

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF ALDERMEN
Tuesday, 21 March 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held at
Committee Rooms 3 & 4 - 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 21 March
2023 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir William Russell (Chairman)
Alderman Sir Charles Bowman (Deputy Chairman)
Alderman Ian David Luder
Alderman Sir David Wootton
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Alderman Alison Gowman
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Alderman Robert Howard
Alderman and Sheriff Alastair King DL
Alderman Gregory Jones KC
Alderman Professor Emma Edhem
Alderwoman Susan Langley
Alderman Bronek Masojada
Alderman Alexander Barr
Alderman Christopher Makin
Alderman Tim Levene
Alderman Kawsar Zaman
Alderwoman Susan Pearson

Officers:

Ian Thomas	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Bob Roberts	- Deputy Town Clerk
Paul Double	- City Remembrancer
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Caroline Jack	- Executive Director & Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor
Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
Rhiannon Leary	- Executive Officer to the Court of Aldermen

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Aldermen Nicholas Lyons, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Aldermen Prem Goyal, Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney and Alderwoman Jennette Newman.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 7 February 2023.

RESOLVED: - That the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 7 February 2023 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2023/24**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning nominations for the appointment of Aldermen on City of London Corporation Committees for 2023/24 as of 27th April 2023.

The Chairman reported that the appointments presented here for formal approval were the result of conversations with individual Aldermen. He highlighted that there was one outstanding appointment still to be determined for the Planning and Transportation Committee but that he would finalise this under delegated authority ahead of the April Court of Common Council meeting.

Resolved: - That the Aldermen:

- i) Approve the nominations set out in the report and authorise their submission to the Court of Common Council at its meeting on 27th April 2023, excluding the appointments to the Honourable Irish Society which will had been settled separately on 9th March 2023; and
- ii) Delegate authority to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen to approve any necessary revisions to the list of appointments.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL ALDERMANIC ALMONER**

The Committee considered the appointment of an Aldermanic Almoner to Christ's Hospital.

The Town Clerk reported that this was an appointment within the gift of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen but explained that any appointee put forward would also then need to be ratified by the Council of Christ's Hospital.

The Chairman reported that Common Councillor Jamal Banda was in nomination for this appointment and was very enthusiastic about taking up the position. He also highlighted that Alderman Goyal would be stepping down as an Aldermanic Almoner in September 2023 and that this would therefore necessitate a further nomination in due course.

An Alderman articulated that this appointment did not necessarily need to be made from within the Court of Aldermen but could be drawn from the wider Court of Common Council.

Resolved: - That Jamal Banda be put forward to the Council of Christ's Hospital as in appointment for the position of Aldermanic Almoner.

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

There were no questions.

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

There were no additional, urgent items of business for consideration.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - That, in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Disclosure Arrangement (Standing Order 25), the public shall be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen have determined, having had due regard to the Disclosure Arrangement, that disclosure should not be permitted.

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Committee considered the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 7th February 2023.

10. **PETITION OF THE COMPANY OF NURSES FOR COMPANY WITH LIVERY STATUS**

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer relative to the petition of the Company of Nurses to be constituted as a Livery Company of the City of London and related documents.

11. **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE - VOTING FOR MAYORAL AND SHRIEVAL CANDIDATES**

The Committee discussed voting methods at the Nominations Committee of the Court of Aldermen concerning progression to the Mayoralty and Shrievalty.

12. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST**

The Committee considered the Non-Public Outstanding Actions List which had been updated since the last meeting on 7th February 2023.

Resolved: - That –

1. the Non-Public Outstanding Actions List be noted; and
2. that completed items be removed from the list.

13. **UPDATE REPORT - STRATEGY GROUP TWO - INTERNAL PRIORITIES**

Members of Strategy Group Two, focused on Internal Priorities were given the opportunity to update the Committee on their work and progress against various actions.

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

There were no questions raised in the non-public session.

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

The Committee discussed forthcoming Annual Wardmotes and Equality of Arms in non-public session.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm

Chairman

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