

CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Monday, 18 September 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee held at Committee Room 3 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 18 September 2023 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Munsur Ali (Chairman)	Eamonn Mullally
John Foley (Deputy Chairman)	Alderman Jennette Newman
John Griffiths	Deborah Oliver
Jason Groves	Anett Rideg
Jaspreet Hodgson	David Sales
Wendy Hyde	Ian Seaton
Alderman Broniek Masojada	Irem Yerdelen
Andrew Mayer	Deputy Elizabeth King

In Attendance

Officers:

Elizabeth Scott	- Head of Guildhall Art Gallery, Town Clerks
Matthew Cooper	- Town Clerk's Department
Damian Nussbaum	- Director of Innovation & Growth
Rob Shakespeare	- Keats House, Open Spaces Department
Jayne Moore	- Town Clerk's Department
Emma Markiewicz	- London Metropolitan Archives
Rachel Levy	- Community and Children's Services
Luciana Magliocco	- Innovation and Growth
Mark Jarvis	- Chamberlain's Department
Laurie Miller-Zutshi	- Town Clerk's Department
Fiona McKeith	- City Surveyor's Department
Andrew Buckingham	- Town Clerk's

1. APOLOGIES

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

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the meeting of 13 July 2023 be approved as an accurate record of the proceedings.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

5. **FORWARD PLAN**

6. **CITY ARTS INITIATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

RESOLVED, That the Committee approve the City Arts Initiative's recommendations in relation to proposals 1 and 2:

1. The Furniture Makers' Company – Blue Plaque Application for the RNLI's first offices
2. Gillie and Marc – Wild About Babies (subject to background checks on funding of the project, more clarity on the overarching campaign and planning permissions gained)

7. **LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES UPDATE**

The Committee noted the report of the Deputy Town Clerk, and endorsed the approach to gather further information and evidence with particular reference to the London Metropolitan Archives Future Accommodation Planning project.

8. **DESTINATION CITY REPROFILE UPDATE AND FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee noted the report of the Executive Director of Innovation & Growth, noting in particular that projects set against the £836,000 reprofile amount have been successfully delivered (except for the Cultural Planning Framework which will be finalised in November 2023), noting also that the key priority programmes for 2023/24 and 2024/25 delivery have been set.

9. **BARBICAN LIBRARY REFRESH PROJECT**

RESOLVED, That the Committee approve the proposal set out in the report, subject to the granting of the Community Infrastructure Levy funding of £845,800, to modernise Barbican Library.

10. **SENIOR OFFICE RECRUITMENT**

The Committee noted the report of the Executive Director Communities and CS setting out the recruitment plan to replace the retiring Head of Barbican and Community Libraries.

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

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

13. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, that – under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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14. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
15. **BECKFORD AND CASS STATUE PLAQUE TEXT AMENDMENTS & PROJECT UPDATE**
RESOLVED, That the Committee approve the text amends to the Beckford and Cass statue plaque texts as set out in the report.
16. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

The meeting ended at time not specified

Chairman

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