

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Gresham (City Side) Committee	28 May 2021
<b>Subject:</b> Report of Action Taken	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### **Summary**

This report provides details of a decision taken under urgency since your last meeting, concerning the appointment of City Side Members to the Joint Grand Gresham Committee's Flag Working Party.

### **Recommendation**

Members are asked to note the report.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

#### **JOINT GRAND GRESHAM COMMITTEE – FLAG WORKING PARTY**

1. At the last meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee (JGGC) on 26 February 2021, the Committee was advised that following a change of management, the Royal Exchange's office leaseholder, Resolution, agreed that a Gresham flag could be raised in periodical rotation with the Union Flag and Royal Exchange flag, and therefore the JGGC was asked to give its views on a suitable design.
2. It was subsequently suggested that it would be more appropriate to give the designs further consideration before agreeing a design to take forward, and proposed that the Committee establish a Working Party in order to give the matter greater focus. This would also allow for consultation with the Mercers' Company Heritage Advisory Group. This proposal was endorsed and agreed, and Members of the City Side were therefore advised to inform the Chairman of the City Side if they wished to be involved with the Working Party.
3. Following the meeting, expressions of interest from Members of the Gresham (City Side) Committee were sought, with two received, from Simon Duckworth and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson. It was therefore recommended that these Members be appointed to represent the City Side on the Flag Working Party.
4. The Mercers' Company made the necessary preparations for the Flag Working Party to begin its deliberations and advised that they would like for the Working Party to convene ahead of the next meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee on 28 May 2021. As the next scheduled meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee was not scheduled until 28 May 2021, approval was sought

under urgency to make the City Side's appointments to the Working Party to enable this work to progress.

5. As the Deputy Chairman and the serving past Chairman of the Committee were conflicted in this decision by their prospective appointment being the matter under consideration, the senior Alderman on the Committee was consulted alongside the Chairman in agreeing the decision.

### **Action Taken**

6. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and senior Alderman, appointed Deputy Dr Giles Shilson and Simon Duckworth to the Joint Grand Gresham Committee's Flag Working Party.

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