

OUTSIDE BODY WORKING PARTY (POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE)

Thursday, 8 October 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Outside Body Working Party (Policy and Resources Committee) held at the Guildhall EC2 at 1.45 pm

Present

Members:

Mark Boleat (Chairman)	Tom Hoffman
Deputy John Barker	Edward Lord
Deputy John Bennett	Alderman Julian Malins
Mark Boleat (Chairman)	Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Henry Colthurst	Jeremy Simons
Simon Duckworth	
Christopher Hayward	

Officers:

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Billy Dove (Chief Commoner) and James Tumbridge.

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 6 as City of London Corporation representatives on Outside Bodies.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2015 be approved.

4. OUTSIDE BODIES FRAMEWORK

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding an Outside Body Framework.

There was overall support for the Framework as drafted, however, the view was expressed that, when considering participation in an outside body, the framework should also take into account whether the City Corporation had any significant historic links with that particular organisation.

Members agreed that in reaching a balanced view on participation, consideration should be given to any risks that may arise for the City Corporation including the potential for a conflict of interest.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) the Outside Bodies Framework be approved subject to the adjustments referred to above and that it be re-submitted to the Outside Body Working Party for final consideration prior to being recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee for adoption; and
- b) the Outside Body Protocol be circulated to Members of the Working Party for information

5. **CREATION OF AN OUTSIDE BODIES COMMITTEE**

The Working Party considered a report of the Town Clerk which considered the proposal for the possible establishment of a new Outside Body Committee.

Members were of the view that whilst an oversight committee was appropriate, it should take the form of a sub-committee of the Policy and Resources Committee rather than a stand-alone committee. Discussion ensued on the constitution, membership and terms of reference for a new sub-committee and it was suggested that an informal view might be obtained from Members regarding the nomination process.

RESOLVED –That,

- a) it be **recommended to the Policy and Resources Committee that an Outside Body Sub-Committee be created to be responsible for overseeing the City Corporation’s Outside Body Scheme; and**
- b) **the Membership of the proposed Outside Body Sub-Committee comprise the following –**
 - a. **the Chairman and one Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee;**
 - b. **three Members appointed by the Policy and Resources Committee (but not necessarily Members of the Policy and Resources Committee);**
 - c. **three Members appointed by the Court of Common Council; and**
 - d. **one Alderman, appointed by the General Purposes Committee of Alderman).**

6. **SCHEDULE OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Working Party considered a report of the Town Clerk which provided a revised Schedule of Outside Bodies, giving updated information about the various organisations to which the City Corporation nominates representatives.

Detailed discussion took place and reference was made to the City Corporation’s membership of the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools and whether this should be classified as outside body representation.

In addition, detailed consideration was given to various Mayoral patronages and Aldermanic appointments to outside bodies. It was suggested that the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen should be asked whether it wished to review those outside appointments, including whether they should be continued with, and whether they wished to transfer oversight of them to the

Policy and Resources Committee to help ensure a coordinated and corporate approach to the City Corporation's overall work in this field. It was also proposed that the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen should be asked to agree to the Policy and Resources Committee undertaking a review of the various Mayoral patronages.

RESOLVED – That,

- a) the updated version of the Schedule of Outside Bodies be received;
- b) the classification of the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools as outside bodies be reviewed on the basis that this would appear to be membership of representational bodies rather than nomination rights;
- c) **the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to:-**
 - **no longer nominate to the following Outside Bodies:-**
 - i. **Association of the Friends of Chapel Royal Foundation**
 - ii. **Central London Waste Disposal Joint Committee**
 - iii. **Lee Valley Regional Park Authority**
 - **ask the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen to review its outside body appointments, including whether they should be continued with, in line with the current review being undertaken of all Common Council appointments and whether the Aldermen wished to transfer oversight of all such appointments to the Policy and Resources Committee to help ensure a coordinated and corporate approach to the City Corporation's overall work in this field; and**
 - **ask the General Purposes Committee of Alderman to consider the Policy and Resources Committee undertaking a review of the various Mayoral patronages (Appendix B1) in conjunction with the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen.**

7. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED – That a further meeting of the Outside Body Working Party be scheduled.

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm.

Chairman

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