

Committee(s) Planning and Transportation Committee	Dated: 11/05/23
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	3
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

Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and (b).

Recommendation:

- That Members note the report.

Main Report

Urgency – Minor Amendment to The Planning and Transportation Terms of Reference

1. The Committee Terms of Reference are agreed annually at the April Court of Common Council. In advance of that meeting, officers in the Comptroller & City Solicitor's Office and the Environment Department highlighted that Section 13 of the Building Safety Act 2022 introduced a new power for local authorities to provide assistance to the Building Safety Regulator. As this is closely linked to the Building Control functions delegated to Planning and Transportation Committee by its Terms of Reference, it was considered appropriate to ensure this additional function was similarly delegated. (It was also to be proposed that the relevant activities be included in the District Surveyor's delegations under the updates to the Chief Officer Scheme of Delegations, to be considered in May 2023, but any related matters outside their authority would be reported to Planning and Transportation Committee).
2. In order to allow for this new power to be reflected in the Planning & Transportation Committee's Terms of Reference for 2023/24, in view of the lack of a scheduled meeting of the Committee prior to the April Court meeting, urgency approval was sought.

Action Taken

3. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the relevant Members therefore, agreed to make the following additional update for inclusion in the Planning and Transportation Committee Terms of Reference, to be submitted to the Court of Common Council in April 2023:

“All functions and powers of the City Corporation of providing assistance to the Building Safety Regulator under Section 13 of the Building Safety Act 2022, where the Building Safety Regulator is acting as the Building Control Authority under section 91ZA and 91ZB of the Building Act 1984.”

REASON FOR URGENCY: The Planning and Transportation Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference at its January 2023 meeting and approved these for submission to the Court of Common Council in April 2023 with only very minor amendments to reflect the existence of a new Planning Applications Sub-Committee and a Job Title change. However, since that time, this subsequent update has been observed as being required. The Planning and Transportation Committee was not scheduled to meet again until May 2023, after the Court’s April meeting, hence the need for urgency.

In accordance with Standing Order 41 (a) and 41 (b), Members are asked to note the recent decision taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

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