

CAPITAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21 March 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Capital Buildings Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.30 am

Present

Members:

Sir Michael Snyder (Chairman)	Christopher Hayward
Deputy Edward Lord (Deputy) Chairman)	Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Douglas Barrow	Alderman Ian Luder
Peter Bennett	Oliver Sells
David Brooks Wilson	Deputy James Thomson
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Alderman Sir David Wootton
Alderman Alison Gowman	

In Attendance:

Alderman Prem Goyal

Officers:

Peter Lisley	- Director of Major Projects
Greg Moore	- Town Clerk's Department
Craig Spencer	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Deputy Chamberlain
Chris Bell	- Chamberlain's Department
Jonathan Chapman	- Chamberlain's Department
Philip Gregory	- Chamberlain's Department
Ian Dyson	- Commissioner, City of London Police
Martin O'Regan	- City of London Police
Rachel Vipond	- City of London Police
Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Tim Cutter	- City Surveyor's Department
Philip Everett	- City Surveyor's Department
Paul Friend	- City Surveyor's Department
Steven Lee	- City Surveyor's Department
Ola Obadara	- City Surveyor's Department
Matt Pitt	- City Surveyor's Department
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Deputy Catherine McGuinness and Jeremy Mayhew.

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

David Brooks Wilson made a standing declaration in respect of all matters concerning Arcadis, Arups and Kenley, as an advisor to those companies. He would, therefore, be withdrawing from the meeting during discussion of Items 9 and 13.

The Chairman took the opportunity to outline the particular prospective conflicts involving Mr Brooks Wilson and seek the Committee's views. Members recognised that there may well be a number of occasions, as with today's agenda, where conflicts of interest were possible; however, the likelihood that any external appointee with the requisite industry experience would have similar conflicts to manage was also noted.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the interests had been declared and logged on Mr Brooks Wilson's register of interests and in accordance with the City Corporation's Code of Conduct. As with all Members, it would be incumbent upon Mr Brooks Wilson to manage any potential conflict in accordance with those rules, with officers assisting where appropriate. Reference was made to specific arrangements in place elsewhere, whereby commercially sensitive information was extracted into separate annexes and not provided to conflicted Members, with transparent protocols employed to ensure the risk of any perceived conflict was mitigated against.

The Chairman sought and obtained the Committee's consent to discuss the matter with the Comptroller & City Solicitor, the Town Clerk, and Mr Brooks Wilson, to agree appropriate arrangements and a suitable solution.

3. **MINUTES**

The public minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

The Committee noted the outstanding actions schedule and the updates provided in respect of each item.

Reference was made to the recent decision of the Policy and Resources Committee relating to a review of all ex-officio memberships, which could have an impact on the decision made at the January meeting in relation to this Committee's composition.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and its content noted.

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 urgent item:

Appointment of Co-opted Member

The Chairman updated the Committee on the latest position in respect of certain discussions which had taken place with regard to the arrangements to be in place with Her Majesty's Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS) and the Ministry of Justice in respect of the new Courts building and the City Corporation's involvement. These were with particular reference to the ongoing maintenance arrangements, as well as the rights and jurisdiction of the Recorder, Lord Mayor, and Sheriffs.

Given his particular interest in this matter, together with his background and extensive experience with the judiciary, it was proposed that Oliver Sells Q.C. should be co-opted on to this Committee to facilitate his input on these matters. This appointment would be for a period of one year.

RESOLVED: That Oliver Sells Q.C. be co-opted to the Capital Buildings Committee for a one-year term, to expire at the end of March 2020.

7. 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 by Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

8. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting on held on 9 January 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.

The Chairman agreed to take items 9 and 13 at the end of the meeting and re-order the agenda accordingly.

10. MUSEUM OF LONDON RELOCATION PROGRAMME: CITY PROJECTS TO FACILITATE THE RELOCATION

The Committee considered and approved a report of the City Surveyor concerning the various enabling projects being undertaken to facilitate the relocation of the Museum of London.

11. WOOD STREET AND SNOW HILL POLICE STATIONS - DISPOSAL UPDATE

The Committee received a report of the City Surveyor providing an update on progress in respect of the future disposal of Wood Street and Snow Hill Police Stations.

12. CITY OF LONDON POLICE TELEPHONY UPGRADE

Since publication it had been confirmed that the approvals sought within this report did not rest with the Capital Buildings Committee and the item was, therefore, withdrawn.

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 AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was one urgent item, concerning the budgets for the Police Accommodation Strategy and decant programme.

David Brooks Wilson withdrew from the meeting for consideration of the following items.

9. FLEET STREET ESTATE - PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report of the City Surveyor summarising progress on the Fleet Street Estate development since the last meeting and setting out the next steps.

13. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk which provided an update on three actions taken under delegated authority or urgency procedures since the last meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.00noon

Chairman

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