

COURTS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Monday, 15 October 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Courts Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

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| Alderman Sir David Wootton (Deputy Chairman) | Michael Hudson |
| Nicholas Bensted-Smith | Alderman & Sheriff Vincent Keaveny |
| Simon Duckworth (Ex-Officio Member) | Deputy Edward Lord |
| Alderman Alison Gowman | James de Sausmarez |
| Sheriff The Hon Elizabeth Green | John Scott (Chief Commoner) |
| Nicholas Hilliard | |

Officers:

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| George Fraser | - Town Clerk's Department |
| Richard Chamberlain | - City Surveyor's Department |
| Jessica Lees | - City Surveyor's Department |
| Vic Annells | - Executive Director, Mansion House & CCC |
| Adam Rout | - Head of Operations, Mansion House & CCC |

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deputy Catherine McGuinness and Alderman Timothy Hailes.

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

Deputy Edward Lord declared a 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 and Alderman Alison Gowman declared that they were JPs sitting in the City's Courts.

3. MINUTES

The Sub-Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting, held on 11 June 2018.

RESOLVED – That the minutes be approved.

4. OUTSTANDING REFERENCES

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

OR1 – Gowns Replacement

The Head of Operations at Mansion House explained that the gowns at both the Central Criminal Court and the Magistrates' Court had been repaired over the course of the summer. He explained that the cost of producing new gowns was between £800 and £1,000.

He explained that whilst it was agreed that Mansion House had responsibility for those at the Central Criminal Court, ownership and responsibility of those at the Magistrates' Court still required clarifying. He suggested that Members come to a decision as to attributing a particular chief officer in this regard. Members agreed that this should be the responsibility of the Remembrancer.

A Member asked if the Aldermanic Gowns would fall under this responsibility also. It was confirmed that these had recently been maintained and cleaned at cost to Mansion House. It was noted that the cost of producing new Aldermanic Gowns was as much as £1,500.

OR2 – Tour of the Mayor's and City of London Court

It was noted that the Tour of the Court scheduled to take place prior to the meeting had been cancelled at the last minutes due to a lighting issue occurring in the building. It was requested that this be rescheduled. (1)

RESOLVED –

- i. That the report be received.
- ii. That the Remembrancer be given responsibility for maintaining the judges' gowns at the Magistrates' Court.
- iii. That a new date for the Tour of the Mayor's and City of London Court be determined.

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 was no urgent business.

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 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item No.
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Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
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The meeting closed at 12.17 pm

Chairman

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