



# YARROW, MAYOR

## COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

**25th June 2015**  
**MEMBERS PRESENT**

### ALDERMEN

Charles Bowman  
Sir Roger Gifford  
Alison Gowman  
Timothy Russell Hailes JP  
Gordon Warwick Haines  
Peter Hewitt, FCSI, FRSA

Sir David Howard Bt MA DSc  
Sir Paul Judge  
Vincent Thomas Keaveny  
Ian David Luder JP BSc (Econ)  
The Lord Mountevans, Jeffrey Evans  
Matthew Richardson

William Anthony Bowater Russell  
Dame Fiona Woolf  
Sir David Hugh Wootton  
The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, Alan Colin Drake  
Yarrow

### COMMONERS

Randall Keith Anderson  
Alex Bain-Stewart MSc JP  
John Alfred Barker, OBE, Deputy  
Douglas Barrow, Deputy  
John Bennett, Deputy  
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP  
Christopher Paul Boden  
Mark Boleat  
David John Bradshaw  
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick  
Nigel Kenneth Challis, MA, FCA, FCSI(Hon)  
John Douglas Chapman, Deputy  
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
Dennis Cotgrove, BA  
Alexander John Cameron Deane, Deputy  
Havilland James De Sausmarez  
Karina Dostalova  
William Harry Dove OBE, Deputy (Chief Commoner)  
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL  
The Revd Dr Martin Raymond Dudley

Emma Edhem  
Kevin Malcolm Everett DSc, Deputy  
Sophie Anne Fernandes  
John William Fletcher, BSc  
William Barrie Fraser, OBE, Deputy  
Stuart John Fraser, CBE  
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks  
Lucy Frew  
The Revd Stephen Decatur  
Haines MA, Deputy  
Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy  
Graeme George Harrower  
Christopher Michael Hayward  
Tom Hoffman  
Ann Holmes  
Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Deputy  
Michael Hudson  
Wendy Hyde  
Clare James MA  
Gregory Percy Jones QC  
Alastair John Naisbitt King, MSc, Deputy

Gregory Alfred Lawrence  
Vivienne Littlechild JP  
Edward Lord, OBE, JP  
Professor John Stuart Penton Lumley  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Jeremy Mayhew MA, MBA  
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy  
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP  
Wendy Mead, OBE  
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy  
Gareth Wynford Moore  
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy  
Sylvia Doreen Moys  
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy  
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE  
Graham David Packham  
Dhruv Patel  
Ann Marjorie Francescia  
Pembroke  
Judith Lindsay Pleasance, MA(Hons)

Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest  
Gerald Albert George Pulman JP, Deputy  
Richard David Regan, OBE, Deputy  
Adam Fox McCloud Richardson  
Elizabeth Rogula  
Virginia Rounding  
John George Stewart Scott, JP, BA(Hons), FRPSL  
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton  
Jeremy Lewis Simons, MSc  
Tom Sleight  
Sir Michael Snyder  
Patrick Thomas Streeter  
David James Thompson  
James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy  
John Tomlinson, Deputy  
James Richard Tumbridge  
Michael Welbank, MBE  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley

#### 1. Introduction of Newly Elected Members

The following Members, lately elected to be of the Common Council, for the Wards mentioned, were introduced to the Court and having, previously made the declaration prescribed by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, took their seats, viz.:

#### Name

Graeme George Harrower  
Havilland James De Sausmarez

#### Ward

Bassishaw  
Candlewick

2. Minutes *Resolved* - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
3. Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials *Resolved unanimously* – that the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to:
- Tessa, Lady Brewer O.B.E
- Dove, W.H., O.B.E., J.P.; Chadwick, R.A.H.* Formerly Lady Mayoress of the City, on her recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for civic and community services in London.
4. Overseas Visits The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent overseas visits to Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Sri Lanka, as well as recent domestic visits to Guernsey and Bournemouth.
5. Policy Statement The Chairman the Policy and Resources Committee made a statement on the housing situation in London and on the City Corporation's role in helping to address this issue.
6. Hospital Seal There were no documents to be sealed.
- 7a. Freedoms The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned, persons who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City by Redemption:-
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| <b>Julia Jane Harris</b><br><i>Sir Clive Martin, OBE, TD, DL</i><br><br><i>Elizabeth Rogula, CC</i>    | a Human Resources Director<br><i>Citizen and Stationer and Newspaper Maker</i><br><i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> | Cobham, Surrey                 |
| <b>Glenn Raymond Harris</b><br><i>Sir Clive Martin, OBE, TD, DL</i><br><br><i>Elizabeth Rogula, CC</i> | a Commercial Manager<br><i>Citizen and Stationer and Newspaper Maker</i><br><i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>       | Cobham, Surrey                 |
| <b>Gordon Andrew Townsend</b><br><br><i>Roy Derrick Peppiatt</i><br><i>Richard Peppiatt</i>            | a Police Officer<br><br><i>Citizen and Joiner</i><br><i>Citizen and Joiner</i>   | Colne Engaine, Halstead, Essex |
| <b>Stuart Andrew Wilson</b><br><i>Barbara Janet Connell</i><br><i>Peter David Knight Mantell</i>       | an Airline Manager, retired<br><i>Citizen and Scrivener</i><br><i>Citizen and Carmen</i>                               | Harlington, Hayes, Middlesex   |
| <b>Garry Wykes</b><br><i>Scott Marcus Longman</i><br><i>George Henry Capon</i>                         | a Jewel House Warden, retired<br><i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i><br><i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>                        | Bethnal Green                  |
| <b>Robert John Phillips</b><br><i>Derek Robert Wye</i><br><i>John Edmund Maccabe</i>                   | an Engineering Director<br><i>Citizen and Plumber</i><br><i>Citizen and Horner</i>                                     | Lichfield, Staffordshire       |

<b>Dennis Frances O'Shea</b> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>William Joseph Browning</i>	a Building Trade Operative, retired <i>Citizen and Tyler and Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Glass Seller</i>	Plaistow
<b>Amy Louise Chapman</b> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE, CC</i>	a Personal Assistant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Turner</i>	Rayleigh, Essex
<b>Beverley Sue Davies</b> <i>Patricia Agnes Campfield</i> <i>Karl James Flanagan</i>	a Medical Practitioner, retired <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex
<b>Kenneth James</b> <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, CC</i> <i>John Tomlinson, Deputy</i>	a School Teacher, retired <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	The Graig, Cwmarn, Newport, Wales
<b>Georgina Annie Jones</b> <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, CC</i> <i>John Tomlinson, Deputy</i>	a Development Manager <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Halls Crossing, Woodfieldside, Blackwood, Wales

Read.

*Resolved* – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons to the Freedom of this City by Redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

- 7b. The Court noted action taken in approving one application for the Freedom of the City of London under urgency procedures:

To Andrej Kiska, Engineer and Philanthropist; being nominated by Sir Gavyn Arthur, Citizen and Gardner and by Sir Anthony Bailey, Citizen and Loriner. Urgent approval was granted as Mr Kiska, now also the President of the Slovak Republic, was due to be in London on 23 June and it was considered sensible to expedite the approval to allow the Ceremony to coincide with his being in the country.

Read.

#### 8. Wardmote Resolutions

Resolutions of the Annual Wardmotes:-

#### **From the Ward of Cripplegate, Within and Without**

“That in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the Exhibition space underneath Breton House by the London Film School, this Wardmote requests that the City of London Corporation ensures that residents are provided with an appropriate dedicated place of refuge to which they can retreat at times of severe disruption due to noise and vibration.”

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Barbican Residential

Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

**From the Ward of Dowgate**

“That this Wardmote finds it unacceptable that any residents or businesses in the City should be unable to access fast Broadband connectivity without significant cost and urges the City of London Corporation to work towards the extension of cost efficient Superfast Broadband throughout the City as soon as possible”.

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

**From the Ward of Farringdon Within**

“It is a matter of considerable concern that, over the past few years, residents of Cloth Fair have been disturbed nearly every night of the week by vehicles- principally black cabs – parking outside their houses for several hours at a time. Disturbance and nuisance are caused by idling engines, doors slamming, conversations between drivers, and coming and going of drivers (to the nearby 24-hour café), and by some people using the alleyways and porches around Cloth Fair as spaces to urinate in. This is a narrow street, with residents’ rooms – including bedrooms- being very close to the carriageway, and undisturbed sleep is impossible in these conditions. The fact that the parking in Cloth Fair is currently governed by single yellow lines, allowing parking between 7pm and 7am, has made it virtually impossible to do anything about this problem, which residents have been raising with their Councilmen for several years.

The City of London Corporation is therefore urged:

- (i) to implement measures on an urgent basis to prevent vehicles parking in Cloth Fair between the hours of 11pm and 7am, Monday to Sunday inclusive and:
- (ii) to consider and consult on the range of options available for parking and vehicle access in Cloth Fair, taking into account the interests and reasonable requirements of residents, businesses and visitors to Cloth Fair and its vicinity.”

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee and to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

**From the Ward of Portsoken (i)**

“The residents of the Portsoken Ward are becoming increasingly concerned about the rough sleeper problems that need to be urgently addressed. The residents of the Portsoken Ward request that the Community and Children’s Services Committee investigate the issues urgently and take positive and immediate action with a view to addressing the issues.”

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Community and Children’s Services Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

**From the Ward of Portsoken (ii)**

“The residents of the Portsoken Ward are becoming increasingly concerned about the increase in rent and the aggressive approach shown by the City Surveyor’s

Department and the lack of consideration given by the City Corporation to the mix of shop units to ensure that they are compatible with a predominantly residential community.”

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Planning and Transportation Committee and to the Community and Children’s Services Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

9.  
Parliamentary  
Measures

The Remembrancer reported on one measure introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

**Subordinate Legislation**

Title	with effect from
The Honey (England) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 1348	24 June 2015

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

10. Result of  
Ballots

The Town Clerk reported the results of the ballots taken at the last Court as follows:-

**Policy and Resources Committee** (one vacancy for the balance of a term expiring in April 2016).

★ *denotes appointed.*

	Votes
John Alfred Barker, O.B.E., Deputy	3
Alistair Michael Moss, Deputy	40
Jeremy Lewis Simons, M.Sc.	46★

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Simons to be appointed to the Policy and Resources Committee for the balance of a term expiring in April 2016.

11.  
Appointments  
to Committees

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman’s School and the Local Government Pensions Board.

**a) One Member on the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman’s School**, for a four year term expiring in July 2019.

**Nominations received:-**

Ann Holmes

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ann Holmes to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.

**b) Two Members on the Local Government Pensions Board**, for terms expiring in April 2019.

**Nominations received:-**

Ian David Luder, J.P., B.Sc.(Econ.), Alderman  
James Richard Tumbridge

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Ian Luder and James Tumbridge to be appointed to the Local Government Pensions Board.

**12. Questions**

*Streeter, P.S.  
to the  
Chairman of  
the Policy and  
Resources  
Committee*

**Use of the title "City of London"**

Patrick Streeter asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the use of the title "The City of London."

In response, the Chairman reassured Members that both he and other City Corporation spokesmen currently did and would continue to endeavour to make clear whether they were referring to the Square Mile, the Financial Services industry of London and the UK, or indeed the City Corporation itself, depending on the context.

*Nash, J.C.,  
Deputy to the  
Chairman of  
the Community  
and Children's  
Services  
Committee*

**Provision of Primary School Places**

Deputy Joyce Nash asked a question of the Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee concerning the provision of primary school places in the City.

In response, the Chairman advised Members of the work which had been planned to expand the Sir John Cass Primary School. Unfortunately however, the School's Foundation had recently decided not to allow the expansion of the School on the current site, despite previous indications that they were supportive of the proposals. Clarification was being sought as to the rationale for this decision, with no reason having yet been forthcoming.

In response to a question from John Fletcher, who was also a Governor of the School, the Chairman expressed his frustrations and surprise at the Foundation's decision, echoing Mr Fletcher's concerns.

In response to a question from Mark Boleat, the Chairman agreed that it would be appropriate for his Committee to commission independent advice on this matter and advise on possible ways forwards. He also gratefully noted the offer from the Finance and Policy and Resources Committees to fund this research.

*Wheatley, M.R.  
P.H.D. to the  
Chairman of  
the Policy and*

**European Union**

Mark Wheatley asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning polling undertaken around Britain's membership of the

Resources  
Committee

European Union.

In response, the Chairman reassured the Member that the polling had been undertaken by two professional bodies bound by the regulations of the Market Research Society, with no City Corporation input in to the individuals approached.

Replying to a supplementary question about the focus of polling from Deputy Alex Deane, the Chairman clarified that the surveys referred to had been undertaken in 2013 and that the focus of current polling was indeed on the nature of reforms desired by City businesses.

Following a further supplementary question from Mark Wheatley, the Chairman emphasised that, when asked by interested parties, he expressed solely the view of the weight of opinion of City businesses. He stressed that the City of London Corporation had not agreed a corporate position in respect of European Union membership and that he had not been asked what the views of the Common Council were.

### **Road Safety – Bank Junction**

Colthurst, H.N.A.  
to the Chairman  
of the Planning  
and  
Transportation  
Committee

Henry Colthurst asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee concerning plans to improve road safety at Bank Junction.

In response, on behalf of the Court the Chairman expressed his condolences and thoughts to Ying Tao's family and friends on the tragic loss of her life. He stressed the resolve to re-double efforts to eliminate danger on City streets and provide a safe environment for all road users.

He referenced improvements made to other accident blackspots across the City, such as the Aldgate gyratory and Holborn Circus, noting that radical re-adjustments to Bank junction would be required to achieve similar change. He advised that options would be presented to Members on this very matter in the Autumn. The Chairman also highlighted the significant amount of enforcement activity undertaken by the City of London Police with respect to large vehicles.

Responding to a supplementary question from Andrew McMurtrie, the Chairman assured Members that the police did monitor such blackspots regularly and took enforcement action very seriously, advising that some 447 offences had been recorded since October.

In response to a question from Ann Pembroke, the Chairman advised that both the options of banning heavy duty vehicles from driving through Bank junction and pedestrianising the junction would be considered as part of the work.

Following a further supplementary question from Jeremy Simons, the Chairman noted that Transport for London (TfL) had currently prioritised the removal of gyratory systems, meaning that financial contribution to the junction changes was currently likely to not be of highest priority. However, with any junction improvements likely to be implemented following the imminent Bank Station upgrade, there was sufficient time to allow for thorough planning and appropriate negotiations with TfL with a view to their potential support.

13. Motions      There were no motions.

14. Awards and Prizes      There was no report.

15.      **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Mark John Boleat)**

11 June 2015

**Amendment to Standing Order No.63**

The purpose of this report is to propose the amendment of Standing Order 63 regarding Disciplinary Action to comply with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (the 2015 Regulations).

This Standing Order currently sets out the process by which disciplinary action can be taken in respect of the Town Clerk, the City of London Corporation's Monitoring Officer or the Chamberlain. The 2015 Regulations amend this process such that it now only covers dismissal, rather than any discipline, and no longer requires the relevant authority (the Court of Common Council in this instance) to follow a recommendation of a designated independent person. Investigations into dismissal of one of the three designated officers should therefore be conducted by a disciplinary panel, and a decision agreed by a vote of the Court of Common Council.

A separately printed and circulated report is submitted thereon and we **recommend** you agree the changes to standing orders set out therein.

Read and agreed.

16.      **HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Billy Dove, O.B.E., J.P., Chief Commoner)**

19 May 2015

**(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>
National Day of Singapore	Monday 6 July 2015	Reception
British Red Cross	Sunday 29 November 2015 (set up) Monday 30 November 2015 Tuesday 1 December 2015	Christmas Market
Guildhall School of Music & Drama	Friday 6 November 2015	Graduation
Wine & Spirit Education Trust	Monday 18 January 2016	Dinner
Principal Global Events	Tuesday 10 May 2016 (set up) Wednesday 11 May 2016	Dinner
Save the Children	Thursday 8 September 2016	Dinner
Henley and Partners	Tuesday 8 November 2016 Wednesday 9 November 2016	Conference
Coventry University	Friday 18 November 2016	Graduation
Powerful Media Ltd	Monday 21 November 2016	Conference
Loan Market Association	Monday 30 November 2016	Reception

Read.

## 17. FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick)

12 May 2015

### **Revenues Court and Tribunal Appearances – Authorisation for officers to represent the Corporation**

Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that any Member or officer of a local authority who is authorised by that authority shall be entitled to prosecute or defend or to appear in proceedings before a Magistrates' Court. This report seeks approval to update the authorisations given to officers in respect of the administration of non-domestic rates, council tax and miscellaneous income, following a number of staff changes; a separately printed and circulated report is submitted thereon and we **recommend** it be approved accordingly.

Read and agreed.

## 18. PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(Michael Welbank, M.B.E)

14 April 2015

**Updates to Scheme of Delegation in relation to changes to statutory powers and minor material amendments**

The Court of Common Council has delegated to your Planning and Transportation Committee responsibility for the City's local planning authority functions. To facilitate the carrying out and administration of these functions, some of these functions have been further delegated to Chief Officers, as set out in the Scheme of Delegations approved by Court of Common Council on 1 May 2014 and updated on 1 December 2014. Recent modifications to the conservation area regime and the introduction of Lead Local Flood Authority functions and Sustainable Urban Drainage responsibilities have given rise to further delegation issues.

Your Committee therefore seeks approval to amend the Scheme of Delegation in respect of the Lead Local Flood Authority functions. A printed and circulated report is submitted thereon and we **recommend** the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation as set out.

Read and agreed.

**19. COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**(Dhruv Patel)**

8 May 2015

**Corporate Parenting Strategy**

The Court of Common Council is **recommended** to receive the Corporate Parenting Strategy which highlights the important responsibility of all Members as corporate parents to the children who are in or who have left the City's care. The Strategy sets out how the City will fulfil its commitment and ensure that children and young people have the support, care and encouragement to reach their full potential. This includes the City's Pledge to its children looked after and care leavers, which has been identified through consultation with children and young people in or leaving care.

Read.

**20. STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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

15 May 2015

**Standards Committee Annual Report**

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 and we **recommend** its content be noted.

In response to a query, the Chairman advised that all Members had now submitted

updated declarations.

Read.

## 21. EDUCATION BOARD

(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)

21 May 2015

### Implementing the Education Strategy 2013-15

The City of London Corporation's Education Strategy 2013-15 was adopted by the Court of Common Council at its meeting on 8 May 2014, with an overarching vision '*to educate and inspire children and young people to achieve their full potential*'. In adopting the strategy the Court established the Education Board as a grand committee to oversee its implementation, as well as the wider City of London Corporation education 'offer, working as it does so with other Committees with specific education responsibilities.

The Court of Common Council instructed the Education Board to report back to the Court on its first year of operation. A printed and circulated report that outlines the Board's headline activities since its first meeting in June 2014, and progress on the implementation of the Education Strategy over that period, is now submitted for your consideration. It is **recommended** that the Court receive the report and notes the activity undertaken by the Education Board during the last year.

Read.

22. *Resolved* – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, or which fall 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:-

Dove, W.H.,  
O.B.E., J.P.;  
Chadwick,  
R.A.H.

### Summary of exempt items considered whilst the public were excluded:-

The Court:-

- A) approved recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee proposing the award of a contract;
- B) approved recommendations of the Property Investment Board pertaining to the sale of a property;
- C) approved recommendations of the Property Investment Board concerning the surrender of a lease and granting of a new head lease;
- D) noted action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the Property Investment Board concerning the purchase of a freehold; and
- E) approved recommendations of the Hospitality Working Party concerning a

matter of hospitality.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.10 pm

**BARRADELL.**