

Committee(s) Corporate Asset Sub-committee	Date(s): 30 September 2021
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	See Background Report
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	See Background Report
If so, how much?	See Background Report
What is the source of Funding?	See Background Report
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	See Background Report
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
Report author: Chris Rumbles, Town Clerk's Department	

Summary

In accordance with Standing Order 41 (a) and 41 (b), this report provides Members with the details of recent decisions taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Sub Committee.

Recommendation

That the contents of the report be noted.

Main Report

Background

1. Standing Order 41(a) provides a mechanism for decisions to be taken between scheduled meetings of the Sub Committee, where in the opinion of the Town Clerk, it is urgently necessary for a decision to be made. Standing Order 41(b) provides a mechanism for decisions to be taken between scheduled meetings of the Sub Committee, where the Sub Committee has delegated power to the Town Clerk. In each case, the decisions are taken in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Sub Committee.

Delegated Decision Taken

Annual Bid 2022-23 Report – Guildhall Complex and Walbrook Wharf

At Corporate Asset Sub Committee July 2021 meeting, Members approved that delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Corporate Asset Sub Committee, to approve the prioritisation of Guildhall Complex and Walbrook Wharf proposed capital bids, ahead of their submission to the 2022/23 Annual Bid process in September 2021.

While the future Guildhall Masterplan continues to be developed and in advance of any decision, officers continue to follow the approved Corporate Property Asset Management Strategy 2020/25; and prioritise major capital bids to ensure these assets remain in a good, safe and statutory compliant condition.

The next step for the Masterplan is that a Gateway 2 report to request fees to undertake an outline options appraisal for north and west wings will be reported in September/October 2021. In the meantime, officers will continue to monitor all current and future major projects, on the understanding that some works may be aborted, or M&E plant re-purposed, if the option of wholesale building refurbishment or redevelopment for the Guildhall Masterplan is approved

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Corporate Asset Sub-committee agreed to:

- Approve that the proposed 2022/23 annual bids for Guildhall Complex and Walbrook Wharf listed in Table 1, with a combined total estimated outturn value of £7.357m (subject to detailed assessment and tendering), are to be submitted for approval to Resource Allocation Sub Committee.
 - Note the current progress and status of approved major projects in Appendix 2 (Tables 2 to 4) with an estimated project cost of £22.24m.
 - Note that the schemes set out in Appendix 1 – Schemes 2 to 4 with a total estimated outturn project cost of £13.174m are still deemed essential, but have been temporarily deferred until the masterplan option is decided as they require a temporary building decant.
 - Note that the schemes set out in Appendix 1 – Schemes 12 to 28, with a total estimated outturn project cost of £49.464m are still deemed essential but have been prioritised lower and are subject to the outcome of the Guildhall Masterplan.
 - Note that our mitigation for non-funded projects will be to continue to maintain these areas in accordance with our maintenance standard.
 - Note all those minor projects proposed within the Cyclical Works Programme will be reported to your September committee for approval and inclusion in 2022/23.
2. 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.
 3. Copies of background papers concerning this decision are available from Chris Rumbles on request.

Chris Rumbles

Town Clerk's Department

T: 020 7332 3154

E: christopher.rumbles@cityoflondon.gov.uk