

FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 11 April 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 3.15 pm

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir David Wootton (Chairman)	Sir Mark Boleat (Ex-Officio Member)
Simon Duckworth	Wendy Mead (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Ex-Officio Member)	

Officers:

Michael Cogher	-	Comptroller and City Solicitor
Murray Craig	-	Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court
Joseph Anstee	-	Town Clerk's Department
Edward Gilbert	-	Town Clerk's Department
Nigel Lefton	-	Remembrancer's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Keaveny and John Scott.

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

None were declared.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

The Committee noted that the finalised letter to local academies inviting them to put forward candidates for the Freedom had been sent out, and had so far motivated at least 3 candidates. Members observed that the letter had encouraged discussions, but noted that there may be better methods for achieving the same goal. The Committee, noting the proviso that candidates for the Freedom must be 18, suggested that interest in the City of London could be encouraged amongst current students by other means, and asked the Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court to produce a report for a future meeting of the Committee on City apprenticeships.

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

There were no questions.

5. **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 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.

6. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

7. **THE HONORARY FREEDOM**

The Committee considered a report of the Comptroller and City Solicitor and the Remembrancer.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

10. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the confidential minutes of the meeting on 8 February 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

11. **LIST OF HEADS OF MISSIONS**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk regarding a list of Heads of Missions.

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12. **FREEDOM BY SPECIAL NOMINATION - COMPOSITE LIST OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain which set out a composite list of recipients of the Freedom by Special Nomination and the progress of existing candidates.

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

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 4.25 pm

Chairman

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