



Gresham (City Side) Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2024
Time: 10.15 am
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM 2 - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members:

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| Alderman Alexander Barr | Wendy Mead |
| Deputy Keith Bottomley | Deputy Henry Pollard |
| Deputy Simon Duckworth | Deputy Nighat Qureishi |
| Deputy Christopher Hayward | Deputy Dr Giles Shilson |
| Alderman Vincent Keaveny | Philip Woodhouse |
| Deputy Charles Edward Lord | The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Ald. Michael Mainelli (Ex-Officio Member) |

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Ian Thomas CBE
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. **ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

To receive the Order of the Court of Common Council on 25 April 2024 appointing the Committee and approving its terms of reference.

For Information
(Pages 5 - 6)

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

To elect a Chair in accordance with Standing Order 29.

For Decision

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

To elect a Deputy Chair in accordance with Standing Order 30.

For Decision

6. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 2 February 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 8)

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

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

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).

For Decision

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 9 - 16)

11. **GRESHAM COLLEGE COUNCIL AND GRESHAM WORKING PARTY APPOINTMENTS**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 17 - 22)

12. **CHARITIES REVIEW UPDATE - SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITIES (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 221982)**

Report of the Director of Bridge House Estates.

For Decision
(Pages 23 - 30)

13. **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE: SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITIES (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 221982)**

Report of the Town Clerk, the Chamberlain, the Director of Community & Children's Services and the City Surveyor.

For Decision
(Pages 31 - 40)

14. **REVENUE OUTTURN - 2023-24**

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

For Information
(Pages 41 - 42)

15. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**
Report of the Executive Director of Community & Children's Services.

For Information
(Pages 43 - 44)
16. **CONDITION OF GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES**
Report of the Executive Director of Community & Children's Services.

For Information
(Pages 45 - 50)
17. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**
Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information
(Pages 51 - 52)
18. **JOINT GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION**
Papers to be circulated separately.
19. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

Agenda Item 3

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| MAINELLI, Mayor | RESOLVED: That the Court of Common Council holden in the Guildhall of the City of London on Thursday 25 th April 2024, doth hereby appoint the following Committee until the first meeting of the Court in April, 2025 |
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GRESHAM COMMITTEE (CITY SIDE)

1. **Constitution**

A Non-Ward Committee consisting of,

- two Aldermen nominated by the Court of Aldermen
- nine Commoners elected by the Court of Common Council, at least one of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of their appointment
- the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (ex-officio)

2. **Quorum**

The quorum consists of any three Members.

3. **Membership 2024/25**

ALDERMEN

- 4 Vincent Keaveny CBE
- 2 Alexander Barr

COMMONERS

- 8 (4) Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy
- 3 (3) Nighat Qureishi, Deputy *for three years*
- 16 (3) Wendy Mead, OBE.
- 17 (2) Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE DI, Deputy *for three years*
- 14 (2) Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy
- 2 (2) James Henry George Pollard, Deputy
- 5 (1) Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy
- 8 (1) Charles Edward Lord OBE JP, Deputy
- 3 (1) Philip Woodhouse

together with the ex-officio Member referred to in paragraph 1.

4. **Terms of Reference**

To be responsible for:-

- (a) letting and demising the lands and tenements given to this City by Sir Thomas Gresham by his last Will and Testament or otherwise to do and perform all and everything and things according to the true intent and meaning of the said last Will and Testament of the said Sir Thomas Gresham and the several Acts of Parliament for that purpose made with limitations and provisions as in the same are directed;

(Note: The estate, so far as it relates to the land that was left to the City of London Corporation and the Mercers' Company, is administered by the Joint Grand Gresham Committee, which consists of the City Side and an equal number of Mercers. The legal obligations upon the City of London Corporation under the terms of Sir Thomas Gresham's Will, as varied by statute and discharged by the City Side, are limited:-

- (i) to the appointment and payment of four of the Gresham Lecturers, namely those in Divinity, Astronomy, Music and Geometry, and in the provision of a sufficient and proper place for the delivery of the lectures;
 - (ii) to the maintenance of eight almshouses in Ferndale Road, Brixton, to the appointment of eight "almsfolkes" and the payment of a small annual sum to each of them);
- (b) Except for those matters reserved to the Court of Common Council or which are the responsibility of another Committee, the Committee will be responsible for all aspects of Sir Thomas Gresham Charities' (221982) day-to-day management and administration of the charity. The Committee may exercise any available powers on behalf of the City Corporation as trustee under delegated authority from the Court of Common Council as the body responsible for exercising the powers of the City Corporation as trustee. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring effective operational arrangements are in place for the proper administration of the charity, and to support expedient and efficient delivery of the charity's objects and activities in accordance with the charity's annual budget, strategy and policies; and

- (c) all other City Side matters relating to Gresham College including:-
 - (i) the appointment, from the membership of the Court of Common Council, of one representative to attend General Meetings of the Council of Gresham College and up to four Directors to serve on the Council of Gresham College;
 - (ii) any amendments to the current Memorandum and Articles of Association of Gresham College, other than financial aspects and those which, in the opinion of the Committee, are significant and should be considered by the Court.

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE Friday, 2 February 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Room 2 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 2 February 2024 at 10.15 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Charles Edward Lord (Chair)
Deputy Nighat Qureishi (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Simon Duckworth
Deputy Christopher Hayward
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE
Alderwoman & Sheriff Dame Susan Langley, DBE
Wendy Mead
Deputy Henry Pollard
Philip Woodhouse

Officers:

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| Greg Moore | - | Interim Deputy Town Clerk |
| Zoe Lewis | - | Town Clerk's Department |
| Ben Chen-Sverre | - | Chamberlain's Department |
| Marie Rene | - | Community & Children's Services Department |

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from The Rt Honourable Lord Mayor, Deputy Keith Bottomley and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson.

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 public summary of the meeting held on 13 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was no other business.

6. **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).

7. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

8. **GRESHAM COLLECTION CONSERVATION: UPDATE ON RESTORATION**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which provided an update on restoration to the Gresham Collection as requested by Members at the last meeting.

9. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

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

10. **SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITIES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022-23**

The Committee considered a report of The Chamberlain which set out the Sir Thomas Gresham Charities Report and Financial Statements 2022-23.

11. **CONDITION OF GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES**

The Committee was provided with an oral update in respect of the condition of Gresham Almshouses.

12. **CHARITIES REVIEW**

Members received an update from the Deputy Town Clerk on the progress of this review.

13. **JOINT GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION**

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

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

There were no questions.

15. **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 11.00 am

Chairman

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