



Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee

Date: MONDAY, 19 JANUARY 2026
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM 2 - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members:

Brendan Barns (Chairman)	Vasiliki Manta
Suzanne Ornsby KC (D. Chair)	Alderman Bronek Masojada
Munsur Ali	Wendy Mead OBE
Jamel Banda	Sophia Mooney
Deputy Emily Benn	Anett Rideg
Leyla Boulton	Robertshaw
Melissa Collett	David Sales
Elizabeth Corrin	Alethea Silk
Karina Dostalova	James St John Davis
Alderman Professor Emma Edhem	Stephanie Steeden
Deputy Helen Fentimen OBE JP	Mark Wheatley
John Foley	Deputy Dawn Wright
Jason Groves	Matthew Waters
Deputy Caroline Haines	Irem Yerdelen
Stephen Hodgson	Alderman Sir William Russell (Ex-Officio Member)
Adam Hogg	Matthew Bell
Tessa Marchington	

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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. **MINUTES**
To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting held on 08 December 2025.

For Decision
(Pages 5 - 10)
4. **ACTIONS**
To note the actions.

For Information
(Pages 11 - 12)
5. **FORWARD PLAN**
Members are asked to note the Committee's forward plan.

For Information
(Pages 13 - 14)
6. **LIBRARIES UPDATE**

For Information
(To Follow)
7. **DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2026-27**
To consider the report of the Chamberlain, Deputy Town Clerk, Executive Director Environment, Executive Director of Community and Children's Services and City Surveyor.

For Decision
(Pages 15 - 22)
8. **CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES REVENUE OUTTURN FORECAST AS AT QUARTER 3 2025/26**
To note the report of The Chamberlain, Deputy Town Clerk, Executive Director of Community and Children's Services, City Surveyors and Executive Director of Environment.

For Information
(Pages 23 - 26)

9. **CITY ARTS INITIATIVE - GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL & TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE**

To consider the report of the Deputy Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 27 - 46)

10. **CITY ARTS INITIATIVE - RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE**

To consider the report of the Deputy Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 47 - 54)

11. **COLC BLUE PLAQUES SCHEME REDESIGN**

To consider the report of the Director of Regeneration & Development, City Surveyor's

For Decision
(Pages 55 - 92)

12. **CULTURE STRATEGY - VERBAL UPDATE**

For Information

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

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

15. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION, 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.

For Decision

Part 2 - Non-public Agenda

16. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 08 December 2025.

For Decision
(Pages 93 - 94)

17. **FUTURE SHOWCASING OF THE LORD MAYOR'S STATE COACH**

To review the report of the City Surveyor.

For Discussion
(Pages 95 - 106)

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 AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**