



Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries) Committee

Date: MONDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2022

Time: 2.00 pm

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

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

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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. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting held on 25 October 2021.

For Decision
(Pages 5 - 8)

4. **ST LAWRENCE JEWRY**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 9 - 10)

5. **VISITS TO THE VARIOUS BENEFICES**

Members of the Sub-Committee to be heard.

For Information

6. **UPDATE ON ST PETER'S, CORNHILL**

The Chairman to be heard.

For Information

7. **FUTURE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Town Clerk to provide an update.

For Information

8. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information
(Pages 11 - 12)

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

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

11. **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

12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 October 2021.

For Decision
(Pages 13 - 14)

13. **VISITS TO THE VARIOUS BENEFICES**

Members of the Sub-Committee to be heard.

For Information

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

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

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BENEFICES SUB (CULTURE, HERITAGE & LIBRARIES) COMMITTEE

Monday, 25 October 2021

**Minutes of the meeting of the Benefices Sub (Culture, Heritage & Libraries)
Committee held at Guildhall, EC2 on Monday, 25 October 2021 at 3.00 pm**

Present

Members:

Alderman Gregory Jones QC (Chairman)	Stephen Quilter (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Kevin Everett	Deputy Richard Regan
Caroline Haines	James de Sausmarez
Deputy Wendy Hyde (Ex-Officio Member)	Ian Seaton
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark	Jeremy Simons (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Edward Lord	

Officers:

Ben Dunleavy	- Town Clerk's Department
James Gibson	- Chief Operating Officer's Department
Charlie Pearce	- Chief Operating Officer's Department

1. APOLOGIES

It was moved by Stephen Quilter and seconded by Deputy Richard Regan that Deputy Kevin Everett take the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Simon Duckworth and Ann Holmes.

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

Members made the following declarations:

- Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark declared an interest as a church warden for St. Lawrence Jewry (appointed in his own right and not by a livery company or the Court) and member of the Guild Church Council;
- Ian Seaton declared an interest as a warden and member of the church council for St. Lawrence Jewry (appointed by his livery company)and,
- Alderman Gregory Jones declared an interest as a member of the church council for St Lawrence Jewry.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED, that – the Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference be received.

4. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

Members elected a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 29.

RESOLVED, that – being the only Member willing to serve, Alderman Gregory Jones be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

5. **ELECTION OF A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**
Members elected a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 30.
RESOLVED, that – being the only Member willing to serve, Stephen Quilter be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year.
6. **MINUTES**
RESOLVED, that – the public minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2021 be agreed as a correct record.
7. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**
Member's noted the Sub-Committee's list of outstanding actions.
8. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**
There were no changes to the Sub-Committee membership, and no changes in the partnerships with the Benefices.

Members discussed possible upcoming vacancies on the Sub-Committee due to the elections in 2022, and that it was important to think about how to maintain the relationships with the Benefices.
9. **PROPERTY BRIEFING**
Members discussed the proposed engagement session with the Benefices priests. The Town Clerk undertook to consult with the City Surveyor's Department and return to Members with potential dates for the session.
10. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**
The Chairman updated Members that he was looking to arrange the Sub-Committee supper for February 2022.
12. **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.
13. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
RESOLVED, that – the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2021 be agreed as a correct record.
14. **VISITS TO THE VARIOUS BENEFICES**
Members were invited to discuss their engagements with City Benefices.
15. **UPDATE ON ST ALBAN'S FULHAM**
The update on St Albans with St Augustine Fulham was provided in section 14 of the agenda.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm

Chairman

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Committee: Benefices Sub-Committee	Dated: 07/02/2022
Subject: St Lawrence Jewry	Public
Report of: The Town Clerk & Chief Executive	For Decision
Report author: Ben Dunleavy, Town Clerk's Department	

Summary

The City of London Corporation has received confirmation that the start date for the process of filling the vacancy at St Lawrence Jewry is 31 January 2022. The City Corporation as registered patron of the Guld Vicarage of St Lawrence Jewry, has the right to fill the vacancy, and must appoint a representative to discharge these functions.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- 1) appoint the Chairman to act as the patron's representative during the vacancy.

Main Report

1. The City of London Corporation received notice on 28 January 2022 that the Guild Vicarage of St Lawrence Jewry had become vacant on 31 October 2021 by the resignation of the Reverend David Wesley Parrott.
2. The Bishop of London has stipulated that the start date for the process of filling the vacancy will be 31 January 2022.
3. As Patron, the City Corporation must appoint an individual as its representative and discharge its functions as registered patron. This individual must be able and willing to make a declaration that they are a communicant member of the Church of England (or a Church in communion with it).
4. As stated in the Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee is usually appointed as the City Corporation's representative, and it is proposed to continue with this precedent.
5. The Chairman is a communicant member of the Church of England, Deputy Chancellor of several Diocese and is appointed to the Panel of Chairs for Bishops' Disciplinary Tribunals. He has confirmed he is willing to serve in this role.

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Committee: Benefices Sub-Committee	Date: 7 February 2022
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	See background paper
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	See background paper
If so, how much?	See background paper
What is the source of Funding?	See background paper
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	See background paper
Report of: The Town Clerk & Chief Executive	For Information
Report author: Ben Dunleavy, Committee & Members Services Officer	

Summary:

This report provides details of a decision taken under urgency since your last meeting in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(a).

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Request for Decision Under Urgency (Standing Order 41A) – 1. Proposed Suspension of Presentation at St Albans with St Augustine, Fulham

1. The City of London Corporation, in its role as patron of St Alban with St Augustine, Fulham, received a letter from Kensington Area Council of the Diocese of London advising of a proposal to suspend the right of presentation to the benefice for up to 5 years. The Bishop of London intends to work with the PCC to look at alternative ways of providing appropriate ministries to the parish.
2. As required under section 85 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Church must consult with interested parties. The consultation has two parts: seeking the views of interested parties, and giving the registered patron the option of consulting with the Bishop or his representative.
3. The deadline for responses to the consultation did not fall within the Committee's meeting schedule. The Sub Committee were, therefore, consulted via email to seek their views, so as to inform any decision to be taken under urgency procedures.

4. Members indicated that they did not have objections to the proposal, but asked for responses to a number of questions. Responses to these questions were subsequently received and circulated to the Sub Committee.
5. The Town Clerk therefore agreed, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of your Committee, the City Corporation's response to the diocese and to a meeting taking place between the Bishop's representatives and the Chairman of the Benefices Sub-Committee (as provided for within section 85 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011).
6. Confirmation of the suspension of presentation was subsequently received and circulated to Members of the Sub-Committee.
7. Background papers are available from the Committee Clerk on request.

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