



Gresham (City Side) Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2025

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOMS, 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Members:

Alderman Alexander Barr	Wendy Mead OBE
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Deputy Nighat Qureishi
Simon Duckworth OBE DL	Deputy Henry Pollard
Shravan Joshi MBE	Dr Giles Shilson
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE	Philip Woodhouse
Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP	The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Alastair King DL (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**

For Decision

3. **ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

To receive the Order of the Court of Common Council dated 25 April 2025 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 28.

For Decision

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

To elect a Deputy Chair in accordance with Standing Order 29.

For Decision

6. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 14 February 2025.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 8)

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

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

9. **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

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2025.
For Decision
(Pages 9 - 12)
11. **GRESHAM COLLEGE COUNCIL AND GRESHAM WORKING PARTY APPOINTMENTS**
Report of the Town Clerk
For Decision
(Pages 13 - 18)
12. **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE: SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITIES (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 221982)**
Report of the Town Clerk, the Chamberlain, the Executive Director of Community & Children's Services, and the City Surveyor
For Decision
(Pages 19 - 28)
13. **REVENUE OUTTURN - 2024-25**
Report of the Chamberlain and the Executive Director of Community & Children's Services
For Information
(Pages 29 - 30)
14. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE REPORT**
Report of the Executive Director of Community & Children's Services
For Information
(Pages 31 - 32)
15. **WORKS TO GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES - PROGRESS REPORT**
Report of the Executive Director of Community & Children's Services
For Information
(Pages 33 - 40)
16. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**
Report of the Town Clerk
For Information
(Pages 41 - 42)
17. **JOINT GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION**
18. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
19. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

KING, Mayor	RESOLVED: That the Court of Common Council holden in the Guildhall of the City of London on Friday 25 th April 2025, doth hereby appoint the following Committee until the first meeting of the Court in April, 2026.
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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 2025/26**

ALDERMEN

- 5 Vincent Keaveny CBE
- 3 Alexander Barr

COMMONERS

- 17 (4) Wendy Mead, OBE
- 18 (3) Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE DL, *for three years*
- 15 (3) Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson
- 3 (3) James Henry George Pollard, Deputy
- 6 (2) Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy
- 9 (2) Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP
- 4 (2) Philip Woodhouse
- 4 (1) Nighat Qureishi, Deputy
- 1 (1) Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, MBE

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, 14 February 2025

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 14 February 2025 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP (Chair)
Deputy Nighat Qureishi (Deputy Chair)
Alderman Alexander Barr
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Deputy Simon Duckworth OBE DL
Deputy Christopher Hayward
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE
Wendy Mead OBE
Deputy Henry Pollard

Officers:

Gregory Moore	- Deputy Town Clerk
Neil Robbie	- City Surveyor's Department
Francis Connolly	- Community and Children's Services' Department
Lochlan MacDonald	- Community and Children's Services' Department
Marie Rene	- Community and Children's Services' Department
Ben Dunleavy	- Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor, Deputy Giles Shilson and Philip Woodhouse.

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

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

The public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 25 October 2024 were 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 CHAIR 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act).
7. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2024 be approved as a correct record.
8. **FUTURE WORKS TO GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES**
Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services concerning projects at the Gresham Almshouses.
9. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**
Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services providing an update on the Gresham Almshouses.
10. **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.
11. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**
There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 11.39

Chair

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