

## **Operational Property and Projects Sub-Committee**

### **Composition**

- the Chairman and a Deputy or Vice Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee
- the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee or their nominee
- Four Members appointed by the Policy and Resources Committee
- Four Members appointed by the Finance Committee
- Up to two Members to be co-opted by the Sub-Committee from the Court of Common Council with relevant experience.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman to be elected from amongst the Sub-Committee Membership

### **Terms of Reference**

To be responsible for:-

#### Projects

- a) Authorising individual projects on behalf of the Policy and Resources Committee at each stage of the City's agreed Project Approval Process;
- b) Making proposals to the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee/the Policy and Resources Committee for projects to be included in the capital/supplementary revenue programme;
- c) Overseeing the City Corporation's programme of projects, excluding those within the remit of the Cyclical Works Programme (although these may be called-in by the Operational Property and Projects Sub-Committee) to ensure their delivery within the parameters set by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee.
- d) Overseeing the City Corporation's programme of projects, to ensure their delivery within the parameters set by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee;
- e) Monitoring the procurement arrangements for capital and supplementary revenue projects and advising the Finance Committee of any issues; and
- f) Periodically reviewing the City Corporation's project management processes and procedures for approval by the Policy & Resources Committee.

#### Procurement

- g) To scrutinise and be responsible for value for money on all City of London Corporation and City of London Police procurement contracts above thresholds stipulated within the City of London Corporation's Procurement Code (total contract value) at key stages, including initial tender strategy to final contract award sign off.
- h) To consider and recommend all procurement contracts above thresholds stipulated within the City of London Corporation's Procurement Code ~~£4m~~ to the Finance Committee
- i) To invite representative(s) from the relevant Spend Committee to attend meetings ensuring decisions are made corporately.

- j) To provide officers with advice focussed specifically on value for money, and consider lessons learned when major contracts are coming to an end (i.e. before the (re)tender process begins).
- k) To review and consider approvals of £4m~~50k~~+ waivers for the Chamberlain's department contracts.
- l) To work with the ~~Grand~~ Finance Committee to review and to monitor performance against the Chamberlain's Departmental Business Plan and related corporate initiatives in order to promote value for money and ensure compliance with the UK Public Contract Regulations and the Corporation's Procurement Code.

#### Corporate Assets

- m) To be responsible for the effective and sustainable management of the City of London Corporation's operational property portfolio, to help deliver strategic priorities and service needs, including;
  - i. agreeing the Corporate Asset Management Strategy;
  - ii. responsibility for reviewing and providing strategic oversight of the Corporation's Asset Management practices and activities and advising Service Committees accordingly;
  - iii. responsibility for reviewing and providing strategic oversight of the Corporation's Facilities Management practices and activities and advising Service Committees accordingly;
  - iv. To maintain a comprehensive Property Database and Asset Register of information which can be used in the decision making process;
  - v. In line with Standing Orders 53 (Asset Management Plans) and 56 (Disposal of Surplus Properties) and the duties set out within legislation, including the Localism Act 2011 and the Housing and Planning Act 2016, to monitor the effective and efficient use of all operational property assets;
  - vi. Oversight of the management of operational leases with third parties, occupation by suppliers and those granted accommodation as benefits-in-kind; and
  - vii. In accordance with Standing Orders 57 and 58, the Sub Committee can make disposals of properties which are not suitable to be retained as investment property assets.
- n) In accordance with thresholds stipulated within Standing Orders 55, 56 and 57, the Sub-Committee can approve acquisitions and disposal of operational properties which are not suitable to be re-use or to be retained as investment property assets.
- o) The power to commission from Service Committees periodic management information on asset management performance including, where relevant:
  - i. third party agreements, income, rent arrears (including HRA)
  - ii. efficiency of operational assets including vacant space and utilisation in accordance with SO 55.
- p) To be responsible for the upkeep, maintenance and, where appropriate, furnishing for operational properties (including the Guildhall Complex) which do not fall within the remit of another Service Committee;

- q) To monitor major capital projects relating to operational assets to provide assurance about value for money, accordance with service needs and compliance with strategic plans;
- r) To recommend to the joint meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and the Efficiency and Performance Sub-Committee the annual programme of repairs and maintenance works (including surveys, conservation management plans, hydrology assessments and heritage landscapes) planned to commence the following financial year, and to monitor progress in these works (when not included within the Project procedure);
- s) To be responsible for strategies, performance and monitoring initiatives in relation to energy;
- t) To monitor and advise on bids for Heritage Lottery funding; and
- u) To provide strategic oversight for security issues across the Corporation's operational property estate; with the objectives of managing security risk; encouraging consistent best practice across the Estate; and, in conjunction with the Corporate Services Committee, fostering a culture of Members and officers taking their responsibilities to keeping themselves and the buildings they occupy secure.