

Policy and Resources Contingency Fund Progress Report: 2024/25

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Report Name	Responsible Officer	Allocation	Spend	Balance	Progress/Benefits/Outcomes from Bid
City of London Scholarship - Anglo-Irish Literature (Repurposed) (SK26)	REM	£19,746	£4,950	£15,156	Awaiting Information
Lord Mayor’s Show Arrangements (SK03)	REM	£15,000	£0	£15,000	Protecting the IP of the LM Show helps to put the Show on a firmer financial footing and opportunities for further use of the IP is being explored alongside any other commercial opportunities that might arise.
Civic Affairs (SK31)	TC	£24,701	£62	£24,639	<p>This funding was required to allow for progression of several projects within Civic Affairs Sub-Committee (and now also Member Development & Standards Sub-Committee) remit. Progress under the various workstreams is as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New workspace for Members on the Mezzanine floor (completed) - Purchase and installation of soundproof booths for confidential calls (completed) - Provision of a Parental / Guardian room on the Mezzanine (completed) - Independent Review of SRAs (completed) - LGA Member Behaviour Review (completed) - Member Training & Development offering (ongoing)
Crossrail Art Programme – Liverpool Street Artworks and Close-Out Matters (SK34)	CHB	£15,000	£0	£15,000	<p>This funding was allocated for the creation of a pamphlet, which would promote the art programme. The work is to be delivered in partnership with TFL and is underway, pending installation and closeout matters between summer and autumn 2024. Following this, it will be started.</p> <p>When produced the pamphlet will support Corporate Plan objective 10.</p>

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The Lord Mayor’s Show (SK50)	CHB	£138,028	£59,914	£78,114	Awaiting Information
Introducing Electronic Voting (SK40)	DTC	£3,597	£0	£3,597	<p>The proposed change was made to Court of Common Council Standing Orders and electronic voting is now possible at Court meetings. This is a process improvement which means that if a Division is called in a Court meeting, there will be a significant time saving.</p> <p>The devices have been used for one Court division</p>
Worker Engagement: The City Belonging Project (SK44)	DTC	£56,412	£23,648	£32,764	<p>The City Belonging Project has been fast-established as a high-profile and successful City of London Corporation initiative, involving hundreds of City workers in events and activities across the Square Mile. We have received a wide range of feedback suggesting the initiative is improving people’s engagement with and favourability towards our organisation. Through working in partnership, all this has been achieved so far for less than £25,000.</p> <p>The initiative was launched at the Barbican in June and saw approximately 250 people from 150 different Square Mile workplaces attend, including 16/20 of the largest City employers – mostly D&I or HR representatives of City businesses.</p> <p>More than 2,200 people have now signed up to the project overall, giving their contact details for the purposes of engagement – and we have now established ourselves and the initiative as leaders and convenors of D&I and community engagement activity in the Square Mile. This includes establishing a point of contact at 80%+ of larger workplaces (more than 1,000 staff) and at 35%+ of mid-size workplaces (more than 100 staff).</p>

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					<p>The initiatives has resulted in more than 750 new attendances at City of London events, 500 City workers participating in walking tours and the promotion of more than 100 external events across the Square Mile including for Eid, Pride, Black History Month, International Women’s Day, Diwali and Chanukah.</p> <p>Various parts of the organisation have been able to benefit from the networks created from the City Belonging Project, including being able to collaborate with the City of London Police on reassurance work relating to the situation in the Middle East. 121 people signed up to online events at zero cost to either organisation.</p> <p>The success of the City Belonging Project has helped Lord Mayor-elect Alastair King shape the communities workstream of his mayoral theme, in particular the drive to create City Belonging Networks for individual communities. The integration of the two initiatives will significantly increase the reach of the City Belonging Project and help to create a lasting legacy for the mayoral theme.</p> <p>The City Belonging Project is a key way in which the organisation is delivering on its Diverse Engaged Communities pillar of the Corporate Plan – as well as promoting the Square Mile as a vibrant, diverse location in which businesses want to locate and people want to come to work, contributing to the growth agenda of Destination City. By creating new channels of communication into our community, it makes the delivery of all Corporate Plan outcomes and priorities of our institutions that relate to the Square Mile more effective.</p>

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Allocation of Funding to King Edward’s Witley School (SK53)	CHB	£319,837	£0	£319,837	Awaiting Information

Key Responsible Officer:

DTC Deputy Town Clerks

TC Town Clerks

REM Remembrancers

CHB Chamberlains