



Report – Establishment Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: City Office in Brussels

To be presented on Thursday, 10th September 2015

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of
the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. In June 2015, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed to allocate £500,000 per year for three years (2015/16 to 2017/18) to fund the creation a new Senior Representative post in the City Office in Brussels. This funding covers the salary of the Senior Representative, the salary of a new officer post based in the City Office in Brussels to support the Senior Representative, plus additional office and IT resources and funding to support additional activity in support of the work of the new Senior Representative.
2. As the salary of the Senior Representative post is in excess of £100,000, approval for the creation of the post was also required from your Establishment Committee and the Court of Common Council.
3. We report action taken as a matter of urgency in giving the approval of the Court of Common Council in accordance with Standing Order no. 19 for the establishment of the post of Senior Representative based in Brussels, for a salary in excess of £100,000.
4. A decision under urgency procedures was therefore sought as a high profile candidate had been identified for the position, and it was important to secure the appointment of the candidate before matters were made public.
5. Jeremy Browne, former Liberal Democrat MP, former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs has been appointed to the post.

RECOMMENDATION

6. We **recommend** that the urgent action taken be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 16th day of July 2015.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

The Reverend Stephen Decatur Haines, Deputy
Chairman, Establishment Committee