

CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Monday, 18 July 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 18 July 2022 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Wendy Hyde (Chair)	Jason Groves
Munsur Ali (Deputy Chairman)	Jaspreet Hodgson
Jamel Banda	Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Brendan Barns	Antony Manchester
Emily Benn	Eamonn Mullally
Deputy Mark Bostock	Deborah Oliver
James Bromiley-Davis	Anett Rideg
Deputy Graeme Doshi-Smith	David Sales
John Foley	Irem Yerdelen
John Griffiths	

In Attendance

Officers:

Ben Dunleavy	- Town Clerk's Department
Elizabeth Scott	- Innovation & Growth
Carol Boswarthack	- Community and Children's Services
Damian Nussbaum	- Executive Director of Innovation & Growth
Jack Joslin	- Bridge House Estates
Andrew Buckingham	- Town Clerk's Department
Mark Jarvis	- Chamberlain's Department
Tim Jones	- Innovation & Growth
Fiona McKeith	- City Surveyor's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Caroline Addy, Matthew Bell and Ian Seaton.

Madush Gupta, Andy Mayer, Wendy Mead, Nighat Qureshi, Alpa Raja, Judith Pleasance and Dawn Wright observed the meeting online.

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 meeting held on 16 May 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

4. **FORWARD PLAN**

Members noted the Committees forward plan.

5. **CULTURE MILE**

Members received a report of the Executive Director of Innovation and Growth relative to the Culture Mile.

Members welcomed the report and presentation from the Culture Mile Manager.

A Member said that they felt there was a lack of an overall strategy for culture, and it was important that the City Corporation could demonstrate that it was a leading cultural sector. Officers replied that the key document for strategic planning was the City Plan.

A Member raised the issue of the development on London Wall West. They felt it was a strategically important site and the cultural options for the development could have been explored in greater depth. These comments were supported by several other Members. A Member said that the development was the responsibility of the Property Investment Board, which was why the opportunities for commercial revenue on the site were being maximised.

A Member commented that Business Improvement Districts (BID) were not always the most accountable of bodies, and urged caution on the governance arrangements for these. Officers replied that new BIDs must be convened by the City Corporation and that as the proposal for a Culture Mile BID developed there would be close collaboration between it, existing BIDs and the City Corporation. The City Corporation was also working on wider governance arrangements to supervise BIDs in the Square Mile.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

6. **UPDATE: BECKFORD & CASS STATUES INTERPRETATION PROJECT**

Members received a report of the Executive Director of Innovation and Growth providing an update on the Beckford & Cass Statues Interpretation Project.

A Member asked if there was scope to connect Culture& and the Partnership for Young London. Officers undertook to connect the two groups.

A Member asked for further information on the timeline for the project. In reply, an Officer said that a detailed plan of the timeline would be made available to the Committee at its next meeting.

A Member asked if it was possible for the Committee to receive regular updates on the project. Officers undertook to provide an update to the Committee at the next meeting.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

7. **CENTRAL GRANTS UNIT - ANNUAL REPORT**

Members received a report of the Managing Director of Bridge House Estates relative to the work of the Central Grants Unit.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

8. **REVENUE OUTTURN - 2021/22**

Members received a joint report of the Chamberlain, Deputy Town Clerk, Director of Innovation and Growth, Executive Director of Environment and the Director of Community and Children's Services relative to the Revenue Outturn for 2021/22.

A Member asked for further information on the services overseen by the Committee. An officer replied that this information was available in the appendix to the report, and that when they started working on budget setting for autumn, they could provide greater detail.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

9. **LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

10. **MONUMENT 2021/22 FULL YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Members received a report of the Executive Director, Environment.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

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

There were no questions.

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

Members received an update on the status of the semi-state coaches. Members heard that officers were currently exploring alternative options for the storage of the coaches and other equipment currently being held in the Southern Bridge arches.

The Chair informed Members that this was Carol Boswarthack's last meeting, and thanked her for all her work with the libraries.

13. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, that – under Section 100(A) 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 I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

14. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

15. DESTINATION CITY - NEXT STEPS ON IMPLEMENTATION

Members received a report of the Executive Director of Innovation and Growth relative to Destination City.

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

There were no questions in the non-public session.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no urgent business in the non-public session.

18. ROLE UPDATE

Members received a Joint Report of the CEO of the Barbican Centre, the Chief Operating Officer & Acting Deputy Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Innovation and Growth relative to a role update for an officer.

The meeting ended at 12.56 pm

Chairman

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