

## **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, 9 May 2012**

Minutes of the meeting of the Investment Committee held at Guildhall, EC2 on  
Wednesday, 9 May 2012 at 1.45pm

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Ray Catt (Chairman)  
Deputy Michael Cassidy (Deputy Chairman)  
Deputy Ken Ayers (Chief Commoner)  
Roger Chadwick  
Simon Duckworth  
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi  
Martin Farr  
Archie Galloway  
Tom Hoffman  
Robert Howard  
Michael Hudson  
Robert Hughes-Penney  
Anthony Llewelyn-Davies  
Deputy Edward Lord  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Henry Pollard  
Ian Seaton  
Mark Boleat (Ex-Officio Member)

#### **Officers:**

Claire Sherer	- Town Clerk's Department
Matthew Pitt	- Town Clerk's Department
Chris Bilsland	- Chamberlain
Paul Mathews	- Chamberlain's Department
Peter Bennett	- City Surveyor
Nicholas Gill	- City Surveyor's Department

#### **In attendance:**

Peter Damesick - EMEA Chief economist at CBRE

### **Part 1 – Public Agenda**

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Sir Robert Finch, George Gillon, Brian Harris and Clare James.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

There were no declarations.

3. **ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL (19 APRIL 2012)**  
The Committee considered the Order of the Court of Common Council of 19 April 2012 appointing the Committee and approving its Terms of Reference.

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4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 13 January 2012 be approved as an accurate record.

5. **MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT BOARD**

**RESOLVED:** That the public minutes and non-public summary of the Financial Investment Board meeting held on 2 February 2012 be noted.

6. **MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY INVESTMENT BOARD**

**RESOLVED:** That the public minutes and non-public summary of the Property Investment Board meetings held on 18 January 2012, 15 February 2012 and 14 March 2012 be noted.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND FREQUENCY OF GRAND COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk to appoint the Committee's two Boards (Property Investment Board and Financial Investment Board), approve their composition and terms of reference and agree the frequency of meetings.

The Town Clerk tabled amended terms of reference for the Financial Investment Board and proceeded to read the names of those Members who had expressed a willingness to serve on the Committee's two Boards.

**RESOLVED:** That –

- i. the composition and terms of reference for the two Boards be agreed, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. that the composition should make clear that the Deputy Chairman (in addition to the Chairman) for both Boards should be determined by the relevant Board; and
  - b. the Financial Investment Board terms of reference should be reviewed and amended in due course should the Board be required to take a formal role in relation to the newly established Social Investment Fund.
- ii. Membership of the Boards would be:

**Financial Investment Board**  
Deputy Ken Ayers (Chief Commoner)  
Ray Catt

Roger Chadwick  
Simon Duckworth  
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi  
Brian Harris  
Tom Hoffman  
Robert Howard  
Clare James  
Anthony Llewelyn-Davies  
Deputy Edward Lord  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Henry Pollard  
Ian Seaton  
Stuart Fraser (Ex-Officio Member)

**Property Investment Board**

Deputy Ken Ayers (Chief Commoner)  
Deputy Michael Cassidy  
Roger Chadwick  
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi  
Martin Farr  
Alderman Sir Robert Finch  
Archie Galloway  
George Gillon  
Brian Harris  
Michael Hudson  
Deputy Keith Knowles  
Deputy Edward Lord  
Mark Boleat (Ex-Officio Member)

- iii. the Investment Committee would continue to meet three times a year, with meetings to be held in January, April/May and July;
- iv. the Financial Investment Board would continue to meet approximately six times a year;
- v. the Property Investment Board would continue to meet approximately eight to ten times a year;
- vi. it be noted that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee are Ex-Officio Members of the Policy & Resources Committee and the Finance Committee; and
- vii. the protocol for co-option to the Financial Investment Board and the Property Investment Board be agreed.

Members further **RESOLVED** to adjourn the Investment Committee meeting so that the newly appointed Financial Investment and Property Investment Boards could meet and formally appoint their Chairman and Deputy Chairman. This could then inform Members' decision when appointing the Committee's Chairman and Deputy Chairman (as at Items 8 and 9 below).

*The Investment Committee adjourned at 2.00pm and reconvened at 2.15pm.*

8. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29. A list of Members eligible to stand was read and Ray Catt, being the only Member who expressed a willingness to serve, was declared to have been elected as the Chairman of the Investment Committee for the ensuing year.

9. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30. A list of Members eligible to stand was read and Deputy Michael Cassidy, being the only Member who expressed a willingness to serve, was declared to have been elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Investment Committee for the ensuing year.

10. **THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND THE UK AND CENTRAL LONDON PROPERTY MARKET**

The City Surveyor introduced Peter Damesick, EMEA Chief Economist at CBRE who then provided Members with an overview of the Central London Real Estate Market Outlook.

The Chairman thanked Mr Peter Damesick and Members asked a number of questions in relation to the presentation.

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11. **DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND URGENCY PROCEDURES**

There were no decisions taken under Delegated Authority or Urgency Procedures since the previous meeting.

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

There were no questions.

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

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Robert Hughes-Penney, the outgoing Chairman of the Investment Committee and Financial Investment Board.

Mr Hughes-Penney stated that it had been a pleasure and a privilege to serve on the Committee and he wished Members every success in the future.

14. **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:

**Item No.**

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**Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A**

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## Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda

### 15. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED:** That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2012 be approved as an accurate record.

### 16. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT BOARD

**RESOLVED:** That the non-public minutes of the Financial Investment Board meeting held on 2 February 2012 be noted.

### 17. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE PROPERTY INVESTMENT BOARD

**RESOLVED:** That the non-public minutes of the meetings held on 18 January 2012, 15 February 2012 and 14 March 2012 be noted.

### 18. SECURITIES INVESTMENTS - REVISED STRATEGY

Members considered a report, as considered by the Working Party at its previous meeting, which updated Members on work undertaken by the 'Financial Investment Board – Revised Investment Strategy Implementation Member and Officer Working Party' in relation to selecting the City Corporation's Fund Managers.

The Chairman informed the Committee that any decisions would be taken by the Financial Investment Board (rather than the Working Party) and the process would be discussed further at its next meeting on 16 May 2012.

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### 19. NON-PUBLIC DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND URGENCY PROCEDURES

There were no non-public decisions taken under Delegated Authority or Urgency Procedures since the previous meeting.

### 20. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no non-public questions.

### 21. 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 ended at 3.15pm**

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Chairman

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