



Gresham (City Side) Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2014
Time: 12.00pm
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOMS, 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members: Tom Hoffman (Chairman) Wendy Mead
Simon Duckworth (Deputy Chairman) Deputy John Owen-Ward
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi Ian Seaton
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Brian Harris The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Alderman
Alderman Ian Luder Fiona Woolf (Ex-Officio Member)

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Following a kind invitation from the Mercers' Company, lunch will be served at 1.00pm at Mercers' Hall, following which there will be a meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee at 2.15pm.

John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

Part 1 - Public Agenda

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
3. **MINUTES**
To agree the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 11 October 2013.
For Decision
(Pages 1 - 4)
4. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**
Report of the Town Clerk.
For Decision
(Pages 5 - 8)
5. **APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL OF GRESHAM COLLEGE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF GRESHAM COLLEGE**
To consider the appointment of one representative to the Gresham College Council and the Finance Committee of Gresham College to serve the remainder of a four year term to expire in August 2016.
For Decision
6. **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION FOR THE COUNCIL OF GRESHAM COLLEGE**
Proposal to amend the Articles of Gresham College.
For Decision
(Pages 9 - 12)
7. **CITY OF LONDON ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**
Report of the Director of Community & Children's Services.
For Information
(Pages 13 - 16)
8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
9. **ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**
10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**
MOTION - That under Section 100A 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2013.
For Decision
(Pages 17 - 18)
12. **DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**
Report of the Town Clerk.
For Information
(Pages 19 - 20)
13. **JOINT GRAND GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE
CONSIDERATION**
14. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE
COMMITTEE**
15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND
WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE
PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

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Agenda Item 3

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE Friday, 11 October 2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Basinghall Suite - Guildhall, EC2 on Friday, 11 October 2013 at 12.00 pm

Present

Members:

Tom Hoffman (Chairman)
Simon Duckworth (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Anthony Eskenzi
Alderman Sir Robert Finch
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Brian Harris
Deputy John Owen-Ward
Ian Seaton
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

Officers:

Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
Philippa Sewell	- Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Andrew Wild	- City Surveyor's Department
Alan Bennetts	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Colin Wilcox	- Assistant Director City's Estates & Bridge House Estate

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, Roger Gifford, Deputy Robin Eve and Wendy Mead.

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

Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli declared a non-pecuniary interest due to being a former Professor on Gresham College Council, the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Deputy Anthony Eskenzi declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being Members of the Council of Gresham College, and Deputy John Owen-Ward declared a non-pecuniary interest due to being a Member of Planning and Transportation Committee.

3. MINUTES

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 31 May 2013 were considered and approved as a correct record.

4. REVENUE OUTTURN 2012/13

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Director of Community and Children's Services detailing the Revenue Outturn for 2012/13.

The Chamberlain highlighted that the Revenue Outturn detailed a 'better than budget' position of £244,000. Members were informed that this was because of net income on the City Moiety being £112,000 higher than expected, largely due to the City receiving £99,000 as its 50% share of additional rent from lettings at the Royal Exchange over the 5 year period ending September 2011, and a technical accounting adjustment relating to an accrual for the City's grant payment to the college. The Chamberlain advised that in previous years, the grant paid to the College was fully charged to the City's financial year ending on 31 March but from 2012/13 an adjustment had been made to reflect the 4 months effectively paid in advance, leaving an underspend in the first year the adjustment is made (i.e. 2012/13). Actual grant payments to the College remained unchanged by this.

5. **REVENUE BUDGET 2013/14 AND 2014/15**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Director of Community and Children's Services submitting the revenue budgets overseen by the Committee and seeking approval to the provisional revenue budget for 2014/15, for subsequent submission to the Finance Committee.

The Chamberlain reported that, overall, the 2014/15 provisional revenue budget totalled £119,000, an increase of £6,000 compared with the final budget for 2013/14. He reported that this was due to an increase of £16,000 in the City Grant to Gresham College in accordance with the agreed funding arrangements between the City of London Corporation, the Mercers' Company and Gresham College. This was partly offset by a reduction of £8,000 in the repairs and maintenance of the Almshouses reflecting the latest review of anticipated works.

In response to a Member's query concerning the maintenance of the Almshouses, the Chamberlain reported that the details of a number of small variances relating to this reduction were appended to this report, and that a long term maintenance and repairs programme was regularly received at Community and Children's Services Committee meetings.

RESOLVED – That the provisional 2014/15 revenue budget be submitted to the Finance Committee.

6. **BIOGRAPHY OF SIR THOMAS GRESHAM**

The Chairman advised Members that the Provost had identified a particular academic to write the biography of Thomas Gresham, and the estimated cost had increased from £150,000 to £200,000. The Deputy Chairman highlighted that the positive budget variance reported earlier in the meeting could be used for this project, but proposed that the City support up to £75,000 with a similar figure from the Mercers. Any additional funding would be met by the College itself.

The Chamberlain advised that Finance Committee and Policy and Resources Committee would query value for money and whether there were alternate sources of funding, but Members agreed that this was a worthy and important project and should be of special consideration and take account of the

uniqueness of the project. The matter would be discussed further between the City Side and the Mercers at the Joint Grand Gresham Committee that same day.

7. **THE PROVOST AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF GRESHAM COLLEGE**

The Chairman advised the Committee that Sir Roderick Floud was planning to retire once his current term as Provost expired in August 2014. Sir Roderick was also the Chairman of the Council of the College and the Committee were being asked to consider the process for appointing a new Provost, and whether the Chairmanship should be separate from the Provostship. A proposal had been put forward for Sir Roderick to continue as Chairman, but Members felt that this might impede the work of the incoming Provost and that there were other ways of paying respect to Sir Roderick and retaining his expertise.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman be nominated to represent the City Side on the Nominations Committee. Members also agreed that the decision whether to retain the joint post or to split it should be made after the incoming Provost had been selected. Deputy Anthony Eskenzi advised that in previous years the Chairmen from the Mercers and City side had alternated in taking the Chairmanship for one year terms.

8. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

9. **ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

Members were reminded by the Town Clerk that the Gresham Committee dinner was being held on Tuesday 30 September 2014 at Mansion House.

10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100A 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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Exempt Paragraph(s)

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11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2013 were considered and approved as a correct record.

12. **JOINT GRAND GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION**

The Committee considered that various items on the agenda for the meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee that day.

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

A question was raised in respect of the Gresham Committee Service Overview, which was attached as Annex B1 to the Revenue Budget 2013/14 and 2014/15.

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

There was one additional urgent item of business for consideration in non-public session.

The meeting ended at 12.50 pm

Chairman

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Agenda Item 4

Committee: Gresham (City Side) Committee	Date: 21 February 2014
Subject: Terms of Reference of the Gresham (City Side) Committee	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
<u>Summary</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. As part of the post-implementation review of the changes made to the governance arrangements in 2011 it was agreed that all Committees should review their terms of reference annually. This will enable any proposed changes to be considered in time for the reappointment of Committees by the Court of Common Council.2. The terms of reference of the Gresham (City Side) Committee are attached as an appendix to this report for your consideration as to whether they reflect the Committee's activities.	
<u>Recommendations</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. That, subject to any comments, the terms of reference as set out in the appendix be approved for submission to the Court.	

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GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

To be responsible for:-

- (a) letting and demising the lands and tenements given to this City by Sir Thomas Gresham by his last Will and Testament or otherwise to do and perform all and everything and things according to the true intent and meaning of the said last Will and Testament of the said Sir Thomas Gresham and the several Acts of Parliament for that purpose made with limitations and provisions as in the same are directed;

(Note: The estate, so far as it relates to the land that was left to the City of London Corporation and the Mercers' Company, is administered by the Joint Grand Gresham Committee, which consists of the City Side and an equal number of Mercers. The legal obligations upon the City of London Corporation under the terms of Sir Thomas Gresham's Will, as varied by statute and discharged by the City Side, are limited:-

- (i) to the appointment and payment of four of the Gresham Lecturers, namely those in Divinity, Astronomy, Music and Geometry, and in the provision of a sufficient and proper place for the delivery of the lectures;
 - (ii) to the maintenance of eight almshouses in Ferndale Road, Brixton, to the appointment of eight "almsfolkes" and the payment of a small annual sum to each of them);
- (b) all other City Side matters relating to Gresham College including:-
- (i) the appointment, from the membership of the Court of Common Council, of one representative to attend General Meetings of the Council of Gresham College and up to four Directors to serve on the Council of Gresham College;
 - (ii) any amendments to the current Memorandum and Articles of Association of Gresham College, other than financial aspects and those which, in the opinion of the Committee, are significant and should be considered by the Court.

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The Court of Assistants/Mercers Side of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee

Friday 21st February

Gresham College - Amendment of Articles

1 - Background

The current Gresham College Articles state that the College Council can have up to two coopted members from the Foundation (i.e. Gresham as opposed to Visiting) Professors on the Academic Board, which consists only of Foundation and Visiting Professors together with the Provost.

A problem has arisen in that current Foundation professors are very busy and only one - Professor Carolin Crawford (Astronomy) - wishes to serve. However Baroness Deech would be willing, but her Foundation term is now completed although she is now Emeritus Professor, a Fellow of Gresham College, and member of Academic Board. She was of course a much admired Professor of Law

2 - Proposal

The proposal is that the articles be amended to allow the Council to coopt up to two members from the Academic Board, but from both Foundation and Visiting categories. Although this appears de minimis, given the quality of all the College's professors, it might be seen as slightly weakening the governance position of the sponsors, the Company and the City Corporation. The latter is achieved through the right to appoint Professors, to appoint members of Council, and the holding of shares in the College, one each. The proposal means that the two Academic Board cooptees do not have to be current Foundation Professors, i.e. appointed by the sponsors and therefore dismissable by the sponsors, but do have to be Professors, clearly by any standards a very talented pool.

3 - Action requested

Gresham College is a company limited by guarantee with two shareholders, the City Corporation and the Company, one share each, their two nominees being respectively Councilman Tom Hoffman, Chairman of the City Side, for the City and the undersigned, Vice Chairman of the Council and a Mercer nominee on the Council. The change requires an EGM and a covering note written for the College Council and draft EGM notice are attached as Appendices 1 and 2.

The Court is requested to empower the undersigned to attend the EGM and vote the Company's share in favour of the change to the Articles.

Appendix 1

GRESHAM COLLEGE

6 February 2014



PROPOSAL FOR AN EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

1. It is proposed that an Extra-ordinary General Meeting should be held in order to consider a proposed change to Article 23 of the Articles of Association regarding representation of the Academic Board on Gresham College Council.
2. At a meeting of Council on 21 November 2013, it was discussed whether Academic Board members on Council should be required to be 'Current Gresham Professors.' This has proved difficult in the past, to the already significant commitments of the Gresham Professors, and difficulties of attending meetings (especially if located at some distance from London). By contrast, other members of Academic Board, such as Fellows (who are normally former professors) have both the experience and capacity to take on this role.
3. In addition, the wording as at present is somewhat ambiguous regarding whether 'emeritus' (but still 'current') Gresham professors are eligible.
4. An amendment to the wording is therefore proposed, which can only be agreed at a general meeting. Members are asked to approve the calling of an Extraordinary meeting to clarify this issue. A draft agendum is attached.

Note: The Council 21 Nov 13 Minute read:

35.13.5 The Articles of Association require that Academic Board representatives on Council should be 'current Gresham Professors', the term being somewhat unclear about whether it included emeritus professors. It was sometimes difficult for people to commit the additional time necessary so it was proposed that Council should submit a request to the AGM to reconsider this requirement, making it more broadly applicable to all members of Academic Board. This had been scheduled for discussion at the AGM but, since it impacted on governance issues and the role and status of the Founding Professors appointed by the Mercers and the Corporation, it was felt that some discussion was needed amongst the Sponsors first. The item would therefore be withdrawn from the AGM agenda and discussed by the two members (share/vote holders) at an extra-ordinary meeting to be held at an appropriate time.

Appendix 2



EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

21 February

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an extraordinary general meeting of Gresham College will be held at the Mercers' Hall, 21 February 2014 to transact the following business:

Ordinary Business

5. To consider a proposed change to Article 23 of the Articles of Association (2004, as revised 2007). The proposed amendment being to alter the requirement:

In addition the Council shall be required to co-opt to the Council 2 persons to act as ex officio directors of the College who shall be current Gresham Professors nominated by the Academic Board.

to read:

In addition the Council shall be required to co-opt to the Council 2 persons to act as ex officio directors of the College who shall be nominated by the Academic Board from amongst their membership.

By Order of the Board
Dr Valerie Shrimplin
Company Secretary
Gresham College

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Agenda Item 7

Committee:	Date:
Gresham (City Side) Committee	21 February 2014
Subject: City of London Almshouses Update	Public
Report of: Director of Community & Children's Services	For Information
Summary	
<p>This report gives Members an information update on the City of London Almshouses, in Lambeth. Some of the information in the report also relates to the eight Gresham Almshouses on the estate.</p>	
Recommendation	
<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the report.	

Main Report

Background

1. In February 2013 the City of London Almshouses Trustees Committee was merged with the Housing Management Sub Committee to form the Housing Management & Almshouses Sub Committee. This report is presented to alternate meetings of the Sub Committee to update Members on operational matters relating to the Almshouses and their residents, and highlights any issues of concern. It is then forwarded to the Gresham Committee for information,

Social events

2. Residents enjoyed a trip to Sissinghurst Castle in the summer. One of the trips requested earlier in the year was for a shopping trip and this took place in November in time for some Christmas shopping.
3. Unfortunately Lambeth Community Transport is no longer available (due to funding cuts the transport is only now available for school trips) Using the Community Transport allowed us to keep costs low, however residents were very happy with the alternative transport the Matron booked for their trip to Sissinghurst. This transport company is used by other sheltered housing estates so the Matron was confident the residents would have safe and comfortable trips.
4. Residents expressed thanks to the Trustees for the Social Fund which continues to support building a community spirit.

Christmas hampers

5. The order for Christmas hampers was placed before the end of October to enable an "Early Order" discount to be claimed. The hampers were delivered on Tuesday 10th December 2013 by representatives of both the Housing Management & Almshouses Sub Committee and the Gresham (City Side) Committee.

Garden work

6. The CoLAT Trustees agreed an additional budget of £25,000 to carry out landscaping to the gardens. Residents have had three meetings and a ballot to discuss what shape the landscaping should take. There are a few residents who would like to keep the grounds untouched, although several are keen to have seating areas as well as vegetables patches and possibly a greenhouse. During the summer due to such excellent weather there has been an increase in the number of trespassers on the grounds. This has caused many residents to become anxious about their security and although the local Safer Neighbourhood Team have been informed and have increased their presence in the area as a deterrent, the presence of trespassers continue to cause distress to the most vulnerable residents. The residents have requested that we defer the improving garden facilities until we are able to investigate options for improving site security with electronic opening gates and possibly CCTV installation.
7. The last visit from the company treating a known problem with Japanese Knotweed has taken place. We are hoping for clearance from the company to enable maintenance to be undertaken on the affected areas.

Community Facility & Office

8. A planning application has been submitted to the London Borough of Lambeth, to change the former Deputy Matron's flat to an office and community meeting place. This was agreed by Trustees at the last meeting of the Housing Management & Almshouses Sub Committee. Work will commence as soon as we have permission, but, in the meantime, we are consulting with residents about what they would like to have in the new facility.

Supporting People funding

9. Officers have had several meetings with officers of the London Borough of Lambeth regarding the withdrawal of the Supporting People grant in 2014. Much work has been undertaken on assessing costs currently covered by the Supporting People grant and transferring these costs to Housing Benefit funding. This will cover some of the shortfall from the loss of the grant. A template form has been developed for testing the process to ensure the computer system will calculate the costs which residents will be able to claim. A further report will be brought to the Housing Management & Almshouses Sub Committee if the testing shows a significant adverse impact on residents.

Staffing

10. The Sheltered Housing Officer post previously notified to Members has been advertised and an appointment made. Elise Cassar, one of our Apprentices, is the successful candidate. Elise has spent the last year working on our sheltered estates and is looking forward to working at the Almshouses. We are now reviewing gardening arrangements to increase the gardening support on the estate.

Vacancies and applications

11. There are currently no vacancies. There are 4 applicants on the Waiting List, all of whom have been approved, and two other applicants in the assessment process.

Consultees

The Chamberlain, Comptroller and Town Clerk have been consulted in the development of this report.

Appendices

None

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Agenda Item 11

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Agenda Item 12

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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