POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2012

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD AT GUILDHALL, EC2 ON THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2012 AT 1.45PM

Present

Members:

Deputy Ken Ayers, Chief Commoner

Deputy John Barker

Deputy Doug Barrow Deputy John Bennett

Mark Boleat Ray Catt

Deputy Michael Cassidy

Roger Chadwick Simon Duckworth Dr Martin Dudley

Martin Farr Stuart Fraser

Marianne Fredericks Alderman Roger Gifford

George Gillon

Alderman Sir David Howard (in the

Chair)

Deputy Edward Lord Jeremy Mayhew

Deputy Catherine McGuinness

Hugh Morris

Deputy Joyce Nash Henry Pollard

John Scott

Deputy Dr Giles Shilson Sir Michael Snyder John Tomlinson

Deputy Michael Welbank Alderman Fiona Woolf

In Attendance

Dr Peter Hardwick

Officers:

Chris Duffield

Michael Cogher

Chris Bilsland

Caroline Al-Beyerty

Peter Rees

Peter Bennett

Philip Everett

Paul Double

William Chapman

Simon Murrells

Paul Sizeland

Liz Skelcher

Jeremy Fern

Tony Halmos

Janet Fortune

Peter Lisley

Angela Roach

- Town Clerk

Comptroller and City Solicitor

- Chamberlain

- Financial Services Director

- City Planning Officer

- City Surveyor

- Director of the Built Environment

- Remembrancer

- Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor

- Assistant Town Clerk

- Director of Economic Development

- Economic Development Office

- Economic Development Office

- Director of Public Relations

Town Clerk's Office

- Assistant Town Clerk

Town Clerk's Office

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Robert Duffield, Robert Hughes-Penney, Alderman Sir David Lewis, Sheriff and Deputy Wendy Mead and James Tumbridge.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING

The following declarations were made:-

Deputy Catherine McGuinness declared a personal interest in matters affecting Islington by virtue of her husband being a member of the London Borough of Islington.

Edward Lord declared a personal interest in matters affecting London Councils as Chairman of Capital Ambition and its Lead Member for Improvement.

Deputy Michael Cassidy declared a personal interest in matters affecting CrossRail as a Director on the Board.

3. ORDERS OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL (19 APRIL 2011)

The Committee considered the following Orders of the Court of Common Council of 19 April 2012:-

- 1. appointing the Committee;
- 2. approving the Committee's terms of reference; and
- 3. referring the following resolutions from the Grand Court of Wardmote to the Committee:-

Cheap: That once again great concern be expressed at the serious lack of Post Offices within the Ward of Cheap and within the City generally. The City Corporation is strongly urged to continue its efforts to ensure that adequate Post Office facilities are provided throughout the City (possibly by using s106 monies to fund a ground floor facility, for example).

RESOLVED: That the resolution be noted and be referred to the Town Clerk for further investigation.

4. 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 Mark Boleat being the only Member expressing willingness to serve was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year and took the Chair.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 28. Stuart Fraser, being the immediate past Chairman

indicated that he was willing to serve as Deputy Chairman and was duly declared Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.

VOTE OF THANKS

Deputy Joyce Nash Deputy John Barker

RESOLVED: That the Members of the Policy and Resources Committee take great pleasure in expressing their sincere appreciation to

STUART JOHN FRASER

for the outstanding service and dedication he has given as their Chairman.

Stuart brought with him a wealth of experience and knowledge to this role, having worked in the City of London for nearly fifty years. His in-depth understanding of the workings of the City Corporation and the Square Mile have been essential in developing a greater awareness of the important role played by this organisation.

Stuart came to office in very challenging times. The economic downturn that occurred at the end of 2008 put the City of London's financial services industry in a difficult position. Stuart responded to these events with remarkable calmness and humility, allowing him to connect with key stakeholders and ensure the City's message was successfully conveyed. The leadership shown by Stuart throughout this period has been acclaimed by all involved.

Stuart has consistently sought to demonstrate the City's importance to the wider economy. It was against a turbulent financial backdrop that Stuart played a key role in helping set up TheCityUK, now a leading membership body responsible for promoting the UK's financial services.

Although not an easy task, Stuart has effectively and robustly defended the interests of the financial services industry within a complex European and Global context, ensuring the City's competitive position remains a top priority. In promoting the City of London internationally, he has developed a number of key links with senior figures from many of the global financial centres, such as New York, Shanghai, Beijing and Mumbai.

Stuart's focus has not only been on financial services. Through his determination and expertise, Stuart has helped drive forward ground-breaking new initiatives in support of innovation and entrepreneurship in the City. His management and guidance have been key to ensuring the successful outcome of programmes such as Tech City, Angels in the City and Entrepreneur First.

Stuart has acquitted himself and the City Corporation well in the political arena both at the local and national level. His support for those living on the fringes of the City, as well as in neighbouring Boroughs, has not gone unnoticed through his tireless support for activities such as the City Traineeship programme, as

well as his chairmanship of the City Together Board and membership of London Councils.

It is with all these achievements and many more that this Committee unites in expressing its thanks and sincere appreciation to Stuart Fraser for all his endeavours and is confident that his skills will continue to benefit the City Corporation and the City for many years to come.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be authorised to make arrangements for the resolution to be presented in a manner agreeable to the past Chairman.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Marianne Fredericks, Henry Pollard and Dr Giles Shilson as new Members of the Committee. He also welcomed back Deputy John Barker. In addition he thanked Deputy Richard Regan, Dr Peter Hardwick and Barbara Newman who were no longer Members of the Committee for their past work and support.

6. MINUTES

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 22 March 2012 were approved.

7. **2012 SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The public minutes and summary of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 23 March 2012 were considered and noted.

8. **CORPORATE ASSET SUB-COMMITTEE**

The public minutes and summary of the meeting of the held on 12 March 2012 were considered and noted.

9. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning the appointment of the Committee's sub-committees, working parties and representatives on other committees.

RESOLVED: That the following be approved:-

1. the appointment, composition and terms of reference of the subcommittees and working parties for the ensuing year as follows:-

Corporate Asset Sub-Committee

Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Property Investment Board

Energy and Sustainability Sub-Committee

Representatives of this Committee:-

Robert Duffield

Catherine McGuinness

(one vacancy)

Together with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Grand Committee and representatives of the following committees:-

Finance

Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Planning and Transportation

Port Health and Environmental Services

Up to 4 Members appointed by the Court of Common Council

Members' Privileges Sub-Committee

Chief Commoner (Chairman)

Immediate past Chief Commoner *

Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the House Committee of Guildhall Club (Ex-officio)

Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Grand Committee

Up to 6 Members appointed by the Court of Common Council

*For part of the year and then the Chief Commoner Designate for the remainder of the year (elected from September 2012)

Projects Sub-Committee

Deputy Sir Michael Snyder (Chairman)

Deputy Ken Ayers, Chief Commoner

Jeremy Mayhew

Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Grand Committee

Together with 2 Members appointed by the Finance Committee and up to 2 Members co-opted from the Court of Common Council with relevant experience.

Public Relations Sub-Committee

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee

The Chairman of the Finance Committee

Past Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee (providing they are members on the Grand Committee)

Deputy Doug Barrow

James Tumbridge

Resource Allocation Sub-Committee

Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee (Chairman)

Chairman of the Finance Committee (Deputy Chairman)

The Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee

Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Aldermen

The Senior Alderman below the Chair

The Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee

The Chairman of the Establishment Committee
Deputy Ken Ayers, Chief Commoner
Deputy Doug Barrow
Simon Duckworth
Deputy Joyce Nash
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
John Tomlinson

2012 Olympic Sub-Committee

Mark Boleat (Chairman)
Edward Lord (Deputy Chairman)
Alderman David Wootton The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor
Simon Duckworth
Sophie Fernandes
Alderman Gordon Haines
Deputy Joyce Nash
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Sheriff and Deputy Wendy Mead

Hospitality Working Party

Chief Commoner (Chairman)

Immediate past Chief Commoner*

Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Aldermen

Senior Alderman Below the Chair

4 Members to be appointed by the Court of Common Council The Remembrancer

*For part of the year and then the Chief Commoner Designate for the remainder of the year (elected from September 2012)

Investment Committee

2. 8 Members be appointed to serve on the Investment Committee as follows:-

Deputy Anthony Eskenzi
Martin Farr
Alderman Sir Robert Finch
Robert Howard
Michael Hudson
Deputy Keith Knowles
Deputy Edward Lord
Anthony Llewelyn-Davies

3. the terms of reference of the Post-Implementation Governance Review Working Party be approved as set out in the report and its composition as agreed by the Court be noted.

4. the following Members be appointed to represent the Committee on each of the following:-

Barbican Centre Board – Sheriff and Deputy Wendy Mead

<u>Audit and Risk Management Committee</u> – Deputy Doug Barrow

Local Development Framework Reference Sub (Planning) Committee

- Stuart Fraser

Mayoralty and Shrievalty Allowances

5. the following representatives be appointed for informal consultation with the Court of Aldermen and the Finance Committee on Mayoralty and Shrievalty Allowances:-

Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee Chief Commoner Deputy Edward Lord

Frequency of Meetings

6. the current frequency of meetings of the Committee be endorsed.

10. BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY - SUMMER 2012

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning proposals to support an active programme of engagement throughout the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to:-

- up to £120,000 allocated from the Policy Initiatives Fund for 2012/13 towards hosting and engaging with key visiting dignitaries during the summer as set out in paragraphs 7 to 10 of the report and that it be categorised under the Events section of the Fund and charged to City's Cash;
- 2. delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to approve requests for funding events of £5,000 and over; and
- 3. any requests for less than £5,000 be dealt with by the Town Clerk in consultation with relevant officers.

11. PREPARING FOR THE OPERATIONAL IMPACT OF LONDON 2012

The Committee considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and Chamberlain concerning preparations for the operational impact of London 2012.

Members were advised that the Finance Committee had considered the proposals and that in terms of the cleansing associated with the Marathon they were supportive of the preferred option.

In response to concern about how the fund would be monitored to ensure that it was spent on appropriate activity only, the Town Clerk explained that a new separate contingency was to be created and that the Chamberlain would allocate funding in consultation with the Chairmen and the Deputy Chairmen of this Committee and the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to:-

- 1. the creation of a contingency sum of £650,000 funded from carry forwards, which can be drawn down by departments bearing additional costs resulting from London 2012; and
- 2. the preferred option for Marathon related cleansing as outlined at paragraph 30 of the report.

12. MIPIM PROPERTY CONFERENCE 2012

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor concerning the outcome and activities at the MIPIM property exhibition in March 2012 and the City Corporation's attendance at the conference in 2013.

The Chairman was heard in support of the City Corporation continuing to attend MIPIM and assured Members of the value of the event.

RESOLVED: That:-

- 1. the content of the report be noted, in particular the activities undertaken at MIPIM 2012;
- 2. approval be given to the City Corporation's attendance at MIPIM 2013 with a cost not exceeding £85,000; and
- 3. should costs or circumstances change for any reason, a report be brought back to the Committees in November with further recommendations.

13. CITY MODEL

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor concerning a proposal to relocate temporarily the City model from the City Marketing Suite in order for it to be used in a major property exhibition about the Square Mile, entitled "The Developing City".

RESOLVED: That the City Model be relocated on a temporary basis as part of the "The Developing City" property exhibition to be held at the Walbrook for a period of 12 weeks from 18 June to 10 Sept 2012.

14. AMENDMENTS TO THE RESERVOIRS ACT 1975

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor concerning the City Corporation's response to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs consultation on the Implementation of Amendments to the Reservoirs Act.

RESOLVED: That in order to meet the 17th May deadline the City Corporation's response to the Implementation of Amendments to the Reservoirs Act consultation be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of this Committee, the Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Woods and Queens Park and the Epping Forest and Commons Committees.

15. HOARDINGS FOR CROSSRAIL WORKS SITES

The Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Public Relations and the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre concerning proposals to improve the visual appearance of the hoardings around the Crossrail works sites at Liverpool Street, Moorgate and Lindsey Street by displaying images supplied, or commissioned, by the Museum of London and the Barbican Centre.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to-

- 1. the production and installation of new hoardings around the Crossrail works sites at Liverpool Street, Moorgate and Lindsey Street; and
- 2. the provision of a sum of £15,000 to meet the cost of designing the hoardings at Moorgate and Lindsey Street, funded from the Policy Initiatives Fund 2012/13, categorised under the "New Area of Work" section of the Fund and charged to *City's Cash*.

16. MILTON FRIEDMAN - 100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Relations proposing that the City Corporation supports an event organised by the Centre for Policy Studies commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Milton Friedman, the twentieth century's most prominent advocate of free markets.

RESOLVED: That support be given to the Centre for Policy Studies event commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Milton Friedman at a cost of £12,000 to be funded from the Policy Initiatives Fund for 2012/13, categorised under the "Events" section of the Fund and charged to *City's Cash*.

17. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Relations updating it on the activities of the Public Relations Office since January 2012 and proposing an increase in the administrative charges for filming in the City.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and its content noted and that the changes to the administrative charges for filming in the City as set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report be approved.

18. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BUSINESS PLAN

The Committee considered the Economic Development Office Business Plan for 2012 – 2015.

RESOLVED - That the Economic Development Office Business Plan for 2012-2015 be approved.

19. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTOR**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Economic Development and the Remembrancer concerning the International Dispute Resolution Centre (IDRC), the use of dividends to support certain projects undertaken by the Financial Markets Law Committee and the allocation of future dividends from the IDRC to the general income of City's Cash.

RESOLVED - that:-

- the extent of the City Corporation's promotional work in support of London's position as an international centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution be noted;
- 2. the retention under current circumstances of the holding of 40,000 shares in the International Dispute Resolution Centre be approved; and
- 3. the most recent dividend of £1 per IDRC share, currently held in the Chamberlain's miscellaneous income account and totalling £40,000, be used to part-fund specific projects to be undertaken by the Financial Markets Law Committee (FMLC), on terms and conditions to be negotiated with the FMLC by the Remembrancer and the Director of Economic Development.

20. INNOVATION WAREHOUSE UPDATE

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Economic Development updating it on the progress of the Innovation Warehouse (IW).

In response to a query about whether the project would reach its target financially, Members were advised that, based on information received, it was anticipated that it would break even in approximately two years. Ways of maximising publicity for IW would be considered.

RESOLVED: that the report be received and its content noted.

21. POLICY INITIATIVES FUND

The Committee considered a statement of the Chamberlain on the use of the Policy Initiatives Fund for 2012/13 and a proposal to carry the unused provision in 2011/12 of £280,000 forward to 2012/13.

RESOLVED – That the content of the statement be noted and that the unused provision from 2011/12 of £280,000 be carried forward to 2012/13.

22. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk advising of the action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b).

RESOLVED: that it be noted that approval was given to the provision of financial support of up to £10,000 for the annual Awards Dinner of the British Business Angels Association.

23. HIGH OFFICER APPOINTMENT PROCESS

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning the appointment of the City Corporation's High Officers and the process for the election of those Officers by the Court of Common Council.

During detailed discussion the following comments were made:-

- Whilst it was accepted that the proposal was attempting to establish more Member involvement in the appointments process, the creation of a 20 Member panel was not felt to be necessary and could complicate the process.
- Members were reminded that the new suggested Panel would act in an advisory capacity only and that, if necessary, its numbers could be reduced.
- The Deputy Chairman reminded Members that only a small number of Members at the Court meeting had expressed concern about the process and therefore the Committee should also consider whether it was necessary to change the current practice. Several Members supported this and felt that whilst it was good to have a paper which reviewed the process they could see no reason to extend it.
- A Member pointed out that the Appointment Panel was properly appointed by the appointing Committee under the authority of the Court and it should therefore be allowed to carry out its work without further intervention and the Court should accept its judgement in bringing forwarded the preferred candidate.
- It was acknowledged that the issue was not about the Appointment Panel but about how the appointment was dealt with in the Court of Common Council. There was an element of pretence which was further exacerbated by the question and answer session.
- Concern was expressed about whether candidates were being questioned by Members who might not be trained properly in terms of good practice. It was generally felt that the question and answer session should now be dispensed with.
- A Member queried whether it would be possible to remove the Court from the process altogether and was advised that it was important for the Court to see the preferred candidate and to ask a few questions providing that Members understood that they were being asked to either ratify or reject the Appointment Panel's recommendation.

After further discussion a vote was taken on whether to keep the current arrangements or to change them to include more Member involvement. An overwhelming majority of Members voted in favour of keeping the current arrangements.

The Chairman summed up discussion and stated that the Committee appeared to be broadly supportive of the preferred candidate appearing before the Court and being able to address Members but that the question and answer session should be dispensed with as it added very little value to the process. Members agreed with this conclusion.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report, including the advice given, be noted and that subject to the concurrence of the Establishment Committee and the approval of the Court of Common Council:-

- 1. the current practice of an Appointment Panel being appointed to carry out the recruitment and interview process and then make a recommendation to the Court be maintained:
- 2. the preferred candidate be required to appear before the Court of Common Council and address Members accordingly; and
- 3. the current arrangements for a question and answer session in the Court be dispensed with in future.

24. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

A Member queried the arrangements for the appointment of nominees to London Council Committees and questioned why appointments to those Committees were not considered by the relevant service committee. The Assistant Town Clerk advised that appointments were managed by this Committee on the basis that the Chairmen of the most relevant City Corporation committees were nominated to serve. He reminded Members that the nomination process had been reviewed by the Policy Committee less than a year ago.

Reference was made to London Councils Transport and Environment Committee (TEC). It was noted that the City Corporation's representative was Archie Galloway and that he had served on the TEC for a number of years and that his experience and knowledge was valued by London Councils. It was nevertheless noted that the appointments process would be reviewed again next year.

A Member queried the specific mention of Mr Tumbridge's absence at the beginning of the meeting and was advised that Mr Tumbridge was away on City Corporation business with the Lord Mayor and that he had been heavily involved in the programme for the visit.

25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

The following items of urgent business were considered:-

SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Economic Development concerning the establishment of a £20m Social Investment Fund from the Bridge House Estates.

Several Members expressed their strong support for the establishment of the fund which they felt was innovative and demonstrated the City Corporation's ability to support other important fields of activity and not just banking. It was noted that it may take time to identify appropriate investments. A Member also commented that he hoped that high yielding property investments would also be considered as part of the investment strategy.

The Chairman suggested that an informal briefing breakfast be held for Members who were interested in learning more about the area of social investment and its benefits and this was supported by the Committee.

RESOLVED - that:-

- 1. the establishment of a £20m Social Investment Fund be approved in principle, subject to the concurrence of the Financial Investments Board and to consideration of a further report on the arrangements for managing the process by this Committee and other relevant committees and Boards.
- 2. to maximise the impact, the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, be given discretion on the timing of the announcement, and its communication to the Prime Minister; and
- 3. the report be submitted to the Court of Common Council for information and that arrangements be made for informal briefing breakfast meeting to be held for Members who were interested in understanding the area of social investment and its benefits better.

UPDATE ON THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Committee considered a progress report of the Town Clerk on the activities and events being undertaken by the City Corporation as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted and Town Clerk be authorised to take any action necessary in support of the City Corporation's involvement with the Diamond Jubilee in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman where appropriate.

The Chairman updated the Committee on the various activities involving China and highlighted the importance of this area of work. He referred to the recent establishment of the Renminibi Group and the huge acknowledgement the City Corporation had received as result of the work it was undertaking. The Chairman suggested that a report on the work being undertaken in connection with China be submitted to the next meeting and that an informal briefing breakfast also be arranged to inform interested Members of the Court of the importance of the City Corporation's involvement with activities concerning China.

RESOLVED - that a report on the work being undertaken in connection with China be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee and that an informal briefing breakfast be arranged to inform Members of the Court of the importance of the City Corporation's involvement with this area of work.

26. 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 Nos.	Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A	
27-32	3	
33	1	
34 - 36	3	

27. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2012 were approved.

Billingsgate Working Practices

The Chairman of the Markets Committee updated the Committee on the successful outcome of activities concerning Billingsgate Market's working practices.

28. CORPORATE ASSET SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2012 were received.

29. HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2012 were considered. The Committee noted that the Diamond Jubilee Pageant was being held on Sunday 3rd June 2012 and that the Royal Gala Concert on Wednesday 5th December 2012. It also approved the recommendations contained in the minutes.

30. **16 HOXTON SQUARE**

The Committee received a progress report of the City Surveyor concerning the Hoxton Prospect Centre. It was noted that it was not necessary for the City

Corporation to be represented the Board but that activities would nevertheless continue to be monitored.

31. DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk advising it of the action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b).

32. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions relating to the work of the Committee whilst the public were excluded.

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

The Committee considered two urgent items raised by the Remembrancer and approved hospitality relating to the Paralympic Games and an application for the use of Guildhall from Kings Holidays.

The meeti	ng ended a	at 3.15pm
Chairman		

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