

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 17 May 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 17 May 2022 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Keith Bottomley	Deputy Sir Michael Snyder
Tijs Broeke	Alderman Sir David Wootton
Deputy Christopher Hayward (Chairman)	Deputy Henry Colthurst (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Shravan Joshi	Deputy Randall Anderson
Deputy Edward Lord	Mary Durcan
Tom Sleigh	

In Attendance

Members Observing Virtually:

Deputy Andrien Meyers

Officers:

John Barradell	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain
Emma Moore	- Chief Operating Officer
Gregory Moore	- Assistant Town Clerk
Bob Roberts	- Director of Communications
Polly Dunn	- Town Clerk's Department
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Aaron Downey	- Private Secretary, Chair of Policy & Resources
Jack Joslin	- Central Grants Unit
James Lee	- Central Grants Unit

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Catherine McGuinness, Alderman & Sheriff Nicholas Lyons, Tom Sleigh and Deputy James Thomson. Deputy Andrien Meyers has given apologies in person but has indicated he may observe the meeting virtually.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE*

Members received the Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee as set by the Court and as appointed at the Policy & Resources Committee on 5 May 2022.

4. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 3 February 2022.

5. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND - APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Members considered a report of the Managing Director of the Bridge House Estate and Chief Charities Officer concerning applications to the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund.

The Chairman, Deputy Christopher Hayward, and Deputy Keith Bottomley, both informed the Sub-Committee that they were trustees of the Barts Guild.

With regard to the application from St Bartholomew's Heritage, Members challenged the reasoning behind the recommendation, which was to grant less money than requested. There was concern that by not providing the full amount, the match funding would not be achieved. It was confirmed that the proposals were brought forward following an assessment, informed by previous steers by the Sub-Committee. The assessment process also involved discussions with St Bartholomew's Heritage.

The non-public appendix containing the pipeline of applications was supplied to assist Members in making informed decisions on how they wish to prioritise and allocate the available funds.

Following debate, it was agreed that funding for the first three years would be supported and that delegated authority be granted to allow for a decision on the remaining two years' funding to be made before the project deadline for match funding.

With regard to the application from Temple Church a further debate ensued over the recommendation to grant less than requested. Various concerns were raised on the concept of paying for a fundraising manager and the assessment of actual community benefit.

It was proposed by Ruby Sayed and seconded by Deputy Edward Lord, that Members agree to the recommendation, including support of costs associated with a fundraising manager for 18 months (as outlined in the application) , and require a report back to request any longer-term funding.

RESOLVED, that Members:

- i. Approve an initial grant of three years to St Bartholomew's Heritage, totalling £473k (£120,000; £97,000; £256,000), with the option to fund the further two years (£256,000; £45,000) being delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Sub-Committee to determine.

- ii. Approve a grant to Temple Church as outlined in option two, with additional funding support for a Fundraising Manager for 18-Months. The option to extend this funding was to be subject to a further report to the Sub-Committee.
- iii. Note the approved and rejected grants under delegated authority at a meeting of the CILNF Officer Panel in May 2022 (Appendix 1).
- iv. Note the current position of the CILNF with respect to funds available and ongoing reporting.
- v. Note the pipeline of grant applications over £50,000 currently under assessment by the CGU. (Non-Public Appendix 4)

6. **LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FUNDED SCHEMES 2022/23**

Members considered a report of the Director of Environment concerning the Local Implementation Plan funded schemes for 2022/23.

RESOLVED, that Members:

- Approve the allocations up to the maximum set out in table 1 (£1,917k), for the year 2022/23.
- Delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Executive Director Environment, and the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Planning & Transportation Committee and of the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee, to allocate any additional funds which are made available by TfL in 2022/23 financial year.
- Approve to spend any funds awarded for Principal Road Renewal for the year 2022/23.
- Delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Executive Director Environment, to reallocate the TfL grant between the approved LIP schemes should that be necessary during 2022/23 up to a maximum of £150,000.

7. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS***

Members received a report of the Town Clerk regarding action taken between meetings.

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There was one question concerning the cost of a residents-wide survey.

Historically, the City-wide residents survey had come at a cost of £135k and over time, it ceased to be commissioned. Having explored options, the Deputy Town Clerk and Executive Director of Communications and External Affairs believed that a survey could now be developed with a reputable company at a cost of approximately £30k, but that no budget existed at present to provide for this.

Proposals were to be brought forward to the Communications and Corporate Affairs Sub-Committee as well as thoughts as to how or whether such surveys or something similar might involve ward members as a means to enhance communication with their electorates.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
There was no other business.
10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**
RESOLVED, That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.
11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2022, be approved as an accurate record.
12. **CITY OF LONDON OPERATIONAL TENANTS - ARREARS UPDATE AND RENTAL SUPPORT***
Members received a joint report of the Chamberlain and City Surveyor regarding the City of London Operational Tenants – arrears update and rental support.
13. **APPENDIX 4: COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND - APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL***
Members received the non-public appendix to the draft report of the Managing Director of the Bridge House Estate and Chief Charities Officer, regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund applications at item 5.
14. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**
There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 2.41 pm

Chairman

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