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

This being the occasion of the Lord Mayor taking his seat for the first time, Members are requested to appear in their Gowns.



# **COMMON COUNCIL**

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on **THURSDAY** next, **the 3rd day of December, 2015.** 

JOHN BARRADELL, Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

Guildhall, Wednesday 25th November 2015

Ian David Luder

Matthew Richardson

Aldermen on the Rota

- 1 Question That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded?
- To pass the Vote of Thanks, read informally at the last meeting of the Court, to the late Lord Mayor.
- 3 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials.
- 4 The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor's report on overseas visits.
- 5 Statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 6 Docquets for the Hospital Seal.
- 7 List of applicants for the Freedom of the City:

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

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

## **Subordinate Legislation**

Title with effect from

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Duty to Notify) Regulations 2015, S.I. 1 November 2015 No. 1743

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 30 October 2015 3) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 1756

The Licensing Act 2003 (Late Night Refreshment) Regulations 2015, S.I. 5 November 2015 No. 1781

The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 5 November 2015 2015, S.I. No. 1782

The Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 9 November 2015 2015, S.I. No. 1784

The Housing Benefit (Abolition of the Family Premium and date of claim) 1 May 2016 (Amendment) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 1857

The Children (Secure Accommodation) (Amendment) (England) 7 December 2015 Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 1883

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

9 The Town Clerk to report the result of ballots taken at the last Court, viz:-

Where applicable:

- \* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment
- + denotes more than ten years' service on the Court
- < denotes fewer than ten years' service on the Court
- \* denotes appointed.

a) Police Committee (one vacancy for the balance of a term expiring in April 2017).

	Votes
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, J.P.	41★
Emma Edhem	24
John George Stewart Scott, J.P.	14
James Richard Tumbridge	18

b) **Ceremonial Protocols Working Party** (two vacancies for Members with fewer than 10 years' service on the Court and two vacancies for Members with more than 10 years' service).

	Votes
< Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst	40★
< Karina Dostalova	22
+ Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.	49
< Sophie Anne Fernandes	22
+ Wendy Mead, O.B.E.	51★
+ Joyce Carruthers Nash, O.B.E., Deputy	66★
+ Ann Marjorie Francescia Pembroke	7
< Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy	52★
< Tom Sleigh	33
< Graeme Martyn Smith	15

c) **Board of Governors of the Museum of London** (one vacancy for a three year term expiring in November 2018).

,	Votes
*Tom Hoffman	<b>72★</b>
Graeme Martyn Smith	25

- 10 To appoint the following:-
  - a) One Member on the **Investment Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2017.

# Nominations received:-

Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Alderman

b) One Member on the **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2018.

#### Nominations received:-

Keith David Forbes Bottomley

c) One Member on the **Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee** and the **West Ham Park Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2017.

# Nominations received:-

Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Alderman

d) One Member on the **East London NHS Foundation Trust**, for a term expiring in October 2018.

# Nominations received:-

\*Dhruv Patel

## 11 QUESTIONS

# 12 MOTIONS

(A) By Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy

"That the Resolution of Thanks to the late Lord Mayor, passed by Common Hall on 29 September last, be presented in a form agreeable to him?"

(B) By William Barrie Fraser, O.B.E, Deputy

"That the Resolution of Thanks to Dr Andrew Parmley, Alderman and Musician and Fiona Adler, Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker & Tobacco Blender, the late Sheriffs of the City, passed by Common Hall on 29 September last, be presented in a form agreeable to them?"

### 13 AWARDS AND PRIZES

## 14 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Mark John Boleat)

19 October 2015

#### **Local Government Association**

Your Committee has reviewed the work of the Local Government Association (LGA), the City of London Corporation's involvement with that outside body and the appointment of our representatives on it. The City Corporation's current representative serves in this capacity on an informal basis and it was therefore concluded that this should be formalised.

Whilst the appointment of the City Corporation's LGA representative is currently delegated to the Policy and Resources Committee, appointments in London local authorities' are generally determined at a meeting of the full council on an annual basis. It was therefore felt that the suggested City Corporation's representatives should be endorsed by the Court of Common Council.

A separately printed and circulated report has therefore been submitted. It provides you with details of the work of the LGA and **recommends** the appointment of two representatives to serve as the City Corporation's representatives on the LGA's General Assembly.

# 15 HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

27 October 2015

# (A) Applications for the Use of Guildhall

In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Court on 21 June 2001 for the

<sup>\*</sup> denotes a Member standing for re-appointment

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>
The Sun	Friday 22 January 2016	Awards Ceremony
Chew Events Ltd	Friday 11 March 2016	Dinner
Innovate Finance	Sunday 10 April 2016 (set up) Monday 11 April 2016	Conference
Association of the Luxemburg Fund Industry	Tuesday 3 May 2016 Wednesday 4 May 2016	Conference
London District Surveyors Association	Friday 13 May 2016	Awards Ceremony
Extel	Tuesday 7 June 2016 (set up) Wednesday 8 June 2016	Awards Ceremony
Age UK	Thursday 9 June 2016	Dinner
William Reed	Tuesday 14 June 2016	Dinner
London Air Ambulance	Thursday 30 June 2016	Dinner
The Worshipful Company of Carmen	Wednesday 13 July 2016	Cart Marking and Luncheon
World Nuclear Association	Friday 16 September 2016	Dinner
Baltic Air Charter Association	Wednesday 19 October 2016	Awards Lunch
Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust	Tuesday 25 October 2016	Dinner
British Property Federation	Thursday 3 November 2016	Dinner
Octane Media Ltd	Thursday 17 November 2016	Dinner
World Jewish Relief	Monday 28 November 2016	Dinner
The Guild of Freemen of the City of London	Monday 12 December 2016	Dinner

6 October 2015

# **(B)** Report of Urgent Action Taken: Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering We hereby report action taken as a matter of urgency, pursuant to Standing Order No.19, in approving arrangements for hospitality prior to the presentation of the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering.

In September, the City Corporation was approached to host a lunch in honour of the winner of this year's Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering, to be presented by HM The Queen on Monday 26 October. The Prize is awarded for ground breaking innovation and engineering which has been of global benefit to humanity, and the Corporation has previously hosted the lunch for the inaugural Prize.

With the opportunity only emerging in September and with insufficient time to seek the approval of the Court in the usual manner, urgent approval was consequently sought and obtained. We now report the action taken.

#### 16 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

# (Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick)

30 September 2015

# (A) City Fund and Pension Funds - 2014/15 Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Management Letters

On 23 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 2014/15 City Fund and Pension Funds Statement of Accounts.

The management letters from Deloitte LLP on its audit of the funds have been circulated for the information of the Court. In addition, the Statement of Accounts and management letters have been published on the City's website.

It is accordingly **recommended** that the Court receives the 2014/15 City Fund and Pensions Fund Statement of Accounts.

21 July 2015

# (B) Annual Reports and Financial Statements for Bridge House Estates and Sundry Trusts 2014/15

On 23 May 1996, the Court authorised the Finance 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 2015.

Copies of the Annual Reports and Financial Statements have been placed in the Members' Reading Room and are available on the City's website. The management letter from Moore Stephens LLP on its audit of the funds has been circulated for the information of the Court and has also been published on the website.

It is accordingly **recommended** that the Court receives the 2014/15 Bridge House Estates and Charitable Trusts Statement of Accounts.

#### 17 PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(Michael Welbank, M.B.E.)

3 December 2015

# (A) Barbican Area Strategy

In 2008, the original Barbican Area Strategy was adopted and resulted in the successful implementation of all high priority projects. The strategy has been reviewed and updated over the last year in order to analyse the changing area within the context of new developments and improvements. The Strategy is available online here.

The revised strategy -

- recognises the key qualities of the area and the listed estates and gardens:
- analyses the possible impact of changes in the area and identifies new issues;
- takes account of developments; including the delivery of Crossrail services to Long Lane and Moorgate in 2019, major residential and office schemes at The Heron (Milton Court), Roman House, St Alphage House and One London Wall Place;

- takes account of the development of a 'cultural hub' by the City of London Corporation together with the Museum of London, the Barbican Centre, Guildhall School of Music and Drama and London Symphony Orchestra; and
- notes that the City of London Corporation has an unparalleled opportunity to enhance the international cultural district through a renewed public realm strategy.

A separately printed and circulated report is submitted thereon and we **recommend** the adoption of the Strategy accordingly.

8 September 2015

# (B) Bloomberg Development s278 Highway Changes - Gateway 4b

Your Committee, through its Streets and Walkways Sub Committee, has granted approval to a project linked to the Bloomberg Development, largely relating to the section 278 highway changes that are necessary to integrate the development into the public highway. These changes must be delivered in time for the building's practical completion in late 2017.

As the cost of the project is estimated in excess of £5million, the authority of the Court of Common Council is required to progress the project to the next stage. A separately printed and circulated report has been submitted thereon and we **recommend** that the Bloomberg Development Project be progressed to Gateway 5 accordingly.

# 18 FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

# (Sir David Wootton, Alderman)

13 October 2015

# **Freedom Applications Fee**

In line with its enhanced role of monitoring the Freedom Applications process your Committee has reviewed the City Corporation's policy which allows the fee applicable to Freedom applications to be waived for applicants who appear on the Ward List (City of London Electoral Roll).

Following careful consideration, the Committee is of the view that, in general, the waiver is an historical anomaly which has been maintained over the years without review. There is no longer any merit in retaining the current practice particularly as very few people made use of it. We are, however, of the view that whilst the practice should be dispensed with generally, it should be retained for candidates on the Electoral Roll wishing to stand for election in the City of London.

Accordingly a separately printed and circulated report has been submitted for your consideration. We **recommend** that the waiver of the fee applicable to Freedom applications for candidates who appear on the Ward List now be dispensed with.

#### 19 BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

# (John Tomlinson, Deputy)

19 November 2015

## **Barbican Centre Board: Amendments to Terms of Reference**

The Barbican Centre Board has reviewed its constitution and governance arrangements and has developed a number of proposals to enhance its effectiveness. Your Policy and Resources Committee has considered these proposals and concurs with the recommendations the Barbican Centre Board has

made.

It is therefore proposed to amend the Terms of Reference of the Barbican Centre Board:

- to enable the appointment of up to two more external Members (while adjusting quorums to ensure City control)
- and to indicate foreseen skill/background deficits when advertising vacancies to the Court - while recognising the absolute freedom the Court has to appoint whoever it sees fit.

A separately printed and circulated report is submitted thereon and we **recommend** that you approve the proposals set out.

### **MOTION**

# 20 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:-

A) action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the Property Investment Board regarding the purchase of a long-term leasehold?"