

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 25 May 2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Room 2 - Committee Rooms on Friday, 25 May 2012 at 12.00pm

Present

Members:

Deputy John Barker	Alderman Robert Hall
Simon Duckworth	Tom Hoffman
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi	Deputy John Owen-Ward
Deputy Robin Eve	Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

Officers:

Gemma Goulding	- Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Alan Bennetts	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Andrew Wild	- City Surveyor's Department
Katherine Bowen	- Community and Children's Services Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Sir Robert Finch, Sheriff Wendy Mead and Brian Harris.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Mr Hoffman and Deputy Owen-Ward, both Members of the City of London's Planning and Transportation Committee declared an interest in matters relating to the provision of tables and chairs outside the Royal Exchange which was to be covered as a 'matter arising'.

3. ORDER OF COMMON COUNCIL (19 APRIL 2012)

Members received the Order of the Court of Common Council, 19 April 2012, appointing the Committee for 2012/13 and setting its Terms of Reference.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that, under Standing Order No. 29. (3) (b) members of this Committee were permitted to be Chairman of more than one Committee (Ward or Non-Ward) and went on to read a list of those Members eligible to stand. Tom Hoffman, being the only Member expressing a willingness to serve as Chairman, was duly elected for the ensuing year and took the Chair.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30.

The Town Clerk read a list of those Governors eligible to stand and Simon Duckworth, being the only Member expressing a willingness to serve as Deputy Chairman, was duly elected for the ensuing year.

6. **MINUTES**

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 3 February 2012 were approved and agreed as a correct record.

7. **GRESHAM WORKING PARTY REPRESENTATIVES**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk relative to the Terms of Reference for the Gresham Working Party and the appointment of four City Side representatives for the ensuing year.

The Town Clerk reported that five Members had expressed a willingness to serve on the Gresham Working Party and that, with just four places available, a ballot would therefore be necessary.

Deputy Eskenzi stated that he would like to seek the leave of the Committee to withdraw from the ballot at this stage.

RESOLVED – That:

(a) the Terms of Reference of the Gresham Working Party be noted;

(b) the following four representatives be appointed to represent the City Side on the Gresham Working Party for the ensuing year:

Tom Hoffman, Chairman
Simon Duckworth, Deputy Chairman
Alderman Sir Robert Finch
Brian Harris

(c) the delegated authority procedures detailed in the report in relation to the Working Party be endorsed.

8. **GRESHAM COLLEGE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk relative to the appointment of four representatives on the Gresham College Council for the next four years.

The Town Clerk reported that that five Members had expressed a willingness to serve and that, with only four places available, a ballot would therefore be necessary.

A ballot having been taken, votes were cast as follows:-

Deputy John Barker	2 votes
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi	5 votes
Deputy Robin Eve	5 votes
Tom Hoffman	6 votes
Simon Duckworth	5 votes

RESOLVED – That, Deputy Anthony Eskenzi, Deputy Robin Eve, Tom Hoffman (Chairman) and Simon Duckworth (Deputy Chairman) be appointed onto the Gresham College Council for four-year terms which will commence on 31 August 2012 and expire in August 2016. It was also approved that the City's 'Voting Member' should be its Chairman or, in the Chairman's absence, the Deputy Chairman or such other Member of the City Side as may be nominated by the Committee.

9. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

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

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

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 they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act:-

<u>Item Nos. Paragraphs</u>	<u>Exemption</u>
12	2 & 3
13	1
14	1
15	1 & 3
16	-
17	-

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2012 were approved and agreed as a correct record.

13. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Town Clerk reported action taken under Delegated Authority relative to the appointment of Gresham Professors of Divinity and Geometry.

RECEIVED.

14. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES - DETAILS OF PRESENT OCCUPANTS**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services providing details of the present financial and personal circumstances of each occupant at the Gresham Almshouses.

RECEIVED.

15. **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.

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

There were no questions raised in the non-public session.

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

A Member raised a query relative to this Committee's status as a 'Grand Committee'.

The meeting ended at 12.35pm

Chairman

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