



Gresham (City Side) Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2023

Time: 10.45 am

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

Members: Deputy Christopher Hayward (Chair) Wendy Mead
Deputy Edward Lord (Deputy Chair) Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley
Deputy Keith Bottomley Deputy Nighat Qureishi
Tijs Broeke Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Deputy Simon Duckworth (Chief Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Commoner) The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Nicholas
Alderman Vincent Keaveny Lyons (Ex-Officio Member)

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Following a kind invitation from the Mercers' Company, a meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee is due to take place at 11.45am, following which lunch will be served for Members.

N.B. Part of this meeting could be the subject of audio/visual recording.

**Ian Thomas
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. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 30 September 2022.

For Decision
(Pages 5 - 8)

4. **ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

Report of the Director of Community & Children's Services.

For Information
(Pages 9 - 10)

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

6. **ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION - That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below which relate to functions of the Court of Common Council not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and which it is considered would not be in the best interests of the charity to disclose in a public meeting (engaging similar considerations as under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act).

For Decision

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2022.

For Decision
(Pages 11 - 12)

9. **CHARITIES REVIEW**

Town Clerk to be heard.

For Information

10. **JOINT GRAND GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE
CONSIDERATION**

Papers to be circulated separately

For Discussion

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

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

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GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE **Friday, 30 September 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 30 September 2022 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Christopher Hayward (Chairman)
Deputy Edward Lord (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Deputy Simon Duckworth (Chief Commoner)
Wendy Mead
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley
Deputy Nighat Qureishi

Officers:

Greg Moore	- Assistant Town Clerk
Neil Robbie	- City Surveyor's Department
Jenna Brassett	- Chamberlain's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Tijs Broeke, Deputy Dr Giles Shilson, and Deputy Philip Woodhouse.

The Chairman took the opportunity to welcome Deputy Nighat Qureishi to her first meeting of the Committee.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 27 May 2022 be approved as a correct record.

4. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY PROCEDURES

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk reporting on one action taken delegated authority procedures since the last meeting, concerning the extension of tenure of the Gresham Professor of Geometry.

RECEIVED.

5. REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23 AND 2023/24

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Director of Community and Children's Services presenting the revenue budgets for 2022/23 and 2023/24.

RESOLVED: That:-

1. The latest 2022/23 revenue budget be approved for submission to the Finance Committee.
2. The proposed 2023/24 revenue budget be approved for submission to the Finance Committee.

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

There were no questions.

7. **ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

There was no other business.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below which relate to functions of the Court of Common Council not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and which it is considered would not be in the best interests of the charity to disclose in a public meeting (engaging similar considerations as under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act).

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2022 be approved as a correct record.

10. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 OF THE SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITY**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain presenting the Draft Annual Report and Financial Statements of The Sir Thomas Gresham Charity for the preceding year.

11. **JOINT GRAND GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION**

The Committee considered the various items on the agenda for the meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee that day.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 11.25 am

Chairman

Contact Officer:

Gregory Moore

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Committee	Dated:
Gresham (City Side) Committee	24 February 2023
Subject: Gresham Almshouses Update	Public
Report of: Director of Community & Children's Services	For Information
Report author: Marie Rene, Area Manager	

Summary

This report gives Trustees an information update on the Gresham Almshouses, in Lambeth. Some of the information in the report also relates to the City of London Almshouses on the estate.

Recommendation

Trustees are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. This report is presented half yearly to the Trustees of the Gresham Almshouses. It updates Trustees on operational matters relating to the Gresham Almshouses and their residents and highlights any issues of concern.

Current Position

2. Staffing

There is a current vacancy for a gardener at the Gresham Almshouses which is in the process of being advertised.

Decent Homes Works

3. Following the installation of the secondary glazing at the Gresham Almshouses an issue has arisen regarding access to open the primary windows. This is currently being reviewed by the Projects Team.

4. Anti-Social Behaviour

There has been an increase of drug users entering and loitering on the grounds of the Gresham Almshouses. The Scheme Manager is liaising with the local Safer Neighbourhood Team to increase patrols in the area.

We have explored the options to improve the security onsite of which one is the installation CCTV. We are awaiting costs for this option.

Void Properties

5. There are currently no void properties at the Gresham Almshouses.

6. Damp Surveys

We are currently undertaking a specific programme of damp surveys across the whole of the Corporation's Almshouses portfolio. All the Gresham and Rogers Almshouses are included in the survey programme and approximately 20% of the Brixton Almshouses. A technical officer will be present at the meeting on 24 February to provide a more detailed update and answer questions.

7. Risk Management Arrangements

Officers are developing the Sir Thomas Gresham Charities (221982) risk register in line with the approach set out in the Charities' Risk Management Protocol (CRMP) which was endorsed by Audit and Risk Management Committee on the 18 January 2022, with further approval of the approach on 16 January 2023. The CRMP is based upon the City Corporation's Risk Management Policy and Strategy 2021 and the Charity Commission's CC 26 Risk Management guide. It aims to provide consistency of approach in managing charitable risk, ensuring that risks are considered in the best interests of that charity by the City Corporation in its capacity as charity Trustee. The CRMP provides a common list of risks to support this aim, structured around 5 thematic areas, that will be adapted for each charity.

A revised risk register, using this approach, was approved by Housing Management and Almshouses Sub Committee on 30 January 2023 for The City of London Almshouses charity (1005857). This work will inform the further development of the risk register for the Sir Thomas Gresham Charities (221982) which will be presented to your next Committee for approval.

8. Social Activities

All social activities have resumed following the pandemic. Activities are well attended. Following a visit to the Almshouses by the Chair and the Deputy Chair of the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub Committee a decision was made to give beneficiaries at the Almshouses vouchers instead of hampers at Christmas. Each household were given a £50 Tesco's voucher.

Conclusion

9. Trustees are asked to note the report.

Appendices

None

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