

Committee Outside Bodies Sub-Committee	Dated: 11 October 2017
Subject: Vacancies, Appointments and Nominations	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

The Outside Bodies Sub-Committee is responsible for keeping under review the effectiveness and appropriateness of the City Corporation's participation with individual bodies and for maintaining oversight where the Corporation holds links to outside bodies but no nomination rights. It is also responsible for advising relevant committees, and where necessary, the Court of Common Council on the needs and requirements of the outside body in respect of any vacancy or funding proposal.

This report advises Members of three vacancies which have arisen on St Luke's Parochial Trust, and on the Mitchell City of London Charity and Mitchell City of London Educational Foundation. It also asks the Sub-Committee to consider the following:-

- the appointment of a City Corporation Governor on the Board of Governors of the Museum of London referred to it by the Grand Committee;
- a request from the Clerk to the Trustees of the City & Metropolitan Welfare Charity to reduce the number of City Corporation appointees to the Charity from two to one appointee or, if willing, to relinquish appointment rights altogether;
- future appointments to Gresham College Council being drawn from the wider membership of the Court of Common Council and to Members of the Gresham City Side Committee being excluded from being appointed (those appointments being made by the Court in the usual way).

Recommendation

It is recommended that:-

1. approval is given to filling the vacancy on each of the following outside bodies and to those vacancies being advertised to the Court of Common Council in the usual manner:-
 - St Luke's Parochial Trust in the room of the late John Barker
 - The Mitchell City of London Charity and Mitchell City of London Educational Foundation in the room of Deputy Joyce Nash

2. Sonita Alleyne be appointed as a City Corporation Governor on the Board of Governors of the Museum of London, as nominated by the Board and supported by the Chairman of the Grand Committee;
3. consider a request from the City & Metropolitan Welfare Charity to reduce the number of City Corporation appointees on the Charity from two to one or, if willing, to relinquish appointment rights altogether; and
4. approve a request from the Gresham (City Side) Committee that future appointments to Gresham College Council be drawn from the wider membership of the Court of Common Council and that Members of the Gresham (City Side) Committee be exempt from serving on the Council.

Main Report

1. The Outside Bodies Sub-Committee is responsible for keeping under review the effectiveness and appropriateness of the City Corporation's participation with individual bodies and for maintaining oversight where the Corporation holds links to outside bodies but no nomination rights. It is also responsible for advising relevant committees, and where necessary the Court of Common Council, on the needs and requirements of the outside body in respect of any vacancy or funding proposal.
2. Since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee vacancies which have arisen on St Luke's Parochial Trust and on the Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation. Two nomination requests have been received and a proposal has also been received from the Gresham (City Side) Committee for the appointments process relating to Gresham College Council to be altered so that it reflects good practice. Each of these matters are considered in turn below.

St Luke's Parochial Trust (207497)

3. St Luke's Parochial Trust is a charity providing a Community Centre which provides a variety of services for residents of the St. Luke's area, part of which falls within the Ward of Cripplegate. The City Corporation acting by the Court of Common Council has the right to appoint one Director on the corporate trustee company (St Luke's Trustee Limited (Charity No. 1141334)(Co. No. 07391856). Appointments are for a four year period and Members with voluntary aid business sector skills are usually encouraged to apply. The previous incumbent was John Barker. He also served on the Trust's Finance Committee. The Trust has indicated that it is keen to maintain its links with the City Corporation and whilst it acknowledges that filling the vacancy is within the gift of the City Corporation, the Chairman of Trust's Finance Committee has asked whether consideration could be given to the appointment of a representative with a reasonable knowledge of finance so that he or she can become not only a trustee of St Luke's but can also serve as a member of its Finance Committee. Trustee board meetings are held quarterly and the Finance Committee meets two to three weeks before that.

The Museum of London (1139250)

3. At its meeting on 21 September 2017, the Policy and Resources Committee considered the appointment of Sonita Alleyne as a City Corporation Governor to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London. Ms Alleyne was nominated by the Board of Governors of the Museum. A letter from the Chairman of the Board together with Ms Alleyne's CV is attached to this report as appendix 1 in support of this. At the meeting of the Grand Committee Members felt that nominations such as this would benefit from an informal meeting between the Chairman of the Policy Committee and the proposed candidate. It also acknowledged the role of the Outside Bodies Sub-Committee in the external appointments process and delegated the approval of the appointment to the Sub-Committee subject to any feedback received from the Chairman's meeting with the candidate.
4. The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee met with Ms Alleyne on Friday 6 October and has confirmed that she is content with her candidature for and is supportive of her appointment as a City Corporation Governor on the Board of Governors of the Museum of London. The City Corporation has the right to appoint nine members to the Board of the Museum of London, as does the Greater London Authority.

The Mitchell City of London Charity (207342) and Educational Foundation (312499)

5. The Mitchell City of London Charity awards pensions and other grants to those in need who have lived or worked in the City of London or who are widows or children of such persons. The Mitchell City of London Educational Foundation awards educational grants and bursaries to children or young persons whose parents satisfy the requisite criteria. More detailed information on the work of the Educational Foundation is attached as appendix 2. The City Corporation is entitled to appoint up to four representatives on the Foundation. (The Head Teachers of the City of London School and the City of London School for Girls also have the right to appoint one trustee each.) One of the three current City Corporation appointees, Deputy Joyce Nash, has now resigned. The Foundation has confirmed that it is keen for a representative to be appointed in her place. The views of the Deputy have been sought on the work of the Charity and she has advised that the Charity is well run and that it supports applications from Christ Hospital students, the Guildhall School, St Bart's medical students, education students in general, single parent families and pensioners.

The City & Metropolitan Welfare Charity (205943)

6. The City & Metropolitan Welfare Charity is a small grant giving trust formed in 1961 from the amalgamation of two earlier charities - the Prisons Charities (itself formed in 1876), and the Central Fund of the Metropolitan Convalescent Institution (1951). It meets twice each year to review its investments and consider modest grants. Much of its focus is on encouraging applications related

to ex-prisoners and their families in London. There are 10 trustees who are appointed by the following:-

- Three trustees by from the Mercers' Company
- Two by the Leathersellers' Company
- One by the Grocers' Company
- One by the Haberdashers' Company
- One by the Ironmongers' Company
- Two by the City of London Corporation

Henry Colthurst and John Fletcher are the City Corporation's appointees on the Charity.

7. Earlier this year the Charity reviewed its governance to ensure that the current composition of the Board of trustees remained appropriate. The outcome was that the Charity was keen to widen the pool of Livery Companies involved with its work, whilst retaining the size of its Board to a maximum of 10. In pursuing its desire to broaden engagement with other Livery Companies the Charity has already co-opted a Clothworker and envisages another trustee from a similar Company (not already represented). The Charity is of the view that the nature of the City Corporation's work means that small charities such as this now fall outside the City Corporation's principal remit. The Board is therefore requesting that consideration is given to the City Corporation either reducing its appointees to one, or to relinquish appointment rights altogether. Both Mr Colthurst and Mr Fletcher are aware of this and are supportive. The Charity Commission is required to approve changes to the trustee appointment rights of third parties to the Board of an unincorporated charity (such as this charity), and will expect the appointing body to be consulted as to the proposed change to those rights of appointment (or nomination as the case may be).

Gresham College Council (1039962)

8. Gresham College (Charity No. 1039962) (Co. No. 2953431) is an educational independent institution, governed by a board of directors, known as a "Council". The City Corporation and the Mercers' Company are the two corporate members of the company. Gresham College was founded under the Will of Sir Thomas Gresham and is funded by the City Corporation and the Mercers' Company which were both beneficiaries of Sir Thomas's Will.. The College offers free public lectures, runs seminars and conferences, and provides support to initiatives by the Gresham Professors and others.
9. The Council meets approximately five times a year to approve financial matters relating to the academic programme and otherwise to oversee the operation of the company. The Mercers' and the City Side each have the right to appoint up to four directors to the Council of the Gresham College for a four-year term. The Council itself can also appoint further Directors.
10. The City Corporation and the Mercers jointly administer the obligations they have in respect of the estate of Sir Thomas Gresham through a joint Gresham

Committee. The City Corporation appoints Members to serve for this purpose on the Common Council's Gresham (City Side) Committee. That Committee is keen to create a separation in Members' roles as funders and as directors of the Gresham College. Segregating decision-making as funders and decision-making on behalf of the College is considered to be good practice. The Committee is therefore proposing that the principle of separating the two roles by establishing separate representation on each be implemented at the earliest opportunity, and further that future City Corporation appointments to the College Council be drawn from the wider membership of the Court excluding Members already serving on the Gresham (City Side) Committee. In the meantime, clarity should be sought on the position of those the "City Side" Members who were currently members of the College's Working Parties, in the hope that they might continue in those roles despite stepping down from the College Council.

Conclusion

11. The Outside Bodies Sub-Committee is responsible for keeping under review the City Corporation's relationship with individual bodies and making recommendations to the Grand Committee where necessary. A number of vacancies and other matters which fall within the Sub-Committee's remit have arisen since the last meeting and these now require your consideration.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Letter from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Museum of London and CV of Sonita Alleyne

Appendix 2 – Further details of the Mitchell City of London Charity and Mitchell City of London Educational Foundation

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