

leasehold interest to a developer, U.T.C. Trading Corporation PLC, who wish to upgrade and sub-divide the buildings with a view to obtaining short term lettings from small manufacturing companies. Negotiations with UTC Trading Corporation PLC have resulted in an offer of £425,000 for the Corporation's freehold interest.

We recommend that the offer made by UTC Trading Corporation PLC amounting to £425,000 for the Corporation's freehold interest in the property be accepted subject to contract, with each party bearing their own legal costs.

Read and agreed to.

**PORT AND CITY OF LONDON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
(Laurence St. John Thomas Jackson, Esq., LL.B.)

18 February 1987

**Shops Act 1950 — Early Closing**

As the City of London is frequented as a holiday resort during certain seasons of the year, it has been customary each year since 1965 to suspend the obligation upon those shopkeepers not already exempt to close on the early closing day. We understand from the City of London Retail Traders' Association that such a suspension is again desired by those traders in the City who cater for, and rely heavily on, the tourists during the summer months, and we consider that an Order should be made this year covering the period from 24th May to 12th September (inclusive), and for the week commencing 8th November 1987 in order to cover the Lord Mayor's Show.

We recommend that an Order be made under Section 40 of the Shops Act 1950, exempting all shops within the City (not already otherwise exempt) from the requirements to close at 1.00 p.m. on one weekday in each week, during the period 24th May to 12th September 1987 (inclusive); and for the week commencing 8th November 1987; and that the same be sealed with the City Seal.

Read and agreed to.

**LIBRARIES, ART GALLERIES AND RECORDS COMMITTEE**  
(Mr. Cecil Douglas Woodward)

2 February 1987

**Attendance at Conference**

On 19th February 1987, we informed the Court that we would come back in due course to recommend an attendance at a conference abroad later this year, details of which were not available at that time.

The Working Group on Printing History ('Arbeitskreis Druckgeschichte') is to hold its next meeting at the Museum für Verkehr und Technik, Berlin, from 8th to 11th October 1987.

We recommend in accordance with Standing Order No. 44(c), that the St. Bride Printing Librarian be authorised to attend this conference at an estimated cost of £400 which can be met from within the Committee's estimates.

Read and agreed to.

**BARBICAN RESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE**  
(Mr. Peter Anning Revell-Smith)

8 February 1987

**Brandon Mews — Canopy Roof**

We submit a printed and circulated report with recommendations for the

construction of a roof canopy over Brandon Mews in order to remedy water penetration into the flats at a total estimated cost of £410,000 out of Rates Funds (September 1986 prices) inclusive of fees. The proposals have been evaluated in accordance with the Corporation's Control of Contracts Procedures and have been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee. Additionally, our recommendation that deemed planning permission be sought under the provisions of Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations, 1976, for the project is supported by the Planning and Communications Committee.

We recommend, with the concurrence of the Policy and Resources Committee, approval of the report.

Read and agreed to.

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J.P., Dep.  
Donnelly,  
T.A., M.B.E

*Resolved*—That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the item that follows, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:—

Item of business	Paragraph in Schedule 12A
A matter relating to hospitality	4

Summary of matter considered with the public excluded.

The Court approved a recommendation of the City Lands and Bridge House Estates Committee that on the occasion of H.M.S. "President" moving from its present headquarters in the City to St. Katherine's Dock, an invitation be extended to representatives of the London Division of the Royal Naval Reserve to attend a Dinner to be held in Guildhall on Friday, 2nd October, 1987, and referred it to a Ward Reception Committee to carry out the necessary arrangements out of Non-Rates Funds, the 100th Standing Order being suspended on this occasion.

The Court appointed the following Members to be the H.M.S. President Reception Committee:—

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor for the time being

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