

Subject: Re-establishment of the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee

Report to: Budget and Performance Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 25 June 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 The report requests that the Committee appoints Members and substitute Members and elects a Chair to the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee's terms of reference and timetable of meetings are set out in the report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Budget and Performance Committee agrees to re-establish the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee as an ordinary sub-committee for the 2014-15 Assembly year, comprising two Labour Members and two Conservative Members (in accordance with the committee memberships and proportionality agreed at the Assembly's Annual Meeting).**

- 2.2 **That the Budget and Performance Committee agrees the following term of reference for the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee:**

"To consider the quarterly monitoring reports provided by the GLA and its functional bodies as referred to it by the Budget and Performance Committee, and any other reports falling within the terms of reference of the Budget and Performance Committee which that Committee considers appropriate, and to report back its findings to the Budget and Performance Committee as necessary."

- 2.3 **That the Budget and Performance Committee appoints the following Assembly Members to the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee and agrees that all non-appointed Members of the relevant political Groups be appointed as substitute Members for their relevant party Group Members on the Sub-Committee:**

Gareth Bacon AM;

John Biggs AM;

Tom Copley AM; and

Roger Evans AM.

- 2.4 **That the Budget and Performance Committee elects a Chair for the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee for the 2014-15 Assembly year.**

- 2.5 **That the Budget and Performance Committee notes the Sub-Committee's timetable of meetings, as set out in paragraph 4.5.**
- 2.6 **That the Budget and Performance Committee agrees to refer automatically the following reports to the Sub-Committee for the 2014-15 Assembly year:**
- The quarterly monitoring reports provided by the GLA and its functional bodies;**
 - The Mayor's Decision Lists;**
 - Payments above £250;**
 - Treasury Management Strategy; and**
 - Fees and Charges.**
- 2.7 **That the Committee refer to the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee for scrutiny the delegations to officers concerning financial transactions in the Scheme of Delegation of Mayoral Functions of the Greater London Authority.**

3. Background

- 3.1 At its Annual Meeting on 14 May 2014, the Assembly agreed in principle for the Budget and Performance Committee to re-establish the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee. The Budget and Performance Committee is now asked to re-establish and agree the detailed arrangements for the Sub-Committee.

4. Issues for Consideration

Membership and Chairing Arrangements

- 4.1 In accordance with the political proportionality agreed at the Assembly's Annual Meeting on 14 May 2014, the Sub-Committee should be comprised of two Members of the Labour Group and two Members of the GLA Conservatives, with the membership to be proposed and agreed by the Committee.
- 4.2 The Committee is also asked to elect a Chair (and Deputy Chair if considered necessary) of the Sub-Committee.

Substitute Members

- 4.3 To ensure that the Sub-Committee's business may still be transacted in the absence any of its Members, it is suggested that all non-appointed Members of each political Group represented on the Sub-Committee be appointed as substitute Members for their relevant party Group Committee Members on the Sub-Committee.

Timetable of Meetings

- 4.4 The Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday 16 July 2014 at 2.30pm
Tuesday 21 October 2014 at 3.30pm
Wednesday 17 December 2014 at 2.30pm
Tuesday 24 March 2015 at 3.30pm

Term of Reference

4.5 In accordance with the Assembly's resolution of 14 May 2014, the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee is to be re-established with the following term of reference:

"To consider the quarterly monitoring reports provided by the GLA and its functional bodies as referred to it by the Budget and Performance Committee, and any other reports falling within the terms of reference of the Budget and Performance Committee which that Committee considers appropriate, and to report back its findings to the Budget and Performance Committee as necessary."

4.6 As in previous years, it is proposed that the Committee agrees to refer automatically the following reports to the Sub-Committee for the 2014/15 Assembly year, noting that this does not prevent the Budget and Performance Committee considering the information should it wish to do so:

- The quarterly monitoring reports provided by the GLA and its functional bodies;
- The Mayor's Decision Lists;
- Payments above £250;
- The GLA Treasury Management Strategy; and
- Fees and Charges.

4.7 At its meeting on 14 May 2014, the Assembly also resolved "That the Scheme of Delegation of Mayoral Functions of the Greater London Authority be referred to the Budget and Performance Committee for scrutiny of the delegations to officers concerning financial transactions." It is proposed that the Committee refer this matter to the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee for scrutiny.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no relevant financial implications arising directly from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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