



Freedom Applications Committee

Date: THURSDAY, 26 JULY 2018
Time: 3.00 pm
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM 4 - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members: Alderman Sir David Wootton (Chairman)
Jeremy Mayhew (Deputy Chairman)
Alderman Vincent Keaveny
Simon Duckworth (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Ex-Officio Member)
Wendy Mead (Ex-Officio Member)
John Scott (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)

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N.B. Part of this meeting may be subject to audio-visual recording.

John Barradell
Town Clerk

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 of the meeting held on 14 June 2018.

For Decision
(Pages 1 - 4)

4. **RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee are invited to consider a resolution of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee from their meeting held on 28 June 2018.
(To be read in conjunction with the confidential appendix at Item 11).

For Information
(Pages 5 - 6)

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

6. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION - 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.

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

7. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2018.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 8)

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

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

Part 3 - Confidential Agenda

10. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

To agree the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2018.

For Decision

11. **RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SUB-COMMITTEE: CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX**

To be read in conjunction with the resolution at Item 4.

For Information

12. **LIST OF HEADS OF MISSIONS**

Report of the Town Clerk

For Discussion

13. **FREEDOM BY SPECIAL NOMINATION - COMPOSITE LIST OF POTENTIAL
RECIPIENTS**

Report of the Chamberlain

For Decision

14. **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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FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 14 June 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 3.30 pm

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir David Wootton
Alderman Vincent Keaveny
Jeremy Mayhew

Simon Duckworth (Ex-Officio Member)
Wendy Mead (Ex-Officio Member)
John Scott (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Joseph Anstee	- Town Clerk's Department
Peter Kane	- Chamberlain
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Double	- City Remembrancer
Bruce Hunt	- Remembrancer's Department
Murray Craig	- Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Catherine McGuinness.

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

There were none.

3. ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

The Committee received an Order of the Court of Common Council of 19 April 2018 appointing the Committee and approving its Terms of Reference.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.29. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and Alderman Sir David Wootton, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No.30. The Town Clerk read a list of Members eligible to stand and Jeremy Mayhew, being the only Member who expressed his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 14 March 2018 be agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

The Committee noted reference in the minutes to the letter sent out to local Academies, inviting them to put forward candidates for the Freedom. The vast majority of students were under 18 and therefore ineligible to receive the Freedom, and so other methods to encourage interest in the City of London amongst students would be explored. A report on City Apprenticeships had been requested for consideration at a future Committee meeting. Whilst there had been a limited number of responses to the letter, several nominations had been generated, including two nominations from the City of London School for Girls. Schools would be chased for any further nominations. The Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court informed the Committee that Chief Officers had also been contacted to invite nominations.

A Member suggested forwarding the letter to Members who were also school Governors, and also to the Lord Mayor's Cadets, who could be linked into the City Apprenticeships. Members discussed whether a more systematic approach for outreach departments should be considered, as there sometimes seemed to be a bias towards the artistic world in nominations for the Freedom. A Member suggested that the volunteering sector could be another source of nominations.

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

There were none.

8. **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.

Item No.	Exempt Paragraphs
9	1, 3
10 - 11	-
12 – 14	1
15	-

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting on 11 April 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

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

There were no questions.

11. **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.
12. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**
RESOLVED – That the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2018 be agreed as a correct record.
13. **LIST OF HEADS OF MISSIONS**
The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk.
14. **FREEDOM BY SPECIAL NOMINATION - COMPOSITE LIST OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS**
The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain.
15. **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 closed at 4.25 pm

Chairman

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TO: FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

26 July 2018

FROM: PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB (POLICY & RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

28 June 2018

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

The following item of urgent business was raised –

Nomination of 100 women to mark the centenary of women's suffrage

The Chairman and a Member raised an idea to nominate 100 women connected to the City for the Freedom as part of the celebrations marking the centenary of women's suffrage.

The Director of Communications advised that this would be reputationally positive for the City Corporation and that his team could make best use of social media impact as well as link it to other programmes.

The representative from the Chamberlain's Court also endorsed the idea but outlined some of the logistical difficulties in organising these nominations and ceremonies.

Members of the Sub Committee were very supportive of the idea and had a few suggestions of easing the logistical burden on the Chamberlain's Court:

- Common Councillors could sponsor one woman each and manage the administration of that individual's Freedom;
- Each ward could sponsor four applications;
- Women who had already been awarded the Freedom so far this year (15 in total) could be approached and invited to an event at the end of the year celebrating that they are included in 100 women who were given the Freedom in 2018.

It was agreed that the Freedom Applications Committee should be made aware of the view of that of the Sub Committee and that this idea could progress to the next stage.

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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