

## **COURTS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 10 December 2018**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Courts Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.00 am**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chairman)	Alderman & Sheriff Vincent Keaveny
Alderman Sir David Wootton (Deputy Chairman)	Deputy Edward Lord James de Sausmarez
Alderman Alison Gowman	John Scott (Chief Commoner)
Alderman Timothy Hailes	
Michael Hudson	

#### **Officers:**

Vic Annells	- Executive Director, Mansion House & CCC
Adam Rout	- Head of Operations, Mansion House & CCC
Alison Bunn	- City Surveyor's Department
Richard Chamberlain	- City Surveyor's Department
Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Nicholas Bensted-Smith and Nicholas Hilliard QC.

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

Deputy Edward Lord declared a standing non-pecuniary interest, stating that he served as a JP sitting in the City's Courts and was Deputy Chairman of the Central London Bench. Alderman Sir David Wootton, Alderman Gowman and Alderman Hailes also made standing declarations stating that they were JPs sitting in the City's Courts.

#### **3. MINUTES**

The Sub-Committee considered and approved the minutes of the last meeting, held on 15 October 2018.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Gowns Replacement** – The Town Clerk reported that she had contacted the Remembrancer regarding progress on the repair of the gowns at both the Central Criminal Court and the Magistrates' Court as these repairs had not been undertaken in the Summer as previously reported.

The Sub-Committee requested that an update on progress be sent to all via email as soon as possible.

A Member clarified that the costs associated with this were in the region of £800 and £1,000 *per gown*.

A Member warned that the Magistrates would soon refuse to wear the gowns if the state of them continued to deteriorate which would result in the loss of centuries of City tradition here.

In response to a question, it was clarified that there were approximately 40 gowns in total that required repair.

**4. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk that summarised the outstanding actions from previous meetings.

**OR1 – Tour of the Mayor’s and City of London Court**

The Chairman reported that the tour had taken place earlier this morning and was a useful visit for the Sub-Committee. This reference could now therefore be removed from the list.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no additional, urgent items of business for consideration.

**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 items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

**Item No.**

**Paragraph No(s).**

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**8. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the last meeting, held on 15 October 2018 were considered and approved as a correct record.

**9. NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk that summarised the non-public outstanding actions from previous meetings.

**10. COURT ESTATE PRE-DISPOSAL**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the City Surveyor updating them on progress around the Court Estate Pre-Disposal since their last meeting.

**11. COURTS PROJECT PROGRAMME**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the City Surveyor updating Members on the Courts Project Programme.

12. **FIRE SAFETY UPDATE**

The Head of Operations, Mansion House and Central Criminal Court was heard.

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

There were no questions in the non-public session.

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

There were no additional, urgent items of business for consideration in the non-public session.

**The meeting closed at 10.50 am**

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Chairman

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