

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU

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The Lord Mayor will take the Chair at ONE
of the clock in the afternoon precisely.



COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on
THURSDAY next, the **24th day of July, 2014**.

JOHN BARRADELL,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

*Guildhall,
Wednesday 16th July 2014*

Gordon Warwick Haines
William Russell

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Aldermen on the Rota

- 1 Question - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded?
- 2 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials.
- 3 The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor's report on overseas visits.
- 4 Statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 5 Docquets for the Hospital Seal.
- 6 List of applicants for the Freedom of the City:
(A list of names, together with those of the nominators, has been separately circulated).
- 7 The Town Clerk to report the result of a ballot taken at the last Court, viz:-
★ Denotes appointed

(a) Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee (one vacancy).

	Votes
George Marr Flemington Gillon	69★
Richard David Regan, O.B.E., Deputy	36

(b) Finance Committee (one vacancy).

	Votes
John Douglas Chapman, Deputy	68★
Ann Holmes	36

(c) Education Board (ten vacancies for varying terms with two places reserved for Members of the Education Strategy Working Party)

denotes a Member of the Education Strategy Working Party

	Votes
John Alfred Barker, O.B.E., Deputy	30
#John Alfred Bennett, Deputy	64★
Nigel Kenneth Challis, M.A., FCA, FCSI (Hons)	41
#Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst	58★
Dennis Cotgrove, B.A.	17
#The Revd. Dr. Martin Dudley	50★
Peter Estlin, Alderman	56★
Jeffrey Richard Evans, Alderman	58★
Stuart John Fraser, C.B.E.	53★
Ann Holmes	43
Michael Hudson	26
#Catherine McGuinness, M.A., Deputy	85★
#Virginia Rounding	62★
#William Russell, Alderman	74★
#Ian Christopher Norman Seaton	74★

d) Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls (one vacancy for a term to expire in August 2018)

	Votes
Randall Keith Anderson	42
Nicholas Bensted-Smith	60★

8 To appoint the following:-

a) Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School (one vacancy for the balance of a term to expire in August 2016)

(No Contest)

Nomination received:-

Adam Fox McCloud Richardson

b) Bridewell Royal Hospital (two Members for the balance of terms expiring in November 2018)

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Christopher Michael Hayward

Michael Welbank, M.B.E., Deputy

9 QUESTIONS

10 MOTIONS

11 Awards and Prizes

A) UNESCO Memory of the World Register – Inscription for the Robert Hooke Diary held at London Metropolitan Archives

Report of the Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee

“I am delighted to announce that the City Corporation's London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) has been successful in having a third inscription awarded for the UNESCO Memory of the World Register for one of the archives in its care.

The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) Memory of the World Initiative was set up in the 1990s to preserve and promote outstanding global documentary heritage. Following this, in 2010 UNESCO started a UK Register for items with cultural significance specific to this country which complements the International Register.

The City Corporation's London Metropolitan Archives already had two inscriptions on the Register before 2014. These are for the 1067 William Charter, the City's oldest archive, and the 1940-45 London County Council Bomb damage maps (all items owned by the City Corporation). Now there is a third inscription for the diary of Robert Hooke.

Robert Hooke was a major scientific figure, at the forefront of physics, astronomy, microscopy, physiology and geology and was the first UK professional experimental scientist, appointed as Curator of Experiments to the Royal Society in 1662. Hooke contributed greatly to the rebuilding of the City of London after the 1666 Great Fire and the Diary contains daily entries for his work as the chief City Surveyor for the rebuilding of the City, measuring and arbitrating rival property claims so that the City could quickly grow anew. The Diary is a rich and important source for both the history of the City of London and the history of science.

B) 2014 European Succeed Award for the Great Parchment Book

Report of the Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee

“I am also delighted to announce that the City Corporation’s London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) has been awarded a 2014 European Succeed Award for the Great Parchment Book project.

The project is one LMA has worked on with the Centre for Digital Humanities at University College London (UCL) in a ground-breaking initiative to conserve, digitally reconstruct, transcribe and publish the Great Parchment Book, an iconic item in the archive of The Honourable The Irish Society lodged at LMA. This volume is a key document in the history of Northern Ireland as it records a survey of the seventeenth century estates, but until this project it was illegible as it had been badly damaged in a fire at Guildhall in 1786. LMA’s role was to research and then carry out conservation treatment to relax and open up the parchment of the book. Images of the parchment were then taken by UCL and specially developed software enabled text to be read for the first time. LMA then transcribed and encoded the text to enable it in turn to be presented online.

LMA is grateful for financial support for its work from eight of the Great Twelve Livery Companies whose estates are recorded in the Great Parchment Book; the Marc Fitch Fund and the National Manuscripts Conservation Trust. Further thanks should go to the Irish Society which also helped fund a website to showcase the project.

I commend these achievements to the Court.

12 **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** **(Mark John Boleat)**

3 July 2014

Crossrail Art Foundation

The City of London Corporation has been a strong supporter of Crossrail for nearly 25 years and considers the delivery of the Project to be vital to the future prosperity and economic success of the City, London and the UK.

In addition to making a direct contribution to Crossrail of £200m, the City Corporation has also agreed to provide matched funding from City’s Cash of half of the total estimated cost (not exceeding £3.5 million) plus up to £250, 000 towards set-up costs of delivering a Crossrail Art Strategy. To this end we have now considered proposals for the City Corporation to establish a charitable company with Crossrail Ltd. It is intended that the company should be known as the Crossrail Art Foundation and that it will provide an arms-length entity to achieve the outcomes of the Arts Strategy, including seeking donations/sponsorship from the private sector.

The arrangements for the company also include the appointment of three Members of the Court of Common Council as Members and Directors (Trustees) of the company.

A printed and circulated report is now submitted for your consideration and we commend its recommendations in relation to the establishment of a charitable company (intended to be known as the Crossrail Art Foundation) with Crossrail Ltd, the appointment of the three company Trustees and the delegations required to progress the formation of the company to you.

13 **HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**
(Deputy John Bennett, Chief Commoner)

18 June 2014

A) Applications for the Use of Guildhall

In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Court on 21 June 2001 for the approval of applications for the use of Guildhall, we now inform the Court of the following applications which have been agreed to:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>
Summer Reading Challenge	22 September 2014	Awards Ceremony
Embassy of the People's Republic of China	23 September 2014	Reception
Pearson Teaching Awards	26 October 2014	Awards Ceremony
Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity	28 October 2014	Dinner
Chickenshed	5 November 2014	Dinner
CoL International Women's Day Group	6 March 2015	Conference
International Corporate Governance Network	3 – 5 June 2015	Conference
Principles for Responsible Investment	9 September 2015	Dinner
Man Booker Prize	13 October 2015	Dinner
Think Event Marketing	21 October 2015	Dinner

B) 600th Anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt

It is proposed that the City of London Corporation hosts a lecture followed by a reception at Guildhall in March 2015 as part of a national programme of commemorative events planned to mark the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt. These include a service in Westminster Abbey, exhibitions in Parliament and at the Tower of London, and a university conference. The commemorations are being planned in close liaison with diplomatic representatives of France and the other countries involved as allies of either side, and will be presented as an important milestone in our countries' shared heritage.

There is a strong historical connection with the City of London and Livery Companies. The City provided the King with a loan of 10,000 marks (almost £3 million today) to fund the King's campaign in France, receiving from him as security a gold livery collar.

The guest list would include academics, historians, diplomats, representatives from Livery Companies, the City's Privileged Regiments, the Museum of London, students from the City Academies and schools, and Members with relevant interests.

We **recommend** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements be left in the hands of the Hospitality Working Party; the cost to be met from City's Cash, within the approved cost parameters.

(This will be a Committee event).

14 **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**
(Deputy Michael Welbank, M.B.E.)

30 June 2014

Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Improvement Project – Report of action taken under urgency procedures

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, we report, action taken under urgency procedures concerning an ambitious project aimed at transforming the Aldgate area by the removal of the existing gyratory system and creating new vibrant public spaces and we submit a separately printed and circulated report for your information.

15 **PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**
(Wendy Mead)

15 July 2014

Thames Estuary Partnership

The City Corporation, in its role as London Port Health Authority (LPHA), is a partner with the charity the 'Thames Estuary Partnership' (TEP) with which it works closely on matters such as shellfish in the estuary and water quality of the river. The TEP undertakes a range of functions, including coordination of a projects programme, facilitation of new projects and forums for joint working, and organisation of events and workshops.

The TEP has invited the City to take on a role of Corporate Director/Trustee, but it is not the City's usual practice to make such appointments. Rather, it is normal practice to appoint a Member of the Court of Common Council to serve in an individual capacity and these appointments are normally made by the Court of Common Council after seeking expressions of interest and by the holding of a ballot where there is more than one expression of interest.

Given the close working relationship between the City as the LPHA and the TEP, it would be advantageous for the City Corporation to maintain those links by appointing a Member to the TEP Board. Nigel Challis (a member of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee between 2008 and 2014) has been acting as the Corporation's representative and has indicated that he is prepared to continue to do so. Mr Challis has built up a good understanding of the TEP's work and has made a considerable contribution to the Board.

Given the interest shown by Mr Challis in this position and his first-hand experience of the work of the TEP to date, his appointment was approved by the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee and we now **recommend** that approval be given to the appointment of Nigel Challis as Corporate Director/Trustee of the Thames Estuary Partnership.

16 **POLICE COMMITTEE**
(James Henry George Pollard, Deputy)

23 May 2014

The City of London Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police

We submit for the information of the Court, the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police for 2013/2014 which has been separately printed and circulated.

17 **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
(Charles Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.)

(A) Standards Committee Annual Report

16 May 2014

In accordance with our terms of reference, the Standards Committee is required to monitor all complaints referred to us and to submit an annual report on our activities. This report provides a brief synopsis of the activities undertaken by your Committee since the introduction of the new standards arrangements under the Localism Act 2011.

A printed and circulated report has therefore been submitted for your information.

(B) Amendments to the Members' Code of Conduct - Disclosable Interests and the Mandatory Registration of Gifts and Hospitality

In accordance with our terms of reference, the Standards Committee is required to prepare, keep under review and monitor the City of London Corporation's Members' Code of Conduct and make recommendations to the Court of Common Council in respect of the adoption or revision, as appropriate, of such Code of Conduct.

Due to the nature of the organisation and the wide-ranging business undertaken by Members of the Court of Common Council, your Committee believes that a number of additional categories, which would require Members to register a broader range of non-pecuniary interests, should be introduced. As there are a broad range of organisations in which City of London Members are involved, the Code of Conduct and the Members' Declarations should therefore better reflect the nature and business of the City of London Corporation, particularly where there might be a perception of influence being exerted. In reaching its decision, this Committee has taken into account the previous Standards regime, whereby Members were expected to register a more substantial list of membership bodies. The Committee also reflected on practice across local authorities and noted that some, including some London Boroughs, had retained similar provisions in their Codes of Conduct.

This Committee believes that transparency and the disclosure of relevant interests should be the guiding principle and therefore **recommends** the inclusion of an additional number of categories which would require Members to register a broader range of non-pecuniary interests. In respect of gifts and hospitality, your Committee believes that a mandatory registration regime is required given the circumstances at the City of London Corporation and the extent of gifts and hospitality offered to Members and Co-opted Members. With regards to the threshold for registration, your Committee acknowledges that whilst the £250 threshold (or £500 cumulative value) is

high in comparison with a number of local authorities, this is deemed to be an appropriate threshold taking into account the nature of the organisation

A printed and circulated report has therefore been submitted for your consideration and **we commend** its recommendations to revise the Members' Code of Conduct and to introduce a mandatory registration regime for gifts and hospitality, as of 1st September 2014.

18 **EDUCATION BOARD**
(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)

24 June 2014

Appointment of Governors - City Academy, Hackney and City of London Academy Southwark

On 24 June 2014, your Education Board considered issues relating to the appointment of governors at the City Academy Hackney and the City of London Academy Southwark. Nigel Challis CC was appointed as a governor (with the approval of the Community and Children's Services Committee) on an interim basis to the Board at City Academy, Hackney in November 2013. This interim arrangement has proved a success and both the co-sponsor KPMG and the wider Board of the City Academy, Hackney are keen to confirm the appointment of Nigel Challis as the third City appointed governor on the Academy Board of Governors to ensure his skills and expertise are retained. The Education Board therefore **recommend** the appointment of Nigel Challis to the City Academy, Hackney Board of Governors for a full term of 4 years.

The Board also considered the appointment of a City appointed Governor to the Board of the City of London Academy Southwark. A vacancy exists following the resignation of an existing City of London appointed governor and the recent expansion of City of London Academy Southwark into a Multi Academy Trust with Redriff Primary School. The Education Board considered the expression of interest of Simon Atkinson, a candidate identified by the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the City of London Academy Southwark. Simon Atkinson is Deputy Chief Executive of Ipsos MORI, an organisation that has close links to the Academy. The Education Board therefore **recommend** the appointment of Simon Atkinson to the Board of Governors of the City of London Academy Southwark.

MOTION

19 By the Chief Commoner

"That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of a matter linked to hospitality which has already been agreed and which falls under paragraph 100A(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to confidential information that would be disclosed in breach of an obligation of confidence by a department of Her Majesty's government?"