

FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 14 September 2021

Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Freedom Applications Committee held at Committee Rooms - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall and via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 at 3.00 pm

Present

Members:

Jeremy Mayhew (Chairman)
Alderman Sir David Wootton (Deputy Chairman)
Christopher Hayward (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Brian Mooney (Chief Commoner) (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Paul Double	- City Remembrancer
Bruce Hunt	- Remembrancer's Office
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Rhiannon Leary	- Town Clerk's Department
Sarah Phillips	- Town Clerk's Department
Laura Miller	- Deputy Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court
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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Tijs Broeke, Dominic Christian and the Lord Mayor, Alderman William Russell.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED, that:

the public minutes and the non-public summaries of the meeting on 22 July 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST

The Committee considered the Outstanding Actions List. With reference to point 2, the Chairman noted that an email from the Chamberlain had been circulated to Chief Officers that morning. It was agreed that an email similar in content, but with the revised categories of Freedom appended, would be circulated to Committee Chairmen after this meeting on behalf of the Chairman.

Members heard that the nominations of both John Glen and Sophie Linden had been progressed.

In relation to point 7, it was agreed that this should be deleted and replaced with an action noting that, going forwards, the Heads of Mission report would include additional analysis to provide rationale/context for nominations.

RESOLVED, that:

- (i) the Outstanding Actions List be noted;
- (ii) the Chairman write to the Chairmen of Committees to clarify the guidance for payment for Freedom ceremonies and hospitality.

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

There were none.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

7. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED, that:

the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

8. REVISED CRITERIA FOR THE FREEDOM

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain.

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

There were none.

10. 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.

11. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Committee considered the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2021.

12. CHAMBERLAIN'S COURT BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22

With the consent of the Chairman, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

13. FREEDOMS DASHBOARD AND APPLICATIONS REQUIRING DISCUSSION

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer and the Chamberlain.

14. LIST OF HEADS OF MISSIONS

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer.

15. FREEDOMS BY SPECIAL NOMINATION - COMPOSITE LIST OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain.

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

There were none.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

There was none.

The meeting ended at 4.04 pm

Chairman

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