

## MARKETS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 2 May 2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Markets Committee held at Guildhall, EC2 on  
Wednesday, 2 May 2012 at 11.30am

### Present

#### Members:

Alex Bain-Stewart	Deputy Henry Jones
Deputy John Bennett	Deputy Alastair King
Mark Boleat	Deputy Keith Knowles
John Brewster	Anthony Llewelyn-Davies
Nigel Challis	Robert Merrett
John Chapman	Hugh Morris
Deputy Stella Currie	Deputy Joyce Nash
Alex Deane	Chris Punter
Deputy Robin Eve	Alderman Sir Michael Savory
Deputy Bill Fraser	Deputy Robin Sherlock
Deputy Stanley Ginsburg	Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Deputy Pauline Halliday	John Spanner
Brian Harris	Alderman Sir John Stuttard
Michael Hudson	

#### Officers:

Rakesh Hira	- Town Clerk's Department
Peter Lisley	- Town Clerk's Department
Mathew Lawrence	- Town Clerk's Department
Debbie Howard	- Chamberlain's Department
Julie Smith	- Chamberlain's Department
Paul Hickson	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Andrew Wild	- City Surveyor's Department
Andrew Crafter	- City Surveyor's Department
David Smith	- Director of Markets & Consumer Protection
Jon Averbs	- Markets & Consumer Protection
Malcolm Macleod	- Superintendent, Billingsgate Market
Robert Wilson	- Superintendent, Smithfield Market
Andrew Buckingham	- Public Relations Office

### Part 1 - Public Agenda

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Henderson-Begg, Michael Page, Elizabeth Rogula and James Tumbridge.

2. **DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

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

The Order of the Court of Common Council of 19 April 2012, appointing the Committee and approving its terms of reference was received.

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29.

The Town Clerk read out a list of Members eligible to stand as Chairman and Hugh Morris, being the only Member indicating his willingness to serve, was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and took the Chair.

The Chairman welcomed Alderman Sir John Stuttard, Deputy Giles Shilson and Chris Punter to their first meeting and thanked Alderman Gordon Haines, Deputy John Barker and Ms Marianne Fredericks for their contribution to the Committee.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.30.

The Town Clerk read out a list of Members eligible to stand as Deputy Chairman. Two Members indicated their willingness to serve and, therefore, a ballot was taken. Mr Tumbridge, who had given his apologies for the meeting, had expressed, in writing, his wish to stand.

The results were as follows:

Michael Hudson 17  
James Tumbridge 9

Michael Hudson was declared to have been elected Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF THE REFERENCE SUB COMMITTEE**

Members proceeded to appoint the Reference Sub Committee for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED** – That the Reference Sub Committee be comprised of the following Members:

John Brewster  
Nigel Challis  
Anthony Llewelyn-Davies  
Deputy Robin Eve  
Brian Harris

Deputy Pauline Halliday  
Deputy Joyce Nash

*Together with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.*

7. **MINUTES**

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 28 February 2012 were approved.

8. **MARKETS & CONSUMER PROTECTION - 3RD PERIODIC PERFORMANCE PLAN UPDATE**

A report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection which updated Members on the progress in achieving the objectives set out in the annual Performance Plan for the 3rd period in 2011/12 (December – March inclusive) was considered. The principal subjects covered in the report were:

- NABMA's views on the government's new Planning Policy Framework;
- Smithfield lease negotiations and;
- The Olympic and Paralympic Games.

In response to a question by a Member, the Director pointed out that following a serious accident, the debrief from the Health and Safety Executive had been positive.

In relation to Smithfield Market it was noted that efforts were being made to look at sustainability issues as had been done at both Billingsgate and Spitalfields Markets.

A discussion took place and it was noted that the attendance management figures for 2011/12 would be corrected.

**RESOLVED** – That Members note the contents of the report.

9. **MARKETS & CONSUMER PROTECTION - BUSINESS PLAN 2012 - 2015**

A report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection which detailed the Business Plan for 2012-15 for the Department of Markets & Consumer Protection was considered. The Business Plan consisted of an overarching plan which contained information relating to the whole Department and a separate annex reflecting the responsibilities for the Committee.

**RESOLVED** – That Members approve the contents of the report and its appendix.

10. **ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY AT SMITHFIELD MARKET**

A report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection detailing the enforcement activity carried out by the enforcement team within the department at Smithfield Market during the four month period from 1 October 2011 to 31 January 2012.

**RESOLVED** – That Members note the contents of the report.

11. **SMITHFIELD MARKET TRADING HOURS DURING THE 2012 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES**

A report of the Superintendent, Smithfield Market, seeking approval for the proposed variation of trading hours at Smithfield Market during the period of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, with delegated powers being conferred upon the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Markets Committee for any further variations which may be required during the period of the Games, was considered.

In relation to Billingsgate Market it was noted that the Superintendent had delegated powers to open earlier, if required, and that it would be opening at 02.00 hours. In relation to Spitalfields Market it was noted that the market already opens at midnight and with no intention of opening earlier.

**RESOLVED** – That Members approve the following: -

- a) The Smithfield Market's trading hours be varied between the periods Sunday 22 July 2012 until Friday 14 September 2012 opening from midnight until mid-day Monday to Friday as opposed to the current 03.00 hours to mid-day Monday to Friday and;
- b) In the event that during the period, due to changing trading or traffic situations, if further variations to the trading hours are required any such decisions be delegated to the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to approve.

12. **OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

A report of the Town Clerk detailing the outstanding reference schedule, which is produced on a six-monthly basis, was considered.

**RESOLVED** – That Members note the contents of the report.

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

**Spitalfields – Rainwater Harvesting Project**

In response to a question by a Member, the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection confirmed that this project was underway.

**Roof Solar Panels at New Spitalfields Market**

It was noted that roof solar panels would be considered and that this item would be added to the outstanding references report.

**Possible subsidence at Spitalfields Market**

It was noted that a further discussion would take place with the particular Member to clarify the issue raised.

**West Poultry Avenue**

It was noted that the City Surveyor would keep Members updated on the issues relating to West Poultry Avenue. It was noted, in response to a supplementary

question, that the Highways Department would be requested to smarten up the concrete blocks, which were placed in the roadway as a road closure measure.

### **Smithfield Cycle Event**

It was noted that this event would take place on 9 June 2012 and all Members would accordingly be invited to attend.

### **Forklift Trucks**

The Superintendent, Smithfield Market, responded to a question on Forklifts being used on the public highway and the Superintendent explained that, whilst the Market had a certain responsibility where forklifts were being used in the common parts, it was for other authorities such as the City Police to deal with issues relating to the public highway.

### **Quantity of Meat at Smithfield Market**

It was noted that a large quantity of meat had appeared in the Constabulary office at Smithfield Market on the 29/30 March 2012 and that an audit enquiry was in progress.

#### **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no urgent items.

#### **15. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**MOTION** – That under Section 100A(4) 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 as follows:-

<b>Item Nos.</b>	<b>Exempt Paragraphs</b>
16 - 21	3

### **Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda**

#### **16. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2012 were agreed.

#### **17. SMITHFIELD MARKET LEASE NEGOTIATIONS**

A report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection was received.

#### **18. SMITHFIELD MARKET - CONDENSER WATER COOLING SYSTEM - PROGRESS UPDATE**

A report of the City Surveyor was received.

#### **19. REQUEST FOR CONCESSIONARY PARKING AT SMITHFIELD MARKET DURING THE 2012 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES PERIOD**

A report of the Superintendent, Smithfield Market was received.

#### **20. BILLINGSGATE WORKING PRACTICES - UPDATE**

The Director of Markets and Consumer Protection provided a verbal update.

The Chairman thanked the Director, the Superintendent, Billingsgate Market, and all other individuals for their efforts and hard work in bringing the working practices changes at Billingsgate to a successful conclusion.

**21. TENANCIES AT WILL GRANTED AND ARREARS OUTSTANDING**

A report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection was considered and agreed.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no urgent items.

**The meeting ended at 12.55pm**

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Chairman

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