



Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries) Committee

Date: MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2020

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING (ACCESSIBLE REMOTELY)

Members:

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| Simon Duckworth | Alderman Gregory Jones QC |
| Deputy Kevin Everett | Deputy Edward Lord |
| Caroline Haines | Deputy Richard Regan |
| Deputy the Revd Stephen Haines | Stephen Quilter |
| Ann Holmes | James de Sausmarez |
| Deputy Wendy Hyde (Ex-Officio) | Ian Seaton |
| Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark | Jeremy Simons (Ex-Officio) |

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John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

Part 1 - Public Agenda

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

3. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

To receive the Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference as agreed by the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee on 21 September 2020.

For Information
(Pages 1 - 2)

4. **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 29.

For Decision

5. **ELECTION OF A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 30.

For Decision

6. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting held on 24 February 2020.

For Decision
(Pages 3 - 4)

7. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

To discuss changes to Sub-Committee membership and establish Benefices partnerships with new Members.

For Discussion

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

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

10. **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

11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 February 2020.

For Decision
(Pages 5 - 8)

12. **VISITS/ COMMUNICATION WITH THE VARIOUS BENEFICES**

Members of the Sub-Committee to be heard.

For Information

13. **BENEFICES WINTER SURVEY**

To discuss responses to the winter Benefices survey.

For Information
(Pages 9 - 10)

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

15. **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 10 Members of the Court to be appointed by the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee - the total membership being 12, including the Chair and Deputy Chair 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.

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BENEFICES SUB (CULTURE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES) COMMITTEE

Monday, 24 February 2020

Minutes of the meeting of the Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 24 February 2020 at 5.00 pm

Present

Members:

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| Andrew McMurtrie (Chair) | Deputy Wendy Hyde (Ex-Officio Member) |
| Simon Duckworth (Deputy Chairman) | Alderman Gregory Jones QC |
| Caroline Haines | James de Sausmarez |
| Ann Holmes | |

In Attendance

Officers:

Julie Mayer - Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deputy, the Reverend Stephen Haines; Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark; Graham Packham; Deputy Richard Regan and Ian Seaton.

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

Simon Duckworth declared a general non-pecuniary interest by virtue of being a Church Warden at St Lawrence Jewry.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2019 were approved as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON CONNECTING THE BENEFICES WITH CITY OF LONDON SCHOOLS

Further to a suggestion from a Member, the Chairman had written to all Benefices Vicars reminding them of opportunities for bursaries at Christ's Hospital and Whitley. Members noted that this could be of particular benefit to looked after children or children at risk of being looked after.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was some discussion about diversity and Members noted that a significant number of women were now undergoing training or being appointed to the Clergy. One Member commented on having recently served on a very diverse interview panel. There was a further observation about the declining numbers of white middle-class men generally in some congregations. Members also noted an American study suggesting that the Christian Church was particularly female orientated in some denominations.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, 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.

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8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meetings held on 23 October 2019 were approved, subject to an amendment.

9. **VISITS TO THE VARIOUS BENEFICES**

Members were invited to discuss their recent visits to the various benefices.

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

There were no questions.

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

The Chairman raised a couple of matters of urgent business whilst the public were excluded.

The meeting closed at 6:00 pm

Chair

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