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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 **16th day of October, 2014**.

JOHN BARRADELL,  
*Town Clerk & Chief Executive.*

*Guildhall,  
Wednesday 8th October 2014*

Sir Roger Gifford

Peter Hewitt, FCSI, FRSA

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*Aldermen on the Rota*

1 Question - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded?

2 To read a Vote of Thanks to the Lord Mayor

3 The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor to lay before the Court a letter of the Lord Mayor Elect declaring his assent to take upon himself that Office.

4 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials

5 The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor's report on overseas visits.

6 To elect a Chief Commoner.

One nomination has been received in accordance with Standing Order No. 18, namely, that of William Harry Dove, M.B.E., J.P., Deputy.

*(N.B. A notice of the nominees is on display in the Members' Reading Room)*

7 Statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

8 Docquets for the Hospital Seal.

9 List of applicants for the Freedom of the City

(A list of names, together with those of the nominators, has been separately circulated).

10 The Remembrancer's report of measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation.

#### **Subordinate Legislation**

<b>Title</b>	<b>with effect from</b>
The Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, S.I. No. 2341	1st October 2014
The Education (Independent School Standards) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, S.I. No. 2374	29th September 2014
The Thames Water Utilities Limited (Thames Tideway Tunnel) Order 2014, S.I. No. 2384	24th September 2014
The Licensing Act 2003 (Permitted Temporary Activities) (Notices) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, S.I. No. 2417	1st October 2014
The Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) Order 2014, S.I. No. 2440	1st October 2014
The Absolute Ground for Possession for Anti-social Behaviour (Review Procedure) (England) Regulations 2014, S.I. No. 2554	20th October 2014
The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014, S.I. No. 2591	20th October 2014

(The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer's office.)

11 The Town Clerk to report the appointment of Mr Mark Greenburgh and Mr Dan Large as co-opted members of the Standards Committee.

12 To appoint the following:-

a) Christ's Hospital (one vacancy for the balance of a term to expire in January 2017)

Alastair John Naisbitt King, MSc, Deputy

b) Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (one vacancy for a three year term expiring September 2017)

Nominations received:-

Alastair John Naisbitt King, MSc, Deputy

Emma Price

13 **QUESTIONS**

14 **MOTIONS**

15 **Awards and Prizes**

**Open Spaces Awards**

Report of the Chairman of the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee, and West Ham Park Committee.

"I am delighted to announce that the City Corporation's Open Spaces have again received several prestigious Green Flag and London in Bloom Awards.

The Green Flag Award is the national standard for parks and green spaces and aims to recognise and reward the best green spaces in the country. All sites must be freely accessible to the public and perform well against eight criteria, including safety and security, cleanliness, management and sustainability. This year the following Open Spaces retained the Award: Ashted Common, Bunhill Fields, Burnham Beeches, Coulsdon Common, Epping Forest, Farthing Downs and New Hill, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood, Kenley Common, Queen's Park, Riddlesdown, Spring Park, West Ham Park, West Wickham Common and the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium.

Green Heritage Site accreditation, which is sponsored by English Heritage, is awarded in recognition of achieving the required standard in the management and interpretation of a site with local or national historic importance. The following Open Spaces retained their Green Heritage Site accreditation this year to acknowledge the heritage value of the sites: Ashted Common, Bunhill Fields, Burnham Beeches, Epping Forest, Farthing Downs and New Hill, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood, Kenley Common, Queen's Park, West Ham Park and the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium. In addition, Riddlesdown was awarded Green Heritage accreditation for the first time this year, meaning that the City Corporation now holds 15 Green Flag and 12 Green Heritage Awards.

The City Corporation's Open Spaces were also successful at the London In Bloom Awards, held on the 8 September 2014. The City achieved eight gold awards and one silver gilt award, and was awarded category winner in the small park, large park and small cemetery Categories. The City Gardens within the Square Mile were awarded the Borough of the Year Award.

Having scored consistently highly in both the regional and national campaigns of In Bloom over recent years, the City Gardens team has been entered into the Britain in Bloom Champion of Champions award this year. This prestigious award will be announced at a ceremony in Bristol this evening. An update on the results will be circulated following this meeting.

The achievement of these Awards is a great tribute to the dedication and hard work of all the staff in the Open Spaces Department and the large teams of local volunteers who help to maintain the high quality of our Open Spaces.

I commend these achievements to the Court.”

## 16 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Mark John Boleat)

2 October 2014

### Cheapside Business Improvement District

At its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 the Court of Common Council approved the creation of a Business Improvement District (BID) for the Cheapside area and agreed that the Cheapside Initiative (CI) should act as the delivery agent by managing the BID process.

We have considered and approved the CI's formal proposals for progressing the BID to the consultation stage in advance of undertaking a BID Ballot in March 2015. It is now proposed that the City Corporation act as the BID Proposer and as the BID Body for the initiative and that the functions associated with this be delegated to this Committee. The detailed operational aspects of the initiative would be the subject of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the City Corporation and the BID Board made up of local representatives.

A printed and circulated report is now submitted for your consideration and we commend its **recommendations** to you.

## 17 HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy John Bennett, Chief Commoner)

18 September 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>
Blueprint	Friday 23 January 2015	Dinner
Buta Arts Centre	Thursday 12 March 2015	Concert

Worshipful Company of Fuellers	Monday 16 March 2015	Banquet
ClearView Financial Media	Thursday 7 May 2015	Awards Ceremony
William Reed	Tuesday 9 June 2015	Dinner
Motion Europe	Thursday 11 June 2015	Dinner
Old Wellingtonian Society	Tuesday 17 June 2015	Banquet
The Worshipful Company of Glovers	Sunday 26 July 2015	Reception
International Association of Young Lawyers	Wednesday 2 September 2015	Reception
Ifs (Institute of Financial Services) School of Finance	Friday 11 September 2015	Graduation
Wine & Spirit Education Trust	Thursday 26 November 2015	Awards Ceremony
The Guild of Freemen of the City of London	Monday 14 December 2015	Dinner

18 September 2014

### **(B) Global Law Summit**

It is proposed that the City of London Corporation hosts a reception on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 as part of the programme for delegates attending the Global Law Summit in London.

The Global Law Summit is an international legal conference taking place from 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at the QEII Conference Centre. The Summit, celebrating 800 years of Magna Carta and the rule of law, is expected to attract over 2,000 delegates, speakers and guests from across the world and will serve to promote London and the UK as a global centre for legal services. Speakers will include chairmen and general counsel from leading British and international companies, members of the senior judiciary and representatives from the Bar and major law firms. It will be the first such conference to take place in London.

We **recommend** that hospitality be granted in the form of a reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the cost to be met from City's Cash and within the approved cost parameters.

This would be a Full Court event.

### **(C) Prime Minister of France – report of action taken under urgency procedures**

We report action taken as a matter of urgency, pursuant to Standing Order No.19, in approving arrangements for the Prime Minister of France, Mr Manuel Valls, to deliver a speech on France's economic policy and reform programme on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

The City enjoys strong working relationships with France, with the City of London Corporation and Paris Europlace jointly sponsoring the Anglo-French Committee, which brings together senior industry representatives to discuss issues of mutual interest.

With the event due to take place in advance of the October meeting of the Court of Common Council, the Court's approval was sought and obtained in accordance with urgency procedures. We hereby report the action taken.

This was a Committee event.

15 September 2014

### **(D) Prime Minister of Italy – report of action taken under urgency procedures**

We report action taken as a matter of urgency, pursuant to Standing Order No.19, in approving arrangements for the Prime Minister of Italy, Mr Matteo Renzi, to deliver a speech on Italy's economic policy on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

Italy is a major UK trading partner, with the Italian economy the world's 8<sup>th</sup> largest and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the Eurozone. All the major Italian banks have London representation, focusing on trade finance and commercial banking and Italian insurers are active in the London wholesale markets. The country also currently holds the EU Presidency, making the visit of particular interest to the City.

With the event due to take place in advance of the October meeting of the Court of Common Council, the Court's approval was sought and obtained for the event and associated hospitality in accordance with urgency procedures. We hereby report the action taken.

This was a Committee event.

## **18 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **(A) City Fund and Pension Funds - 2013/14 - Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Management Letters**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1996, the Court authorised this Committee to approve, amongst other things, the Statement of Accounts for the City Fund and Pension Funds. We have duly considered and approved the 2013/14 City Fund and Pension Funds Statement of Accounts. Copies of the Statement have been placed in the Members' Reading Room and are available from the Chamberlain. The management letters from Deloitte LLP on its audit of the funds are attached for the information of the Court. In addition, the Statement and letters have been published on the City's website.

## **(B) Annual Reports and Financial Statements for Bridge House Estates and Sundry Trusts 2013/14**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1996, the Court authorised this Committee to approve, amongst other things, the Annual Reports and Financial Statements for Bridge House Estates and the Charitable Trusts. We have duly considered and approved the Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2014. Copies of the Annual Reports and Financial Statements have been placed in the Members' Reading Room and are available from the Chamberlain. The management letter from Moore Stephens LLP on its audit of the funds is attached for the information of the Court. In addition, for Bridge House Estates, the Annual Report and Financial Statements and the management letter have been published on the City's website.

## 19 **THE CITY BRIDGE TRUST COMMITTEE**

**(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)**

25 September 2014

### **(A) Review of City Bridge Trust's Priorities and Policies**

Following the launch of the *Investing in Londoners* programmes in September 2013, this paper sets out proposals to make some minor amendments to the policy which guides the application of Bridge House Estates surplus income in order to strengthen and improve the work of the City Bridge Trust (under which the *Investing in Londoners* programmes are delivered). It is also recommended that changes be made to the procedures which support the delivery of the funding priorities set out in that policy to enable more efficient administration and a more effective application of the charity's resources.

A printed and circulated report is now submitted for your consideration and we commend its **recommendations** to you

25 September 2014

### **(B) Prince's Trust Strategic Grant**

This paper proposes releasing an additional £1.05m per year from the Bridge House Estates surplus income for a period of 10 years (over and above the Investing in Londoners grants programmes budget, or their successor) to provide a long-term strategic grant to the Prince's Trust Charity (£1m per year) with associated grant management costs to the City Bridge Trust (£50,000 per year). The purpose of the proposed strategic grant is to build upon the Prince's Trust's excellent work with some of London's hardest to reach young people: it will provide the Prince's Trust with a financial commitment that will allow it to increase its programmes targeted at Londoners, and part-finance one of its centres in Tower Hamlets.

A printed and circulated report is now submitted for your consideration and we commend its **recommendations** to you.

20 **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**(Charles Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P., Deputy)**

6 October 2014

**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.

This was considered initially by the Court on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and Members felt that some further work should be undertaken and the matter brought back to the Court for consideration. In reaching its decision about a revised Members' Code of Conduct, this Committee has consulted widely with all Members of the Court of Common Council; taken into account the previous Standards regime, whereby Members were expected to register a more substantial list of membership bodies; and reflected on practice across local authorities.

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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

**MOTION**

21 By the Chief Commoner

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972:-

action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Consultative Committee on the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project?”