

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 5 September 2023 at 3.00 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Christopher Hayward (Chairman)	Deputy Shravan Joshi
Deputy Henry Colthurst (Deputy Chairman)	Catherine McGuinness
Deputy Randall Anderson	Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Deputy Andrien Meyers
Tijs Broeke	Tom Sleigh
Jason Groves	Deputy James Thomson
Caroline Haines	

In Attendance

Officers:

Ian Thomas	- Town Clerk
Polly Dunn	- Town Clerk's Department
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller & City Solicitor and Deputy Chief Executive
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Daniel Peattie	- Chamberlain's Department
Radwan Ahmed	- Chamberlain's Department
Bob Roberts	- Deputy Town Clerk and Interim Executive Director Environment
Ian Hughes	- Environment Department
Bhakti Depala	- Environment Department
Robert Murphy	- City Surveyor's Department
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Emma Moore	- Chief Operating Officer
Genine Whitehorne	- Chief Operating Officer's Department
Ali Littlewood	- Chief Operating Officer's Department
Dionne Corradine	- Chief Strategy Officer
Emily Tofield	- Executive Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs
Emily Slatter	- Office of the Policy Chairman

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deputy Alastair Moss, Alderman Sir William Russell and Ruby Sayed. Ruby Sayed observed the meeting online.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 24 May, be approved as an accurate record.

4. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

A question was raised as to whether a position on the Sub-Committee should be extended to the Chair of (what was) the Operational Property and Projects Sub-Committee, in order to ensure their expertise over operational property portfolio was not lost.

The Town Clerk confirmed that in order to change the composition of the Sub-Committee, a case would need to be made to Policy & Resources and then the decision taken to the Court of Common Council, for approval.

Instead, it was confirmed that a standing invitation could be issued to the Member in question and that they would be permitted to speak at meetings with the Chairman's permission.

RESOLVED, that the Sub-Committee's revised terms of reference, be noted.

5. **CAPITAL FUNDING UPDATE**

RESOLVED, That Members:-

- i) Review the schemes summarised in Table 2 and, particularly in the context of the current financial climate, confirm their continued essential priority for release of funding at this time and accordingly:
- ii) Agree the release of up to £1.104m for the schemes progressing to the next Gateway in Table 2 from the reserves of City Fund (£0.604m), CIL (0.400m) and City's Cash (£0.100m)

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

RESOLVED, that the report be noted.

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

There was one question raised concerning the use of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) within the City of London Corporation's property portfolio.

The City Surveyor provided an update and confirmed that work was ongoing, at pace, to establish which of the City's buildings were constructed in the relevant time periods and therefore which required surveying. Whilst some investigations had already been undertaken, the recent change in Government guidance meant that it was necessary to follow this up.

Ensuring safety was key, and Members were advised that there was no immediate risk. City Surveyor's Department were working closely with Corporate Health & Safety Team in taking matters forward.

For their next meeting, Members asked for a clear timeline on how the investigations were progressing.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
There was no other business.
9. **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 item(s) 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.
10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
RESOLVED, that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2023, be approved as an accurate record.
11. **NOTE OF THE INFORMAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE AWAY DAY MEETING**
Members received a note of the informal Resource Allocation Sub-Committee Away Day meeting, held on 23 June 2023.
12. **FUNDING STRATEGY**
Members received a presentation from the Chamberlain and City Surveyor regarding the funding strategy for the City of London's Capital Programme.
13. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY AND ON STREET PARKING RESERVE CAPITAL BIDS (QUARTER 1 - 2023/2024)**
Members considered a report of the Interim Executive Director Environment regarding Quarter 1 bids for the Community Infrastructure Levy and On Street Parking Reserve Capital Bids.
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.
16. **RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB COMMITTEE AWAY DAY OUTCOMES - PEOPLE**
All officers departed the meeting with the exception of the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief People Officer and Director of Human Resources, the Town Clerk, the Chamberlain and the Executive Director of Corporate Communications and Corporate Affairs.

Members considered a report of the Chief Operating Officer, concerning outcomes of the Resource Allocation Away Day and the People Strategy.

The meeting ended at 4.50 pm

Chairman

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