ITEM 7(B)

Report – Policy and Resources Committee

Corporate Services Committee: Policy Chairman Representation

To be presented on Thursday, 23rd July 2026

To the Right Honourable The Lady Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

Summary

Your Policy and Resources Committee seeks approval from this Honourable Court that the ex-officio place on the Corporate Services Committee currently provided for the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee may instead be held by either the Chairman or a Deputy Chair of Policy and Resources. This change of arrangement is sought to provide continuity of representation and to provide a degree of flexibility depending on the broader commitments of the Policy Chairman, whilst also ensuring a strong link between the two committees.

Recommendations

The Court of Common Council is asked to agree to amend the constitution of the Corporate Services Committee so that the ex-officio place currently provided for the Chairman of Policy and Resources may instead be held by either the Chairman or a Deputy Chair of Policy and Resources.

Main Report

Background

1. At its meeting in April 2026, the Court of Common Council resolved to provide the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee with an ex-officio role on the Corporate Services Committee.
2. The arrangement was intended to support a direct governance link between the Policy and Resources Committee and the Corporate Services Committee, given the latter's responsibilities for corporate services, people, pay, reward and organisational matters, which inherently interrelate with much of the work of the former Committee. This was already reflected, to a degree, by the Chair of Corporate Services' ex-officio position on the Policy and Resources Committee, and it was felt that reciprocal arrangements would be beneficial.

Current Position

3. At its meeting on 1 July 2026, the Corporate Services Committee considered the constitution of one of its key sub-committees, the Senior Remuneration Sub-Committee. In determining the new arrangements, the Committee observed that including the Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources as an ex-officio Member of that Sub-Committee would be particularly beneficial in providing them with

visibility and involvement of key issues prior to coming into office as Chair, or supporting continuity of knowledge after stepping down as Chair, as well as strengthening a more coordinated and corporate approach to decision-making in this area.

4. Following that meeting, the Chairs of Corporate Services and Policy and Resources reflected that it would be helpful to allow for a similar type of arrangement with respect to the ex-officio position for the Policy Chairman on the Corporate Services Committee. This provision is increasingly the norm with respect to ex-officio arrangements on Corporation committees, in allowing for flexibility in managing the competing demands of roles whilst supporting connectivity between committees.

5. This modest change would provide greater continuity of representation, ensuring that the Policy and Resources Committee can continue to be represented even where the Chairman is unavailable or where it is more appropriate for a Deputy Chair to attend.

6. The proposed approach is also consistent with the Corporate Services Committee's decision to appoint the Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources to the Senior Remuneration Sub-Committee.

7. At its meeting on 9 July 2026, the Policy and Resources Committee, as the body responsible for governance, agreed to recommend to the Court that the provision for the Policy Chairman's ex-officio position on the Corporate Services Committee be adjusted so that the ex-officio place may be taken by either the Chairman of Policy and Resources or their Deputy Chair (as set out at Appendix 1).

Conclusion

8. The proposed adjustment would provide additional resilience and continuity in the Policy and Resources Committee's representation on the Corporate Services Committee. It would do so through a limited amendment to the existing arrangement and in a manner consistent with related representation on the Senior Remuneration Sub-Committee.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Amendment to the constitution of the Corporate Services Committee

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 9th day of July 2026.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee

Appendix 1

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. **Constitution**

   A Non-Ward Committee consisting of,

   - two Aldermen nominated by the Court of Aldermen
   - 15 Commoners elected by the Court of Common Council at least two of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court the time of their appointment
   - an appointed representative of the Finance Committee
   - Chairman or a Deputy Chair of Policy & Resources Committee (ex-officio)

**Proposed amendment marked in red text and underlined.*