

Committee(s): General Purposes Committee of Aldermen	Dated: 11 July 2023
Subject: Report of Action Taken: Funding for Wardmote Livestream Pilot	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?	Yes
If so, how much?	£3,000
What is the source of Funding?	Aldermanic Contingency Fund
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	Yes
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Court of Aldermen, in accordance with Standing Order No. 46 (Court of Aldermen).

Recommendation:- That Members note the decision taken in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Standing Order No.46

Main Report

Background and reason for urgency:

1. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of London Corporation has livestreamed many meetings to improve public participation to meetings. In recent times, several Members have expressed an interest in exploring the extension of this provision to Ward Meetings, known as Wardmotes, with the issue raised at the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen.
2. Livestreaming Wardmotes would continue to build upon our continued programme of engagement with City of London Corporation electors; however, as with all such initiatives, there are cost and resourcing implications associated with any such decision. There is no legal obligation on the City of London Corporation to facilitate the livestreaming of Wardmotes, similarly there is no legal impediment either. Members will, therefore, have to balance the costs and benefits in coming to a considered decision.
3. In order to inform this decision, it was suggested that a pilot be trialled, utilising the forthcoming electoral Wardmote in Castle Baynard, at a cost of £3,000.

4. The Chairman was not of the view that a special meeting was necessary to discuss the proposal given the strong support already voiced for it at the last General Purposes Committee meeting.

Action Taken:

5. In accordance with Standing Order no.46, on 12th June 2023 following consultation with Alderman Sir William Russell (as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen) and the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Nicholas Lyons the Town Clerk agreed to allocate £3,000 to facilitate the livestreaming of the Castle Baynard Wardmote on 12 July, from the Court of Aldermen's contingency budget.

Conclusion:

6. Members are asked to note the report of action taken.

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Town Clerk's Department