

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE
Friday, 10 October 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 10 October 2014 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Simon Duckworth (Chairman)
Tom Hoffman (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi
George Gillon
Brian Harris
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Wendy Mead
Ian Seaton

In Attendance:

Deputy John Bennett (Chief Commoner)

Officers:

Philippa Sewell	Town Clerk's Department
Alistair MacLellan	Town Clerk's Department
Steve Telling	Chamberlain's Department
Alan Bennetts	Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Nicholas Gill	City Surveyor's Department
Elizabeth Donnelly	Community & Children's Services

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Deputy Ken Ayers, Alderman Ian Luder and Deputy Giles Shilson.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 16 May 2014 be approved as a correct record.

4. **CITY OF LONDON GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services providing an update on the City of London Gresham Almshouses in Lambeth.

Officers reported that the completion date for the community hall and office had been delayed from the end of October to the second week in November. Members noted that the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub Committee had resolved that Christmas Hampers would continue to be

purchased as in previous years, and it was noted that the annual visit to distribute them would take place on 10th December 2014.

In response to Members' questions, officers advised that estimates regarding the road repairs and lighting had been requested but not yet received. Members noted that the Almshouses were in a conservation area but the buildings themselves weren't listed. Members requested a list of Livery Companies that ran sheltered housing or Almshouses schemes, and asked officers to liaise with the City Surveyor's Department about ensuring the Almshouses were kept to a good standard and were included in the capital projects scheme. Members also requested more detail on the chart summarising the Corporation's six sheltered housing schemes appended to the report.

RESOLVED – That:

- (a) A list of Livery Companies that ran sheltered housing or Almshouses schemes be circulated to Members;
- (b) Officers liaise with the City Surveyor's Department ensuring the Almshouses were kept to a good standard and were included in the capital projects scheme;
- (c) More detail on the chart summarising the Corporation's six sheltered housing schemes appended to the report be circulated to Members; and
- (d) The report be noted.

5. REVENUE OUTTURN - 2013/14

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Director of Community and Children's Services presenting the Revenue Outturn for 2013/14, which detailed a 'better than budget' position of £34,000. Members were informed that this was because of a reduction in net expenditure on the Gresham Almshouses of £30,000, primarily due to a reduced requirement for repairs and maintenance and employee expenses.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15 AND 2015/16

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Director of Community and Children's Services submitting the revenue budgets overseen by the Committee and seeking approval to the provisional revenue budget for 2015/16, for subsequent submission to the Finance Committee.

The Chamberlain reported that, overall, the 2015/16 provisional revenue budget totalled £109,000, an increase of £13,000 compared with the final budget for 2014/15. He reported that this was due to an increase of £16,000 in the City Grant to Gresham College in accordance with the agreed funding arrangements between the City of London Corporation, the Mercers' Company and Gresham College. This was partly offset by additional income of £4,000 from the City's 50% share of the Gresham Estate.

Members noted the Gresham Committee contingency budget of £3,000 and agreed that a request should be made to increase this to £10,000, to cover any

minor events or funding requirements in the future. Members discussed the Gresham Committee Service Overview appended to the report, and requested a change in the wording. Members noted that key financial details should not be included in this, a public document, but a non-public version could be included in the Gresham Committee handbook.

RESOLVED – That:

- (a) The provisional 2015/16 revenue be approved for submission to the Finance Committee, with an increase to the contingency budget;
- (b) That the wording in the Gresham Committee Service Overview be changed subject to discussion with the Deputy Chairman; and
- (c) That a more detailed Gresham Committee Service Overview be added to the Gresham Committee handbook.

7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Members queried where the booklets listing Gresham lectures were stocked, and requested they be available at the Museum of London, in Corporation Libraries, and at the Guildhall reception, as well as being sent to all Members of the Court and to Livery Clerks. Alderman Mainelli advised Members that a Members' Briefing was also being arranged, and the 'App' had been very successful in publicising Gresham lectures.

RESOLVED – That the Gresham College booklets be circulated to all Members of the Court and to Livery Clerks, and that the booklets be made available, wherever possible, at the Museum of London, in Corporation Libraries, and at the Guildhall reception.

8. ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

There was no other business.

9. 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 the involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item Nos.	Exempt Paragraph(s)
10-13	3

10. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2014 be approved as a correct record.

11. 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.

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

There were no questions.

13. 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 12.34 pm

Chairman

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