

# Policy and Resources Contingency Fund Progress Report: 2025/26

## Appendix 4

Report Name	Responsible Officer	Allocation	Spend	Balance	Progress/Benefits/Outcomes from Bid
City of London Scholarship - Anglo-Irish Literature (Repurposed) (SK26)	REM	£9,976	£207	£9,769	<p>The repurposed programme is designed as a soft power initiative in collaboration with Goodenough College in which leading international post-graduate scholars join the programme which include visits to key City institutions and a session with the Policy Chairman and/or a senior City member. It was outlined in a report to the Policy and Resources Committee on 19 October 2023.</p> <p>The programme will familiarise them with the work of the City Corporation and other institutions including the Bank of England and produce sympathetic understanding which will shape their views as they go on to take positions in public and private spheres of influence in their home countries.</p> <p>The Scholars are identified by Goodenough College as being the leading post graduates from their resident population. Scholars will produce written work preparatory to their graduation. The Lord/Lady Mayor will participate in a freedom ceremony for the Scholars that complete the course. The freedom will stand as the graduation ceremony for the Scholars.</p> <p>The current cohort will complete the course in June 2026. A carry forward request of any underspend on this project will be presented to this Committee in March 2026</p>
Allocation of Funding to King Edward's Witley School (SK53)	CHB	£230,848	£0	£230,848	<p>The additional funding has been allocated to match the difference between costs for the existing students and the tapered reduction in funding to 2029/30 ensuring that existing students are not put at a disadvantage. The spend for 2025/26 will be £48,087.</p> <p>A carry forward request for the balance on this project will be presented to this Committee in March 2026 to meet future year's spend.</p>

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Civic Affairs (SK31)	TC	£20,319	£441	£19,878	<p>This funding was required to allow for progression of several projects within Civic Affairs Sub-Committee (and now also Member Development &amp; Standards Sub-Committee) remit. Progress under the various workstreams is as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New workspace for Members on the Mezzanine floor (completed)</li> <li>- Purchase and installation of soundproof booths for confidential calls (completed)</li> <li>- Provision of a Parental / Guardian room on the Mezzanine (completed)</li> <li>- Independent Review of SRAs (completed)</li> <li>- LGA Member Behaviour Review (completed)</li> <li>- Member Training &amp; Development offering (ongoing)</li> </ul> <p>A carry forward request of any underspend on this project will be presented to this Committee in March 2026.</p>

**Key Responsible Officer:**

CHB Chamberlain

TC Town Clerks

REM Remembrancers