

### **Finance Committee**

Date: WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014

Time: 1.45 pm

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOMS - WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members: Roger Chadwick (Chairman) Deputy Robert Howard

Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman) Wendy Hyde

George Abrahams Jamie Ingham Clark

Randall Anderson Clare James

Deputy John Barker Alderman Vincent Keaveny

Nicholas Bensted-Smith Deputy Alastair King
Christopher Boden Gregory Lawrence
Alderman Charles Bowman Oliver Lodge
Nigel Challis Robert Merrett

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Deputy John Chapman Deputy Henry Pollard

Simon Duckworth John Scott
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi Ian Seaton

John Fletcher Sir Michael Snyder
Stuart Fraser David Thompson

Lucy Frew Deputy John Tomlinson
Alderman John Carbutt

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Philip Weedbourg

Alderman John Garbutt Philip Woodhouse
Brian Harris Deputy Douglas Barrow (

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Alderman Peter Hewitt Mark Boleat (Ex-Officio Member)

Tom Hoffman Deputy Michael Cassidy (Ex-Officio Member)

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Lunch will be served in Guildhall Club at 1PM

John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

#### **AGENDA**

#### Part 1 - Public Agenda

- 1. **APOLOGIES**
- 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 27 May 2014.

For Decision (Pages 1 - 10)

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS** Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information (Pages 11 - 12)

5. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

To receive the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 27 May 2014.

For Information (Pages 13 - 16)

6. **COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS FOR EMPTY PROPERTIES** Report of the Chamberlain.

For Decision (Pages 17 - 20)

- 7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE
- 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT
- 9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION - That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

**For Decision** 

#### Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

#### 10. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2014.

**For Decision** 

(Pages 21 - 26)

## 11. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS - NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information

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#### 12. GRESHAM COLLEGE 'FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS' 2014-2019

Report of the Chamberlain.

**For Decision** 

(Pages 29 - 38)

#### 13. FORMER TENANTS RENT ARREARS WRITE OFFS

Report of the Comptroller and City Solicitor.

**For Decision** 

(Pages 39 - 44)

#### 14. PROVISION FOR BAD DEBTS

Report of the Chamberlain.

**For Decision** 

(Pages 45 - 50)

#### 15. CITY FUND HIGHWAY DISPOSAL - FORE STREET - ECT

Report of the City Surveyor.

For Decision

(Pages 51 - 58)

## 16. CROSSRAIL PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY REVIEW AND PROGRESS TOWARDS ASSET REALISATION

Joint report of the Chamberlain and the City Surveyor.

For Decision

(Pages 59 - 76)

## 17. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

# 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED