#### Item No:



## MOUNTEVANS, MAYOR

# **COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

23rd June 2016 MEMBERS PRESENT

#### ALDERMEN

Robert Picton Seymour Howard Vincent Thomas Keaveny Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli Julian Henry Malins QC The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, The Lord Mountevans, Jeffrey Evans Dr Andrew Charles Parmley Matthew Richardson William Anthony Bowater Russell Dame Fiona Woolf Sir David Hugh Wootton Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

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- 1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
- 2. Declarations No declarations were made.
- 3. Minutes Resolved That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

4. Resolutions	Resolved unanimously – th	at the sincere congratulations o	f this Court be offered to:	
Welbank, М., м.в.е.; Mayhew, J.P.	Sir Dav	id Brewer, K.G., C.M.G., C.V.O	., J.P.	
	Formerly Lord Mayor of the City, on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.			
Welbank, М., м.в.е.; Mayhew, J.P.	Resolved unanimously – th	at the sincere congratulations o	f this Court be offered to:	
	Ą	drian Leppard, C.B.E., Q.P.M.		
	Majesty the Queen as a (	Police for the City, on his rec Commander of the Most Excel is services to Policing and the	llent Order of the British	
<b>5.</b> Mayoral Visits	The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent overseas visits to Greece, Slovakia and Turkey, as well as on recent inward visits by the Presidents of Chile, Costa Rica and Hungary and the Prime Minister of Malaysia.			
6. Policy Statement	There was no statement.			
7. Hospital Seal	There were no documents	o be sealed.		
8. Freedoms	The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of under-mentioned, persons who had made applications to be admitted to Freedom of the City by Redemption:-			
	Ernest Wayne Backus	an Attorney, retired	Texas, United States of America	
	Judge Patrick Francis Clyne Peter Liam Cavan	Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Wax Chandler		
	Victoria Louise Attwater	a School Teacher	Wormley, Godalming, Surrey	
	Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald.	Citizen and International Banker		

John Francis Attwater a Headmaster Wormley, Godalming, Surrey Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald. Citizen and International Banker Citizen and Girdler Ian Christopher Norman Seaton, CC **Michael Stephen Saunders** a Wholesale Company Director Hutton Village, Brentwood, Essex Andrew Charles Parmley, Ald. Citizen and Musician Gordon Warwick Haines, Ald. Citizen and Needlemaker John Francis Stevenson a Marketing Company Director Hamstead Marshall, Newbury, Berkshire Roger Keith Mallindine Citizen and Distiller Daryl Greatrex Citizen and Gunmaker

Citizen and Girdler

Ian Christopher Norman Seaton, CC

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<b>John Burns</b> John Parry	a Lorry Driver <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Brentwood, Essex
Kevin Joseph McNicholas	Citizen and Loriner	
Simon David Smith	a Banker	Norwich, Norfolk
Michael Richard Butler	Citizen and Poulter	
Raymond Hollands	Citizen and Poulter	
Peter Michael Benson	a Radio Company Chief Executive	Pimlico, London
Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy	Citizen and Glazier	
Neil Graham Redcliffe	Citizen and Basketmaker	
Patrick John Aldis Hills	an Insurance Executive	Chilbolton, Stockbridge, Hampshire
Richard John Hills	Citizen and Pewterer	
Michael Barry Johnson	Citizen and Pewterer	
Jonathon Mackenzie Graham	an Information Technology Consultant	Epsom, Surrey
Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC	Citizen and Fletcher	
Philip Woodhouse, CC	Citizen and Grocer	
Verity Louise Mackenzie	an Information Technology	Epsom, Surrey
Graham Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC	Consultant <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
Philip Woodhouse, CC	Citizen and Grocer	
John Charles Gordon	a Dental Technician, retired	Bromley, Kent
Michael Pares Elaine Ann Howard	Citizen and Builders Merchant Citizen and Feltmaker	
Elaine Ann Howard	Ciuzen and Feilmaker	
Adebayo Oyedeji Alexander Oyediran	a Singer	Ramsgate, Kent
Scott Marcus Longman	Citizen and Blacksmith	
John Alexander Smail	Citizen and Distiller	
Thomas Smyth Estes	an Artist	Lambeth, London
Scott Marcus Longman John Alexander Smail	Citizen and Blacksmith Citizen and Distiller	
Junin Alexander Small	Cilizen and Distilier	
Timothy John Henry Bowling	a Stockbroker	Newdigate, Dorking, Surrey
Leslie Denis Ames	Citizen and Musician	
Roy Phillips	Citizen and Musician	
Norman Elliott Trape, OBE	a Senior Civil Servant	Purley, Surrey
Michael Richard Adkins	Citizen and Water Conservator	
Michael Page	Citizen and Mason	
Anne Denise Walker	a Practice Manager	Steeple Bumpstead, Suffolk
Patricia Agnes Campfield	Citizen and Wheelwright	
Karl James Flanagan	Citizen and Baker	
Colin Gordon Smith	a Telecommunications Project	Bexleyheath, Kent
Edward Clarence Newman	Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
Stanley Brown, QGM, TD	Citizen and Loriner	
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#### Patricia Mary Olga Newman

Geoffrey Douglas Ellis Wesley Val Hollands

#### Kevin Todd, MBE, RN

Stanley Brown, QGM, TD Michael Richard Adkins

Alexander Edward Richard Buhagiar Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC

Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy

**Ian Fook Chai** Sir Francis McWilliams, GBE Dr Sin Chai

Peter John Hayler Gerald Albert George Pulman, JP Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy

**Dr Duncan James Barker** Professor Barry Ife, CBE John Alfred Bennett, Deputy

Catherine Rachel Dyson Barry Ife, CBE David Andrew Graves, Ald.

**Frederick Arthur Kirkman** Edward Clarence Newman Bernard James Adams

#### William Wright Morton

Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald. Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy

#### Thomas Roland Bush Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge, TD, CC

Jeffrey Allan Hill Barry John Frederick Theobald-Hicks John James Tunesi of Liongam, The Younger

Adam Lloyd Husain Alan Roy Willis Paul Leonard Wickham

#### Mark Nathan Bogod

Alan Roy Willis Paul Leonard Wickham a Local Government Officer, retired *Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler Citizen and Loriner* 

a Royal Naval Officer, retired

Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Water Conservator

a Teacher

Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Glazier

a Trainee Solicitor *Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Apothecary* 

a Training Manager, retired *Citizen and Basketmaker Citizen and Bowyer* 

a Head of Development Citizen and Musician Citizen and International Banker

a Deputy Head of Development *Citizen and Musician Citizen and Solicitor* 

a Logistics Manager, retired *Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Painter-Stainer* 

The Dean of Derry

Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Bowyer

a Housing Options Manager Citizen and Feltmaker

Citizen and Pewterer

an Administrator Citizen and Scrivener

Citizen and Scrivener

a Student Citizen and Baker Citizen and Baker

a Student Citizen and Baker Citizen and Baker Hastings, East Sussex

Stubbington, Fareham, Hampshire

Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey

Edinburgh, Scotland

Tunbridge Wells, Kent

South Woodford, Redbridge

Lambeth, London

Gainsborough, Lincolnshire

Londonderry, Northern Ireland

Poole, Dorset

Hornchurch, Essex

Kensington, London

Finchley, London

#### **Jennifer Mary Mann**

Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE, CC Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP

Lee Kevin Birchall Ashley John Perraton-Williams Michael Anthony Jones

Paul Andrew Bloxham Emma Charlotte Louise Price Robert-Jan Temmink

Richard Kennett Jordan Christopher James Caine Alan Robert Brumwell

**Carol Joan Adams** Richard Leslie Springford Richard Stuart Goddard

#### **Robin Roy Adams**

Richard Leslie Springford Richard Stuart Goddard

#### **Martin Arthur Brooks**

Colin James Bridgen Jeffrey Charles Williams

#### David Hugh Jackson, MBE

Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald. Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy

Amanda Jane Storey Neville John Watson Peter Francis Clark

James Jonathan Baker Graham John Peacock John Edward Peacock

#### Christopher Marek Coghill James Henry George Pollard, Deputy Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL, CC

#### **Nicholas John Louras**

George Raymond Gibson Neil Frederick Purcell

#### **Robert James Devine**

George Raymond Gibson Neil Frederick Purcell a Primary School Teacher, retired Hornsey, London Citizen and Turner Citizen and International Banker

a Staff Nurse Citizen and Educator Citizen and Marketor

a Barristers Clerk Citizen and Currier Citizen and Merchant Taylor

a Transport Company Director Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards Citizen and Plumber

a Commercial Manager *Citizen and Carman Citizen and Shipwright* 

a Carpenter Citizen and Carman Citizen and Shipwright

an Aeronautical Test Engineer, retired *Citizen and Carman Citizen and Carman* 

a Local Government Chief Executive

Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Bowyer

a Solicitor Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Mason

a Commercial Director *Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Loriner* 

a City of London Police Officer Citizen and Skinner Citizen and Skinner

a Writer

Citizen and Air Pilot Citizen and Painter-Stainer

an International Affairs Consultant *Citizen and Air Pilot Citizen and Painter-Stainer* 

West Derby, Liverpool

Epping, Essex

Hockley, Essex

Newbury, Berkshire

#### Newbury, Berkshire

Lower Morton, Thornbury, South Gloucestershire

Coleraine, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland

Porton, Salisbury, Wiltshire

Sidcup, Kent

Ealing, London

New York, United States of America

Texas, United States of America

Jacqueline Alexandria Buchan Michael Alan Rutherford Simon Jonathan Mark Burrows	a Civil Servant Citizen and Management Consultant Citizen and Framework Knitter	Harrow, Middlesex
Alan Thomas O'Doherty Jack Edward Benjamin Bunyer David Brown	a Solicitor Citizen and Horner Citizen and Horner	Marylebone, London
Stephen Bil	a Marine Engineer	Pangbourne-on-Thames, Berkshire
Richard Leslie Springford Richard Stuart Goddard	Citizen and Carman Citizen and Shipwright	Derveille
<b>Joseph Dennis Allison</b> Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Deputy	a Site Manager Citizen and Common Councilman	Barking, Essex
William Barrie Fraser, OBE, Deputy	Citizen and Gardener	
Christopher Evan Clayton Davis	an Architect	Overy, Dorchester-on- Thames, Wallingford , Oxon
Neville John Watson Peter Francis Clark	Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Mason	
Richard John Gover Colin James Bridgen Jeffrey Charles Williams	a Refrigeration Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Sea Mills, Bristol
Shane Greer	a Publisher	Virginia, United States of America
Adam Fox McCloud Richardson, CC Matthew Charles Falco Lombardi Richardson, Ald.	Citizen and Common Councilman Citizen and Wax Chandler	
William Seth McClelland	a Property Developer	Washington DC, United States of America
Adam Fox McCloud Richardson, CC Matthew Charles Falco Lombardi Richardson, Ald.	Citizen and Common Councilman Citizen and Wax Chandler	States of America
Lloyd Joseph Campbell Adam Fox McCloud Richardson, CC Matthew Charles Falco Lombardi Richardson, Ald.	a Psychologist Citizen and Common Councilman Citizen and Wax Chandler	London
Jean-Baptiste Ndahindurwa, formerly King Kigeli V of	a Peace and Reconciliation Campaigner	Kentucky, United States of America
<b>Rwanda</b> Mark Watson-Gandy James Alistair Christian Campbell Watson-Gandy	Citizen and Scrivener Citizen and Pattenmaker	

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.

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9. Wardmotes Resolutions of the Annual Wardmotes:-

## From the Ward of Bishopsgate

"That the Grand Court of Common Council do consider the provision of further facilities for the charging of electric cars within the City of London in general and in particular within the Ward of Bishopsgate."

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee and the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

## From the Ward of Broad Street

"That, at the last Wardmote very great concern was expressed regarding the level of litter and blocking of pavements from smokers and 'vapers'. The litter and blocking of pavements from groups of smokers causes much disturbance to local occupiers, especially those in the area local to New Broad Street.

The City of London Corporation is therefore asked to confirm:

- 1. What action will be taken to ensure that litter (especially from smokers) will not accumulate on pavements?
- 2. What action will be taken to raise the awareness of smokers to the prohibition on littering the streets and to discourage them from blocking pavements when smoking?
- 3. That the City of London Police will be encouraged to use its powers under environmental legislation to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to litterers.

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee and the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

## From the Ward of Candlewick

"That the Planning and Transportation Committee be asked to improve the arrangements for access to St Swithin's Lane such that the bollards controlled by N M Rothschild on behalf of the City of London Corporation are raised only in times of high alert and that when they are raised they are physically manned so that access is clearly available to those visiting other businesses in St Swithin's Lane."

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Planning & Transportation Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

## From the Ward of Cheap

"That once again great concern be expressed at the serious lack of Post Offices within the Ward of Cheap and within the City generally. The Corporation is strongly urged to continue its efforts to ensure that adequate Post Office facilities are provided throughout the City."

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

## From the Ward of Farringdon Within

"This Wardmote deplores the City Corporation's lack of progress in addressing the problem of night-time noise and disturbance to residents of Cloth Fair, which was the subject of a resolution passed at our Ward Mote twelve months ago. In particular, we are concerned that, following consultation with residents and other local stakeholders, a paper to the Streets and Walkways Sub-committee setting out a proposed solution was withdrawn, without discussion, following a representation from Smithfield Market. We recognise that the interests of residents and businesses can at times be difficult to balance, but consider that on this occasion longstanding residential concerns are being ignored. We therefore urge the Planning and Transportation Committee to undertake, as a matter of urgency, to find a solution whereby neither taxis nor market vehicles need to access a narrow residential street in the middle of the night and can use instead more suitable space available in West Smithfield and around the Market itself."

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

#### From the Ward of Farringdon Without

"The electors of the Ward of Farringdon Without place on record their opposition to the decision of the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee held on 22 February 2016 to make experimental Traffic Orders under section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, so that Tudor Street at its junction with New Bridge Street is closed to motor vehicles, Bridewell Place is returned to two-way traffic and contra flow cycling is removed from Kingscote Street and Watergate.

The electors wish to place on record their concerns about the serious impact this decision will have on access and egress to the Temple, the heart of the legal profession within the ward, and the risk to the health and safety of all road users and pedestrians in the area."

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

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

"That this Wardmote requests that the City of London enquire as to why the drafting of the planning consent in respect of double glazing works at Mansell Street Estate was not robust enough to enable the City to use legal means to protect the residents from noise and dust impact during structural demolition and construction.

This Wardmote further requests that the City of London provides recommendations to ensure that, in future, the wording of planning documents is robust enough to enable, when necessary, the City to use all appropriate legal means to protect residents from unnecessary nuisance caused by demolition and construction."

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Planning & Transportation Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

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

"That, as road closures in the Ward of Portsoken have become intolerable with all traffic adversely affected, especially the buses on which residents and workers in the Ward rely, can the City confirm it is engaging world class traffic management consultants to keep traffic moving in this word class city."

*Resolved* – That the resolution be referred to the Planning & Transportation Committee and the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

10. Legislation The Court received a report on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

#### **Subordinate Legislation**

Title The Information as to Provision of Education (England) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 555 The Regulations amend the requirement for local authorities (including the Common Council when acting in that capacity) to report annually to the Secretary of State on the provision on schooling in their areas, so as to include additional information about capital expenditure and capacity by year group.	with effect from 31 May 2016
The Licensing Act 2003 (Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Licensing Hours) Order 2016, S.I. No. 591 The Order permitted licensed premises to remain open until 1 a.m. from 10 to 12 June in celebration of Her Majesty's birthday.	17 May 2016
The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 618 The Regulations consolidate, with minor amendments, the legislation regulating the quality of private water supplies for domestic use. Local authorities (including the Common Council when acting in that capacity)	27 June 2016

are principally responsible for enforcing the Regulations.

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

**11.** Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the Outside Bodies Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee, Christ's Hospital, and the Court of City University.

\* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment

(A) **Outside Bodies Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee** (three vacancies for one year terms expiring in April 2017).

#### Nominations received:-

John Alfred Barker, O.B.E., Deputy John George Stewart Scott, J.P. James Richard Tumbridge

#### Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy John Barker, John Scott and James Tumbridge to be appointed to the Outside Bodies Sub (Policy and

Resources) Committee.

(B) Three Members on **Christ's Hospital** (three vacancies for four year terms expiring in January 2020).

Nominations received:-\*Vivienne Littlechild, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Vivienne Littlechild to be appointed to Christ's Hospital.

(C) **Court of City University** (two vacancies for three year terms expiring in June 2019)

Nominations received:-\*Mark Boleat \*Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mark Boleat and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson to be appointed to the Court of City University.

## 12. Questions Smithfield General Market Site

Patrick Streeter asked a question of the Chairman of the Property Investment Board concerning the recent purchase of the Smithfield General Market Site.

In reply, the Chairman outlined the process by which the valuation had been made and the procedures in place to scrutinise the valuation. He confirmed that the price paid had reflected a fair market value and that the Board was content with the purchase.

## Homelessness

Patrick Streeter asked a question of the Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee concerning funding from central government to tackle homelessness.

In reply, the Chairman provided clarity as to the funding announced in the spring budget and the projects it was being made available for. He reassured Members that bids would be made for the various elements of the funding as appropriate.

## **Tudor Street**

Martin Dudley asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee regarding the situation at Tudor Street.

The Chairman advised that, following the Court's decision in April not to see the previously proposed traffic arrangements implemented in Tudor Street, TfL had nevertheless banned motor vehicle access in to the Street as part of the Cycle Super Highway. The Chairman had convened a number of meetings with TfL and

key stakeholders as a consequence, resulting in several proposals to improve the situation. An internal safety review of the Junctions between Tudor Street and New Bridge Street and Bridewell Place and New Bridge Street had also been commissioned, resulting in temporary improved signage being installed, and an independent safety audit of the new Cycle Super Highway and safety risk assessment of impacted streets had also been passed to TfL. Tudor Street junction would also continue to feature as a standing item on the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee's agenda.

In response to supplementary questions, the Chairman noted Members' concerns about the pace with which the issue was being dealt but cautioned that it was a complex matter involving many stakeholders, with public safety needing to be the paramount concern. He also sympathised with Members' concerns as to TfL acting unilaterally and without mind to the Court's decision in April.

Replying to further supplementary questions, the Chairman advised that he would ask officers to provide an estimate of the cost in officer time of dealing with this issue. He also clarified that the reputational risk associated with this matter was captured on the corporate risk register and was at a red rating; he confirmed he would be happy to engage with the Audit and Risk Committee to consider what else might be done to address this very important risk.

#### Leadenhall Market

John Scott asked a question of the Chairman of the Property Investment Board concerning the marketing strategy at Leadenhall Market.

The Chairman confirmed that the strategy agreed in September 2014 remained in place and provided examples of recent activity which had taken place in accordance with this strategy, resulting in the annual rent roll for the Market having increased by 10% and the number of vacant units decreasing from 5 to 2.

Responding to a supplementary question, the Chairman agreed that it would be helpful for external consultants advising on the strategy to work with the City Corporation's in-house promotional team to ensure a more coordinated approach.

#### Ludgate Circus

Henrika Priest asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee regarding road safety and traffic flow at Ludgate Circus.

Responding, the Chairman noted the significant congestion and delays caused by the current westbound closure of Newgate Street, which had been undertaken to facilitate essential National Grid Gas improvements. He confirmed that TfL had been formally requested to reinstate a yellow box at the junction with Ludgate Circus, as well as to review the signal timings at the junction to give additional time to East–West movement, which would help to alleviate congestion. He was also exploring how Civil Enforcement Officers might be used to avoid further problems being caused by illegal parking and how, if at all, bus movements might also be reduced to alleviate traffic.

Responding to a supplementary question, the Chairman undertook to keep all

Members informed as to progress on this important issue.

13. Motions There were no motions.

14. Awards and There was no report. Prizes

## 15. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

## (Mark Boleat)

13 June 2016

# (A) Statutory Dismissal Procedures for the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Chief Financial Officer

The Town Clerk and Chamberlain withdrew from the meeting whilst this item was considered.

The Court proceeded to consider proposals concerning the Statutory Dismissal Procedures for the Head of Paid Services (Town Clerk), Monitoring Officer (Comptroller and City Solicitor) and the Section 151 Officer (Chamberlain), required following amendments to the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2015. The Amendments required that a new Committee, known as the Statutory Officer Review Panel, be created and the proposed Terms of Reference together with associated changes to Standing Orders were put forward for Members' consideration.

#### It was **recommended** that the Court:

- a) agree to the creation of a Statutory Officer Review Panel, with Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 1 to the report;
- b) agree to the amendment of Standing Order 63 in line with the terms set out in Appendix 2 to the report;
- c) agree to the addition of the Statutory Officer Review Panel to the list of those Committees in Standing Order 29(3) of which a Member can hold Chairmanship while being Chairman of another Committee, and to amend Standing Order 29(3) to state that "no ex-officio Member of a Committee is eligible to be Chairman of the Committee, except for the Statutory Officer Review Panel"; and
- d) agree to amend Standing Order 29(7) to add the Statutory Officer Review Panel to the list of those Committees in which ex-officio Members are eligible to vote in the election of Chairman.

Resolved – That approval be given to:-

- the creation of a Statutory Officer Review Panel, with Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 1 to the report;
- the amendment of Standing Order 63 in line with the terms set out in Appendix 2 to the report;
- the addition of the Statutory Officer Review Panel to the list of those

Committees in Standing Order 29(3) of which a Member can hold a Chairmanship while being Chairman of another Committee, and the amendment of Standing Order 29(3) to state that "no ex-officio Member of a Committee is eligible to be Chairman of the Committee, except for the Statutory Officer Review Panel"; and

• the amendment of Standing Order 29(7) to add the Statutory Officer Review Panel to the list of those Committees in which ex-officio Members are eligible to vote in the election of Chairman.

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# (B) Management of the City Educational Trust Fund and the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity

The Court proceeded to consider a report of the Education Board proposing that the Education Board be appointed as the Grand Committee responsible for management of the City Educational Trust Fund and the City of London Corporation Combined Education Charity, and that it appoint an Education Charity Sub (Education Board) Committee to oversee the application of funds from those charities. The Community and Children's Services Committee would then be responsible for making recommendations to the Education Board on any policy adopted for the application of those funds and for appointing some of its membership to serve on the Education Charity Sub (Education Board) Committee. The report also proposed some minor clarifications to the existing terms of reference to facilitate this.

Members were therefore **recommended** to approve the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of both the Education Board and Community and Children's Services Committee, as set out in the report.

The Revd. Dr Martin Dudley expressed the view that management of the two charities might sit better with the Community & Children's Services Committee, given that it was a Ward Committee with a broader membership; as a minimum, he suggested that it would be appropriate for the proposed terms of reference to be amended such that both Committees had to agree the policies adopted for the application of the funds.

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee observed that the proposed arrangements and terms of reference had already been approved by both of the affected Committees and he was therefore reticent to agree any further changes at this stage. In addition, he noted that the intention of the report was to ensure that management was delegated to one Committee; the proposed amendment would leave this problem unaddressed. He added that the two Committees would, in practice, collaborate in a collegiate manner to set policy and priorities. The Chairman of the Education Board echoed this comment, noting that the membership of the new Education Charity Sub-Committee had been designed to ensure joint working and input from both Grand Committees.

Dudley, Revd. Dr. M.R.; Hudson, M.

Amendment – That the word "consultation" be replaced with the word "agreeing" in paragraphs 4(d) and 4(e) of the proposed Education Board terms of reference, set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Upon the Amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it not to be carried.

*Resolved* – that the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of both the Education Board and Community and Children's Services Committee be approved as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

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## (C) Central Criminal Court Reporting Lines

With the next few years to be a particularly important time for the Central Criminal Court in view of the extensive refurbishment works planned for the building, as well as the work of the Recorder and Sheriffs to review and improve working arrangements and practices and to extend the community engagement role, the Central Criminal Court had been identified as an area that would benefit from greater coordination and dedicated attention in terms of Member support and oversight.

The Finance Committee, General Purposes Committee of Aldermen and Policy and Resources Committee had considered this matter and all had agreed that it would be appropriate for the Policy and Resources Committee to create a dedicated Sub-Committee to be responsible for the Central Criminal Court, for a period of five years (to April 2021).

To allow this proposal to be enacted, amendments would need to be made to Committee Terms of Reference. Accordingly, it was **recommended** that the Court of Common Council approve an amendment to the Policy and Resources Committee's Terms of Reference to make it responsible for oversight of the management of all matters relating to the Central Criminal Court (as set out at Appendix 1), to allow the Committee to create a Central Criminal Court Sub-Committee.

John Scott asked a question concerning the City Corporation's wider relationship with the magistracy and the management of its assets relative to that function, suggesting that the terms of reference of the new Sub-Committee be expanded to give it oversight of all of the City's courts. Members debated the proposal, noting that the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen had recently established a new Aldermen and Magistracy Sub-Committee with a broad remit including looking at such matters. Nonetheless, it was felt on balance that a more strategic look at the City's management of its court and magistracy related assets would be beneficial and that the Policy and Resources Committee, perhaps through the new Central Criminal Court Sub-Committee, should play a role in this. It was therefore suggested that the report should be referred back to facilitate a more comprehensive consideration of the appropriate remit for the new Central Criminal Court Sub-Committee.

Members were also of differing views as to the question of membership of any Sub-Committee with an expanded remit, with the level of Aldermanic representation the subject of some debate. It was subsequently argued that the Sub-Committee should be expanded such that two additional places were made available for Common Councilmen. Lord, C.E., O.B.E., J.P.; Scott, J.G.S., J.P. *Motion* – That the report be referred back to the Policy and Resources Committee for further consideration.

Following further discussion, Members reflected that delaying the creation of the proposed Central Criminal Court Sub-Committee might be unwise, given the rationale for its establishment and the need to begin focusing immediately on the significant volume of forthcoming activity.

The Motion, proposed by Edward Lord and seconded by John Scott, was subsequently withdrawn.

It was suggested that the sensible course of action would be to agree the establishment of the proposed Sub-Committee, but to widen the Policy and Resources Committee's overall Terms of Reference such that it had oversight of all of the City's courts. This would allow for the Central Criminal Courts Sub-Committee to begin work in earnest whilst also providing an opportunity for the Policy and Resources Committee to discuss an appropriate mechanism for reviewing the totality of the City's court provision, following which it might decide to delegate further matters to the new Sub-Committee.

An amendment to the substantive Motion was consequently put.

Amendment – That two further places be made available on the proposed Sub-Committee for Common Councilmen, and that the proposed amendments to the Policy and Resource's Committee's Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 1 be altered as follows:-

- the entry at paragraph (p) be amended such that all references to the Central Criminal Court be altered to read "City Courts"; and
- the entry "Central Criminal Court" at paragraph (q) be struck out and replaced with the word "Courts".

Upon the Amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

The substantive Motion, as Amended, was then put before the Court.

Upon the Motion being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

*Resolved* – That the Court of Common Council approve amendments to the Policy and Resources Committee's Terms of Reference to make it responsible for oversight of the management of all matters relating to the City's Courts, and that the number of Common Councilmen on the newly created Sub-Committee be increased to six.

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#### (D) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Election of Deputy Chairmen

The Court received a report advising of action taken in accordance with urgency procedures in approving an amendment to Standing Orders.

On 6 December 2012, as part of the post-implementation review of the introduction of the new governance arrangements, the Court of Common Council had agreed to

the election of three Deputy Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee from 2013, and to a process for one of the Deputy Chairmen to be elected as the "Chairman in-waiting" in the last year of the Chairman's term of office (thereby reducing the lead-in time for the 'Chairman in-waiting' of that Committee to one year). The Court of Common Council resolved that this should be achieved by the Policy and Resources Committee establishing a protocol.

Whilst a protocol was consequently approved by the Policy and Resources Committee, the wording of Standing Order No. 30 had not been adequately amended and could therefore be interpreted such that it would not be consistent with the protocol. Standing Order No. 30 therefore required clarification and amendment to ensure there was no ambiguity regarding the protocol's application; with the Policy and Resources Committee due to elect its Deputy Chairman on 19 May 2016, steps were therefore taken to rectify this error. The approval of the Court was therefore obtained under urgency procedures to amend Standing Order No. 30 to ensure that it was clear and in line with the agreed process.

The Court was therefore **recommended** to note that on 16 May 2016 approval was given, in accordance with Standing Order No. 19, to the amendment of Standing Order No. 30 as set out in Appendix A so as to ensure that there was no ambiguity regarding the application of the agreed protocol. The opportunity was also taken to amend the Standing Order to reflect the fact that the Guildhall Improvement Committee no longer existed.

*Resolved* – That the report be received and its content noted.

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

## (Michael Welbank, M.B.E., Chief Commoner)

#### (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, the Court was informed of the following applications which had been agreed to:-

Name	<u>Date</u>	<b>Function</b>
Matthew Richardson	2 July 2016	Dinner
The Championships Wimbledon	10 July 2016 11 July 2017 12 July 2018	Dinner
City of London Police	19 September 2016 20 September 2016	Conference
The Royal Marines Charity	5 October 2016	Dinner
Pearson Teaching Awards Trust	22 October 2016 23 October 2016	Awards Ceremony
International Wine and Spirit Competition	16 November 2016	Awards Ceremony

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Chanel	8 December 2016	Dinner
Wine and Spirit Education Trust	23 January 2017	Awards Ceremony
The Worshipful Company of Paviors	28 January 2017	Dinner
CoL International Women's Day Group	3 March 2017	Conference
Parent Community Association	18 March 2017	Dinner
EC Travel	7 June 2017	Dinner
Nightingale Hammerson	6 November 2017	Dinner

Resolved – That the several applications be noted.

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## (B) Applications for Hospitality

## **Commonwealth Speakers Association Standing Committee Dinner**

The Standing Committee of the Association of Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers were due to meet in London from 12 – 14 January 2017. The meeting was to be attended by Speakers and Presiding Officers of sixteen national parliaments of Commonwealth countries and would be jointly hosted by the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Speaker of the Seychelles National Assembly. The main aim of the meeting was to prepare for the biennial conference of Commonwealth Speakers, to take place in the Seychelles in 2018 and it had been proposed that the City Corporation host a tour of Guildhall and dinner on the evening preceding the main working sessions of the meeting.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a dinner for the Association of the Commonwealth Speakers with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

This would be a Committee event.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted and that the arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved cost parameters.

## 17. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

## (Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge)

#### Standards Committee: Annual Report

The Standards Committee is required to monitor all complaints referred to it and to prepare an annual report on its activity for submission to the Court of Common Council. The Court was advised that two allegations of a breach of the Code of Conduct were made to the Committee during the course of 2015/16; one of which was not found to warrant assessment and one that progressed to a hearing and then an appeal.

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Malins, J.H, Q.C., Alderman; Snyder, Sir Michael

*Motion* – That the report be referred back to the Standards Committee for further consideration.

Alderman Malins spoke against the report in relation to the reporting of a breach of the Code of Conduct and the manner in which the Hearing and Appeal had been conducted. Edward Lord reminded Members that the procedure for both the Hearing and Appeal Stages had been produced in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and that the Hearing and Appeal had been fully compliant with this protocol.

Edward Lord also made reference to Standing Order No.11(11) and a possible breach by Alderman Malins. The Town Clerk reminded all Members of the provisions of that Standing Order.

Several Members spoke to express the view that the level of detail within the report was excessive and not commensurate with the findings of the Appeal Sub-Committee, agreeing with the Motion that the report be withdrawn and a more proportionate report re-submitted.

Ginsburg, S., J.P., Deputy; Deane, A.C., Deputy

*Motion* – That, in accordance with Standing Order 11(9), the Question be now put.

Upon the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the Motion to be carried. The Motion proposed by Alderman Malins and seconded by Sir Michael Snyder was therefore put forthwith.

Upon the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the Motion to be carried.

The Town Clerk also undertook to remove the report from the public website.

*Resolved* – That the report be referred back to the Standards Committee for further consideration.

18. *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.

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

## 19.Non-public Minutes

*Resolved* – That the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

20. **Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee** The Court unanimously agreed a Motion concerning the provision of hospitality.

## 21. **Finance Committee**

The Court approved a report concerning the award of a corporate security contract.

## The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.45 pm

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