

RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 25 June 2025

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources)
Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on
Wednesday, 25 June 2025 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Christopher Hayward (Chairman)	Alderman Timothy Hailes JP
Deputy Henry Colthurst (Deputy Chairman)	Shravan Joshi MBE
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Florence Keelson-Anfu
Tijs Broeke	Alderman Sir William Russell
Jason Groves	Deputy James Thomson CBE

In Attendance

Deputy Peter Dunphy
Deputy Benjamin Murphy

Officers:

Ian Thomas	- Town Clerk & Chief Executive
Greg Moore	- Deputy Town Clerk
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Dionne Corradine	- Chief Strategy Officer
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Genine Whitehorne	- Chamberlain's Department
John Galvin	- City Surveyor's Department
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Ian Hughes	- Environment Department
Gavin Stedman	- Environment Department
Ben Dunleavy	- Town Clerk's Department
Polly Dunn	- Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

The Deputy Chairman informed the Sub-Committee that the Chairman had to attend an urgent meeting with an important City stakeholder and would be late to the meeting; the Deputy Chairman accordingly took the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Helen Fentimen, Deputy Caroline Haines and Alderman Vincent Keaveny.

The Deputy Chairman thanked the several Members who no longer served on the Sub-Committee and welcomed Florence Keelson-Anfu as a new Member.

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

There were no additional declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The public minutes and non-public summary of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 3 February 2025 were approved as a correct record.

4. **CAPITAL FUNDING UPDATE**

Members considered a report of the Chamberlain concerning funding for capital projects.

RESOLVED, that – Members:

- i. To review the schemes summarised in Table 1 and, particularly in the context of the current financial climate, to confirm their continued essential priority for release of funding at this time and accordingly:
- ii. To agree the release of up to £2.05m for the schemes progressing to the next Gateway in Table 1 from City Fund £1.91m (£0.75m from OSPR and £0.78m from CIL) and £0.14m for City Estate.

5. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND – APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION**

Members considered a report of the Interim Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation concerning applications for Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund (CILNF) funding.

The Deputy Chairman highlighted the concerns on process that had been raised regarding the application from Ozero Arts, approved under delegated authority. He confirmed that following conversations with officers, he and the Chairman were now content that the process was now as efficient and robust as it could be. Officers added that a summary of the CILNF grant assessment process was included at Appendix 2 to the report.

Following a question from a Member, officers confirmed that the City Befriending programme targeted both residents and workers.

RESOLVED, that – Members:

1. Note the current position of the CILNF with respect to funds available.
2. Approve the grant recommended at the meeting of the CILNF Officer Panel in May 2025: £246,479 to Volunteer Centre Hackney (£122,105 Year One; £124,374 Year Two) to deliver two 2-year strategic programmes - Community Befriending for residents experiencing loneliness and isolation and Volunteering Brokerage to increase volunteering opportunities and grow and strengthen the City of London's voluntary community sector.
3. Note the grants approved under delegated authority whilst the Sub-Committee was in recess.

6. ***MANSION HOUSE - AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP & PHOTOVOLTAIC PRELIMS (CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY)**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor concerning a project to install an Air Source Heat Pump and Photovoltaic installation at Mansion House.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and the contents noted.

7. ***BLACKFRIARS BRIDGE FORESHORE, VICTORIA EMBANKMENT, EC47 0AF (THAMES TIDEWAY PROJECT) – CITY PROPERTY ASSET RE-PURPOSING AND OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor concerning the repurposing of a City property.

RESOLVED, that – Members note that:

1. The undercroft and former rifle range areas are being returned to the City following Thames Tideway's occupation, but legal clarity (as to ownership of entire site, access rights etc) is required before any asset allocation or redevelopment can proceed.
2. Early ideas for the site include conversion of the undercroft into a sports facility and repurposing the former rifle range as an energy centre. Both spaces also present potential for commercial use. However, the precise nature of any future use remains to be explored and determined. Further feasibility work is dependent on the resolution of existing legal and operational constraints.
3. The Environment Department were overseeing the Tideway works to ensure compliance with the Development Consent Order, handover back to the City Surveyor for ongoing management will follow upon project completion, currently anticipated in September 2025.
4. Officers will commission external advice aimed at exploring the potential of the undercroft and former rifle range with the costs to be met from the City Surveyor's local risk budget.
5. A further report on costed options will be reported to the committee in early 2026.

8. ***GUILDHALL NORTH AND WEST WING - OFFICE UTILISATION REPORT**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor concerning office utilisation at Guildhall.

RESOLVED, that – Members note the findings of the Guildhall office utilisation review and the proactive measures already undertaken and being pursued.

9. ***HISTORIC CYCLICAL WORKS PROGRAMMES – OUTTURN REPORT**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor concerning the progress and expenditure of the historic (pre-2024/25) Cyclical Works Programmes across the operational property portfolio.

RESOLVED, that – Members note the completion of the pre-2024/25 CWP programmes of work.

10. ***CITY SURVEYOR'S BUSINESS PLAN 2024-29 - QUARTER 4 OF 2024/25 UPDATE**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor concerning the departmental business plan.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and the contents noted.

11. ***THE CITY SURVEYOR'S CORPORATE AND DEPARTMENTAL RISK REGISTER JUNE 2025 UPDATE**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor concerning the corporate and departmental risk registers.

RESOLVED, that – Members note the report, and the actions taken and being taken to effectively monitor and manage risks arising from the City Corporation's operations.

12. ***TRANSFORMATION FUNDING PANEL - QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk concerning the activities and outcomes of the Transformation Funding Panel.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and the contents noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

15. **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 or relate to functions which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

16. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2025 were approved as a correct record.

The Deputy Chairman sought and received the Sub-Committee's agreement to move the Agenda Item on Budget Planning and the Medium-Term Financial Plan to the end of the agenda, to allow the Chairman to participate when he arrived.

17. **ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICE – OPTIONS REVIEW**

Members considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment concerning the Animal Health & Welfare Service.

18. **UPDATE REPORT ON THE OPERATIONAL PROPERTY REVIEW (NON-HOUSING) - UTILISATION ACTION PLAN**

Members considered a report of the City Surveyor concerning the review into the operational property portfolio.

19. **GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC & DRAMA CYCLICAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2025 - 2030**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor concerning the Guildhall School of Music and Drama's Cyclical Works Programme.
20. **TOWER PLACE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE REFURBISHMENT**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor
21. **WALBROOK WHARF FEASIBILITY 2027 AND BEYOND**
Members considered a joint report of the City Surveyor and the Executive Director, Environment.
22. **CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT EAST WING GROUND MEZZANINE COOLING AND HEATING REPLACEMENT**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor
23. **CPG MEES STATUS AND STRATEGY REPORT**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor concerning the operational property portfolio's compliance with Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard (MEES) legislation.
24. **ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL PROPERTY UPDATE**
Members considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment providing an update on utilisation and disposal opportunities across operational properties controlled by the Environment Department.
25. **IMPLICATIONS OF BUSINESS RATES REFORM FOR THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor concerning upcoming legislative reform.
26. ***CITIGEN AND HEAT NETWORK ZONING – PREFERRED WAY FORWARD**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor concerning heat networks in the Square Mile.
27. **BUDGET 26/27 AND MTFP UPDATE**
Members received a presentation from the Chamberlain concerning budget-setting and the Medium-Term Financial Plan.
28. ***DELEGATED AUTHORITY DECISIONS AND ARREARS UPDATE ON ASSETS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY SURVEYOR TO DIRECTLY MANAGE ON THE OPERATIONAL ESTATE - 1ST OCTOBER 2024 TO 31ST MARCH 2025**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor concerning directly managed assets.
29. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
30. **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.
31. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The confidential minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2025 were approved as a correct record in the non-public session.

The meeting ended at 3.15pm

Chairman

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