

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Policy and Resources Committee	08 May 2025
<b>Subject:</b> Decisions taken under delegated authority or urgency procedures	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	See background papers
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	See background papers
<b>If so, how much?</b>	£n/a
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	n/a
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	n/a
<b>Report of:</b> The Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Chris Rumbles, Governance and Member Services Manager	

### Summary

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

### Recommendation(s)

That Members note the report.

### Main Report

#### **Decision Under Standing Order 41(b) – Standing Orders Review 2025**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting in January 2025, the Policy & Resources Committee [considered proposals relating to the revision of the Court of Common Council's Standing Orders.](#)

A series of slight amendments were agreed at the meeting, and a delegated authority granted to the Town Clerk to draw up the requisite wording to give rise to these proposals.

In addition, further work was commissioned on the options available for the appointment process for Sub-Committees, their Chairs and Deputy Chairs. [A report on this was consequently presented to the Committee for consideration in February 2025,](#) during which it was agreed that a deadline be introduced for the nominations process for Sub-Committees. There were also minor clarifications agreed in the approval of the minutes at this meeting that needed capturing.

Each of the proposed changes proposed to the Standing Orders were subsequently drawn up and presented for consideration under the delegated authority granted.

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee resolved to:-

Approve revisions to the Standing Orders for onward consideration by the Court of Common Council.

### **Decision Under Standing Order 41(b) Committee Terms of Reference**

#### **Background**

At its meeting in February 2025, Policy and Resources Committee considered a report presenting proposed changes to terms of reference brought forward by various committees. The report also highlighted where ongoing discussions were continuing with respect to specific committees, with delegated authority having been granted to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to consider and approve any subsequent changes to Terms of Reference that may be required ahead of the April 2025 Court of Common Council meeting.

Following conclusion of the ongoing discussions, various terms of reference were updated and required Policy and Resources Committee approval for onward recommendation to Court of Common Council.

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee resolved to: -

- Approve various changes to terms of reference as had been set out for onward recommendation to Court of Common Council.

### **Decision Under Standing Order 41(a) UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) – acceptance of funding of £200,000 allocated by the Greater London Authority for FY2025/26**

#### **Background**

Approval was sought to the City Corporation accepting the UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) of £200,000 allocated by the Greater London Authority (GLA) via London Councils to deliver four projects in FY2025/26. The City Corporation also received the UKSPF funding in FY2024/25.

The City of London Corporation was notified of the allocation on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and was required to respond to the Greater London Authority with its nominated projects by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) was a part replacement for EU Structural Funds and is one of a number of 'levelling up' funds administered by UK Government's Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

In London, UKSPF is part allocated by the Greater London Authority (GLA) through London Councils. The City of London Corporation had been receiving the UKSPF funding. There is only one year of UKSPF left (FY2025/26) and the report presented

set out the allocation for City of London and sought agreement for its expenditure in year.

1. This year the City Corporation is allocated £200,000 of the UKSPF by the Greater London Authority in consultation with London Councils.
  2. Allocation among the London boroughs is calculated by fixed formula with a minimum floor.
  3. The minimum floor is most recently introduced for FY2025/26 as a result of discussions among the GLA and London Councils including the City of London.
  4. Since all other London boroughs are allocated significantly above the £200k mark according to the established formula, the City of London is the only local authority that receives the agreed minimum floor amount which is £200k.
  5. The £200k funding consists of revenue expenditure of £66.7k and £133.3k capital expenditure. The proportion is fixed by the GLA.
6. Two options were presented, with option1 being the recommended option.
- Option 1 – Accept the UKSPF amount allocated (£200k) to deliver four City Corporation projects in support of themes common to both the City Corporation's Corporate Plan and the UKSPF.
  - Option 2 – Decline the UKSPF funding. Some of the City Corporation projects proposed will need to find funding from elsewhere or may not go ahead at all. To be aware, the City Corporation engaged closely with stakeholders to secure funding in the first instance.

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman resolved to:

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- Approve receipt of £200k from UKSPF for FY2025/26
- Approve for funding to be spent on four City Corporation projects to contribute towards:
  - Launch of the new SME Gateway Project;
  - Destination City workers and visitors focused digital platform and consolidation
  - Avondale Estate Multi-Use Games Area refurbishment
  - Holloway Estate Podium Greening, lighting and waterproofing project

## **Conclusion**

Copies of background papers concerning these decisions are available from Chris Rumbles on request.

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