CAPITAL BUILDINGS BOARD

Wednesday, 10 May 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Capital Buildings Board held at the Guildhall EC2 at 9.30 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Sir Michael Snyder (Chairman) Alderman Ian David Luder

Oliver Sells KC (Deputy Chairman) Deputy Henry Pollard (Ex-Officio Member)

Deputy Randall Anderson Deputy James Thomson (Ex-Officio

Deputy Keith Bottomley Member)

Alderman Alison Gowman David Brooks Wilson

Deputy Christopher Hayward Deputy Philip Woodhouse (Ex-Officio

Member)

In attendance (in Guildhall)

David Camp, Museum of London (item 9) Alec Shaw, Museum of London (item 9)

Gregory Lawrence Deputy Mark Bostock

Deputy Ann Holmes (Chief Commoner)

In attendance (observing online)

Deputy Henry Colthurst

Officers:

Caroline Al-Beyerty - Chamberlain

Emma Moore - Chief Operating Officer

John Cater - Chief Operating Officer's Department
Marcelina Gilka - Chief Operating Officer's Department
Ben Milligan - Chief Operating Officer's Department
Genine Whitehorn - Chief Operating Officer's Department

Paul Wilkinson - City Surveyor

Tim Cutter - City Surveyor's Department
Mark Lowman - City Surveyor's Department
Ola Obadara - City Surveyor's Department

Alistair Cook - City of London Police

Martin O'Regan - City of London Police

Neil Jenkins - City of London Police

Matt Lock - Head of Internal Audit

Peter Barlow - Town Clerk's Department

Gregory Moore - Town Clerk's Department

Chris Rumbles, Clerk - Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from James Tumbridge, Alderman Sir David Wootton and Alderwoman Susan Pearson.

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

The Board noted a standing declaration of David Brooks Wilson in respect of all matters concerning Arcadis, Keltbray Group Ltd, Michael Squire and Partners and City and Provincial Properties Ltd.

Deputy Christopher Hayward declared an interest in respect of matters concerning Keltbray Group Ltd.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on Thursday, 20 April 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

4. MIDDLESEX STREET ESTATE - RESIDENT IMPROVEMENTS AND THE IMPACT ON THE SERVICE CHARGE

The Board received a report setting out the benefits for residents arising from the City Corporation's proposal to develop parts of the Middlesex Street Estate's basement, ground-floor, and first floor car parks and, seven retail units along Gravel Lane, to provide an operational base for the City of London Police in the East of the City of London.

The Chairman confirmed that the report was being presented to Capital Buildings Board to note, with the decision being one for Community and Children's Services Committee.

The Deputy Chairman questioned the costs for Secure Bicycle Storage, cycle racks and Cycle lifts, with Members noting that it was a requirement for planning purposes to provide a certain number of cycling spaces regardless of how many of these were going to be used.

The Chairman reiterated that Capital Buildings Board were receiving the report for information. A Member added how it was important to note that ongoing maintenance costs for the site would not be coming out of Capital Buildings Board's budget, with the Chairman confirming that Capital Buildings Board was not responsible for the running costs of the site.

RESOLVED: That Members receive the report and note its content.

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

Poultry Market – A Member referred to a recent press article referring to Poultry Market being part of the Museum of London Relocation Programme project, with the Chairman responding and confirming the article was incorrect, with it being a case of misinformation that the Deputy Town Clerk was looking to address.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were none.

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A 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.

8. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the non-public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on Thursday, 20 April 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

9. MUSEUM OF LONDON RELOCATION PROGRAMME: UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the City Surveyor providing an update on the Museum of London Relocation Programme.

10. SALISBURY SQUARE DEVELOPMENT - RIBA STAGE 5 UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the City Surveyor providing an update on the Salisbury Square Development Programme.

11. INTERNAL AUDIT WORK - MAJOR PROGRAMMES GOVERNANCE

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Internal Audit relating to Major Programmes Governance.

12. MAJOR PROGRAMMES OFFICE - DASHBOARD REPORT

The Board received a report of the Chief Operating Officer providing a Major Programmes Office dashboard.

13. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN (BARKING REACH GROUP)

The Board received a report of the Chief Operating Officer providing details of action taken by Barking Reach Group since the last Capital Buildings Board meeting on 20 April 2023.

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

The following question was raised:

Declaration of Interest

A Member raised a concern that Christopher Hayward and David Brooks Wilson had declared an interest in Keltbray Group Ltd and questioned the appropriateness of this when considering items on the agenda. The Chairman responded confirming Members of the Board had taken the decision to appoint Keltbray, based on officer advice, and that neither Christopher Hayward or David Brooks Willson were present when the decision was taken.

Christopher Hayward stressed that he had acted with integrity with all his declarations and that there had been no private discussions on the matter. David Brooks Wilson endorsed this comment, adding that he sits on Capital Buildings

Board as a Co-opted Member and that he removes himself from the meeting during any debate in which he would have an interest.

Confidential Data

A Member raised a concern regarding the amount of confidential information that was being leaked, with this making it difficult for officers to negotiate effectively. The moment numbers were placed on record these were going straight back to other interested parties. It was questioned whether a system could be devised where it was not necessary to put figures in writing.

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 additional items of business.

The meeting closed at 10.40am.
Chairman

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