

HOUSING MANAGEMENT AND ALMSHOUSES SUB (COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES) COMMITTEE
Thursday, 11 July 2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub (Community and Children's Services) Committee held at Committee Rooms, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 11 July 2013 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Billy Dove
Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines
Gareth Moore
Adam Richardson
Virginia Rounding
Revd Dr Martin Dudley (Ex-Officio Member) (In the Chair)
Angela Starling (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Jacky Compton	- Committee & Member Services Officer
Ade Adetosoye	- Director of Community & Children's Services
David Bacon	- Chamberlain's Department
Jacquie Campbell	- Community & Children's Services Dept
Sandra Brown	- Community & Children's Services Dept
Elizabeth Donnelly	- Community & Children's Services Dept
Mike Kettle	- Community & Children's Services Dept
Eddie Stevens	- Community & Children's Services Dept

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Alderman David Graves and Deputy Henry Jones.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Members proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29. A list of Members eligible to serve was read by the Town Clerk and one Member, Deputy Billy Dove, expressed his willingness to serve.

RESOLVED – That Deputy Billy Dove be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, Deputy Billy Dove took the Chair.

The Chairman welcomed Adam Richardson to his first meeting of the Sub Committee.

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30. A list of Members eligible to serve was read by the Town Clerk and reported that one Member, Virginia Rounding, had expressed her willingness to serve.

RESOLVED – That Virginia Rounding be elected Deputy Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

5. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Sub Committee received the Terms of Reference, as agreed at the May 2013 meeting of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

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6. **MINUTES**

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 31 January 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Assaults on Housing Officers (page 6) – In answer to question, the Head of Housing Management advised that a lot of work had been carried out on the number of assaults on Housing Officers, and stated that although there had been no further assaults, there had been a couple of near misses. She advised that an update report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

Golden Lane Estate Curtain Walling (page 4) – the Housing Services Director advised that an update report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

7. **ALLOCATED MEMBERS SCHEME**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services relating to an update on the Allocated Members Scheme, which was introduced in 2000 to encourage Members to take an active interest in the management of the City's 11 social housing estates.

The Chairman of the City Bridge Trust Committee advised that City Bridge Trust officers share the schedule of visits to various places with Members of the Committee. The Chairman stated that perhaps a similar thing could take place with the City's various Housing Estates and Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED: That Members –

- Note the guidelines attached at Appendix 1 to the report; and
- Agree the preferred option for the number of Allocated Member posts, as set out in 3.2 (b) of the report.

8. **ANNUAL REPORT FOR TENANTS 2013**

The Sub Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services relating to the Annual Report for Tenants.

The Housing Services Director stated that a report on Gas Servicing would be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub Committee.

The Head of Housing Management informed Members that she had spoken with Tenants about the format of the Annual Report and she was advised by Tenants that in future they would only like to see a summary of the Annual Report rather than a full glossary of the report.

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9. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no urgent items.

11. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:- That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act as follows:-

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Exempt Paragraphs</u>
12-17	3

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

13. **CITY OF LONDON ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services relating to an update on the City of London Almshouses.

14. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The Sub Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services relating to Affordable Housing Development.

15. **PROJECT PROPOSAL - ISLINGTON ART FACTORY**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services relating to a project proposal for the Islington Arts Factory.

16. **PROJECT PROPOSAL - RICHARD CLOUDESLEY SCHOOLS**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services relating to a project proposal for Richard Cloudesley Schools.

17. **PROJECT PROPOSAL - SUMNER BUILDINGS**

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services relating to a project proposal for Sumner Buildings.

18. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

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

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 2.55 pm

Chairman

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