

BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

Thursday, 17 February 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Barbican Centre Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 17 February 2022 at 8.30 am

Present

Members:

Tom Sleigh (Chair)	Mark Page (External Member)
Deputy Randall Anderson	Jens Riegelsberger (External Member)
Farmida Bi (External Member)	Jane Roscoe (External Member)
Russ Carr (External Member)	Alderman Sir William Russell
Gerard Grech (External Member)	Jenny Waldman (External Member)
Vivienne Littlechild	

In Attendance

Officers:

Ben Dunleavy	- Town Clerk's Department
Sandeep Dwesar	- Barbican Centre
Will Gompertz	- Barbican Centre
Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
Natasha Harris	- Barbican Centre
Jonathon Poyner	- Guildhall School of Music and Drama and Barbican Centre
Sarah Wall	- Barbican Centre

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Chairmen, Anne Fairweather, David Graves, Wendy Hyde, Wendy Mead and Graham Packham.

The Chair welcomed the new CEO of the Barbican Centre, Claire Spencer. The new CEO introduced herself and took questions from Board members.

The Chair announced that this was the last meeting for Vivienne Littlechild, who was standing down from the Court of Common Council in March, and for Jenny Waldman, whose term as External Member was ending. He thanked both for their commitment and contributions to the work of the Board.

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

There were none.

3. **MINUTES**

The public minutes and non-public summary of the Barbican Centre Board meeting held on 19 January 2022 were received.

4. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Board received a report of the Town Clerk relative to the Board's Terms of Reference.

A Member referred to the term (b) (that the Board is responsible for the 'appointment of the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre' and expressed their disappointment that the press releases regarding the appointment of the new CEO, which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting, only referenced the City of London Corporation's involvement in the recruitment process and did not mention the Barbican Centre Board. They felt that this was a significant omission, as the Barbican Centre sometimes faced fundraising issues due to a perception that it was sufficiently resourced by the City Corporation. The Chair acknowledged this had been an omission.

5. **MANAGEMENT REPORT BY THE CENTRE'S DIRECTORS**

Members received a report of the Interim Managing Directors providing an update of the Barbican Centre.

6. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were no questions.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other business.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the Barbican Centre Board meeting held on 19 January 2022 were received.

10. **BARBICAN TRANSFORMATION**

a. **Culture Change - EDI update paper**

Members received a presentation from the Joint Interim Managing Director providing an update on Culture Change at the Barbican.

11. **BARBICAN FIRE SAFETY AND BARBICAN/GSMD CONFINED SPACES**

Members received a joint report of the Managing Director of the Barbican Centre, Principal of GSMD and the City Surveyor relative to the Barbican Fire Safety and Barbican/GSMD Confined Spaces.

12. **BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT**

Members received an update from the Joint Interim Managing Director on the appointment of two new external Board members.

13. **QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE BOARD**

There were none.

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

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 10.29.

Chairman

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