

Committee	Date:
Gresham (City Side) Committee	26 May 2023
Subject: Report of Action Taken	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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Summary

This report provides details of a decision taken under delegated authority since your last meeting, concerning the appointment of a Gresham Professor of Astronomy and Professor of Music.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

Appointment of Gresham Professor of Astronomy and Professor of Music - [28 March 2023]

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 March 2023, The Academic Registrar and Company Secretary of Gresham College advised that the Nominations Committee recruitment panel appointing the Professor of Astronomy, which included a representative of the City Side (Ms Wendy Mead), had recommended that Professor Chris Lintott be appointed as the Gresham Professor of Astronomy for a three-year period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2026, with possible renewal for an additional year. Further, a separate Nominations Committee recruitment panel, appointing the Professor of Music and which again included a representative of the City Side (Sir Andrew Parmley), had recommended that Dr Milton Mermikides be appointed as the Gresham Professor of Music for a three-year period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2026, with possible renewal for an additional year.
3. Both recommendations were ratified by Gresham College Council at its meeting on 22 March 2023. A proposed programme of lectures for each prospective Professor, together with Professor Lintott's and Dr Mermikedes' CVs, were included with the attached appointment letters submitted by the College, for reference.

Action Taken

4. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chair, appointed:
 - a) Profesor Chris Lintott as Professor of Astronomy at Gresham College, for a three-year period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2026, with possible renewal for an additional year; and
 - b) Dr Milton Mermikides as Professor of Music at Gresham College, for a three-year period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2026, with possible renewal for an additional year.

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