

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE
Friday, 13 October 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Room 3 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 13 October 2023 at 10.30 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Charles Edward Lord (Chair)
Deputy Nighat Qureishi (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Simon Duckworth
Wendy Mead
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Officers:

Greg Moore	- Interim Deputy Town Clerk
Zoe Lewis	- Town Clerk's Department
Ben Chen-Sverre	- Chamberlain's Department
Kirpal Kaur	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Emily Rimington	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Julia Pridham	- Corporate Charities Review Lead
Neil Robbie	- City Surveyor's Department
Marie Rene	- Community & Children's Services Department
Lochlan MacDonald	- Community & Children's Services Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Nicholas Lyons, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Alderwoman and Sheriff, Dame Susan Langley, Deputy Chris Hayward, Deputy Keith Bottomley and Deputy Henry Pollard.

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 26 May 2023 be approved as a correct record.

4. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk inviting the Committee to review its terms of reference.

The Committee noted that the terms of reference were derived from the obligations of the Will of Thomas Gresham and relevant legislation.

RESOLVED – That the Committee approve the terms of reference of the Gresham Committee (City Side) for submission to the Court, as set out.

5. **REVENUE BUDGET 2023/24 AND 2024/25**

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Director of Community and Children’s Services presenting the revenue budgets for 2023/24 and 2024/25.

The Chair informed Members that the £27,000 reduction in funding to Gresham College was expected and that the funding was reducing in line with Gresham College’s increase fundraising.

RESOLVED: That the Committee -

1. Approve the 2023/24 revenue budget for submission to the Finance Committee; and
2. Approve the proposed 2024/25 revenue budget for submission to the Finance Committee.

6. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Community & Children’s Services which provided an update on the Gresham Almshouses.

Members were informed that a further round of recruitment for the gardener position would take place following a previously unsuccessful round. The Officer stated that there had been liaison with the police following anti-social behaviour issues in the area and the police had increased patrols. She stated that there were delays in obtaining permission for the CCTV installation as the building was listed. Members were informed that there were currently no void properties.

The Officer stated that a summer picnic had been held at the almshouses and residents from other sheltered schemes across the City had been invited. She stated that the Members’ Christmas visit to the almshouses would take place on 8 December 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Committee note the report.

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

There were no questions.

8. **ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

There was no other business.

9. **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 paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act).

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2023 be approved as a correct record.

11. **CONDITION OF GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services concerning the condition of the Gresham Almshouses and ongoing maintenance work.

12. **CHARITIES REVIEW UPDATE - SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITIES**

The Committee considered a report of the Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation.

13. **UPDATE ON ACCOUNTS OF SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITY**

The Committee was provided with an oral update in respect of the accounts of Sir Thomas Gresham Charity.

14. **JOINT 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.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 11.25 am

Chairman

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