

Committee	Date:
Gresham (City Side) Committee	13 May 2016
Subject: Gresham College Council Appointments	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

This report asks Members to consider the appointment of four representatives on the Gresham College Council for the next four years.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- a) consider and approve the appointment of four representatives onto the Gresham College Council for terms of up to four years which will commence on 31 August 2016.
- b) agree that the City's 'Voting Member' should be its Chairman or, in the Chairman's absence, the Deputy Chairman or such other Member of the City Side as may be nominated by the Committee.

Main Report

Gresham College Council – Appointments

1. The Gresham College Council meets approximately five times a year to approve financial matters relating to the academic programme that is proposed to it by the College's Academic Board.
2. The Mercers' and the City Side can each appoint up to four Directors to the Council of the Gresham College for a four-year term. The Council itself can then also appoint further Directors. The City Side's current representatives are:
 - Deputy Anthony Eskenzi (first appointed in 2008)
 - Simon Duckworth (first appointed in 2009 to serve the remainder of a four year term)
 - Tom Hoffman (first appointed in 2009 to serve the remainder of a four year term)
 - Deputy Dr Giles Shilson (first appointed in 2014 to serve the remainder of a four year term)

Background

3. The Court of Common Council agreed that City Side appointments to the College Council should be Members of the Court. Although they do not necessarily need

to be members of the Committee, it has previously been suggested that it might be preferable for any new representatives to be existing members of the Committee, as dealing closely with the Committee's work may assist them in better representing its concerns.

4. The revised Articles provide that each Director, including all serving at the date of adoption of the Articles (i.e. 31 August 2004) shall be appointed for a term of four years ("first term"), and can then be re-appointed for a further four years at the discretion of the Mercers' or the City Side, as the case may be, subject only to where a Director reaches the age of 75 years, he or she can only complete their term of office if approved by the Gresham College Council on an annual basis.

Current Position

5. As Council members may serve a maximum term of eight years:

- Deputy Dr Giles Shilson would be eligible for reappointment for a second **four-year term**;
- Simon Duckworth and Tom Hoffman, first appointed in 2009, have now completed two terms service of 7 years' in total and so are eligible for reappointment for a third **one-year term**;
- Deputy Eskenzi, first appointed with effect from 31 August 2008, has now completed 8 years' service in total and so is **not eligible for reappointment**.

Conclusion

6. You are asked to consider nominating four Members to the Gresham College Council.

Appendices

None.

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