

Leaders' Committee

Urgency Report

Item no: 9

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Summary

London Councils' urgency procedure was used to approve:

- Decisions taken following the Meeting of Members of London Councils Executive on 21 June 2022

Recommendations

Leaders' Committee is asked to approve the decisions taken under the urgency procedure.

Decisions Taken following the Executive Meeting held virtually on 21 June 2022

1.0 Summary and Reason for Urgency

The modifications introduced by the emergency Regulations (SI 2020/392), made under section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, 2020 Regulations expired on 6 May 2021 meaning that formal meetings may not take place virtually. This means that in order to participate in discussions and vote on decisions or recommendations, Members must again be present physically at the meeting at which business is considered.

In considering the implication of this in the current circumstances, London Councils' Executive Members agreed on 11 May 2021 that until the legislation is changed, formal committee business is to be dealt with by holding an informal virtual meeting in the first instance to ascertain the general view of a committee or sub-committee with a formal decision to be then taken under delegated authority by way of London Councils' Urgency Procedure

1.1 Items under Urgency Procedure for Executive Meeting on 21 June 2022

Item 3 – Minutes of Executive Meeting held on 1st March 2022

To agree the minutes of Executive held on 1st March 2022

Item 4 – London Councils' Shared Ambitions Milestones

This report outlined proposals for London Councils' Shared Ambitions Milestones for the next 18 months, broken down into six objectives: London's Future, Climate Adaptation and Net Zero, Prevention and the local authority role in Wellbeing, Value Proposition to Boroughs, London's Voice and Organisational Development and Design.

Members were asked to note and approve the suggested shared ambitions milestones.

Item 7: Retrofit London: lead authority arrangements

This report, concerned the Retrofit London project, established by London local authorities to take forward the common ambition of achieving an average Energy Performance Certificate B rating across all London properties by 2030 through a programme of home retrofit.

Members were asked to agree to appoint LB Waltham Forest as the Lead Authority for delivery of the Retrofit London Programme Management Office, subject to (a) a formal agreement with LB Waltham Forest and (b) sufficient London local authorities subscribing to fund these arrangements, all in accordance with the provisions of the London Councils' Governing Agreement dated 13 December 2000

Members were also asked to authorise City of London legal officers to engage with counterparts at LB Waltham Forest regarding the negotiation and drafting of a suitable agreement between the two parties for the purposes of this arrangement.

Item 8 - London Councils Consolidated Pre-Audited Financial Results 2021/22

This report highlighted the pre-audited consolidated financial position for London Councils for the 2021/22 financial year.

As part of the recommendations, members were asked:

- To approve the carry forward request of £286,000 into 2022/23 in respect of the equalities and Covid-19 recovery work (£86,000) and contribution to Health-related partnership working (£200,000)
- To approve the request to earmark £100,000 General Reserves in respect of the unspent provision for health-related partnership work included in 2019/20 budget (paragraph 34)
- To note and approve the setting up of a Shared Ambition Impact fund which officers can draw down during 2022/23, up to a maximum of

£300,000 subject to the maintenance of a sustainable level of reserves

1.2 The urgency was approved by Elected Members on 14 July 2022

2.0 **Recommendation**

Leaders' Committee is asked to note the above decisions taken under the urgency procedure.

Financial Implications for London Councils

There are no financial implications for London Councils.

Legal Implications for London Councils

There are no legal implications for London Councils

Equalities Implications for London Councils

There are no equalities implications for London Councils