

MEMBERS PRIVILEGES SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 19 January 2017

**Minutes of the meeting of the Members Privileges Sub (Policy and Resources)
Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.00 am**

Present

Members:

Michael Welbank (Chief Commoner)
(Chairman)
Deputy John Barker
Mark Boleat (Ex-Officio Member)
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Edward Lord
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Wendy Mead
John Scott (Ex-Officio Member)

Officers:

Charlotte Taffel	-	Town Clerk's Department
Fiona Hoban	-	Remembrancer's Office
Dorian Price	-	City Surveyor's Department
Alan Dingley	-	City Surveyor's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ann Holmes, Jeremy Mayhew and Ann Pembroke.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

Lady Members' Lockers

It was noted that the use of lockers had increased since the last meeting of the Sub Committee and that lockers were utilised to the maximum capacity by Lady Members.

Outstanding References

The Chairman requested that an Outstanding References schedule be produced to monitor actions arising from the Sub Committee.

RESOLVED – That:

- a) the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2015 be approved as an accurate record; and
- b) the Town Clerk produce an Outstanding References schedule to monitor actions arising from the Sub Committee.

4. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE**

A Member asked that a review be taken into creating additional meeting space for Members due to an increasing pressure on available meeting rooms. The issue would be raised with Members at the next meeting of the Informal Court to decide if the issue needs revisiting.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman would raise the issue of Members' Meeting Rooms at the next meeting of the Informal Court.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

Former Officers as Members

The Sub Committee received a resolution and supporting report of the Establishment Committee on Former Officers as Members. Discussion ensued on the principles and time requirements relating for Former Officers becoming Members of Committees that they previously reported to. It was resolved that the current guidance remain as stated and that Members exercise judgement if the circumstance arises in the future.

RESOLVED – That the report and resolution be noted.

Seniority of Members

A Member queried the level of seniority of an Alderman who had been a Common Councilmen, then an Alderman and returned to being a Common Councilmen. The Sub Committee sought clarification from the Town Clerk on the protocol and process.

RESOLVED – That the Town Clerk report back to the Sub Committee on the protocol and process of Common Councilmen who return to the Court following a period as an Alderman.

6. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) 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 I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

7. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2015 were approved as an accurate record.

8. **GUILDHALL WEST WING - PROVISION OF UPGRADED LAVATORIES AND CLOAKROOM FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS AND GUILDHALL GUESTS**

The Sub Committee received a report of the City Surveyor on the provision of upgraded lavatories and cloakroom facilities for Members and Guildhall Guests.

RECEIVED.

9. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 10.55 am

Chairman

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