

Finance Committee – 10 May 2016

The Committee considered a report of the Deputy Town Clerk which provided Members with an opportunity to review the Committee reporting arrangements for the Central Criminal Court (CCC). The report advised that the CCC currently reported to the Corporate Asset Sub (Finance) Committee (CASC). The report explained that the CCC did not currently fit naturally within the existing workload of CASC or any other existing Committee, and therefore proposed that a new Committee be created to oversee all aspects of the CCC, for a period of five years. The report advised that this was a particularly important time for the CCC and would, therefore, be an area that would benefit from greater coordination and dedicated attention in terms of Member support and oversight.

The Chairman commented that he agreed that CASC was not appropriate as the main Service Committee for the CCC, and commented that he agreed that there was not currently an entirely relevant Committee to oversee the operations of the CCC. The Committee agreed that this was the case.

The Chairman commented that CASC would continue to have a role in relation to the CCC in scrutinising repairs and maintenance projects, similar to that which CASC currently played for departments such as the Barbican Centre, Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the City of London Police.

The Chairman also commented that he believed that it was not appropriate for the new Committee to be a Grand Committee, and that it would be more appropriately formed as a Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee or the Finance Committee. Members agreed that this would be an appropriate approach, and agreed that this should be suggested to the Policy and Resources Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- a) Notes the report;
- b) Endorses the proposal for the establishment of a new stand-alone Committee for a period of five years, with the composition set out within the report, and asks the Policy Committee to consider whether this Committee should be a Sub-Committee of either Policy and Resources Committee or Finance Committee.

Policy and Resources Committee – 19 May 2016

The Committee considered a report of the Deputy Town Clerk concerning the reporting arrangements for the Central Criminal Court and a proposal to create a new Committee for a period of five years to oversee its work.

The Committee noted the proposal had been considered by both the Finance Committee and the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Aldermen. In view of the limited lifespan of the need for oversight of the Central Criminal Court's work, the Finance Committee had recommended that consideration be given to the it being overseen by a sub-committee of either this Committee or the Finance Committee rather than creating a new Committee. The General Purposes Committee was content with this and also with the composition of the new body, subject to the

Recorder and any Sheriff who was not a Member of the Court of Common Council, not having voting rights.

RESOLVED – That a Central Criminal Court Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee be created for a period of five years to oversee the work of that Court and that its terms of reference and composition be as follows:-

Composition

Two Aldermen nominated by the Court of Aldermen;
Two Members appointed by the Court of Common Council.
One Member appointed by the Policy and Resources Committee;
One Member appointed by the Finance Committee;
the Recorder and Sheriffs at the Central Criminal Court (Ex-officio), with the Recorder and any Sheriff who was not a Member of the Court of Common Council, not having voting rights;

Terms of Reference

For a period of five years, from June 2016 to April 2021, to be responsible for oversight of the management of all matters relating to the Central Criminal Court; there would be no change to the role of the Court of Aldermen in relation to the appointment of the Secondary and Under Sheriff. All matters in relation to the activities and operation of the Shrievalty would be excluded.