

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 21 October 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 21 October 2016 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Dr Giles Shilson (Deputy
Chairman) - In the Chair
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi
Deputy Brian Harris
Tom Hoffman
Alderman Ian Luder

Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Wendy Mead
John Scott
Ian Seaton

In Attendance

Officers:

Philippa Sewell	-	Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	-	Chamberlain's Department
Alan Bennetts	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Tom Leathart	-	City Surveyor's Department
Jacqueline Whitmore	-	Community & Children's Services

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Chairman Simon Duckworth, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, and Deputy John Bennett.

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

There were no declarations. Mr Seaton advised that his daughter worked for Knight Frank, who produced the property report for the Joint Grand Gresham Committee, but this was declared via the register of Related Party Transactions.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 13 May 2016 be approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Gresham Music Collection

Members noted that the College and the Mercers' Company were due to visit the collection in November, after which potential funding sources could be explored.

Visits to the Gresham Almshouses

The Deputy Chairman reminded Members the Hamper visit was scheduled for 13th December, and the residents' party at Avondale Square estate was scheduled for 25th October.

4. **DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

RESOLVED – That the decision to extend the tenure of the Gresham Professor of Music be noted.

5. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services regarding the Gresham Almshouses. In response to Members' queries, officers advised that regular checks were undertaken to evaluate the standard of repair works, the roads on the entire site had been resurfaced and the drains had been cleared.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. **THE SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITY - RISK REGISTER**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain which provided the key risks register for the Sir Thomas Gresham Charity for review. Members discussed the risks identified and the Deputy Chairman (along with the Chairman, in his absence) undertook to review and circulate further detail regarding the timescale of the two year improvement plan mentioned in the first two risks. Members also asked for additional wording to be added to the second risk and, in non-public session, discussed an additional risk regarding reputational damage to the Corporation.

RESOLVED – That:

- a) risk two be amended to read "Almshouses may become unstable and/or unusable due to insufficient maintenance *of buildings or grounds*";
- b) a fourth risk be added regarding the potential of reputational damage; and
- c) further detail be circulated electronically regarding the timescale of the two year improvement plan.

7. **REVENUE OUTTURN - 2015/16**

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of Community & Children's Services regarding the final budget and the revenue outturn for 2015/16.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. **REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17 AND 2017/18**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of Community & Children's Services regarding the revenue budget for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

RESOLVED – That the latest 2016/17 and provisional 2017/18 revenue budgets be approved for submission to the Finance Committee.

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

There were no questions.

10. **ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

There was no other business.

11. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100A 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item Nos.	Exempt Paragraph(s)
12-13	3
14-15	-

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2016 be approved as a correct record.

13. **JOINT GRAND GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION**

The Committee considered the various items on the agenda for the meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee that day.

14. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

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

Members congratulated an officer on winning at the Celebrating Our People Awards.

The meeting ended at 12.55 pm

Chairman

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