

Report – Statues Working Group

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Statues Working Group – Request for extension to timetable

To be presented on Thursday, 9th September 2021

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. In March 2021, the Court of Common Council endorsed the establishment of the Statues Working Group and granted authority to it, under SO9(2), to report directly to the Court. In so doing, it requested that the Working Group's recommendations be submitted to it by the end of September 2021.
2. The Working Group has since met on multiple occasions and is now almost in a position to submit its findings. However, given the importance of the subject, it was felt that one further meeting in early September was required to finalise the proposals and ensure a robust report can be submitted to the Court.
3. In view of the timing of the Court meeting in September, this means that, although the Working Group's proposals would be published within the Court papers (for October's meeting) by the end of September, the Court will not have the opportunity to review until its 7 October 2021 meeting.
4. The approval of the Court was, therefore, sought and obtained under urgency procedures for an extension to the timescale set, facilitating an October submission.

RECOMMENDATION

5. We **recommend** that the action taken under urgency procedures be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 2nd day of August 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Group.

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Chair, Statues Working Group