

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Thursday, 13 February 2025

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Christopher Hayward (Chairman)
Deputy Keith Bottomley (Deputy Chairman)
Caroline Haines (Vice-Chair)
Deputy Randall Anderson (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Peter Dunphy (Ex-Officio Member)
Mary Durcan (Ex-Officio Member)
Helen Fentimen OBE JP
Steve Goodman OBE
Jason Groves
Alderman Timothy Hailes JP
Jaspreet Hodgson
Deputy Ann Holmes
Deputy Shravan Joshi MBE
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE
Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley, DBE
Deputy Paul Martinelli
Deputy Andrien Meyers
Deputy Brian Mooney BEM
Benjamin Murphy
Deputy James Thomson CBE
James Tumbridge
Philip Woodhouse

In Attendance (observing online)

Munsur Ali

Officers:

Ian Thomas, CBE
Gregory Moore
Polly Dunn

Jen Beckermann

Doris Chan
Benjamin Dixon
David Mendoza Wolfson
Chris Rumbles
Alice Reeves

- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
- Deputy Town Clerk
- Assistant Town Clerk and Executive Director of Governance and Member Services
- Executive Director and Private Secretary to the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee
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Kristy Sandino	- Town Clerk's Department
Emily Slatter	- Town Clerk's Department
Zoe Williams	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor, Deputy Chief Executive
Dionne Corradine	- Chief Strategy Officer
Judith Finlay	- Executive Director of Community and Children's Services
Deborah Bell	- Community and Children's Services Department
Alison Littlewood	- Chief People Officer
Cindy Vallance	- People and HR
Damian Nussbaum	- Executive Director of Innovation and Growth
Daniel O'Byrne	- Innovation and Growth
Omkar Chana	- Innovation and Growth
Katie Stewart	- Executive Director, Environment
Ian Hughes	- Environment Department
Jo Hurst	- Environment Department
Ruby Raw	- Environment Department
Rob McNicol	- Environment Department
Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Chris Bonner	- City Surveyor's Department
Jack Joslin	- City Bridge Foundation
Julia Pridham	- City Bridge Foundation
Bruce Hunt	- Remembrancer's Department
Ruth Pinner	- Remembrancer's Department

The Chairman welcomed Dame Susan Langley to her first Policy and Resources Committee meeting following her appointment by the Court of Alderman.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank all Members for their continued support and ongoing commitment to the work of Policy and Resources Committee during the course of the year, with this being the last meeting in the civic year and the electoral term.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Deputy Brian Mooney and Catherine McGuinness for their valued contributions to the City Corporation. The Chairman highlighted Deputy Mooney's long service as a Common Councillor and his distinguished tenure as Chief Commoner for two years, whilst also acknowledging his significant impact on the work of Policy and Resources Committee and Court of Common Council.

The Chairman paid tribute to Catherine McGuinness for her leadership of Policy and Resources Committee during challenging times, particularly the COVID-19 pandemic, whilst also acknowledging her many years of service and valued contributions to the work of Policy and Resources Committee and Court of Common Council.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Alastair King, Alderman Sir William Russell, Deputy Henry Colthurst, Alastair Moss, Tijs Broeke, Munsur Ali and Jaspreet Hodgson.

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

The Chairman declared an interest on item 30 Events Benefitting from City Rate Discount given his role as a Freemason. This interest would not prevent him from Chairing the item, but he had chosen to declare it to ensure there was no doubt about his position.

3. MINUTES

- a) The public minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting 16 January 2025 were approved, subject to the following amendment being included.

Page 12, 27 Sub-Committees election of a Deputy Chair, that the words 'from and by' be included. This provided the necessary clarity that the sub-committee should elect the Deputy Chair from within its membership rather than the Grand Committee membership.

- b) The public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on 27 November 2024 were noted.
- c) The public minutes of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee meeting on 11 December 2024 were noted.

4. STANDING ORDER REVIEW 2025 - SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk presenting options relating to the process of Members' appointments to Sub-Committees and seeking approval of a preferred process.

The Town Clerk referred to the report presented asking Members to consider options and to confirm their preference. The option that was considered to provide the most efficiency for the least amount of administrative burden would be to bring in a deadline, as was done for the Chair and Deputy Chair.

A Member referred to the Standing Order relating to election of a Chair of a Sub-Committee, and where the role was already prescribed e.g., Chief Commoner as Chair of Member Development Standards Sub-Committee, that the standing order in question should be pre-faced with 'excepting those positions which were

already designated'. The Chairman confirmed his support for the proposed amendment and with the Committee offering their agreement to this.

The Chairman confirmed his support for the Town Clerk's preferred option as presented, with Members agreeing to this and for its inclusion within standing orders.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the nominations process for sub-committees would be brought in line with the nominations process for Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee, allowing for consistency.

RESOLVED: That Members

- 1) Noted Appendix 1, setting out the proposed process for the appointment of sub-committees, reflecting the Standing Order revisions as agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee in January 2025;
- 2) Considered the options for the process and administration for the appointment of Members to Sub-Committees as set out within the report; and
- 3) Agreed their preferred option being a deadline for nominations for both the Membership and Chairmanship of the sub-committee, delegating authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, to finalise any necessary changes to the Standing Orders to facilitate this process, for onward recommendation by the Court of Common Council.

5. COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk presenting a summary of proposed changes brought forward by various Committee's in respect of their terms of reference and seeking delegated authority where ongoing discussions were continuing with respect to specific committees.

The Town Clerk confirmed that consideration of the terms of reference for Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee and Epping Forest and Commons Committee remained subject to ongoing discussion and approval, with delegated authority being sought on these rather than approval.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- 1) Considered and approved the revised terms of reference as proposed in Table 1 and appended to this report;
- 2) Noted that consultation on amendments to the terms of reference of Policy and Resources Committee, Investment Committee, Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee, City Bridge Foundation, Health and Wellbeing Board, Police Authority Board, Digital Services Committee, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee were and Epping Forest and Commons Committee were still ongoing; and

- 3) Agreed to Delegate Authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to consider and approve any subsequent changes to Committee Terms of Reference that may be required ahead of the April 2025 Court of Common Council meeting.
- 4) Authorised the Town Clerk to make factual amendments to Terms of Reference (such as the correction of job titles, committee names etc.) required ahead of presentation to the April 2025 Court meeting.

6. CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION CORPORATE PLAN 2024-2029 - PRELIMINARY PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Strategy Officer providing an update on major areas of work under each of the six Corporate Plan strategic outcomes for inclusion within an annual progress report that was due to be published.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Noted the content of the Corporate Plan 2024-29 (CP24-29) Preliminary Progress Report included at annex A; this containing an appendix covering changes and updates to CP24-29 that would be published separately on the City Corporation website.
- Agreed to publish the CP24-29 Preliminary Progress Report on City Corporation's website.
- Endorsed the intended approach for publishing annual CP24-29 progress reports to align with reporting of the Statement of Accounts for the City Fund and Annual Governance Statement.

7. DESTINATION CITY UPDATE REPORT

The Committee received a report of the Deputy Town Clerk providing an update on progress in scoping and implementing a recast Destination City programme as a growth strategy for the Square Mile.

The Senior Responsible Officer for Destination City presented to the Committee and highlighted key areas including a vision statement and aim for the City, core targets around footfall across a seven-day week, reducing differences in weekdays and increasing weekend footfall. Inclusivity was highlighted as key to Destination City's vision in making the City a welcoming and inclusive destination for all. During discussion of the item, the following points were raised: -

- It was important to include residents in the Destination City Programme, with them being integral stakeholders.
- Clarity was sought on the definition of a 24-hour city.
- There was a need to consider what the City would look like in 10 years' time and for the Destination City Programme taking account of this.
- It was questioned whether further discussions were needed with Business Improvement Districts before the programme goes any further.
- There was agreement that residents were key stakeholders within the Square Mile, but with not all strategies having to meet the needs of all

stakeholders. A strategy focussed on attracting visitors and supporting ground floor retail should be welcomed, with it being important to remember what the Destination City initiative was originally meant to be focussed on delivering.

The Chairman responded confirming his view that Destination City was primarily a growth plan for the Square Mile focussed on increasing footfall and businesses coming into the City. The Chairman stressed the importance of the Residential Reset and him wanting residents to feel respected and valued, them being an important stakeholder and with their views being respected and valued.

The Senior Responsible Officer responded to the points raised and stressed that residents were an integral stakeholder in the Destination City Programme, with the vision statement including a reference to making the City a welcoming place and inclusive destination for all, with reference to 'stay' having been included in the vision following previous feedback provided. The City Belonging Project was highlighted as a key part of the Destination City initiative, with the project aiming to make the City a more attractive place for business workers and residents, looking to foster a sense of community and inclusivity and creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all stakeholders in the City.

Clarity was provided that a 24hr City was part of the old Destination City programme before it pivoted into a growth plan and with this reference no longer being included.

Clarity was also provided on further discussions with Business Improvement District Boards. Following a presentation given to the five Business Improvement District Boards in November 2024, there had since been agreement reached with the Chief Executives and Chairs of each Board on five workstreams to work to.

A Member proposed that 'stay' in the Destination City vision statement should be replaced with 'live' to better reflect the inclusion of residents. The word 'stay' implied a temporary visit, whereas 'live' directly indicated residency, thereby aligning with the goal of making the City a place where people want to reside. The Chairman confirmed his agreement to including 'live' within the vision statement to better reflect the position and with this receiving the agreement of Members.

The Chairman concluded discussion on the item and took the opportunity to pay tribute to the Destination City Senior Responsible Officer for all her work on the Destination City Project, highlighting the significant progress that has been made since the Martin Review.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- a) Noted progress in implementing the Martin Review recommendations, with 12 of the 14 recommendations complete or in progress (Appendix 1).

- b) Agreed the vision statement, as amended to include 'live', the outcomes, scope and proposed activities of the recast Destination City programme and the indicative metrics of the Destination City Dashboard.
- c) Agreed the scope and parameters of the Destination City Partnership Fund and agreed an initial allocation of £200,000 per year.
- d) Noted the link to the proposal to launch concierge services for relocating businesses as recommended in the Martin Review.
- e) Noted the agreement of the 5 City Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to collaborate on key deliverables of the Destination City programme and further note the link with the wider reset of the City Corporation's relationship with BIDs.
- f) Noted a summary of the discussion at the first Destination Advisory Board (DAB) meeting.
 - a. Agreed the additional appointment of an external DAB Board Member by delegated authority following review of applications and a recommendation by a Chief Officer group against the approved assessment criteria
- g) Agreed to the creation and implementation of a jointly developed and curated communications and content strategy to attract workers and visitors to the Square Mile alongside New London Architecture and other partners.

8. HIGH LEVEL BUSINESS PLAN 2025 / 26 - TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

The Committee considered a report of the Deputy Town Clerk presenting for approval a high-level Business Plan for the Town Clerk's Department 2025/26.

RESOLVED: That Members:-

- i. Noted the factors taken into consideration in compiling the Town Clerk's Departmental Business Plan, acknowledging that these teams provide both enabling and statutory functions which are scrutinised by different Committees and:
- ii. Approved, subject to the incorporation of any changes sought by the relevant Committee, the departmental Business Plan 2025/26.

9. HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS PLAN 2025/26 – INNOVATION & GROWTH

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Innovation and Growth presenting for approval a high-level Business Plan for the Innovation and Growth Department for 2025/26.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- i. Approved, subject to the incorporation of any changes sought by this Committee, Innovation and Growth's departmental Business Plan 2025/26

10. **2025/26 BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE REMEMBRANCER'S DEPARTMENT**

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer presenting for approval the high-level Business Plan for the Remembrancer's Department for 2025/26.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- i. Noted the factors taken into consideration in compiling the Remembrancer's Business Plan; and
- ii. Approved, subject to the incorporation of any changes sought by this Committee, the departmental Business Plan 2025/26.

11. **MARKETS FOOD STUDY**

The Committee considered a report of the Comptroller and City Solicitor, Deputy Chief Executive presenting the findings of research by Artefact into the role and significance of Smithfield and Billingsgate wholesale food markets in relation to supply chains and impact on London's food markets.

A Member questioned the timing of the report coming forward at this point with it having been requested in July and also referred to his understanding that the Markets have not been guaranteed a location to relocate to and this not being picked up in the report. The Chairman responded confirming Market Traders would not discuss the report until an agreement had been completed, following which a commercial package had been agreed that allowed them to enter into commercial negotiations regarding a new site and it no longer being an issue for the City Corporation.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Note the contents of the report and the Markets Food Study

12. **MODERNISING PLANNING COMMITTEES - GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment providing an update on a Government published planning reform working paper titled modernising planning committees and seeking approval of the City Corporation's consultation response.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Considered the comments of the Planning and Transportation Committee.
- Approved the consultation response.

13. **CAPITAL FUNDING UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain providing Members with an update on the two-step funding mechanism via the annual capital bid process and seeking approval to release of funding (following gateway approvals) to allow schemes to progress.

A Member referred to the East Poultry Avenue Canopy Remedial Repair Works, with the accident having happened some time ago and given the long-term plans for the building generally, questioned the right approach to take and whether to replace or repair the canopy.

The City Surveyor responded and offered an assurance that measures had been taken to make the canopy safe whilst options for a longer-term solution were continuing to being considered.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- (i) Reviewed the schemes summarised in Table 1 and, particularly in the context of the current financial climate, confirmed their continued essential priority for release of funding at this time and accordingly:
- (ii) Agreed the release of up to £7.4m for the schemes progressing to the next Gateway in Table 1 from City Fund £6.7m (£6.5m from OSPR) and £0.6m for City Estate. The CBF element would be approved separately through delegation to the CBF director.

14. CIL AND OSPR CAPITAL BIDS (QUARTER 3 - 2024/25)

The Committee considered a joint report of the Executive Director, Environment and Chamberlain presenting and seeking approval of bids for allocation from the City's On-Street Park Reserves (OSPR).

The Chairman confirmed that this item had not made it on to the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee agenda. The Chairman added that he would not typically take this forward, confirming that he had reminded officers of his expectations, but given it was the last Policy and Resources Committee meeting for some time, he was asking Members to consider the item in the knowledge that it had not been reviewed by Resource Allocation Sub-Committee as it normally would.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Approve the following allocations:
 - £1,500,000 for the Moorgate corridor (OSPR)
 - £300,000 for the highways contract funding allocation uplift (OSPR) in 2025/26 and ongoing on an annual basis
 - £245,000 for the street cleansing resources annual contractual uplift (OSPR) in 2025/26, and £353,000 in 2026/27, continued on an ongoing basis in subsequent years.

15. **MEMBERS' BEDROOM POLICY**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk presenting an updated Member Rules and Eligibility policy document for approval.

A Member raised a concern regarding the generosity the policy allowed on debt and proposed that it should be only one quarter allowed for payment of invoices rather than two. The Chairman agreed with the Member and suggested the policy was currently too flexible on its payment terms.

The Chief Commoner referred to the intention of the policy being to address issues of long-term outstanding debt and confirmed that he would be supportive of reducing the payment of invoice period to one quarter. Philip Woodhouse proposed, with the Chairman seconding, that the policy be amended in relation to payment of outstanding invoices to 'one quarterly period'. Members agreed to this amendment.

A Member referred to Verderers being allowed the same access as Members and proposed that they be added to the approved list of users of the bedrooms, with this receiving the support of the Chairman and agreement of Members.

A Member referred to Co-Opted external Members and there being an increasing number who do a significant amount of work for the City Corporation, with existing policies excluding them. It was proposed that consideration be given to allowing external Members access to the bedrooms, with the Chairman confirming his support to allow this where there was a business case that required them to attend a City Corporation event, but not allowing general usage.

The Chief Commoner clarified that the policy already allowed for an override in exceptional circumstance, which would allow for use when there was a business case presented. Members noted the position.

The Chairman concluded the item and sought Members' approval of the policy, as amended.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Approved an updated Members' Bedroom Rules and Eligibility Policy

16. **POLITICAL PARTY CONFERENCES 2024/2025**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Remembrancer and Chief Strategy Officer providing a summary of the City of London Corporation's programme of engagement at all the main political party conferences in 2024 and seeking approval of plans for 2025.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Noted the initial summary of 2024 activity.
- Approved the following proposals for 2025 party conference programme:
 - One fringe event and an additional event (reception) at Liberal Democrat Conference

- One fringe event and an additional event (dinner) at the Conservative Party Conference (HM Official Opposition)
- Two fringe events and an additional event (dinner) at Labour Party Conference (Party of Government)
- Officer monitoring any party conference where the party has more than 10 MPs.
- Member attendance at party conference will be considered for any party with more than 20 MPs.
- Approved a change to the Member and officer delegation travelling to party conferences, whereby:
 - The Policy Chairman and four (4) additional Members selected through an Expression of Interest process for the parties in Opposition. Selected Members would be eligible for a two-day commercial guest party conference pass.
 - No change to the Member delegation size for the Party in Government's conference. All Members of the Communications and Corporate Affairs Sub Committee invited to attend as City Corporation representatives and eligible for a two-day commercial guest party conference pass.
 - A business case provided to the Policy Chairman and the Chair of Communications and Corporate Affairs Sub Committee for proposed officer attendance at conference.
- Approved that one (1) Business Day pass was secured for the Policy Chairman use at each conference in 2025.
- Approved that Members attending party conference should travel second class on train journeys less than 2 hours.

17. 2024/25 PAY POLICY STATEMENT

The Committee considered a report of the Chief People Officer seeking approval of a City Corporation Pay Policy Statement that set out a policy relating to the remuneration of its highest paid staff alongside a policy towards its lowest paid staff.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Approved the Pay Policy Statement for 2025/26

18. ANTI-TERRORISM TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Committee received a annual report providing an update on usage of the City's permanent Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order (ATTRO).

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Noted the usage of the ATTRO during 2024, and that it would remain in place until the next review in a years' time.

19. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT UPDATE

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director, Environment providing an update relating to Business Improvement Districts.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Receive the report and note its content.

20. **POLICY AND RESOURCES CONTINGENCY/DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain providing a schedule of projects and activities which have received funding from the Policy Initiatives Fund (PIF) and the Policy and Resources Committee's Contingency Fund for 2024/2025 and future years and details of expenditure in 2024/25.

RESOLVED: That Members:-

- Noted the report and content of the schedules.

21. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

22. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Town Clerk confirmed that there was one item of business to be considered. Following publication of the agenda, it had been agreed that the Strategic Branding Review outcome and proposal item included at item 25 on the agenda in non-public, could be considered during the public section of the meeting. As such, the item would be considered at this point in the meeting.

STRATEGIC BRANDING REVIEW

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Strategy Officer setting out a summary of the City of London Corporation's first ever branding review and outlining proposals for a future cross-organisational brand identity and strategy.

The Strategic Branding Review was welcomed and supported by Members. During discussion, there were a number of points raised including reference to previous discussions at Communications and Corporate Affairs Sub-Committee regarding incorporating more colour into the logo, ensuring any branding was aligned to the Corporate Plan and with clarification sought regarding City Gardens appearing absent. It was stressed that the Strategic Branding Review should be seen as part of a broader exercise to include protecting intellectual property, identifying commercial opportunities and developing a comprehensive strategy for communication and advertising.

The Chief Strategy Officer responded to the points raised and confirmed that colour considerations for the logo would be part of the style guide development, branding would link back to the Corporate Plan ensuring consistency in language and visual representation and with an assurance given that City Gardens would be included as part of the overall branding strategy. Members noted that the implementation timeline would involve consultation with Committees and Boards to ensure that co-branding descriptions aligned with their expectations.

RESOLVED: That Members: -

- Agreed the branding recommendations proposed in the report for onward final approval by the Court of Common Council

23. 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 items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

24. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

- a) The non-public minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 16 January 2024 were approved as an accurate record.
- b) The non-public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on 27 November 2024 were noted.
- c) The non-public minutes of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee meeting on 11 December 2024 were noted.

25. STRATEGIC BRANDING REVIEW OUTCOME AND PROPOSALS

Following publication of the agenda, it had been agreed that the Strategic Branding Review outcome and proposals could be considered during the public section of the meeting. Members noted that this item had already been considered under agenda item 22 Any Other Business.

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman proposed a re-ordering of the agenda to allow for the two Charity Review items at 26 and 29 on the agenda to be taken together, with this receiving the agreement of Members.

26. COMPLETION OF THE CORPORATE CHARITIES REVIEW

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain, Deputy Town Clerk and Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation relating to final recommendations of a Corporate Charities Review.

29. TRANSFORMATION FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITIES - OUTCOMES OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITIES REVIEW

The Committee considered a joint report of the Executive Director of Environment, Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation and Chamberlain relating to a transformation programme for the Natural Environment Charities.

27. CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION'S UNITED STATES OFFICE – NEXT STEPS

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Innovation and Growth relating to the City Corporation's United States Office.

28. PLASHET SCHOOL JOINING THE CITY OF LONDON ACADEMY TRUST

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Children's and Community Services relating to Plashet School joining the City of London Academy Trust.

30. **EVENTS BENEFITING FROM CITY RATE DISCOUNTS**

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer relating to events that had previously benefited from a discounted rate.

31. **CITY'S ESTATE - ANNEXE BUILDINGS, SMITHFIELD EC1 - DELEGATED AUTHORITY REQUEST**

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor seeking delegated authority relating to approvals for the Annexe Buildings at Smithfield.

32. **MEMBER CAR PARK USAGE**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk relating to Members' usage of the Guildhall Car Park.

33. **MARKETING OUTCOME - BUFFER LAND AT CLAYS LANE NORTH**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk relating to a Marketing outcome for Buffer Land at Clays Lane North.

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At this point in the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 40, a decision was taken to extend the length of the meeting.

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34. **BANKSY ARTWORK RELOCATION**

The Committee received a report of the Deputy Town Clerk providing an update relating to relocation of the recent Banksy piranha artwork.

35. **MAJOR PROGRAMMES OFFICE - DASHBOARD REPORT**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain providing detail on overall progress on Major Programmes.

36. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

37. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED.**

There was one additional item of business.

The Chairman provided an update relating to Co-Chair of the UK-China Green Finance Taskforce and Co-Chair of the UK Carbon Markets Forum.

Part 3 - Confidential Agenda

38. **PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CITY BUSINESS INVESTMENT UNIT**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment relating to proposals for development of a City Business Investment Unit.

39. **MEMBER-LED RECRUITMENT – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BARBICAN CENTRE**

The Committee received a report of the Chief People Officer relating to a Member led recruitment for a Chief Executive Officer, Barbican Centre.

The meeting ended at 4.02pm

Chairman

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