



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 11th 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.

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For Decision

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

To approve the non-public minutes of the last meeting held on 11th 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A copy of the draft guidance is attached at Appendix A and a copy of the Committee's report to the Court in March is attached at Appendix B, for information.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
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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**

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FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE Thursday, 11 December 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at Committee Room 4 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 11 December 2014 at 3pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Douglas Barrow
Deputy John Bennett
Mark Boleat
Alderman Sir David Howard

Officers:

Peter Kane	The Chamberlain
Paul Double	City Remembrancer
Simon Murrells	Assistant Town Clerk
Angela Roach	Principal Committee and Members Services Manager

1. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Alderman Sir David Wootton.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman and Alderman Sir David Howard being the only Member expressing willingness to serve was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year and took the Chair.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no urgent items.

6. **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.

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7. **THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LONDON**

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the Chamberlain concerning the future development of the Freedom process.

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

There were no questions.

9. **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 3.25pm

Chairman

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