



## **Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries) Committee**

**Date:** WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2016

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOMS, 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

<b>Members:</b>	Nigel Challis	Andrew McMurtrie
	Deputy Billy Dove	Vivienne Littlechild (Ex-Officio Member)
	Deputy Bill Fraser	Graham Packham (Ex-Officio Member)
	Tom Hoffman	Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
	Gregory Jones QC	Patrick Streeter

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**Lunch will be served in Guildhall Club at 1 pm**

**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. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
Members are asked to note the Benefices Sub Committee's Terms of Reference.  
**For Information**  
(Pages 1 - 2)
4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**  
To elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 29.  
**For Decision**
5. **MINUTES**  
To confirm the minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016.  
**For Decision**  
(Pages 3 - 4)
6. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**
7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
8. **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 I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.  
**For Decision**

## **Part 2 - Non-public Agenda**

9. **MINUTES**  
To approve the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2016.  
**For Decision**  
(Pages 5 - 8)

10. **UPDATES FROM BENEFICES VISITS AND ALLOCATION OF MEMBERS TO THE VARIOUS BENEFICES IN ORDER TO ARRANGE FUTURE VISITS**  
Town Clerk to be heard (List of Benefices attached).

**For Discussion**  
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11. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**
12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

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## Benefices Sub Committee – Terms of Reference

### Composition:

**Up to 8 Members of the Court to be appointed by the Committee** - the current total membership being 10, including the Chairman and Deputy Chairman as Ex-officio Members).

### Terms of Reference:

To consider matters relating to the City's obligations for its various Benefices.

*The Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 and The Patronage (Benefices) Rules 1987, seek to confine the exercise of Church of England Patronage; i.e. the right to present Clergy, to a responsible person who is an actual Communicant Member of the Church of England or of a church in communion with it. On receiving notice of a vacancy, the City of London Corporation, as patron, is required to appoint an individual who is 'willing and able to make the Declaration of Membership and act as its representative to discharge its functions as registered patron'. In practice, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, being a person able and willing to make the declaration, is usually appointed as the City of London Corporation's representative and this practice has worked well.*

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## **BENEFICES SUB (CULTURE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES) COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 8 February 2016**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries) Committee held at Guildhall on Monday, 8 February 2016 at 4.30 pm**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Deputy Billy Dove (Chairman)  
Vivienne Littlechild (Ex-Officio, Deputy Chairman)  
Nigel Challis  
Deputy Bill Fraser  
Tom Hoffman  
Gregory Jones QC  
Andrew McMurtrie

### **In Attendance**

#### **Officers:**

Julie Mayer - Town Clerk's Department

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Virginia Rounding, Dennis Cotgrove and Graham Packham.

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

There were no declarations.

#### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 6 October 2015 were approved as a correct record.

#### **4. FUTURE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE BENEFICES SUB COMMITTEE**

The Chairman was heard and reminded Members that he would be standing down as the Chairman of the Benefices Sub Committee, after serving for the past 10 years. The resignation would be effective from the next Meeting of the Sub Committee.

The Town Clerk advised that the next meeting of the Benefices Sub Committee on 8th June 2016 (after the Annual Court of Common Council and the May Meeting of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee) would elect its new Chairman. Members were reminded that nominations for the Benefices Sub Committee would be invited from all Members of the Court, as had been the case last year, with due regard to the *desired* criteria as set out in The Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 and the Patronage (Benefices) Rules 1987, in respect of the appointment of priests.

The Chairman was pleased that this new approach had been a very positive step towards succession planning for a new Chairman of the Benefices Sub Committee, as last year's nominations had produced a Sub Committee with a wealth of skills, experience and enthusiasm. Given that all Members were active in their local parishes; this had resulted in a stronger business focus at the Sub Committee meetings.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

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

There were no items.

7. **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.

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8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were approved.

9. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BENEFICES SUB COMMITTEE 2015/16**

The Sub Committee received a report of the Town Clerk.

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

There were 2 questions while the public were excluded.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

**The meeting ended at 5.30 pm**

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Chairman

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