

Committee: Policy and Resources	Date: 19 January 2017
Subject: Terms of Reference of the Policy and Resources Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

1. All Committees are required to review their terms of reference on an annual basis. Since they were last considered two changes have been made.
2. Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 introduced provisions for the designation of certain buildings or land as Assets of Community Value (ACV). The legislation allows local community groups to nominate buildings or land as ACVs and requires local authorities, including the City Corporation, to make ACV designations. This emerging area of work now falls within this Committee's remit.
3. In addition, approval has been given to the Policy and Resources Committee overseeing all matters relating to the management of the City's Courts and to the creation of a dedicated Sub-Committee.
4. The Committee's terms of reference has therefore been amended to reflect these new areas of work.

Recommendations

5. It is recommended that the terms of reference of the Committee:-
 - be amended to reflect its responsibility for determining applications for designating land or property as an ACV and for overseeing the management of the City's Courts including the creation of a dedicated sub-committee as set out in the appendix to this report;
 - be submitted to the Court of Common Council for approval in the usual manner.

Main Report

1. As part of the post-implementation review of the changes made to the governance arrangements in 2011 it was agreed that all Committees should review their terms of reference annually. This will enable any proposed changes to be considered in time for the reappointment of Committees by the Court of Common Council.

2. The terms of reference of the Policy and Resources Committee are attached as an appendix to this report for your consideration.
3. Since it was last considered the Committee has become responsible for two new areas of work, the designation of certain buildings or land as an ACV and overseeing all matters relating to the management of the City's Courts, including the creation of a dedicated Sub-Committee.

Asset of Community Value

4. Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 introduced provisions for the designation of certain buildings or land as an ACV. The legislation allows local community groups to nominate buildings or land as ACVs and requires local authorities, including the City Corporation, to make ACV designations. This area of work now falls within this Committee's remit. Whilst it is not possible to anticipate all possible land uses that might be nominated as an ACV, nor provide comprehensive procedures on how each land use might be assessed, guidelines, which also covers the nomination of public houses, have been produced to assist the Committee and applicants with nominations.

Courts Sub-Committee

5. Earlier this year the Committee approved to the creation of a Courts Sub-Committee to enhance activities in this area of work over the next five years. The Sub-Committee's terms of reference has been agreed as follows:-

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, the City of London Magistrates' Court and the Mayor's and City of London Court so far as they concern the City of London Corporation but excluding the appointment of the Secondary and Under Sheriff and matters relating to the Shrievalty.

6. It is therefore suggested that paragraphs (l), (q) and (r) of the Committee's terms of reference are amended to acknowledge Committee's responsibility in relation to ACVs and the creation of the new Sub-Committee. Subject to your views, the terms of reference will be submitted to the April meeting of the Court for approval.

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