

**GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE**  
**Friday, 26 February 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held on Friday, 26  
February 2021 at 11.00 am

**Present**

**Members:**

Sheriff Christopher Hayward (Chairman)  
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson (Deputy Chairman)  
Nicholas Bensted-Smith  
Deputy Keith Bottomley  
Deputy Tom Hoffman  
Deputy Edward Lord  
Alderman & Sheriff Professor Michael Mainelli  
Wendy Mead  
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley  
Deputy John Scott

**Officers:**

Steven Reynolds	- Chamberlain's Department
Tom Leathart	- City Surveyor's Department
Jacqueline Whitmore	- Community & Children's Services
Kirpal Kaur	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Dept.
Peter Ross	- Principal Librarian
Rhiannon Leary	- Town Clerk's Department
Joseph Anstee	- Town Clerk's Department

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor.

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

There were no declarations.

**3. MINUTES**

The Committee noted a formatting error within the public minutes and asked that this be corrected.

**RESOLVED** – That, pending the above correction, the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 30 October 2020 be approved as a correct record.

**4. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk asking the Committee to review its terms of reference. A Member raised general points regarding the

formatting and presentation of Court Orders which were noted by the Town Clerk.

**RESOLVED** – That the Committee approves the terms of reference of the Gresham Committee (City Side) for submission to the Court, as set out.

5. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Committee received an oral update from the Director of Community and Children's Services giving Trustees an information update on the Gresham Almshouses, in Lambeth and the City of London Almshouses on the same estate.

The Director of Community and Children's Services advised that only one resident had not received a COVID-19 vaccination across the Gresham and City of London Almshouses Estate. However, staff were aware of other issues, such as loneliness or mental health issues, and were closely monitoring and reporting concerns to the medical team. Officers had an intimate knowledge of the residents and were able to pick up on changes to mood or behaviour quickly. Staff were using a unit that was currently empty as a COVID-secure respite area, as the communal area was closed.

The Director of Community and Children's Services further advised that external renovations to the Almshouses had continued as much as possible during lockdown, with work completed on at least one unit. The Committee also noted that Christmas Hampers had been delivered to all residents in December, and these had been well-received.

In response to a question from a Member, the Director of Community and Children's Services gave the Committee some further detail on the mechanisms and tools available to staff to support the residents' physical and mental wellbeing.

The Chairman thanked the Director of Community and Children's Services for the update and commented that the high take-up of vaccinations was very encouraging, before asking that the best wishes of the Committee be relayed to all residents.

**RESOLVED** – That the update be noted.

6. **GRESHAM MUSIC COLLECTION CONSERVATION: UPDATE ON RESTORATION ACTIVITY**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk updating the Committee on the Gresham Music Collection conservation project. The Town Clerk introduced the report and gave Members an outline of developments since the previous update. The Committee noted that restoration on the Music Collection was now complete, and attention would turn to the remaining collections as soon as was practicable.

A Member asked whether the online lecture given by the conservators could be repeated. The Principal Librarian responded that although one of the

conservators had since left the City Corporation, he would check whether the event had been recorded and share any footage with the Committee. The Member suggested that they could be invited back to do another event, such a lecture at Guildhall Library or the London Metropolitan Archive.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

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

A Member raised the matter of the relocation of the Museum of London, noting its relevance to the provision and delivery of a place for Gresham College lectures, and suggested that the Committee look at this at its next meeting, perhaps with an update on developments in respect of the Museum of London and Barbican Centre.

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

The Chairman advised with sadness that Nick Bensted-Smith and Alderman & Sheriff Professor Michael Mainelli would not be seeking re-election to the Committee ahead of the next municipal year. The Chairman added that he understood the reasons for this, and the Committee gave thanks to both Members for their valuable service to the City Side, the Joint Grand Gresham Committee and the College Committees.

**9. 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 the involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item Nos.	Exempt Paragraph(s)
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12 - 13	-

**10. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2020 be approved as a correct record.

**11. 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.

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

There were no questions.

**13. 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 11.33 am**

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Chairman

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