

## **BENEFICES SUB (CULTURE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES) COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 8 February 2016**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries) Committee held at Guildhall on Monday, 8 February 2016 at 4.30 pm**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Deputy Billy Dove (Chairman)  
Vivienne Littlechild (Ex-Officio, Deputy Chairman)  
Nigel Challis  
Deputy Bill Fraser  
Tom Hoffman  
Gregory Jones QC  
Andrew McMurtrie

### **In Attendance**

#### **Officers:**

Julie Mayer - Town Clerk's Department

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Virginia Rounding, Dennis Cotgrove and Graham Packham.

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

There were no declarations.

#### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 6 October 2015 were approved as a correct record.

#### **4. FUTURE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BENEFICES SUB COMMITTEE**

The Chairman was heard and reminded Members that he would be standing down as the Chairman of the Benefices Sub Committee, after serving for the past 10 years. The resignation would be effective from the next Meeting of the Sub Committee.

The Town Clerk advised that the next meeting of the Benefices Sub Committee on 8th June 2016 (after the Annual Court of Common Council and the May Meeting of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee) would elect its new Chairman. Members were reminded that nominations for the Benefices Sub Committee would be invited from all Members of the Court, as had been the case last year, with due regard to the *desired* criteria as set out in The Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 and the Patronage (Benefices) Rules 1987, in respect of the appointment of priests.

The Chairman was pleased that this new approach had been a very positive step towards succession planning for a new Chairman of the Benefices Sub Committee, as last year's nominations had produced a Sub Committee with a wealth of skills, experience and enthusiasm. Given that all Members were active in their local parishes; this had resulted in a stronger business focus at the Sub Committee meetings.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no items.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, that – Under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were approved.

9. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICES SUB COMMITTEE 2015/16**

The Sub Committee received a report of the Town Clerk.

10. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were 2 questions while the public were excluded.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

**The meeting ended at 5.30 pm**

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Chairman

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