

CAPITAL BUILDINGS BOARD

Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Minutes of the meeting of the Capital Buildings Board held at the Guildhall EC2 at 9.30 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Alastair Moss (Chair)
Deputy Oliver Sells KC(Deputy
Chairman)
David Brooks Wilson
Deputy Henry Colthurst
Deputy Madush Gupta

Shravan Joshi MBE
Alderman Tim Levene
Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP
Deputy James Thomson CBE

Officers:

Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Noyon Choudhury	- City Surveyor's Department
Tim Cutter	- City Surveyor's Department
Mark Kober	- City Surveyor's Department
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Neil Jenkins	- City of London Police
Martin O'Regan	- City of London Police
Alix Newbold	- City of London Police
David Abbott	- Chamberlain's Department
Micheal Curtis	- Chamberlain's Department
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Simon Whelan	- Chamberlain's Department
Chris Rumbles	- Town Clerk's Department
Ellie Varley	- Town Clerk's Department

The Chair took the opportunity to welcome new and returning Members to the Board. The Chair also expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Sir Michael Snyder, who had served for many years as Chair of the Board but was no longer a Member. The Chair asked that the Board's sincere thanks to Sir Michael be noted accordingly.

A Member referred to Sir Michael's significant contribution to the work of the Board during his tenure as Chairman and proposed providing a formal vote of thanks in recognition of this, with the Chair and all Members of the board offering their unanimous agreement to this proposal.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Alderman Tim Hailes, Deputy Chris Hayward, James Tumbridge, Tijs Broeke and Deputy Andrien Meyers.

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

The Board noted David Brooks Wilson's standing declaration of interest in respect of all matters concerning Keltbray, Arcadis, City and Provincial Properties Ltd, Quinn Estates Ltd, Locate in Kent Ltd and The Building Design Architectural Practice.

3. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Board proceeded to elect a Deputy Chair in accordance with Standing Order 26(6).

Oliver Sells, being the only Member having indicated their willingness to serve, was duly elected Deputy Chair for the ensuing year.

4. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on 5 February 2025 be approved as an accurate record.

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

There were no questions.

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

There was one additional item of business.

The Town Clerk confirmed the intention to move the next Capital Buildings Board meeting from Tuesday 10th June to Wednesday 18th June at 11.30am, with this being noted by Members of the Board.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

8. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the non-public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on 5 February 2025 be approved as an accurate record.

9. **SALISBURY SQUARE DEVELOPMENT (SSD) AND FUTURE POLICE ESTATE PORTFOLIO (FPEP) FUNDING OVERVIEW**

The Board received a joint report of the Chamberlain and City Surveyor providing a summary of the funding position for the Salisbury Square Development and Future Police Estate.

10. **SALISBURY SQUARE DEVELOPMENT - RIBA STAGE 5 UPDATE**

The Board considered a report of the City Surveyor providing an update on progress made on the Salisbury Square Development Programme since the last Capital Buildings Board meeting.

11. CITY OF LONDON POLICE PROPERTY STORE

The Board considered a report of the City Surveyor providing an update on a project for the provision of a property store for the City of London Police to accommodate evidence and seized material.

12. 1 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET (MAGISTRATES' COURT) & MAYOR'S & CITY COURT, GUILDHALL - FUTURE DISPOSAL STRATEGY

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor providing an update on a future disposal strategy for 1 Queen Victoria Street (Magistrates Court and Mayor's & City Court, Guildhall).

13. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN

The Board received a report of the Town Clerk providing details of a decision taken by the Town Clerk between scheduled meetings of the Board, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

14. MAJOR PROGRAMMES OFFICE - DASHBOARD REPORT

The Board received a report of the Chamberlain providing a Major Programmes Office dashboard update.

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 AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There were no additional items of business.

The meeting ended at 10.35am

Chairman

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