

FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2017

CONFIDENTIAL

By virtue of paragraphs 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

14. FREEDOM BY SPECIAL NOMINATION - COMPOSITE LIST OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk which set out a list of outstanding nominations for the Freedom of the City requiring input from the Committee. The following was **RESOLVED** –

- Hospitality should be provided for the Ambassador of Laos' Freedom;
- Patrick Engelberg (former Ambassador of Luxembourg) and Rajesh Agrawal (Deputy Mayor for Business, London) should both be awarded the Freedom of the City;
- The Ambassador of the Philippines should receive standard hospitality from the Corporation;
- The Mayor of Gaza should be awarded the Freedom of the City, with Dame Fiona Woolf and former Lord Mayor Sir Brian Jenkins as nominators;
- The nominations of the Ambassadors of Norway, Bolivia and Austria should be considered at the next meeting of the Committee against the criteria agreed at the previous meeting for Ambassadors and other significant political figures. A full list of sitting ambassadors should be provided at the next meeting along with analysis of whom is eligible to be nominated for the Freedom against the newly agreed criteria;
- Amitabh Bachchan, Shahrukh and Aishwarya Rai should be awarded the Freedom and receive standard hospitality. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee should be nominators;
- Whilst the Committee were supportive of a nomination for Dr Nathan Myhrvold they suggested it should be progressed through the Worshipful Company of World Traders given its ties with the nominee;

- The nominations of Mayor Nexsen and John Parrott from Lake Havasu City were agreed. The Committee agreed to confirm the formal nominators at a later date so that the Remembrancer could establish the context of the nominees' visit;
- The nomination of the High Commissioner for India, whilst agreed in principle, should be progressed in 2018 to coincide with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit;
- The nomination of the Ambassador for Argentina was agreed, and Alderman Jones and George Abrahams should be the formal nominators. It was agreed that the Corporation should not provide hospitality, and suggested that the formal nominators should undertake to provide hospitality at a restaurant in Smithfield Market.

The meeting ended at 10.05AM

Chairman

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