

OUTSIDE BODY WORKING PARTY (POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE)

Friday, 26 June 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Outside Body Working Party (Policy and Resources Committee) held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman)	Tom Hoffman
Deputy John Barker	Edward Lord
Deputy John Bennett	Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Henry Colthurst	Jeremy Simons
Deputy Billy Dove	James Tumbridge
Simon Duckworth	

Officers:

Simon Murrells	Assistant Town Clerk
Angela Roach	Town Clerk's Department
Katie Odling	Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Christopher Hayward.

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

All Members declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 3 as City of London Corporation representatives on outside bodies.

3. REVIEW OF OUTSIDE BODIES

The Working Party considered a report of the Town Clerk which considered the current outside bodies on which the City Corporation was represented.

The Working Party discussed in detail the schedule of outside bodies attached at Appendix A to the report.

Benefits and disadvantages – The Working Party considered the perceived general benefits and disadvantages of City Corporation Members participating in the work of other organisations, and added the following –

Benefits –

- *Assists in providing a service to residents*
- *Develops personal and leadership skills*
- *Can develop the reputation of the Corporation*

Disadvantages –

- *Reputational risk*

It was agreed to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee that in light of the current information, the representation on the following outside bodies should be ended -

- Association of the Friends of the Chapel Royal Foundation – no contact has been made with the appointed Member for a considerable period of time and there is no clear link to the City Corporation's strategic aims.
- Central London Waste Disposal Joint Committee – this body has not met since 1996 and the representatives have received no communication.
- Lee Valley Regional Park Authority – the nomination is made by London Councils and not the City of London Corporation.

RESOLVD – That,

- a) the current overview of outside body appointments be expanded to include appointments by the Alderman and ex-officio positions held by the Lord Mayor;
- b) the protocol on outside body appointments/responsibilities be circulated to the Working Party;
- c) investments, income and expenditure be included on the schedule;
- d) consideration be given to receiving feedback from the outside body about the City Corporation's participation/contribution;
- e) a framework setting out how the City Corporation should manage its relationships with outside bodies be submitted to the next meeting of the Working Party;
- f) a report be produced regarding options for the future governance of the City Corporation's outside body arrangements; and
- g) a report be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee to review the City Corporation's involvement in the Local Government Association.

4. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Working Party would be held in October 2015.

The meeting closed at 12:45pm.

Chairman

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