

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE
Friday, 24 May 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at Committee Room 2 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 24 May 2024 at 10.15 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Charles Edward Lord (Chair)
Deputy Nighat Qureishi (Deputy Chairman)
Alderman Alexander Barr
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Deputy Simon Duckworth OBE DL
Deputy Christopher Hayward
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE
Wendy Mead OBE
Deputy Henry Pollard
Deputy Dr Giles Shilson
Philip Woodhouse

Officers:

Greg Moore	- Interim Deputy Town Clerk
Zoe Lewis	- Town Clerk's Department
Ben Chen-Sverre	- Chamberlain's Department
Anne Pietsch	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Julia Pridham	- Corporate Charities Review Lead
Neil Robbie	- City Surveyor's Department
Marie Rene	- Community & Children's Services Department
Francis Connolly	- Community & Children's Services Department

At the outset of the meeting, Alderman Vincent Keaveny was moved into the chair until the election of a Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Rt Honourable Lord Mayor Alderman Michael Mainelli.

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

There were no declarations.

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

The Committee received the Order of the Court, dated 25 April 2024, appointing the Committee and setting its Terms of Reference.

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chair in accordance with Standing Order No.29.

Deputy Edward Lord, being the only candidate expressing their willingness to serve, was duly elected Chair for the year ensuing.

The Chair thanked colleagues for their support and took the opportunity to welcome Alderman Alexander Barr to his first meeting, following appointment to the Committee in April. The Chair also thanked Alderwoman Susan Langley, who had stepped down from the Committee, for her contributions.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chair in accordance with Standing Order No.30.

Deputy Nighat Qureishi, being the only candidate expressing their willingness to serve, was duly elected Deputy Chair for the year ensuing.

Deputy Qureishi thanked colleagues for their support.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 2 February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

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

There were no questions.

8. **ANY BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

There was no other business.

9. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below which relate to functions of the Court of Common Council not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and which it is considered would not be in the best interests of the charity to disclose in a public meeting (engaging similar considerations as under paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act).

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

11. **GRESHAM COLLEGE COUNCIL AND GRESHAM WORKING PARTY APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk inviting Members to consider the appointment of representatives on the Gresham College Council and to the Gresham Working Party.

12. **CHARITIES REVIEW UPDATE - SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITIES (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 221982)**
The Committee considered a report of the Managing Director Bridge House Estates which provided an update on the charities review.
13. **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE: SIR THOMAS GRESHAM CHARITIES (REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 221982)**
The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk, Chamberlain, Director of Community and Children's Services and City Surveyor which provided a risk management update.
14. **REVENUE OUTTURN - 2023-24**
The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain and the Director of Community and Children's Services which presented the 2023/24 revenue outturn for the Gresham (City Side) Committee.
15. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**
The Committee considered a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services which provided an update on the Gresham Almshouses.
16. **CONDITION OF GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES**
The Committee received a report of the Director of Community & Children's Services concerning the condition of the Gresham Almshouses and ongoing maintenance work.
17. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**
The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk which updated Members on action taken since the last meeting.
18. **JOINT GRESHAM COMMITTEE MATTERS - CITY SIDE CONSIDERATION**
The Committee considered the various items on the agenda for the meeting of the Joint Grand Gresham Committee that day.
19. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were no non-public questions.
20. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**
There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 11.10 am

Chairman

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