

Committee(s)	Dated:
Finance Committee	25 January 2022
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?	¥/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 7 December 2021:

Joint Meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and the Efficiency & Performance Sub-Committee – 14th January 2022

N/A

Corporate Asset Sub-Committee – 17th January 2022

Climate Action Strategy NZ1, NZ3 and RS3 Workstream Update

The Sub-committee received a report of the City Surveyor presenting an update on the key actions of the operational buildings workstreams as part of the Climate Action Strategy (CAS).

A Member welcomed the progress being made across the top 15 sites shown in Appendix 1. The Member noted that carbon emissions had mainly gone down through non-use of buildings. The Member also noted with interest that the Barbican Centre, as one of the largest sites per square metre, was not the biggest emitter.

The City Surveyor explained a need to consider building type and make up when comparing data. Work was taking place to benchmark sites against national indicators, finding other comparable properties and then understanding where City Corporation buildings sit compared to others; this would be taken forward as part of energy survey works.

The Deputy Chairman referred to recent negative press relating to the City Corporation's solar farm in Dorset and whether efforts were being made to address these comments.

The City Surveyor explained how there were a number inaccuracies in the articles that appeared before Christmas, with the thrust of the points not standing up when talking to Votalia and the feedback they were getting from locals and residents. The City Surveyor agreed to take this away and get more information to feed back on what Votalia are doing to engage the local community.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Noted the progress made on actions within the report.
- Noted the completion of the review of the Centre of Excellence

Procurement Sub-Committee – 18th January 2022

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the TOM Programme Director providing an update on the City of London School Pilot extension: Procurement and Projects and the following point was made:

- The Commercial Director confirmed that authority was requested for procurements to be run up to the current procurement thresholds by the Schools participating in the Pilot scheme. The Schools would also have the option of seeking advice and support from the Central Procurement Team on the procurement process where necessary

RESOLVED – That the following City of London School Pilot proposals be extended to the City of London School for Girls and the City of London Freeman's School:

- Authority be devolved to run non-works procurements in accordance with the City of London Procurement Code up to the Find a Tender Service (FTS) threshold, currently £189,330 with the option of drawing on the centre procurement team to advise and provide support to the procurement process where necessary; and,

Non-works procurements up to £300k, might also have more freedom over procurement strategy and options, depending on applicability of UK Public Contracts Regulations (PCR 2015) and acting always in accordance with the City of London Procurement Code. Agreement on process and lead would be made between City Procurement and the business.

Efficiency and Performance Sub (Finance) Committee– 21st January 2022.

This month there has been significant shift from temporary to permanent savings, however, there was still circa £2m of permanent savings in toto from across several departments still to be identified; a fuller Report will be considered by Members at the 18th February Efficiency & Performance Sub-Committee meeting.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the report.

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