

Committee(s)	Dated:
Finance Committee	21 September 2021
Subject: Report of the Work of the Sub-Committee(s)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	N/A
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	Y/N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

On 19 July 2016, the Finance Committee agreed that, in addition to draft minutes of Sub-Committee meetings, short reports be provided to advise the Committee of the main issues considered by the Sub-Committees at recent meetings. This report sets out some of the main public issues considered by the following Sub Committees since 21st July 2021:

Digital Services Sub-Committee – 3rd September 2021

Modern.gov App Pilot Evaluation

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Chief Operating Officer summarising the findings of the modern.gov pilot for accessing and managing committee papers and aspirations for paper-free working.

Having considered the findings of the pilot, Members were generally supportive of moving towards paper-free working although the challenges of driving forward with this transformational change should not be underestimated. There were clear economic, social and environmental arguments for paper-free working and Members felt that the Policy & Resources Committee should outline the vision and provide the impetus for digitalisation incorporating inclusive solutions.

The Sub Committee has agreed in principle to pursue agreement to move to paperless committee meetings, supported by the Modern.Gov application. (this would require Members to receive electronic agenda packs only, with printed papers provided by exception). However, this would be subject to a strong business case being made for paper-free working, commitment from senior members and an appreciation of the resources required to drive this major transformational change.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the report.

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