



## Freedom Applications Committee

**Date:** THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2015

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOM - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

**Members:** Sir David Howard Bt MA DSc (Alderman) William Harry Dove OBE, Deputy (Chief Commoner)  
Mark Boleat (Chairman, Policy & Resources Committee) Hugh Fenton Morris  
Sir David Hugh Wootton (Alderman)

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**John Barradell**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

# AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

3. **MINUTES**

To approve the public minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 1 - 2)

4. **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman pursuant to Standing Order 29.

**For Decision**

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

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

7. **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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

| Item No. | Paragraph No. |
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| 8 & 9    | 3             |
| 10       | 1             |

**For Decision**

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the non-public minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 3 - 6)

9. **GUIDANCE FOR MEMBERS**

A joint report of the Town Clerk and the Chamberlain seeking the Committee's views on the terms of some guidance for elected Members in respect of the new arrangements for the Freedom agreed by the Court on 5 March 2015.

The purpose of the guidance is to explain to Members the new processes and, particularly, the arrangements that are now in place for Freedoms by Special Nomination.

A copy of the draft guidance is attached at Appendix A and a copy of the Committee's report to the Court in March is attached at Appendix B, for information.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 7 - 18)

10. **FREEDOM BY SPECIAL NOMINATION**

Appendix A to the report of the Town Clerk has been produced by the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee in order to provide examples of the sort of people who should be considered for the Freedom by Special Nomination.

The list, which is not exhaustive, reflects the main criterion to being granted the Freedom via this route, that being the provision of services to the City of London above and beyond the call of duty. This list also reflects references in the report to the Court of Common to an individual's "... significant contribution in support of the City of London Corporation's aims and objectives and the cultural, political and diplomatic life of the capital".

**For Decision**  
(Pages 19 - 22)

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

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