

GRESHAM (CITY SIDE) COMMITTEE

Friday, 23 February 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Gresham (City Side) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Dr Giles Shilson (Chairman)	Deputy Edward Lord
Simon Duckworth (Deputy Chairman)	Alderman Ian Luder
Deputy John Bennett	Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Nicholas Bensted-Smith	Wendy Mead (Chief Commoner)
Christopher Hayward	John Scott
Deputy Tom Hoffman	

Officers:

Gregory Moore	-	Town Clerk's Department
Sacha Than	-	Town Clerk's Department
Steven Reynolds	-	Chamberlain's Department
Kirpal Kaur	-	Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Tom Leathart	-	City Surveyor's Department
Liam Gillespie	-	Community & Children's Services Department
Lochlan MacDonald	-	Department of Community and Children's Services

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Charles Bowman.

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

A Member queried whether the Stakeholder Presentation held at Mercers' Hall the evening of 22 February 2018 should be listed within Members' Register of Interests. The Chairman agreed that the hospitality received might well have exceeded the £100 threshold and therefore suggested that all Members present might wish to err on the side of caution and include this dinner within their Register of Interests. The Town Clerk agreed to update the Registers for Members who had attended the dinner.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 3 November 2017 be approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Debtors' Act

The Chairman advised that further to the query raised at the November 2017 City Side meeting as to whether the Committee was fulfilling its obligation in

assisting those in debtors' prisons; confirmation had been received from the Comptroller and City Solicitor that the Debtors' Act of 1869 rendered this element of the bequest and the Committee's responsibility in this area redundant.

4. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk setting out the Terms of Reference for the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Committee approve the Terms of Reference of the Gresham (City Side) Committee for submission to the Court of Common Council.

5. **CITY OF LONDON AND GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES, EAST LODGE AND COMMUNAL AREAS - REFURBISHMENT WORKS**

Members considered a Gateway 3/4 Options Appraisal report of the Director of Community and Children's Services regarding refurbishment works to the City of London and Gresham Almshouses.

It was noted that the report had been approved by the Community and Children's Services Committee and Projects Sub-Committee earlier that month.

Members queried why there were issues in bringing the windows up to standard noting that, whilst the Almshouses were listed, there were glazing professionals who could provide the necessary materials. The Committee offered their support to the Asset Programme Manager in progressing this matter if required.

RESOLVED – That Members:

- note the total estimated programme cost of £256,096 which includes fees and staff costs of £9,056 for internal, external and common parts refurbishment works at the Gresham Almshouses;
- approve Option Two, thereby granting authority for the Director of Community and Children's services to use in-house staff and Mooney Kelly quantity surveyors to develop the specification and carry out procurement of a works contractor to then proceed to Gateway 5, at an estimated cost of £5,968, from funds of £51,000 in 2017/18 already approved for these works; and
- note that further funds of £205,096 may be sought from City Cash Contingency accounts which would, along with £51,000 approved for 2018/19, allow refurbishment works to proceed.

6. **GRESHAM ALMSHOUSES UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services providing an update on the Gresham Almshouses. The Chairman thanked Members who had attended the 2017 Christmas Almshouses visit.

RESOLVED – That the Committee note the report.

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, 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.

Item Nos.	Exempt Paragraph(s)
10	3
11	1

10. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2017 be approved as a correct record.

11. **DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk advising of one decision taken under delegated authority since the last meeting, concerning the appointment of a Professor of Astronomy.

12. **JOINT GRAND 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.

13. **GRESHAM COLLEGE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Committee considered the proposed funding arrangements for Gresham College.

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

There were no questions.

15. **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 closed at 11.07 am

Chairman

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