



MOUNTEVANS, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

21st July 2016
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Sheriff Charles Bowman
John Garbutt
Sir Roger Gifford
Alison Gowman
David Andrew Graves
Timothy Russell Hailes, JP

Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, JP
Sir Paul Judge
Vincent Thomas Keaveny
Ian David Luder, JP
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli

The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, The Lord
Mountevans, Jeffrey Evans
William Anthony Bowater Russell
Dame Fiona Woolf
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

John David Absalom, Deputy
Randall Keith Anderson
Alex Bain-Stewart, JP
Douglas Barrow, Deputy
John Bennett, Deputy
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP
Christopher Paul Boden
Keith David Forbes Bottomley
David John Bradshaw
Revd Dr William Goodacre
Campbell-Taylor
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,
Deputy
Nigel Kenneth Challis
John Douglas Chapman, Deputy
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Alexander John Cameron Deane,
Deputy
Karina Dostalova
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL
The Revd Dr Martin Raymond
Dudley
Peter Gerard Dunphy
Emma Edhem

Anthony Noel Eskenzi, CBE,
Deputy
Anne Helen Fairweather
Sophie Anne Fernandes
John William Fletcher
William Barrie Fraser, OBE,
Deputy
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Stanley Ginsburg, JP, Deputy
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines, Deputy
Graeme Harrower
Christopher Michael Hayward
Tom Hoffman
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy
Clare James
Gregory Percy Jones, QC
Alastair John Naisbitt King,
Deputy
Vivienne Littlechild, JP
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge, TD

Edward Lord, OBE, JP
Professor John Stuart Penton
Lumley
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Jeremy Mayhew
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP
Wendy Mead, OBE
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney
Gareth Wynford Moore
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
Sylvia Doreen Moys
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE,
Deputy
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE
Graham David Packham
Ann Marjorie Francescia
Pembroke
Judith Pleasance
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Stephen Douglas Quilter
Richard David Regan, OBE,
Deputy

Delis Regis
Adam Fox McCloud
Richardson
Virginia Rounding
James de Sausmarez
John George Stewart Scott, JP
Ian Christopher Norman
Seaton
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,
Deputy
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Tom Sleigh
Graeme Martyn Smith
Sir Michael Snyder
Patrick Thomas Streeter
David James Thompson
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
John Tomlinson, Deputy
James Richard Tumbridge
Michael Welbank, MBE
Philip Woodhouse

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 There were no resolutions.

5. Mayoral Visits The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent overseas visits to Costa Rica, Japan, Panama, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United States of America. He also reported on recent domestic events including the Dinner to the Her Majesty's Judges and the forthcoming Security and Defence Lecture.

6. Policy Statement There was no statement.

7. Hospital Seal Sundry documents were sealed with the Hospital Seal.

8. 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:-

Sherryn Jane Alton <i>Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC</i> <i>Evelyn Elizabeth Guest</i>	a Speech and Language Therapist <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Epsom, Surrey
John Charles Carbis <i>Anthony John Keith Woodhead</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Clerk of Works, retired <i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Chelsea, London
Emmanuel Adebayo Harding <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Brian John Coombe</i>	an Accountant, retired <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Abbey Wood, London
David Ball <i>Ian Bates</i> <i>John Snellgrove</i>	an Antique Furnisher, retired <i>Citizen and Launderer</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Architect</i>	Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire
Jean Ball, MBE <i>Ian Bates</i> <i>John Snellgrove</i>	a Caterer, retired <i>Citizen and Launderer</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Architect</i>	Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire
Stephen Albert Hill <i>David James Sales</i> <i>Philip Splett</i>	a Fire Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	Hullbridge, Essex
Anna Lucy Doreen Wallace <i>Charles Edward Beck Bowman,</i> <i>Ald. & Sheriff</i> <i>Alexander John Cameron Deane,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Head of Public Relations <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Currier</i>	Hackney, London
Alex-Jo Kirsteen Hutchinson <i>Professor Barry Ife, CBE</i> <i>David Andrew Graves, Ald.</i>	a Head of External Affairs <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Enfield, London
Ray Fook Chai <i>Sir Francis McWilliams, GBE</i> <i>Dr Sin Chai</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Steven Edward Harsum <i>Michael Ernest Garrett, MBE</i> <i>Ian Ronald Evans Williams</i>	a Consultant Ophthalmologist <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Marketor</i>	Dulwich, London

Albert Frank Summers <i>Daniel Mark Heath</i> <i>David Scott Pinkerton</i>	a Toolroom Supervisor, retired <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Rainham, Essex
Katherine Elizabeth Holland <i>Alexander Martin Peters</i> <i>Timothy John Delano Cunis</i>	a Cranio-Sacral Therapist <i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	Pleshey, Chelmsford, Essex
Doreen Green <i>Gordon Mark Gentry</i> <i>Joseph Larry Herzberg</i>	a Post Mistress, retired <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>	Worsthorne, Burnley, Lancashire
Nicola Jayne Bucknell <i>Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC</i> <i>Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey
Marissa Bernadette Muthu <i>Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC</i> <i>Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy</i>	a General Practitioner <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	Epsom, Surrey
Vivek Sundar Muthu <i>Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC</i> <i>Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy</i>	a Healthcare Company Director <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	Epsom, Surrey
Robin Scott Smith <i>Douglas Donald Ward</i> <i>James Dickson</i>	an Estates Director, retired <i>Citizen and Lightmonger</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	Morpeth, Northumberland
Stephen David Pamphilon <i>Diane Morris</i> <i>Karina Dostalova, CC</i>	a Human Resources Consultant <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Broadstairs, Kent
John Patrick Thompson, OBE <i>Douglas Gordon Fleming Barrow, Deputy</i> <i>Michael Phillip Husband</i>	a Royal Fleet Auxiliary Officer <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Fueller</i>	Mickleton, County Durham
Leonard Adrian Wardle <i>Soheila Benlevi</i> <i>Carla-Maria Heath</i>	a Co-Operative Chairman, retired <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Bermondsey, London
William John Kane <i>Paul Holmes</i> <i>Hugh Gordon William Davie</i>	a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Abbey Wood, London
Charles William Briscoe <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i> <i>Richard Stuart Goddard</i>	a Property Investment Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	St Martin, Jersey, Channel Islands
David William Scales <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	a Technical Support Manager <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Uckfield, East Sussex

David Blackmore <i>John Edward Haynes</i> <i>Newton Keene Grant, OBE</i>	an Anti-Financial Crime Consultant <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Horner</i>	Coventry, West Midlands
Philippa Jane Micheline Marks <i>Michael Raymond Mainelli, Ald.</i> <i>Simon Alexander Archer</i>	a Curator <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Armourer & Brasier</i>	Clerkenwell, London
Nigel Paul Rainbird <i>Terence Taylor</i> <i>Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy</i>	a Hackney Carriage Driver <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	Welling, Kent
James Edward Price <i>Matthew Charles Falco Lombardi Richardson, Ald.</i> <i>Adam Fox McCloud Richardson, CC</i>	an Educational Charity Officer <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Croydon, Surrey
Graham Paul Church <i>Gillian Roseanne Bowman</i> <i>Aubrey John Cox</i>	a Management Consultant Director <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Upholder</i>	Broughton, Chester
William George Thomas <i>Anthony John Keith Woodhead</i> <i>Peter Reginald Allcard</i>	a Chartered Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	New Malden, Surrey
Ben Stephen Pinner <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>Christopher David McDonald</i>	an Enforcement Director <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Kensington and Chelsea, London
Stephen Alfred Pinner <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>Christopher David McDonald</i>	an Enforcement Director <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Norwich, Norfolk
Michael John Banks <i>James William Lane</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	a Market Trader, retired <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Croydon, Surrey
Kyriakos Yiasoumi Neophytou <i>James William Lane</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	a Building and Decorating Company Director <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Croydon, Surrey
Samuel Koffie-Williams <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>David Marvin Jackson</i>	a Lecturer <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Kemsley, Sittingbourne, Kent
Carlos Enrique Mack <i>Douglas Meager Wallace Wagland</i> <i>Brian Lawrence Williamson</i>	a Barrister <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i>	Islington, London
Rohit Shukla <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	a Consulting Company Director <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire

Brian Gordon Heyes <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	an Assistant Transport Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Coxheath, Maidstone, Kent
Andrew Terry Woodcock <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	a Railway Consultant Director <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Highworth, Wiltshire
Mark Stephen Neale <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	an Electrical Engineer <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Hornchurch, Essex
Colin Charles William Denley <i>Raymond Alan Fox</i> <i>Alan Geoffrey Smith</i>	a Security Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary</i> <i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i>	Milford On Sea, Hampshire
Ann-Marie May Harsum <i>Michael Ernest Garrett, MBE</i> <i>Ian Ronald Evans Williams</i>	a Company Secretary <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Marketor</i>	Dulwich, London
Elizabeth Jane Campbell <i>Gerald Albert George Pulman, JP</i> <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	an Audiologist <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Camden, London
Richard John Savage <i>Andrew Michael Williams</i> <i>Wendy Davina Calder Parmley</i>	a Regular Army Non- Commissioned Officer <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i>	Blandford Forum, Dorset
Anna Mary Barnfield <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>John Wickham</i>	a Deputy Dean, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Barber</i>	Penge, London
Clive Douglas Kent <i>George Thomas Morris</i> <i>John Edward Pye</i>	a Quantity Surveying Company Director <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i> <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	Chelmsford, Essex
Michele Mella <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i> <i>Kenneth William Speirs</i>	a Hotel Director <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i>	Stroud, Gloucestershire
Stephanie Ann Reeves <i>Alexander John Cameron Deane,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>Matthew Charles Falco Lombardi</i> <i>Richardson, Ald.</i>	a Public Affairs Consultant <i>Citizen and Currier</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	Brockley, London
Steven Nicholas Hars <i>Michael Alfred George Walshaw</i> <i>Andrew David Bollon</i>	a Printing Sales and Marketing Director <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Basildon, Essex
Julian Henry Tomlin <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i> <i>Kenneth William Speirs</i>	a Hotel Company Director <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i>	Over Wallop, Hampshire

Stephanie Ibbotson <i>Peter James Ibbotson</i> <i>Howard John Cooper</i>	a Sales Manager <i>Citizen and Farrier</i> <i>Citizen and Farrier</i>	Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey
Tom William Cummings <i>Glenn Appleyard Bridgeman Shaw</i> <i>Christopher John Oury King</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i> <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i>	Upminster, Essex
Victor Lawrence Oliver <i>Daniel Mark Heath</i> <i>David Scott Pinkerton</i>	a Technical Sales Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage</i> <i>Driver</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Rainham, Essex
Sarah May Lane <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC</i>	a Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Petersfield, Hampshire
Kieran Max Goodwin <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>George Henry Capon</i>	a Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Hornchurch, Essex
Elizabeth Margaret Sedgwick <i>Mark Anthony Grove</i> <i>David Andrew Harry McGregor</i> <i>Smith, CBE</i>	a Regular Army Officer <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Chelsea, London
Graham Richard Copeman <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i> <i>Kenneth William Speirs</i>	a Hotel Director <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i>	Knaphill, Surrey
Rodney William Freebody <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	a Pipebending Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Billericay, Essex
Elizabeth Mary Bardolph <i>Ann Fiona Henley</i> <i>Rodney Hemingfield Taylor</i>	a Nurse <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>	Fareham, Hampshire
Major General Jeremy Francis Rowan, CB, OBE <i>Maureen Ann Marden</i> <i>Philip Reginald Devaney Jeffery</i> <i>Morrish</i>	a Regular Army Officer <i>Citizen and Environmental</i> <i>Cleaner</i> <i>Citizen and Environmental</i> <i>Cleaner</i>	York, Yorkshire
James Charles Webb <i>Frederick Charles Parr</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	a Lecturer, retired <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Welling, Kent
Morgan Alexander Keery <i>Evelyn Elizabeth Guest</i> <i>Douglas James Leslie Mobsby</i>	a Marketing Manager <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Wimbledon, Merton
Simon Richard Turner <i>Michael Francis Roberts</i> <i>Derek Thornton</i>	a Telecommunications Company Director <i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Upholder</i>	Rainham, Kent

Read.

Brian Mooney reminded the Court of a previous undertaking given by the Chairman of the Freedom Applications Committee to provide him with a summary of the checks and verifications made in respect of applications for the Freedom of the City. In the Chairman's absence, the Town Clerk advised that he would remind the Chairman of this commitment accordingly.

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.

9. 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:-

Bills

Children and Social Work Bill

The Bill proposed new duties for local authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) aimed at improving the prospects of looked-after children, and amended the regulatory regime for child social work.

Digital Economy Bill

The Bill contained a number of measures intended to encourage the development of the 'digital economy', including a new universal service obligation for broadband providers and reforms to the code under which communications infrastructure could be installed on land.

Statutory Instruments

Date in force

The Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 660

21 June 2016

The Regulations delayed the introduction of new controls on the private letting of properties which did not meet energy efficiency standards, in order to give landlords more time to register cases in which they were entitled to an exemption. The Common Council would enforce the controls in its capacity as local authority.

The Food for Specific Groups (Information and Compositional Requirements) (England) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 688

20 July 2016

The Regulations set out the enforcement mechanism for new European Union rules governing the composition, labelling and advertising of food intended for particular nutritional uses (such as infant feeding or medical use). The Common Council would enforce the Regulations in its capacity as food authority.

(It was noted that the text of the measures and the explanatory notes thereon might be obtained from the Remembrancer's office.)

10.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the Central Criminal Court Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee, the Community and Children's Services Committee, Christ's Hospital, the Court of City University, and Age UK London.

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

(A) **Central Criminal Court Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee** (four

vacancies for terms expiring in April 2020).

Nominations received:-

Michael Hudson
Charles Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.
Adam Fox McCloud Richardson
Havilland James de Sausmarez
John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

Read.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on the vacancies.

The Lord Mayor appointed the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or their representatives, to be the scrutineers of the ballot.

Resolved – That the votes be counted at the conclusion of the Court and the result printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

- (B) **Community and Children's Services Committee** (one vacancy for the balance of a term expiring in April 2017).

Nominations received:-

Christopher Punter

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Chris Punter to be appointed to the Community and Children's Services Committee.

- (C) **Christ's Hospital** (two vacancies for four year terms expiring in January 2020).

Nominations received:-

John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared John Scott to be appointed to Christ's Hospital.

- (D) **Court of City University** (one vacancy for a three year term expiring in July 2019)

Nominations received:-

*Jeremy Paul Mayhew

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Mayhew to be appointed to the

Court of City University.

(E) **Age UK London** (one vacancy for a four year term expiring in July 2020).

Nominations received:-

Karina Dostalova.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Karina Dostalova to be appointed to Age UK London.

11. Questions

City Corporation's Duties and Responsibilities

Patrick Streeter asked a question of the Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the City Corporation's focus on local authority and non-local authority activities.

Responding, the Deputy Chairman reminded the Member of the City Corporation's unique history and various responsibilities, which were significantly more wide-ranging than those of a local authority. These included the promotion of the Square Mile, the maintenance of a number of public spaces across London, support for several world-class cultural institutions, and widening access to education for children from challenging backgrounds across London. Notwithstanding this, the City Corporation demonstrably delivered its local authority duties to a high level. The Deputy Chairman made reference to various awards recently won by the City Corporation in this respect, including those recognising its clean streets and efforts in improving air quality.

Residential Development

Patrick Streeter asked a question of the Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding the prospective purchase of a particular portion of land in east London for the purposes of building residential housing.

In reply, the Deputy Chairman reiterated the City Corporation's commitment to alleviating the housing shortage in London but noted that the particular piece of land referred to was currently ill-suited for residential purposes, setting out the various difficulties associated with it. Notwithstanding this, the City Corporation would continue to search for appropriate sites and would monitor this site in case the situation changed.

Hate Crime and Xenophobic Incidents

Deputy Joyce Nash asked a question of the Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning recent racist and xenophobic incidents and instances of hate crime.

The Deputy Chairman was robust in reiterating the City Corporation's condemnation of such incidents and emphasised its commitment to the preservation of London's highly successful multicultural society. She also highlighted the significant cultural and economic benefits brought about through the City's long history of diversity amongst residents, workers, visitors, businesses and

trading partners. The work of the City Corporation and City Police, as well as their joint work with others, was set out along with a clear message of zero tolerance for hate crime and urging that anybody witnessing any such incident report it to the police immediately.

Responding to supplementary questions, the Deputy Chairman agreed to share her full response with any interested Member and to also make available information relating to dedicated reporting websites and telephone lines.

Promoting the City Corporation's Photographic, Print and Film Collections

Henry Colthurst asked a question of the Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee regarding the promotion of the City Corporation's historical collections of photographs, prints and films.

The Chairman informed the Court of the major re-launch of the City Corporation's "Collage" website, which hosted more than 250,000 digitised images from the City Corporation's collections including Tower Bridge construction photographs from the 1890s and rare photographs of the Crystal Palace from 1854. Responding to supplementary questions, the Chairman undertook to explore the possibility of displaying site-specific pictures at the Guildhall and to discuss with the London Metropolitan Archives the potential to photograph temporary vistas created during the construction and demolition of major buildings within the City.

The Chairman also took the opportunity to make reference to the support that the new website would provide to the London Metropolitan Archive's educational programmes, including training opportunities for teachers and work with the Greater London Authority to develop the London Curriculum, which aimed to strengthen education in London by drawing on the capital's rich heritage. Through such activity and the provision of extensive online resources covering many areas of the National Curriculum, the LMA closely supported the City Corporation's Education Strategy by seeking to ensure that the City Corporation's outstanding cultural and historical resources enrich the creative experience of London's learners.

Thames River Path

Brian Mooney asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee, seeking an update on progress being made in respect of the completion of the Thames River Path in the Ward of Queenhithe.

The Chairman provided the Court with an updated timetable for this section of the Path, noting that it was linked with the completion of a commercial development on the site and could not be constructed independently. Responding to supplementary questions, the Chairman advised that the construction of a separate temporary walkway was also unfeasible, but that the developer was receiving all encouragement from the City Corporation to act as quickly as possible. In the event that the development was abandoned part-way through the construction phase, the Chairman provided assurances that the City Corporation would act swiftly to ensure the site was cleared and not left as an unsightly and derelict area.

Illegal Street Trading

Sophie Fernandes asked a question of the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee concerning the City Corporation's actions in relation to the prevention of illegal street trading.

In reply, the Chairman outlined the various inspection and enforcement activities the City Corporation had undertaken or had scheduled in the coming period. Reference was made to successful prosecutions in 2015 and to date on 2016, the seizure of ice cream vans, hot dog carts and trolleys used to sell peanuts, and the receipt of various formal undertakings from illegal street traders in respect of their future actions.

12. Motions There were no motions.

13. Awards and Prizes There was no report.

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

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

31 May 2016

(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:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>
The Royal Marines Charity	5 October 2016	Dinner
International Wine and Spirit Competition	16 November 2016	Awards Ceremony
Wine and Spirit Education Trust	23 January 2017	Awards Ceremony
CoL International Women's Day Group	3 March 2017	Conference
EC Travel	7 June 2017	Dinner
Nightingale Hammerson	6 November 2017	Dinner

Resolved – That the several applications be noted.

15. **POLICE COMMITTEE**

(Douglas Barrow, Deputy)

30 June 2016

City of London Police: Annual Report 2015/16

The Annual Report, setting out the achievements and performance of the City of London Police over the past financial year, was submitted to the Court for information.

The Chairman introduced the item to the Court and provided a comprehensive overview of the City Police's achievements over the year, as well as a summary of the constructive challenge provided by the Police Committee across the period.

Resolved – that the report be received.

16.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge)

8 July 2016

(A) Independent Review of Standards Framework

In light of the comments expressed by Members at the meeting of the Court of Common Council on 23 June 2016 about the content of the Committee's annual report, specifically in respect of a complaint addressed by the Standards Committee, it was agreed that the report should be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Having given the matter careful and detailed consideration, this report now informed the Court of the Committee's decisions to re-submit the annual report to the Court this day, without the Member concerned in the complaint being named; and to commission an independent broadly-based review of the arrangements currently in place for addressing matters connected with the conduct of Members (including co-opted Members) under the Localism Act 2011.

Several Members sought clarification as to the scope of the review and the formulation of its terms of reference. In reply, the Chairman confirmed that the terms of reference would allow for a broad review to look at the totality of the current arrangements, with a direction towards the complaints procedure. The Town Clerk would be asked to select a fully independent reviewer to conduct the process who would have latitude to explore and make recommendations as they saw fit. It was also the intention of the Committee to consult the entire Court informally once the findings of the review were known, prior to formal recommendations being brought before the Court of Common Council by the end of the year. Members consequently expressed their expectation that the reviewer's report would be shared with the Court as part of the consultation process.

Resolved – That the report be received.

(B) Annual Report

At the 23 June 2016 Court of Common Council meeting, concerns had been expressed about the Standards Committee's annual report, principally around the identification in the report of the respondent of a particular complaint. This led to the Court referring the annual report back for further consideration.

The Standards Committee, having duly reconsidered its annual report in the light of comments made, now re-submitted the report for information in an amended form, without including the name of the Member who was the subject of the complaint in question.

Whilst noting that training concerning the Member/Officer Protocol had been offered to all Members and co-opted Members, it was asked whether thought had been given to offering any similar training to officers. The Chairman of the Establishment Committee thanked the Member for the suggestion and confirmed that this would

be considered accordingly.

In response to a query concerning the public nature of the complaints process referred to in the report and the potential exemption of certain information in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman observed that he was not intimately acquainted with the specifics of the legislation but that officers' professional recommendations would have been applied.

In discussing the findings of the Appeal Sub (Standards) Committee, referred to within the annual report, Members suggested that it should be made clear that the Sub-Committee had confirmed that no Member had received any pecuniary advantage in respect of the upheld complaint referred to within the report.

Motion – That the minutes record that the Appeals Sub (Standards) Committee had found that no pecuniary advantage had been afforded to any Member in respect of the upheld complaint referred to within the Standards Committee's annual report.

Holmes, A.;
Streeter, P.T.

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

Resolved – That the report be received and that the findings of the Appeals Sub (Standards) Committee, in relation to the absence of any pecuniary advantage obtained in the case set out in the annual report, be noted.

Additional
Item

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Mark Boleat)

7 July 2016

Strengthening the City of London Corporation's Support and Promotion of the City

The Court considered a report regarding the strengthening of the City of London Corporation's support for and promotion of the City.

Following a review undertaken by Sir Simon Fraser of the effectiveness of the City Corporation's promotion and representation of UK-based financial and related services, it was clear that an increasingly complex and competitive environment was bringing new opportunities and challenges. A compelling case had been made for the City Corporation to strengthen its promotional activities in three key areas, including the City's ability to build future products and services, strengthening the regulatory frameworks and the promotion of exports and investment. The review also highlighted the need to enhance the City Corporation's partnerships with business and government, and increase capacity and capability at officer level to deliver on the City Corporation's ambitions.

To enable this work to be implemented, approval had been given to an increase in the relevant local risk budgets by £2.55m per year beginning in April 2017 to provide the requisite expertise and additional capacity, subject to the normal budget setting process for 2017/18.

The Committees that had considered the proposals exhibited a sense of agreement

that this work should begin as soon as possible, especially due to the additional work that had been created in light of the recent referendum. Accordingly, it was **recommended** to the Court that approval be given for a budget increase of £1.7m in the current financial year, to be funded from City's Cash reserves, thereby enabling work to be started at the earliest opportunity.

In response to a question from James Tumbridge, the Chief Commoner agreed that it would be helpful to update the register of Members' areas of interest and expertise, in order that those with potentially beneficial knowledge in particular areas might be involved as aspects of this area of work were progressed.

Resolved – That approval be granted to an increase in the relevant local risk budgets of £1.7m for the the current financial year, funded from City's Cash reserves, to enable work to start on strengthening the City of London Corporation's support for and promotion of the City.

17.

*Welbank, M.,
M.B.E.; Mayhew,
J.P.*

Resolved – 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 or which falls under paragraph 100A(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to confidential information that would be disclosed in breach of an obligation of confidence by a department of Her Majesty's Government.

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

18.

Non-public Minutes

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

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.10 pm

BARRADELL.