

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 9 October 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Simon Duckworth (Chairman)	Alderman Ian Luder
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson (Deputy Chairman)	Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi	Wendy Mead
George Gillon	John Scott
Tom Hoffman	Ian Seaton

Officers:

Philippa Sewell	- Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Alan Bennetts	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Colin Wilcox	- City Surveyor's Department
Jacqueline Whitmore	- Community & Children's Services
Jo Wisdom	- Guildhall Library

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Lord Mayor Alderman Alan Yarrow and Deputy Brian Harris.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 15th May 2015 be approved as a correct record.

4. THE GRESHAM MUSIC COLLECTION AT GUILDHALL LIBRARY

The Committee welcomed Jo Wisdom from the Guildhall Library to the meeting, and considered the report which sought Members' blessing regarding a proposal to conserve and catalogue the Gresham Music Collection. In response to Members' questions, Mr Wisdom advised that there were approximately 350 volumes in the collection, with the average cost for conserving a single volume being in the region of £300. It was noted that multiple possible funding sources had been identified, but that it was unlikely this Committee would be in a position to offer financial assistance.

RESOLVED – That

(a) the Gresham (City Side) Committee give their blessing to the project;

- (b) further work be carried out regarding the ownership of the Gresham Music Collection; and
- (c) a visit to the Gresham Music Collection be arranged for Gresham (City Side) Members.

5. **CITY OF LONDON GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services regarding the Gresham Almshouses. Members discussed the report, and noted the change of name for the post of Matron to Almshouses Manager. In response to Members' queries, the Sheltered Housing Manager reported that the Almshouses Manager had basic first aid training, the Japanese knotweed had been removed under a previous guarantee, and that the specification for works on No. 3, Gresham Almshouses, which was currently vacant, had been issued and work was anticipated to be completed before Christmas.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. **GRESHAM CHARITY - RISK REGISTER**

The Committee received a joint report of the Town Clerk, Chamberlain and Director of Community & Children's Services. In response to a question from the Chairman, the Chamberlain confirmed that the risks had been both considered and agreed by the Risk Owners.

RESOLVED – That the register satisfactorily sets out the risks faced by the charity, and appropriate measures are in place to mitigate those risks.

7. **REVENUE OUTTURN - 2014/15**

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of Community & Children's Services regarding the final budget and the revenue outturn for 2014/15. Members noted that the funding for Gresham Biography would come from the City's Cash Contingency, but would be transferred to this Committee's budget before being paid to the College.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. **REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 AND 2016/17**

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of Community & Children's Services regarding the revenue budget for 2015/16 and 2016/17. Members noted that the movement between 2015/16 original and 2016/17 proposed budget was principally due to a reduction in City Moiety rental income due to a one-off receipt which was originally included in the 2015/16 estimate.

RESOLVED – That the latest 2015/16 and provisional 2016/17 revenue budgets be approved for submission to the Finance Committee.

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

There were no questions.

10. **ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

There was no other business.

11. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that the involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item Nos.	Exempt Paragraph(s)
12-13	3
14-15	-

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2015 be approved as a correct record.

13. **JOINT GRAND GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION**

The Committee considered the various items on the agenda for the meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee that day.

14. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 12.50 pm

Chairman

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