

City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee(s): Planning & Transportation Committee	Dated: 19 January 2026
Subject: Annual Review of the Terms of Reference of the Planning & Transportation Committee	Public report: For Decision
This proposal a) Provides statutory duties b) Provides business-enabling functions	
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

The annual review of the Terms of Reference of the Planning & Transportation Committee Terms of Reference enables any proposed changes to be considered in time for annual reappointment of Committees by the Court of Common Council. The Committee's current Terms of Reference are attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Agree that, subject to any comments, the terms of reference of the Planning and Transportation Committee (**set out at Appendix 1**) be approved for submission to the Court of Common Council in April 2026.

Main Report

1. The Committee's current Terms of Reference, as approved by the Court of Common Council in April 2025, are set out at Appendix 1.
2. There have been no suggestions for changes to be considered by the Committee since the last Annual Review. However, Members are asked to note the proposed correction of errors in the numbering of paragraphs (i) and (j) of the Committee's responsibilities (shown in red).

3. Following consideration of any changes, the Terms of Reference shall be approved for onward submission to the Policy & Resources Committee, and subsequently to the Court of Common Council.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Court Order 2025/2026 – Planning & Transportation Committee

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PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Constitution

A Ward Committee consisting of:

- four Aldermen nominated by the Court of Aldermen.
- up to 31 Commoners representing each Ward (two representatives for the Wards with six or more Members regardless of whether the Ward has sides) or Side of Ward.

Quorum

The quorum consists of any nine Members.

4. Terms of Reference

To be responsible for:-

- (a) All functions of the City as local planning authority [relating to town and country planning and development control] pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and Compulsory Purchases Act 2004, the Planning Act 2008 and all secondary legislation pursuant to the same and all enabling legislation (including legislation amending or replacing the same).
- (b) Making recommendations to Common Council relating to the acquisition, appropriation and disposal of land held for planning purposes and to exercise all other functions of the local planning authority relating to land held for planning (or highways) purposes, and making determinations as to whether land held for planning or highways purposes is no longer required for those purposes, other than in respect of powers expressly delegated to another committee.
- (c) All functions of the Common Council as local highway, traffic, walkway and parking authority (other than in respect of powers expressly delegated to another committee) and the improvement of other open land under S.4 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1952.

- (d) All functions under part II of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1967 including declaration, alteration and discontinuance of City Walkway (other than in respect of the promotion of works to the Barbican Podium, which shall not include any declaration, alteration or discontinuance of City Walkway ["City Walkway regulatory functions"] in connection with such works, all City Walkway regulatory functions to remain the responsibility of Planning and Transportation Committee).
- (e) All functions relating to the construction, maintenance and repair of sewers in the City, including public sewers (on behalf of Thames Water under an agency arrangement).
- (f) All functions of Common Council as Lead Local Flood Authority in relation to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.
- (g) All functions relating to the Stopping Up of highway (including as local planning authority and highway authority).
- (h) All functions relating to street naming and numbering under the London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939.
- ~~(j)~~ (i) All functions relating to building control under the Building Act 1984, Building Regulations 2000-10 and London Building Acts 1930-82.
- ~~(k)~~ (i) All functions and powers of the City Corporation of providing assistance to the Building Safety Regulator under Section 13 of the Building Safety Act 2022, where the Building Safety Regulator is acting as the Building Control Authority under section 91ZA and 91ZB of the Building Act 1984.
- (k) The setting of building control charges under the Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010.
- (l) Updating and approving the Planning Protocol.
- (m) Response to and resolution of dangerous structures under the London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939.
- (n) All functions relating to the City of London Corporation's commemorative blue plaques.
- (o) All functions relating to the Local Land Charges Act 1975.
- (p) The appointment of such Sub-Committees as is considered necessary for the better performance of its duties including a Planning Applications Sub-Committee, Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee and a Local Plans Sub-Committee.