

FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE
Thursday, 23 July 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 23 July 2015 at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir David Howard
Mark Boleat
Deputy Billy Dove
Hugh Morris
Alderman Sir David Wootton

Officers:

Peter Kane	The Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Double	City Remembrancer
Murray Craig	Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court
Simon Murrells	Assistant Town Clerk
Angela Roach	Principle Committee and Members Services Manager

1. **APOLOGIES**
There were no apologies.
2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
There were no declarations.
3. **MINUTES**
The public minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2014 were approved.
4. **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**
The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman. Alderman Sir David Wootton being the only Member expressing willingness to serve was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year and took the Chair.
5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
There were no urgent items.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION - That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act:-

Item Nos.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A
8-10	3 and 1

Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2014 were approved.

9. **GUIDANCE FOR MEMBERS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning guidance to be issued to Members to assist with the new arrangements for the Freedom agreed by the Court on 5 March 2015.

In response to a number of suggestions it was agreed that the Guidance be amended in consultation with the Committee to reflect those suggestions and that the final version be circulated to all Members of the Court of Common Council.

10. **FREEDOM BY SPECIAL NOMINATION**

The Committee considered a list of examples of the sort of people who should be considered for a Freedom by Special Nomination (FSN) which had been prepared by the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Members discussed the names of potential recipients and agreed a way forward.

11. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 10.45am

Chairman

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