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The Lord Mayor will take the Chair at ONE
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COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on
THURSDAY next, the **19th day of April, 2018**.

JOHN BARRADELL,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

*Guildhall,
Wednesday 11th April 2018*

Sir David Wootton

William Anthony Bowater Russell

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Aldermen on the Rota

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Amendments to the White Paper

To be considered in conjunction with Item 12

Following the Previous Meeting, the following amendments have been identified as being necessary for the final version of the White Paper:-

- **Community & Children's Services Committee (pages 69-70):** under the Committee's Terms of Reference, Section (4), subsection (B), the words "and the Registration Service" should be inserted after the words "Marriage Licensing".

This was proposed and agreed at the Committee's meeting on 13 April, following the publication of the White Paper, upon the recognition that this amendment would more fully reflect that Committee's responsibilities in this area.

Members are asked to consider and approve this amendment to the Terms of Reference accordingly.

- **Standards Committee (page 83):** at the 8 March 2018 Court meeting, the recommendations of the Standards Regime Working Party were approved, which included an increase to the size of the Standards Committee. The report proposed an increase "to twelve elected Members", but did not specify whether, or how, these extra places should be allocated between Commoners and Aldermen.

The interpretation made was that the number of places elected directly to the Committee by the Court – those being the Commoners, rather than the Aldermen, who are appointed to the Committee by their own Court – should therefore increase from seven to twelve, giving five extra places to the Commoners. Upon reflection, however, it is felt that the intention was to increase the overall size of the Committee to twelve whilst maintaining the existing balance in respect of membership, rather than simply increasing the number of Commoners. The Policy and Resources Committee is therefore recommending an amendment to the composition of the Committee, such that ten places be allocated for the election of Commoners (one of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of their appointment), with the remaining two places to be filled by the Court of Aldermen. It is therefore proposed that Section 1 of the Terms of Reference be amended accordingly.

It should be noted that, of the six places to be filled on the Committee at the 19 April 2018 Court meeting, only three expressions of interest have been received. Therefore, this proposal would not have an adverse impact on those who have already expressed an interest. However, it would have the added benefit of reducing the overall number of vacancies to be filled.

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