

<b>Committee(s):</b> City of London Police Authority Board	<b>Dated:</b> 19 July 2021
<b>Subject:</b> Report of Action Taken Between Meetings	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	N/A
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	N
<b>If so, how much?</b>	£N/A
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	N/A
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	N/A
<b>Report of:</b> The Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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## Summary

This report advises Governors of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Board, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and (b).

## Recommendation(s)

The Board is asked to note the report.

## Main Report

Since the last meeting of the Board, approval was given for the following decisions to be made under the urgency procedures, Standing Order No. 41.

### **Appointment of Commissioner – Decision Under Urgency – 9 July 2021**

Following a rigorous process guided by Standing Order 63 and conducted by a panel appointed by the City of London Police Authority Board in April 2021, a preferred candidate for the role of the Commissioner of the City of London Police, was identified. The preferred candidate needed to be approved by the City of London Police Authority for referral to the Court of Common Council, who are due to consider the appointment on 22 July 2021.

### **Modern Slavery Statement – Decision Under Urgency – 9 July 2021**

In November 2018, Policy and Resources Committee adopted the City Corporation's Modern Slavery Statement developed in response to the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the 2015 Act). This was, and remains to-date, a voluntary statement to reflect the City Corporation's commitment to responsible business principles across all of its activities, and also to reflect the wider responsibilities of the City Corporation under the 2015 Act, having regard to the diverse functions it undertakes.

In 2018 the intention was to publish an annual update to track progress but due to delays and then disruption caused by Covid-19, no further updates have been published since the original statement was adopted. The Court of Common Council's approval will be sought to publish and adopt an update to the published statement that includes areas of improvement since the initial statement and relevant statistics from the last financial year. As with the original statement the update encompasses all the City Corporation's functions, including as corporate Trustee of Bridge House Estates. The City of London Police Authority Board was asked to endorse the statement prior to consideration at Court.

Local authorities are not currently obliged to publish a statement, but central government has announced their intention to strengthen the provision of, and widening the application of, the 2015 Act to make certain requirements binding and enforceable as well as to extend the requirements for transparency in supply chains to the public sector. These changes are anticipated to come into force later this year. This update to the statement as recommended is intended to comply with any revised requirements for the City Corporation in the discharge of its local authority and other public functions.

#### **Middlesex Street, Car Park, Middlesex Street E1 7AD – Request for Advance Funding - PENDING**

The City of London Police Accommodation Strategy in 2019 identified a Force requirement for an Eastern Base. On this basis, a Feasibility Study was undertaken in March 2021, to establish if Middlesex Street Car Park would be a suitable location for the Eastern Base. The outcome of the Study was presented to both CoLP and DCCS and although further design and agreements are required, it has been accepted in principle that MSCP will be the location for the Eastern Base.

There were a number of risks highlighted in the Feasibility Study such as security requirements, acoustic issues, space for plant and equipment and also approval to use the space from the Community and Children's' Services Committee (C&CS). On this basis, it is proposed that the next stage to provide the necessary assurance to the Department of C&CS and derisk the Planning concerns, is embarked upon. This has been divided into three workstreams as follows: Communications Strategy; Design Development and Planning; and External Surveys and Legal.

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman has been asked to approve a budget to develop the design to planning and obtain the necessary engagement and approvals; note the total estimated cost of to deliver the project; and, Approve a Costed Risk Provision to reach the next stage (to be drawn down via delegation to Chief Officer).

Urgency was sought due to the project's critical impact on the Police Accommodation Programme and the commercial offer already received by the HRA for the first floor of MSCP. The report was due to be considered at Capital Buildings Committee on 14 July 2021.

#### **Options**

None.

**Proposals**

None.

**Key Data**

None.

**Corporate & Strategic Implications**

To review the implications of any of these decisions – please request the relevant report from the clerk to the Board ([polly.dunn@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:polly.dunn@cityoflondon.gov.uk)).

**Conclusion**

Members are invited to note the report.

**Appendices**

None

**Background Papers**

Available on request from the Board clerk ([polly.dunn@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:polly.dunn@cityoflondon.gov.uk)).

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