

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 4 May 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 4 May 2018 at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Dr Giles Shilson (Chairman)
Christopher Hayward (Deputy Chairman)
Simon Duckworth
Deputy Tom Hoffman
Deputy Edward Lord
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Wendy Mead
John Scott (Chief Commoner)

In Attendance

Officers:

Gregory Moore	- Town Clerk's Department
Sacha Than	- Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Kirpal Kaur	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Tom Leathart	- City Surveyor's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Charles Bowman, John Bennett, Nicholas Bensted-Smith and Alderman Ian Luder.

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

There were no declarations.

3. ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

The Committee received an Order of the Court of Common Council of 19 April 2018 appointing the Committee and approving 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 read a list of Members eligible to stand and Dr Giles Shilson, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

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 Members eligible to stand and Christopher Hayward, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Deputy Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 23 February 2018 be approved as a correct record.

7. **GRESHAM WORKING PARTY REPRESENTATIVES**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk regarding annual appointments to the Gresham Working Party.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- note the Terms of Reference of the Gresham Working Party;
- approve the re-appointment of Simon Duckworth, Christopher Hayward, Deputy Edward Lord, and Alderman Ian Luder to the Working Party; and
- endorse the delegated authority procedures in accordance with Standing Order No. 41.

8. **GRESHAM COLLEGE COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk regarding appointments to the Gresham College Council.

The Committee noted that, at the Gresham College Council's Extraordinary General Meeting of 19 April 2018, it had been agreed that the Articles of Association should be amended to allow Members of the Council to serve an additional two years.

RESOLVED – That Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Tom Hoffman, John Scott, and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson be reappointed to the Gresham College Council.

9. **GRESHAM MUSIC COLLECTION CONSERVATION**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk regarding appointments to the Gresham College Council.

The Committee noted that, at the Gresham College Council's Extraordinary General Meeting of 19 April 2018, it had been agreed that the Articles of Association should be amended to allow Members of the Council to serve an additional two years.

RESOLVED – That Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Tom Hoffman, John Scott, and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson be reappointed to the Gresham College Council.

10. **PROPERTY UPDATE**

The City Surveyor provided the Committee with an oral update in respect of recent property activities; the City Surveyor advised that Fortnum and Mason

had signed a lease for the ground floor of the Royal Exchange and a planning application had been made to make changes to the flooring.

The Committee noted that footfall had previously been an issue for the Royal Exchange and observed that the arrival of Fortnum and Mason was expected to provide an increased draw to potential customers. It was suggested that digital signage could be utilised to encourage visitors and increased footfall to the building, as well as advertising forthcoming Gresham College lectures. The Chairman observed that the screens and digital signage used at the Barbican Centre might provide a useful example of the type of technology which could be utilised.

A Member noted that, at a previous meeting of the Committee, a request had been made for improved lighting within the Royal Exchange to facilitate better visibility of the murals within the building and asked if there had been any progress on this matter. The Deputy Chairman explained that Oxford Properties had agreed not to take this forward due to the complexity of the project.

RESOLVED – That the Committee note the update.

11. **REPORT OF DECISIONS MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk detailing two decisions taken since the last meeting to appoint a Professor of Music and a Professor of Divinity to Gresham College.

The Chairman explained that all Members of the Committee were eligible to sit on the College's Professorship Panels and encouraged Members to take part. It was noted that there had been difficulties in recruiting Members to the Panels and it was suggested that the College notify all Members of the City Side Committee when opportunities arose.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

14. **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.
15,16

Exempt Paragraph(s)
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15. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2018 be approved as a correct record.
16. **GRESHAM COLLEGE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**
The Committee considered the proposed funding arrangements for Gresham College.
17. **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.
18. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
19. **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 ended at 10.48 am

Chairman

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