

Committee	Date:
Gresham (City Side) Committee	17 May 2019
Subject: Gresham College Council Appointments	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

This report asks Members to consider the appointment of representatives on the Gresham College Council. Representatives to the College Council were last appointed in November 2017 with the decision endorsed at the May 2018 Gresham (City Side) Committee. You are therefore asked to confirm that you are content to approve the continuation of those Members serving on the College Council for the ensuing year.

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider the appointment of representatives onto the Gresham College Council.

Main Report

Gresham College Council – Appointments

1. The Gresham College Council meets approximately five times a year to approve financial matters relating to the academic programme that is proposed to it by the College's Academic Board.
2. The Mercers' and the City Side can each appoint up to four Directors to the Council of the Gresham College for a four-year term. The Council itself can then also appoint further Directors.

Background

3. The Court of Common Council agreed that City Side appointments to the College Council should be Members of the Court. Although they do not necessarily need to be members of the Committee, this has previously been the case.
4. At its November 2018 meeting, the Gresham (City Side) Committee agreed to prevent potential conflicts of interest for Members serving on both the College Council and the Gresham Working Party (who were negotiating funding arrangements for the College). A division should be made with Members only serving on either the Gresham Working Party or the Gresham College Council.

5. It was further agreed that all City-Side Committee Members were eligible to serve on the College’s appointment and interview panels.

Current Position

		Appointed	Term length	End dates
John	Scott	2016	4 years Remainder of term 1 year	2020
Giles	Shilson	2014 2018	4 years served 4 years Remainder of term 3 years	2016 2022
Tom	Hoffman	2009 2012 2016 2017 2018 2019	3 years served 4 years served 1 year served 1 year served 1 year extension served Final 1 year extension	2012 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020
Nicholas	Bensted-Smith	2017	4 years Remainder of term 2 years	2021

6. The revised Articles provide that each Director, including all serving at the date of adoption of the Articles (i.e. 31 August 2004) shall be appointed for a term of four years (“first term”), and can then be re-appointed for a further four years at the discretion of the Mercers’ or the City Side, as the case may be, subject only to where a Director reaches the age of 75 years, he or she can only complete their term of office if approved by the Gresham College Council on an annual basis.
7. At their Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of 19 April 2018, Members of the Gresham College Council agreed the following addition to Article 32 of the Articles of Association:
- In exceptional circumstances, the term of office of a Director may be extended beyond the requisite period, subject to the agreement of Council and for a maximum of two years and to be reviewed annually.
8. As Council members may serve a maximum term of eight years:
- Nicholas Bensted-Smith’s term continue until 2021;
 - John Scott’s term continue until 2020;
 - Deputy Dr Giles Shilson’s term continue until 2020;
 - Deputy Tom Hoffman has now completed the maximum number of years of service. In accordance with the decision made at the College Council’s EGM of April 2018, Deputy Hoffman was eligible to serve another two years at the College’s discretion.
 - In May 2018 Deputy Hoffman’s term was extended by one year under those terms he is therefore eligible to serve one final year and it is

recommended that Deputy Hoffman be re-appointed for one last term to expire in 2020.

9. The College Council has two Committees at present which members of the College Council may join. The table below details the City Corporation's representatives who serve on the College's Committees:

Finance Committee	Nominations Committee
Tom Hoffman	Tom Hoffman
Nicholas Bensted-Smith	

Appendices

None.

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