

Committee	Date:
Gresham (City Side) Committee	30 September 2022
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information

Summary

This report provides details of a decision taken under delegated authority since your last meeting, concerning the extension of the Gresham Professor of Geometry's tenure by a further year (to 31 July 2024).

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the action taken.

Main Report

Appointment of Gresham Professor of Geometry

Background

1. The Gresham (City Side) Committee agreed at its 13 May 2005 meeting that all City-side appointments of the Gresham Professors viz Divinity, Astronomy, Music and Geometry, be dealt with, as and when necessary, in accordance with the City's Delegated Authority procedure. This delegation has been periodically reviewed and was most recently renewed at the meeting of the Committee on 25 February 2022.
2. In late July 2022, the Academic Registrar and Company Secretary of Gresham College wrote to the City of London Corporation on behalf of the Provost to request an extension of the tenure of Professor Hart as Gresham Professor of Geometry. Professor Hart was appointed in 2020 for a three-year term. The appointment was, therefore, due to end in summer 2023, but Gresham College were very keen extend this for an additional year (to 31 July 2024), given the very high standard of her lectures and the interest they draw. Professor Hart had also confirmed a willingness to remain in post for a further year and approval at this stage would allow for timely planning and advertising of a lecture programme.
3. The request was approved for submission to the City by the College's Academic Board and thereafter by the College Council in July 2022. A proposed programme of lectures for the additional year was submitted alongside the request.

Action Taken

4. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chair, subsequently agreed that the appointment of Professor Hart, due to end in summer 2023, be extended for an additional year (to 31 July 2024).

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