

## **FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 14 June 2018**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 3.30 pm**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Alderman Sir David Wootton  
Alderman Vincent Keaveny  
Jeremy Mayhew

Simon Duckworth (Ex-Officio Member)  
Wendy Mead (Ex-Officio Member)  
John Scott (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)

#### **Officers:**

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| Joseph Anstee  | - Town Clerk's Department          |
| Peter Kane     | - Chamberlain                      |
| Michael Cogher | - Comptroller and City Solicitor   |
| Paul Double    | - City Remembrancer                |
| Bruce Hunt     | - Remembrancer's Department        |
| Murray Craig   | - Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court |

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Catherine McGuinness.

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

There were none.

#### **3. ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

The Committee received an Order of the Court of Common Council of 19 April 2018 appointing the Committee and approving its Terms of Reference.

#### **4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.29. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and Alderman Sir David Wootton, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

#### **5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.30. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and Jeremy Mayhew, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

6. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 14 March 2018 be agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

The Committee noted reference in the minutes to the letter sent out to local Academies, inviting them to put forward candidates for the Freedom. The vast majority of students were under 18 and therefore ineligible to receive the Freedom, and so other methods to encourage interest in the City of London amongst students would be explored. A report on City Apprenticeships had been requested for consideration at a future Committee meeting. Whilst there had been a limited number of responses to the letter, several nominations had been generated, including two nominations from the City of London School for Girls. Schools would be chased for any further nominations. The Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court informed the Committee that Chief Officers had also been contacted to invite nominations.

A Member suggested forwarding the letter to Members who were also school Governors, and also to the Lord Mayor's Cadets, who could be linked into the City Apprenticeships. Members discussed whether a more systematic approach for outreach departments should be considered, as there sometimes seemed to be a bias towards the artistic world in nominations for the Freedom. A Member suggested that the volunteering sector could be another source of nominations.

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

There were none.

8. **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.

| Item No. | Exempt Paragraphs |
|----------|-------------------|
| 9        | 1, 3              |
| 10 - 11  | -                 |
| 12 – 14  | 1                 |
| 15       | -                 |

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the meeting on 11 April 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

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

There were no questions.

11. **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.
12. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**  
**RESOLVED** – That the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2018 be agreed as a correct record.
13. **LIST OF HEADS OF MISSIONS**  
The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk.
14. **FREEDOM BY SPECIAL NOMINATION - COMPOSITE LIST OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS**  
The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain.
15. **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**

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Chairman

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