bob Roberts	- Director of Communications
Peter Lisley	- Assistant Town Clerk
Angela Roach	- Assistant Town Clerk
Jeremy Blackburn	- Head of Relationships, Mansion House
Simi Shah	- Innovation & Growth
Fiona Rawes	- Head of Philanthropy Strategy
Ruth Calderwood	- Environmental Health Officer
Mark Gettleson	- Election Engagement Manager
Kate Limna	- Corporate Treasurer, Chamberlain's
Graeme Hood	- Group Accountant, Chamberlain's
Gerald Mehrtens	- Community & Children's Services Department
Melissa Richardson	- Communications
Sanja Odedra	- Communications
Lorraine Brook	- Town Clerk's Department
Greg Moore	- Town Clerk's Department

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Joyce Nash and the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman William Russell.

The Chair took the opportunity to express, on behalf of the Committee, her gratitude to Joyce Nash, whose final meeting on the Committee this was, for her significant and invaluable service over the past 34 years. Her longevity on the Committee demonstrated the huge esteem in which Joyce was held by her colleagues on the Court and reflected the enormous contributions she had made.

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

There were no declarations

**3. MINUTES**

- a) The public minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 11 March 2021 were approved, subject to Deputy Andrien Meyers' apologies being noted.

### **Matters Arising**

**Planning arrangements** – A Member made reference to a petition, to be submitted to the Court of Common Council on 15 April, which had over 1000 signatories opposing the prospective move to panels as part of the planning arrangements.

It was clarified that the arrangements concerning prospective panels would be subject to further discussion at a future meeting, prior to recommendations going to the Court, as agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee at its last meeting. The petition, once received by the Court, would be referred on to for consideration alongside those further discussions.

- b) The public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 23 February 2021 were noted.
- c) The draft public minutes of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 March 2021 were noted.
- d) The draft public minutes of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 4 March 2021 were noted.

#### **4. AUDIO-VISUAL PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL MEETINGS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk in respect audio-visual participation in formal meetings. Members noted that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) would not be extending measures, beyond 6 May 2021, to enable local authority meetings to continue virtually or move towards a hybrid format.

The Chair reflected on the unfortunate situation caused by the Government's decision not to extend legislation allowing for virtual meetings to continue. This was particularly disappointing given the ongoing requirements in respect of social distancing, working from home where possible and the minimisation of travel. Several Members spoke to echo these comments and also touched on an ongoing legal case against the Government's decision, supported by the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government, which might have an effect on matters in due course.

During wide-ranging discussion, the following points emerged:

- Several Members stressed the importance of making clear and robust representations to Government on this issue. The Chair advised that the City Corporation would be writing to Government directly and also making representations through London Councils, to ensure its message was heard.
- Members expressed a diversity of opinions in relation as to the respective advantages of virtual and in-person meetings; however, there was unanimity that flexibility in the short to medium term was essential, to provide all Members with the choice as to whether they wished to come into Guildhall for meetings or continue to participate remotely. It was requested

that a survey of the full Court be undertaken, to ascertain the numbers of Members who might wish to attend meetings physically where possible and help manage footfall within the Guildhall complex.

- Members were supportive of the move to disaggregate the City Corporation's non-local authority activities from its local authority ones in relation to the regulations concerning virtual meetings, so as to enable formal meetings to continue in either a virtual or hybrid format in respect of non-local authority functions. In so doing, Members were clear that the same standards in respect of public access to meetings should continue to be maintained, including through live-streaming.
- For those committees with local authority functions, in view of the desire to maximise flexibility for Members, it was agreed that the proposed approach utilising virtual or hybrid informal meetings with a formal ratification process would be preferable. Members were emphatic regarding the importance of democratic accountability and for Members to continue to be publicly visible debating and determining items; however, it was also observed that there might be some initial challenges in chairing hybrid meetings and ensuring an equality of participation between virtual and physical attendees, so care would need to be taken.
- Once a position was set, it was urged that this be communicated to external Members of Committees effectively, so as they were aware of the City Corporation's intentions for future meetings.
- With reference to the election of Chairs and Deputy Chairs, on balance the Committee agreed that it would be desirable to arrange a series of additional meetings in advance of 7 May, so as to allow for these elections to take place at formal meetings prior to the expiry of the Coronavirus Regulations.
- Members also discussed the use of virtual meetings in the longer-term, noting there would be a wider discussion to have in due course. Some Members expressed a strong preference for a physical presence at meetings, which they felt lent itself to more effective debate and also aligned with the City's own encouragement of people back into the City. However, other Members observed that the nature of peoples' working environment was changing, with an increased move towards working from home and fewer days in the office; requiring people to commute in for City Corporation meetings on days when they were not in the office would be unhelpful and flexibility should be pursued. A Member also reflected on the frequency of meetings, suggesting that this would be a material consideration when coming to a view on arrangements in the longer-term. It was agreed that the matter would be kept under review and considered again no later than the July meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to the Court that:-

1. Members should continue to have the flexibility to participate in Court and committee meetings remotely, when exercising non-local authority and non-police authority functions.
  2. For non-local authority committees, it be agreed that Part VA of the Local Government Act should be retained to enable public to continue to have access to meetings and public papers and, in order to retain the ability to meet virtually or in hybrid format, the City Corporation should continue to apply Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 as if they continue to be in force after 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 .
  3. A change be authorised to the wording on the title page of non-public committee reports which relate to the Common Council's non-local authority and non-police authority functions to make it clear that Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972 is being voluntarily applied.
  4. For the time being, while certain restrictions are still in place, it be agreed that formal local and police authority business should be dealt with via a "Covid" ratification process, i.e. by holding an informal virtual meeting in the first instance to ascertain the general view of the Court or its a committees, with the public being given access to the informal meeting to maintain transparency via live streaming and recording. A formal decision, which accurately reflects the mood of the informal meeting, can then be taken by the Town Clerk, who is hereby given delegated authority to formally approve such decisions pursuant to s.101(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.
  5. Committees with local and police authority functions be requested to bringing forward the process for the election of Chairs and Deputy Chairs so that the elections take place before 6th May. This could be done via a special, one item meeting if necessary, using the current balloting arrangements. This way the elections will not require ratification under the Covid decision making process.
  6. All Members (elected or otherwise) who need to return to Guildhall for face-to-face meetings should be encouraged to undertake regular lateral (rapid) flow tests prior to coming into Guildhall in the same way staff, who have to attend the workplace to perform duties that they cannot do at home, are being encouraged to do.
  7. Any decision taken by the Court this day be communicated to external co-optees and other non-Common Council Committee Members.
  8. The Town Clerk be authorised to make such amendments to Standing Orders and related corporate governance documentation as is required to give effect to the above decisions.
5. **ELECTION ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN**  
The Committee considered a report of the Director of Communications which set out proposals to address issues relating to electoral registration, turnout, and candidate diversity.

Members welcomed the paper, with a number of items emerging through debate:

- Several Members spoke to emphasise the need to break down silos and ensure that the importance of this work was understood by all officers across the Corporation, being recognised as a corporate priority. The Town Clerk spoke to echo these sentiments, with it observed that successful delivery and execution of the plans would require significant collaboration and cross-departmental engagement, particularly from the IT and Comptroller's department. The Town Clerk also reflected on the many officers constantly in contact with businesses who could pass on information cards or similar, to raise awareness of registration processes and the benefits of participation.
- A Member also highlighted the specific need to take a strategic look at data collection and management across the organisation, noting there were many systems and in place which would need to be drawn together.
- It was observed that a significant volume of data and information was to be collated, with Members adding that appropriate management and control of this data would be vital to ensure that incumbent Members were not seen to have any advantage in respect of access; rather, all information must be made equally available to incumbent and prospective candidates for election.
- With reference to statutory obligations, a Member suggested that there was a clear need to do more in the current circumstances and explain to businesses that their number of qualifying employees was not limited to those physically in premises on 1 September but also included those who were part-time or intending to be returning to the place of business. This positive clarification would be helpful to businesses in ensuring they were aware of how many voters they could register.
- A Member took the opportunity to remind the Committee of the statutory obligation to remind businesses of the need for their voter allocation to be reflective of their workforce, which was distinct from the wider desire to also encourage diversity which was articulated in the report.
- Whilst supportive of the Diversity Reception for candidates set out in the report, it was advocated that this should be as inclusive as possible and serve as a reception where Equality, Diversity & Inclusion issues were addressed, rather than being a reception for diverse candidates, so as to ensure no candidate was excluded.
- In response to a query around budget allocations, officers advised that the current allocation was sufficient but that, should a particular workstream prove to be particularly effective, then Members might be asked to consider whether they would be willing to allocate additional resources to maximise impact.
- It was requested that an appropriate risk register be produced to accompany this activity, so as to allow for key issues to be known, mitigation measures considered, and progress made to be tracked.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The report be approved.
2. The use of £182,000 Committee Contingency funds, previously allocated for spending on the election campaign (£127,000 in February 2020 and £55,000 in March 2020) be approved to implement the plan set out in the report, specifically:
  - a) £47,000 to create an election “campaign portal” CRM and website, enabling the City Corporation to encourage and track all engagement with the election in real time and be a central source of key information for all audiences.
  - b) £40,000 on digital advertising and engagement.
  - c) £40,000 to recruit additional temporary staff to carry out that engagement online and offline, prior to the registration deadline.
  - d) £25,000 on direct mail, print advertising and material including an easy to distribute leaflet for use by Members and Officers.
  - e) £20,000 to part fund a role to lead on senior internal stakeholder engagement and ensure a whole-corporation approach to election engagement.
  - f) £5,000 to hold a candidate diversity reception.
  - g) £5,000 towards creative production and graphic design, as required in the course of the campaign.
3. Approval be given to non-financial resources being deployed across the organisation to support the above activities, as a priority, including:
  - a) IT support for the creation and maintenance of an engagement CRM that is able to draw information in real time from other City Corporation CRMs, and ensure the City Occupiers’ Database is able to update automatically with new information collected online.
  - b) Support from all departments and partners with a community engagement function (e.g. CPAT, CBL, Chamberlains [rates], Surveyors [tenants], Licensing, Heart of the City, etc.)
  - c) Subject to GDPR compliance, information and contact details being shared across the organisation to support election engagement goals.
  - d) Making clear the City Corporation’s preference for postal voting among both residents and workers, in order to maximise participation.
6. **RECOVERY FUND**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and Chamberlain in respect of the launch of the Covid-19 Business Recovery Fund.

A number of queries or observations were raised and responded to during debate:

- It was advised that, in keeping with the Corporation’s aspirations in respect of Climate Action, it would be possible to incorporate an offer to grant

recipients to join the Heart of the City's "net zero" pilot scheme, thereby providing synergies with the Climate Action Strategy.

- Similarly, information would also be provided to applicants in relation to electoral registration, in line with discussion under the previous item.
- With reference to the funding of professional fees associating with administering the grants scheme, it was confirmed that these would need to be met from the total £50m envelope allocated by the Court; however, as alluded to in the report, it was now anticipated that Government would be producing additional funds to Local Authorities to help businesses, so the overall pot available for distribution should now exceed £50m.
- In response to concerns as to the pace of fund allocation, it was observed that the Fund had been established at significant pace and designed explicitly to facilitate efficient and swift distribution, so there was real confidence deadlines would be met.
- Following a specific query relating to the qualifying dates for applications and the cut-off date being 20 March, it was agreed that the qualifying criteria should be revised to also allow for those who had committed to leases by that date but were not yet necessarily in occupation.
- A Member also queried the rationale behind the 11 June closing date for applications, noting that many businesses might not wish to reopen until 21 June when restrictions were eased and footfall was expected to be significantly increased. It was clarified that a specified end-date was needed so as to provide businesses with a clear target date for action, as well as to allow for an understanding of the volume of likely applications so as to inform fund deployment. However, that was not to say that the end date could not be extended at a later point, should Members so determine.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The Scheme detailed at Appendix 1 to the report be approved, subject to an amendment to the qualifying criteria to make eligible those who had committed to leases by 20 March but were not yet necessarily in occupation.
2. The latest tranche of HM Government funding for Additional Restriction Grant (ARG) be allocated in the same manner as the City Corporation's own funding.
3. The scheme be launched on 12 April 2021, with applications closing on 11 June 2021, noting that grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis and, if the funding available is exhausted, then the scheme will close at that point.
4. The charging of professional fees for viability assessments and the application portal to the £50m COVID-19 Business Recovery Fund (funded by City's Cash) be approved.

## 7. **RE-OPENING INITIATIVE**

The Committee received a joint report of the Head of Programmes (Mansion House) and the Director of Communications in respect of re-opening the City.

Members supported the proposals and indicated they would welcome further specifics being shared when known. The importance of co-ordination with neighbouring boroughs was emphasised and a Member also made a plea for the Central London Alliance toolkit for retail and hospitality being shared with relevant institutions.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The approach to 'Re-Opening' be endorsed, as outlined in the report.
3. Potential activity be contributed to, when approached by external organisations.

#### 8. **RECOVERY TASKFORCE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Innovation and Growth, which presented the final report of the Recovery Taskforce.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The recommendations of the Recovery Taskforce, in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
2. The proposed governance arrangements for the ongoing implementation of the recommendations, as set out in paragraph 23 to the report, be approved.
3. It be noted that any additional funding required for implementing the recommendations would be subject to approval by the relevant Committees.

#### 9. **RECOVERY PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Innovation and Growth and the Head of Relationships (Mansion House) in respect of the proposal for a Recovery Promotional Campaign.

It was clarified that, whilst the £250k sum approved at the previous meeting would be met from the Covid Contingency Fund, the additional £300k proposed in this report would be met from the Policy Initiatives Fund.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The City of London recovery promotional campaign core purpose and success metrics be approved.
2. The revised phase 1 budget of £550k be approved, £200k to be met from the COVID Contingency Fund and £350k from the Policy Initiatives Fund, in order to launch the recovery campaign by Spring/Summer 2021.

#### 10. **YEAR 1 PLAN FOR CLIMATE ACTION**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Director of Innovation and Growth, which set out the implementation plan for year 1 of the Climate Action Strategy (CAS) programme.

It was advised that officers would be focusing on three key areas in the coming period: implementation, KPIs (including the use of a new dashboard system), and communications and engagement. The latter would include the offer of training to both Members and officers, as well as reaching out into local communities to explain what the Strategy meant for them and how they could be involved.

In response to questions, it was advised that the new dashboard reporting would be made publicly available and reported on to relevant committees at least quarterly. It was also confirmed that the interim target on page 99 of a 63% reduction in overall emissions for the first year took into account movement from the baseline.

A Member queried the reference on page 99 to a target of 1,027 ktCO<sub>2</sub>e in the value chain by end of 2022, from baseline of 1,014 ktCO<sub>2</sub>e, observing that this appeared to be an increase. Officers undertook to clarify the position with the Member following the meeting.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The year 1 programme plan for CAS, as set out in the report, be approved and signed off by Service Committee Chairs.
2. The year 1 CAS budget (£10.48m) be approved, to implement the actions in the plan – from the overall budget approved (£68m) at RASC & P&R (Sept 2020), the Court of Common Council (8 October 2020), and in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (December 2020). *NB. Drawdowns will be managed through the existing governance arrangements for capital and revenue*

#### 11. **FINANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Innovation and Growth in respect of Finance for Sustainable Growth.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The outline partnership model and the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), as set out in appendix 1 to the report, be approved.
2. The Partnership concept being piloted in the North East be noted.

#### 12. **IGAB MEMBERSHIP AND COMPETITIVENESS UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Innovation and Growth in respect of the new Innovation and Growth Advisory Board (IGAB), which outlined the next steps in the development of the Competitiveness Strategy.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The proposed internal Members, as set out in paragraph 12 to the report, be approved, together with the approach to securing the external Members, as set out in the report.

2. The addition of up to 8 external Members of the Steering Committee of IGAB be approved.
3. The next steps in the development of the Strategy be noted.

13. **STANDING INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF COMMERCIAL COURTS**

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer, which sought approval to continue the City of London Corporation's support of the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts for the next three years.

RESOLVED: That funding of £50,000pa for three years be approved, to be met from the Policy Initiatives Fund in 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, to support the work of the secretariat of the Standing International Forum of Commercial Courts.

14. **CROSS-RIVER PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection in respect of membership and representation of the Cross River Partnership (CRP).

The Chair took the opportunity to place on record the Committee's thanks to Deputy Wendy Hyde for her significant efforts and commitments over the past five years.

It was suggested that Deputy Keith Bottomley be appointed to the now vacant role, with it observed he would also be particularly suitable given his complementary roles as Chair of Port Health & Environmental Services and Vice Chairman of Policy and Resources, in view of the need to tie oversight of the activity undertaken through the Partnership more effectively into the broader pan-London activity overseen by Policy and Resources.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. Deputy Keith Bottomley be appointed to replace Deputy Wendy Hyde on the CRP Board.
2. Further membership of CRP be approved, comprising three annual payments of £10,000 in the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, to be met from the Air Quality Budget.

15. **REVIEW OF FUNDING TO THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC & DRAMA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Committee considered a report of the Principal, Guildhall School of Music and Drama which sought to review the City Corporation's payment of £30,000 per annum to the School, as part of the implementation of the City Corporation's Grants Service Based Review.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The submission of the School's impact report, on the use of the £30,000 grant in 2020/21, be reviewed and approved as satisfactory.
2. The grant continuation to 21/22 be approved, on the basis of this satisfactory submission.

**16. JOINT PHILANTHROPY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION - UPDATE AND FUTURE PLANS**

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Grants Officer in respect of the Joint Philanthropy Strategy.

RESOLVED: That the Policy and Resources Committee, acting both for the City Corporation, and separately and solely in the best interests of BHE as Charity Trustee (registration no 1035628):

1. Notes the update on the implementation of the Joint Philanthropy Strategy to-date; and
2. Adopts the proposed 2021 – 2023 Implementation Plan, as set out in Appendix 5, and recommend by the City Bridge Trust Committee.

**17. PROJECT OUTCOME AND CLOSURE: DESIGN, BUILD, SUPPORT AND HOSTING FOR NEW WEBSITE**

The Committee received a Gateway 6 project outcome report of the Town Clerk in respect of the City Corporation's new website.

It was suggested that report should also be sent to the Digital Services Sub-Committee for information.

RESOLVED: That the project be closed and the lessons learnt.

**18. COLPAI TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services, which provided an update on the temporary accommodation arrangements for the City of London Primary Academy Islington (COLPAI).

In response to a questions concerning the risk of the school not opening in September, officers advised that a report to address outstanding elements of the planning conditions would be presented to committee in May which it was expected would remove any risk in this area.

In relation to further queries concerning funding, it was advised that it was anticipated the Department for Education would underwrite costs but this would not be known for certain until July. In the event of any shortfall, the Chamberlain was confident that this could be met.

It was also confirmed that a post-project review would be undertaken in respect of the wider COLPAI development, given the various issues experienced to-date.

RESOLVED: That it be noted that:

1. There would be an additional cost of £267k for retaining the temporary accommodation for COLPAI over the summer term, pending completion of the permanent construction.
2. The 'one-in, one-out' principle would be applied to identify City's Cash funding from existing 2020/21 provisions for new bids.

**19. POLICY INITIATIVES FUND AND COMMITTEE CONTINGENCY**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain which provided the schedules of projects and activities which had received funding from the Policy Initiatives Fund (PIF), the Policy and Resources Committee's Contingency Fund, Committee's Project Reserve and COVID19 Contingency Fund for 2021/22 and future years, with details of expenditure in 2021/22.

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

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

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk which advised Members of actions taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b) since the last meeting.

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

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

There was one question:

**Vagrancy Act 1824**

A Member asked a question in relation to the City Corporation's position in respect of the Vagrancy Act 1824, noting that a Westminster Hall debate, led by the MP for the Cities of London & Westminster, was shortly due to take place.

The Chair confirmed that the Remembrancer was monitoring the situation in respect of this debate and would be pleased to support the City's local MP with any factual information that might be of use. Support for any future legislation would, of course, be dependent on content but it was clear that the current legislation was outdated and its repeal would be welcomed. The Remembrancer was asked to keep the Committee informed of developments such that a view could be taken at the appropriate juncture.

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

There were no urgent items.

**23. 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.

**24. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

- a) The non-public minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 11 March 2021 were approved
- b) The non-public minutes of the Projects Sub-Committee meeting held on 23 February 2021 were noted.
- c) The draft non-public minutes of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee meeting held on 17 March 2021 were noted.
- d) The draft non-public minutes of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee meeting held on 4 March 2021 were noted.

**25. NON-PUBLIC APPENDIX: REVIEW OF FUNDING TO THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC & DRAMA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.**

The Committee received a non-public appendix in respect of agenda item 15.

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

There were no questions.

**27. 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.

**The meeting ended at 3.45pm.**

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Chairman

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