

MARKETS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 30 January 2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Markets Committee held at Guildhall, EC2 on
Wednesday, 30 January 2013 at 11.30am

Present

Members:

Hugh Morris (Chairman)	Deputy Stanley Ginsburg
Michael Hudson (Deputy Chairman)	Deputy Henry Jones
Deputy John Bennett	Anthony Llewelyn-Davies
Mark Boleat	Deputy Joyce Nash
John Brewster	Michael Page
Nigel Challis	Elizabeth Rogula
John Chapman	Alderman Sir Michael Savory
Deputy Stella Currie	Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Alex Deane	John Spanner
Peter Dunphy	Alderman Sir John Stuttard
Deputy Robin Eve	James Tumbridge

Officers:

Rakesh Hira	- Town Clerk's Department
Peter Lisley	- Town Clerk's Department
Paul Hickson	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Debbie Howard	- Chamberlain's Department
Julie Smith	- Chamberlain's Department
Andrew Wild	- City Surveyor's Department
David Smith	- Director of Markets & Consumer Protection
Malcolm Macleod	- Markets and Consumer Protection Department
Robert Wilson	- Markets and Consumer Protection Department
Donald Perry	- Markets and Consumer Protection Department
Julie Gibbs	- Markets and Consumer Protection Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Alex Bain-Stewart, Deputy Bill Fraser, Deputy Pauline Halliday, Brian Harris, Michael Henderson-Begg, Deputy Keith Knowles, Robert Merrett and Chris Punter.

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

There were no declarations.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

In accordance with the Order of the Court of Common Council, of 6 December 2012, the Committee considered the terms of reference prior to its submission to the Court at its meeting in April 2013.

RESOLVED – That the Terms of Reference be approved prior to its submission to the Court of Common Council meeting in April 2013 subject to including the following text after the appointment of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection:

‘...in consultation with the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee and the Licensing Committee...’

4. PUBLIC MINUTES

The public minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013 were approved.

AT THE REQUEST OF SOME MEMBERS THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA CHANGED AND THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED TO CONSIDER ITEMS 8-15 PRIOR TO THE CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS 5 - 7

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Summary of matters considered whilst the public were excluded

9. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2012 were approved.

10. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FISH HANDLING FACILITIES - BILLINGSGATE MARKET

A joint report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection and the City Surveyor was considered and agreed.

11. SMITHFIELD LEASE NEGOTIATIONS

A discussion took place on the Smithfield lease negotiations and various questions were raised by Members.

12. TENANCIES AT WILL GRANTED

A report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection was received.

13. DEBT ARREARS MARKETS - PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2012

A report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection was received.

14. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

A question was raised in relation to banners outside Billingsgate Market.

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

There were no urgent items.

The public were re-admitted for the remaining items of business

5. MARKETS BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

A report of the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection updating Members on the progress in achieving the objectives set out in the annual Business Plan for the 2nd period in 2012/13 (August-November inclusive) was considered.

The principal subjects covered in the report were:

- Retail Market Campaign Reviewed – Love your Market
- Promotion of the Markets
- Progress report on Markets Byelaws
- Retention of Food Standards Agency (FSA) Approval
- Crossrail
- Billingsgate Roof Renewal Project
- Spitalfields Health and Safety Plan
- Sickness update
- Finance update

In response to a question by a Member regarding the sickness absence statistics it was noted that staff had been off sick due to a number of reasons i.e. scheduled operations; a chronic lung condition; stress; depression and musculoskeletal injuries. Those individuals that were off sick were being managed thoroughly through the sickness absence management procedure.

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6. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Vauxhall Cross

In response to a question by a Member, the Director undertook to ascertain whether the road closure, following the helicopter crash incident two weeks ago, had any impact on trading at Spitalfields.

Farmers Market

In relation to a question by a Member about holding a Farmers Market in the Guildhall Yard the Director explained he would speak separately to the Member.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 12.58pm

Chairman

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