

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 10 February 2017

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 Professor Michael Mainelli
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson (Deputy Chairman)	Wendy Mead
Deputy John Bennett	John Scott
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi	Ian Seaton
Tom Hoffman	

Officers:

Philippa Sewell	-	Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	-	Chamberlain's Department
Kirpal Kaur	-	Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Jacqueline Whitmore	-	Community & Children's Services Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Ian Luder 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 21 October 2016 be approved as a correct record.

4. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members received a report of the Town Clerk setting out the Terms of Reference for the Committee. The Chairman advised that these were unaffected by the governance suggestions outlined elsewhere in the agenda.

RESOLVED – That the Committee approves the Terms of Reference of the Gresham (City Side) Committee for submission to the Court of Common Council.

5. GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services regarding the Gresham Almshouses. With regard to the two-year improvement plan, officers advised that new members of staff had been

appointed and would be visiting the Gresham and City of London Almshouses next week to review all the work that needed to be completed. Members noted that the electronic plan would be available in the next 6-8 weeks and that, owing to works undertaken while properties had been vacant, some of the previously anticipated costs would be reduced.

With regards to the residents, Members noted that morale had improved over Christmas with the hampers and Christmas party being very successful. In response to a Member's question, officers advised that the Will of Sir Thomas Gresham obliged the City of London Corporation to "place and put eight poore and Ympotent persons" into the eight Gresham Almshouses. As such, vacancies were advertised on all social housing estates within the square mile and, if no suitable applications were received, officers approached residents in the City of London Almshouses who had expressed interest in moving.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and the electronic two-year improvement plan be circulated as soon as it was available.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

8. **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 they 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)
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9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2016 be approved as a correct record.

10. **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.

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

There were no questions.

12. **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 12.40 pm

Chairman

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