

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Thursday, 16 July 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at Committee Rooms,
2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 16 July 2015 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman)
Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Deputy Chairman)
Hugh Morris (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Douglas Barrow
Deputy John Bennett
Alderman Charles Bowman
Roger Chadwick (Ex-Officio Member)
Henry Colthurst
Simon Duckworth
Alderman The Lord Mountevans
Stuart Fraser
Marianne Fredericks
George Gillon
Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines (Ex-Officio Member)
Alderman Sir David Howard
Wendy Hyde
Vivienne Littlechild (Ex-Officio Member)
Edward Lord
Wendy Mead
Deputy Joyce Nash
Dhruv Patel (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Jeremy Simons
Sir Michael Snyder
Deputy John Tomlinson
Michael Welbank (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

John Barradell	Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Simon Murrells	Assistant Town Clerk
Tony Halmos	Director of Public Relations
Damian Nussbaum	Director of Economic Development
Alistair MacLellan	Town Clerk's Department
Emma Sawers	Town Clerk's Department
Peter Kane	The Chamberlain
Caroline al-Beyerty	Financial Services Director
Michael Cogher	Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Double	City Remembrancer
Nigel Lefton	Office of the City Remembrancer
Peter Bennett	City Surveyor
William Chapman	Private Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Lord Mayor

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Deputy Alex Deane, Deputy Billy Dove and Deputy Alastair Moss.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

3a. The minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2015 were approved as a correct record.

3b. The minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub Committee held on 16 June 2015 were received.

3c. The minutes of the meeting of the Review of Outside Bodies Working Party were received. In response to a question from a member about appointments by the Court of Aldermen, the Chairman noted that the working party was conducting an information gathering exercise and that any decision on the City Corporation's outside bodies would be made by the appropriate committee in the usual way.

4. **KING'S COLLEGE SPONSORSHIP OF THE KING'S COMMISSION ON LONDON**

The Director of Public Relations withdrew from the room for this item.

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk on sponsorship of the King's Commission on London.

RESOLVED, that

- Sponsorship of £50,000 per annum for two years be approved to the *King's Commission on London*, at King's College London, from the Policy Initiatives Fund for 2015/16 and 2016/17 respectively, allocated to the *Research* section of the Fund, and charged to City's Cash.

5. **PROMOTION OF A CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION (OPEN SPACES) BILL**

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer on the promotion of a City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill.

RESOLVED, that

- It be recommended to the Court of Common Council that authority be given to promote a City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill in order to seek the legislative changes set out in the report.

6. **CHARGES FOR FILMING IN THE CITY**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Relations regarding charges for filming in the City. In response to comments from members, the Director of Public Relations confirmed that staff sought to manage filming as closely as possible and that the proposed charges were intended to be competitive with the City's peers.

RESOLVED, that

The increases in administration charges by the Film Team for managing filming requests, as set out in the report, be approved.

7. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS - CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The Committee received a joint report of the Town Clerk and the Comptroller & City Solicitor regarding co-opted members' declarations.

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8. TOWN CLERK'S BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

The Committee received an update report of the Town Clerk on the Town Clerk's Business Plan.

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9. REVENUE OUTTURN 2014/15

The Committee received a joint report of the Town Clerk, Chamberlain and Remembrancer on the revenue outturn for 2014/15.

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10. POLICY INITIATIVES FUND

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain on the Policy Initiatives Fund.

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11. FINTECH SECTOR UPDATE AND SPONSORSHIP OF INNOVATE FINANCE

The Committee received a report of the Director of Economic Development on the Fintech sector and sponsorship for Innovate Finance. In response to a question from a member the Chairman replied that fintech sector development was low key but encouraging, noting that it had been the subject of a recent high profile event at Guildhall.

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12. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE ACTIVITIES

The Committee received a report of the Director of Public Relations on recent Public Relations Office activities.

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13. APPOINTMENT OF CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION GOVERNOR TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE MUSEUM OF LONDON

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk on the appointment of a City of London Corporation Governor to the Museum of London.

RESOLVED, that

- Sir Steve Bullock be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London for a two-year term expiring 15 July 2017.

14. **BARRIERS TO STANDING FOR COMMON COUNCIL - INFORMAL MEETING OF RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE DISCUSSION PAPER**

The Committee received a discussion paper regarding standing for election to Common Council that had been submitted to the informal meetings of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee on 19 and 20 June 2015.

A member noted that the time commitment for attending committee meetings of 40 hours per year was an underestimate. Moreover he felt that the City Corporation was falling short in terms of the diversity of the Court of Common Council, an issue that could be addressed by communicating more information more clearly into local communities. Another member agreed that the Common Council needed to reflect its electorate and therefore more outreach should be conducted with City businesses.

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

There were no questions.

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

Policy Dinner 15 July 2015

Members provided feedback on the Policy Committee Dinner held on 15 July. Given the attendance of two European Commissioners the dinner was considered to have been very successful. A range of views were given on the dress code of lounge suits but generally this was thought to be appropriate given the 'policy' nature of the dinner.

17. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

18. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

18a. The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2015 were approved as a correct record.

18b. The non-public minutes of the meeting of the Projects Sub Committee held on 16 June 2015 were received.

18c. The draft non-public minutes of the meeting of the Hospitality Working Party held on 17 June 2015 were received.

19. **INFORMAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered the draft notes, discussion papers and recommendations of the informal Resource Allocation Sub Committee meetings held on 19 and 20 June 2015.

20. **LORD MAYOR'S STATE COACH**

The Committee considered some public relations implications around the restoration of the Lord Mayor's State Coach, to mark the 800th Lord Mayor's Show.

21. **ACADEMY EXPANSION PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a resolution of the Education Board regarding the City of London Corporation's interim policy for assessing opportunities for academy expansion.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 2.40 pm

Chairman

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