

Committee: Policy & Resources Committee – for information	Date: 03 June 2021
Subject: Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency powers	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	See Background Reports
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	See Background Reports
If so, how much?	See Background Reports
What is the source of Funding?	See Background Reports
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	See Background Reports
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action 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.

Recommendation

That Members note the actions taken since the last meeting of the Committee.

Main Report

1. Since the last meeting of the Committee, approval has been given under urgency procedures or delegated authority arrangements, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41, as follows: -

Urgent Decision: Covid-19 Business Recovery Fund – Extension to closing date for applications to 30 June 2021.

2. At its meeting on 11 March 2021, Policy and Resources Committee approved outline criteria for a new City of London Corporation COVID-19 Business Recovery Fund grant scheme. A detailed scheme criteria was subsequently developed, with Policy and Resources Committee approving a final scheme criteria at its meeting on 8 April 2021.
3. The guiding principles being that the scheme should seek to support those businesses which contribute to the City's vibrancy at street level and directly provide services to returning City Workers and residents, with the scheme seeking to support those businesses that can evidence, through the grant

application process, a likelihood with support that they have a reasonable chance to survive beyond the short term.

4. Approval of the scheme included a formal launch on 12th April 2021 with applications closing on 11 June 2021. Subsequently, a proposal came forward that consideration be given to extending the scheme deadline and applications closing date to 30 June 2021 in an effort to support any businesses that are not planning on reopening until 21st June 2021 and thereby affording them an opportunity to apply to the scheme.
5. The intention being to include information on an extension of the scheme within the next edition of the Ward Newsletters, due to be distributed mid-June. This would then provide an additional opportunity to promote further and encourage businesses to apply and also ensure the City Corporation is able to maximise the support it can offer to businesses through the scheme.
6. An urgent decision was required to allow information regarding a scheme extension to be included in the Ward Newsletters which are scheduled to be circulated mid-June and to meet the deadline for inclusion within this publication.
7. An urgent decision was sought and obtained to extend the Covid-19 Business Recovery Grant scheme deadline for applications until 30 June 2021, with a change to the qualifying date from 20 March 2020 to 5 November 2020.

Delegated Decision: Crossrail Art Project

8. On 22 March 2019, Projects Sub-committee agreed the inclusion of the Liverpool Street Artworks into the Crossrail Reinstatement Works Programme, subject to the release of funding for those artworks being agreed by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources committee. This arrangement reflected the fact that all matters relating to the Crossrail Art Programme and the City of London Corporation's funding had been dealt with solely by the policy and Resources Committee since the organisation's commitment to the Art Programme was agreed in 2016.
9. On 6 June 2019, it was further agreed (by Policy and Resources Committee) that the City of London Corporation, as principal funder of the Art Programme, would enter into agreements with the two artists for the Liverpool Street Station Artworks, noting that funding would be transferred to the City Corporation by Crossrail in order to fund these two fixed price contracts.

10. Funding for release of the first of these (the Moorgate Artwork) was received in November 2019 and the artwork remains in storage until the installation space is clear (expected mid-2022)
11. The City Corporation has now completed its agreements in relation to the delivery of the Broadgate Artwork and funding has been transferred to the City Corporation in order to deliver the artworks. The first stage payments to the artist are now due with approval required for the release of funds to make this payment.
12. Delegated approval was sought and granted to:
- The release of up to £1,488,781 funding for the fabrication and installation of the Crossrail Art Programme's Broadgate Artwork, in accordance with the legal agreements entered into by the City of London Corporation following the Policy and Resources decision of 6 June 2019 to enter into those agreements;
 - Note that, in accordance with the 6 June 2019 Policy and Resources decision, the City has entered into its agreements in respect of fabrication and installation of the Liverpool Street Artworks;
 - Noted that the Moorgate Artwork has been successfully fabricated and is expected to be installed by mid-2022; and
 - Note that, in accordance with the commitments which the City of London Corporation has given in relation to the close down of the Crossrail Art Foundation, the remaining core funding within the Charity's Bank account will shortly be transferred to the City of London Corporation to meet these costs with the balance to be applied to maintenance of the two artworks we have agreed to care for
13. In accordance with Standing Order 41 (a) and 41 (b), Members are asked to note the recent decisions taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.
14. Copies of background papers concerning this decision are available from Chris Rumbles on request.

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