



MOUNTEVANS, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

13th October 2016
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee
Sir Michael David Bear
Sheriff Peter Estlin
John Garbutt
Sir Roger Gifford
David Andrew Graves
Timothy Russell Hailes, JP

Gordon Warwick Haines
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

Sheriff William Anthony Bowater Russell
The Rt Hon the Baroness Patricia Scotland of
Asthall, QC
Sir David Hugh Wootton
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

COMMONERS

Randall Keith Anderson
Alex Bain-Stewart, JP
John Alfred Barker, OBE, Deputy
Douglas Barrow, Deputy
John Bennett, Deputy
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP
Mark Boleat
Keith David Forbes Bottomley
David John Bradshaw
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy
John Douglas Chapman, Deputy
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Dennis Cotgrove
Alexander John Cameron Deane, Deputy
William Harry Dove OBE, Deputy
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL
Peter Gerard Dunphy
Emma Edhem

Anthony Noel Eskenzi, CBE, Deputy
Anne Helen Fairweather
William Barrie Fraser, OBE, Deputy
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
George Marr Flemington Gillon
Stanley Ginsburg, JP, Deputy
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines, Deputy
Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy
Graeme Harrower
Christopher Michael Hayward
Tom Hoffman
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde
Clare James
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
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
Graham David Packham
Ann Marjorie Francescia
Pembroke
Judith Pleasance
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy

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
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
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley

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. Vote of Thanks to the Alastair Moss, Deputy of the Ward of Cheap, read the draft of a vote of thanks to

Lord Mayor the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, which was intended to be Moved formally at the next meeting of the Court.

The Lord Mayor was heard in reply.

5. Letter A letter of the Lord Mayor Elect, declaring his assent to take upon himself the Office of Lord Mayor, was received.

6. Resolutions There were no resolutions.

7. Mayoral Visits The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent overseas visits to China and Hong Kong, as well as to a number of domestic regional centres including Bristol, Durham, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and York.

8. Election of Chief Commoner The Court proceeded to elect a Chief Commoner for 2017/18.

One valid nomination had been received in accordance with Standing Order No. 18, namely, that of Wendy Mead, O.B.E.

Resolved – that Wendy Mead, O.B.E. be declared to be elected to the office of Chief Commoner for 2017/18.

9. Policy Statement The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee delivered a statement on the outcome of the recent referendum on membership of the European Union and, in particular the City Corporation's role in ensuring the best possible outcome for the City, London and the United Kingdom upon withdrawal from the European Union.

Whilst thanking the Chairman for the update provided, a Member expressed concern that insufficient time had been made available for Honourable Members to properly scrutinise and review the information provided, in particular the findings of certain pieces of research which had been referenced in the Statement and circulated to the Court electronically. He observed that there was a duty upon all Members to ensure that adequate scrutiny was provided to such items if they were to provide the rationale for the City Corporation's future activities, consequently suggesting that a formal debate should be held at the next meeting of the Court on the City's approach to Brexit. The Chairman agreed that such a debate would be helpful and the Town Clerk confirmed that a report would be presented to the next meeting, thereby providing the opportunity for a full debate.

Responding to a question concerning the opportunities presented by Brexit, the Chairman said that the City Corporation was vigorously pursuing new opportunities to attract business to the city. These did not arise as a result of Brexit but were now even more necessary. He added that there were now some steps that might be taken which could also present opportunities, including tax changes to help the growing technology sector and changes to visa policies to attract the best talent from across the world. The repeal of some regulatory legislation above the EU minima which had previously inhibited businesses could also be considered, with the Chairman making reference to a number of fund management businesses

which had relocated to Ireland and Luxembourg as a result of the UK's more stringent regulatory framework.

A Member took the opportunity to highlight concerns which had been expressed to him by companies in the technology sector with regard to the future of data protection, the regulations for which currently came from the European Union. He sought assurances from the Chairman that the City Corporation's work included the full breadth of issues, including data protection, and was not limited to financial and professional services.

The Chairman agreed that data protection was a significant issue, adding that he was aware of similar concerns within the financial services sector. He agreed that it would be important for the proper diligence to be applied to this area to obviate any difficulties come the point of transition, but noted that there was a limit to the City Corporation's expertise and what it therefore might seek to do in this area, adding that the technology sector would have its own trade fora through which representations might be made more appropriately.

Responding to a further question concerning the City Corporation's level of assertiveness in discussions, the Chairman cautioned that it would be important to strike an appropriate balance so that the City was not seen as being overly protectionist. He highlighted the need to make clear the benefits brought by the financial and professional services industries in terms of jobs and tax revenues, as well as the importance to those businesses of financial stability and access to European markets and finance. He observed the need to engage successfully with all European Governments, as well as the UK Government, to ensure a smooth transition and added that he would be happy to consider again the balance of assertiveness should Members wish.

*Fairweather,
A.H.; Deane,
A.J.C., Deputy*

Motion – That the provisions of Standing Order No. 11, restricting the number of questions permitted, be suspended to allow for debate to continue.

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

A Member sought assurances from the Chairman that the City Corporation would continue to echo the concerns of City businesses, both in public and in private, to try to ensure that the financial and professional services sectors were prominent in Government thinking during Brexit negotiations. She noted that these sectors were particularly integral to the City and suggested that the City Corporation had a duty to advocate on their behalf. The Chairman reassured Members on this point and confirmed that there was daily communication and regular collaboration with city businesses and trade bodies on this issue. He added that it was incumbent on all Members to be in regular contact with businesses in their Wards so as to feed back their views and allow the City Corporation to reflect them, noting that it was the fact that the City Corporation spoke on behalf of businesses rather than for its own gain which gave it credence in the debate.

10. Hospital
Seal

Sundry documents were sealed with the Hospital Seal.

11. 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:-

Anna Elizabeth Burnside <i>Peter David Jeary</i> <i>Ming Hang Henry Chung</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Marketor</i>	Combe, Oxfordshire
Paul Thomas O'Loughlin <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i> <i>Thomas Rodley Fulton</i>	an Entertainment Director <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i>	Whitby, North Yorkshire
Captain Kevin Martin Oprey <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i> <i>Alistair McIntyre Fulton</i>	a Master Mariner <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Warsash, Southampton
Robert John Howie <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i> <i>Alistair McIntyre Fulton</i>	a Hotel Manager <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Fife, Scotland
Rory William Maclean <i>Alan Roy Willis</i> <i>Paul Leonard Wickham</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Islington
Gabriel Sai Radus <i>Alan Roy Willis</i> <i>Paul Leonard Wickham</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Finchley
Thomas Patrick Crowley <i>Michael Anthony Jones</i> <i>Ashley John Perraton-Williams</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Wanstead
Robert James Smith <i>Timothy John Delano Cunis</i> <i>Richard Cawton Cunis</i>	an Executive Search Company Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Mercer</i>	East Sheen
Manjit Singh Pardesi <i>Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Staines-upon-Thames
Sir Martin John Taylor, KBE <i>Mark Watson-Gandy</i> <i>James Alastair Christian Watson-</i> <i>Gandy</i>	a College Warden <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Oxford
Baron Charles James Crathorne, KCVO, KStJ <i>Baron Robert Temple Armstrong</i> <i>of Iminster, GCB CVO</i> <i>Gordon Mark Gentry</i>	a Peer of the Realm <i>Citizen and Salter</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Yarm, North Yorkshire
Emma Claire Witter <i>Peter Gareth Rees</i> <i>Susan Garland-Worthington, OBE</i>	an Artist/set Designer <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and Marketor</i>	Tower Hamlets
Captain Ronald Charles Kreamer <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	a Master Mariner, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Essex

Michael John Pearce <i>Alan Dan Wiltshire</i> <i>Roger Mark Wiltshire</i>	a Property Developer Project Director <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	Woking, Surrey
Caroline Louise Pearce <i>Alan Dan Wiltshire</i> <i>Roger Mark Wiltshire</i>	a Music Teacher <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	Woking, Surrey
Michael David Wear <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>George Henry Capon</i>	a Small Business Training Provider <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Dagenham, Essex
Paul Roberts <i>Philip Woodhouse, CC</i> <i>Graham David Packham, CC</i>	a Health and Safety Manager <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Upholder</i>	Ashford, Kent
Caroline Jane May <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP</i> <i>William Anthony Bowater Russell, Ald. & Sheriff</i>	a Senior Executive Assistant <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Chelmsford, Essex
Oliver James May <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP</i> <i>William Anthony Bowater Russell, Ald. & Sheriff</i>	an Analyst <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Norton Folgate
Susan Pamela Cole <i>Keith William Pledger</i> <i>Gareth Wyn Rees Cole</i>	a Music Teacher, retired <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Sudbury, Suffolk
David John James <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i> <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i>	a Civil Servant, retired <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Sidcup, Kent
David George Cooke <i>Andrew Thomas Lister</i> <i>Fiona Jane Hussey</i>	a Retail Manager <i>Citizen and Vintner</i> <i>Citizen and Vintner</i>	Redhill, Surrey
Mark Andrew Richardson <i>Colin Robert Woodcock, MBE</i> <i>Roger Trevor Parker</i>	a Health and Safety Manager <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Hull, East Yorkshire
Stephen Cox <i>Colin Robert Woodcock, MBE</i> <i>Roger Trevor Parker</i>	a Scaffolding Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Hilston
Matthew John Hamilton Kelly <i>Neville John Watson</i> <i>Peter Francis Clark</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Romsey, Hampshire
Darrel Peter Palmer <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>David Mackenzie Kirke-Smith</i>	a Communications Consultancy Director, retired <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Fanmaker</i>	Huntingdon
Philip Arnold Gibson <i>Philip Splett</i> <i>Anthony John Keith Woodhead</i>	a Plastering Company Director <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i>	Benfleet, Essex

Joanna Wilkinson <i>Guy Murray Wilson</i> <i>Guy Fairbank</i>	a Civil Servant, retired <i>Citizen and Gunmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Vinter</i>	Bounds Green, London
Bryan Lovell <i>Sally Ann Muggeridge</i> <i>Jonathan Patterson Shiels</i>	a Personal Specialist, retired <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner</i>	Lambeth
Rowena Ann Brett <i>Philip Arthurton Virgo</i> <i>Roger John Marshall</i>	a Police Constable, retired <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Conwy, Wales
Paul Kenneth Abbott <i>Sir Paul Judge, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy</i>	a Yeoman Warder <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	H.M. Tower of London
Lisa May Abbott <i>Sir Paul Judge, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy</i>	an Office Administrator <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	H.M. Tower of London
Malcolm Henry Jefford <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	a Telecommunications Group Manager <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Beckenham, Kent
Nicholas Christian Tuft <i>Noel Howard Osborne</i> <i>Ralph John French, OBE</i>	a Designer <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Kensal Rise
Darren Paul Crabb <i>Harold Ebenezer Piggott</i> <i>Paul Stephen Hollebhone</i>	a Financial Advice Company Director <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Littlehampton, Sussex
Austin Hayhurst Lowe <i>Paul Joseph Jeremy Burton</i> <i>Graham Whiley</i>	a Plastics Development Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Barton-on-Sea, New Milton, Hampshire
Roland Arthur Richard White <i>Brian Derek Francois</i> <i>John Donald Lunn</i>	a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Environmental Cleaner</i> <i>Citizen and Fan Maker</i>	Bexley, Kent
Peter Simon Ellis <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>John Donald Lunn</i>	a Barrister <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Fan Maker</i>	Camden
Sabit Topcu <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	a Hackney Carriage Driver <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Lewisham
The Venerable Luke Jonathan Miller <i>Ian David Luder, Ald.</i> <i>Martin Henry Charles Russell, TD</i>	a Clerk in Holy Orders <i>Citizen and Cooper</i> <i>Citizen and Farrier</i>	St Andrew's Hill
David Bernard Mellor <i>David Mackenzie Kirke-Smith</i>	a Banking Regional Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Fanmaker</i>	Linlithgow, West Lothian

<i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler and Bricklayer</i>	
Ronald James Standen	a Construction Consultancy Company Director	Purley, Surrey
<i>George Thomas Morris</i>	<i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	
<i>John Edward Pye</i>	<i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	
Robert Malcolm Wing	a Civil Servant, retired	Welling, Kent
<i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	
<i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	
The Venerable Rosemary Jane Lain-Priestley	an Archdeacon	Marylebone, London
<i>John Michael Welbank, MBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Architect</i>	
<i>Rev. Canon David Parrott</i>	<i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	
Dominic Stanley Walker	a Broadcaster	Padgate, Warrington
<i>Simon Peter McIlwaine</i>	<i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i>	
<i>Richard Michael Barnes</i>	<i>Citizen and Horner</i>	
Kathryn Alexandra McDowell, CBE, DL	an Arts Manager	Islington
<i>John Tomlinson, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	
Euripides Evriviades	a Diplomat	Belgravia
<i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Mark John Boleat, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
The Rt Hon Freundel Jerome Stuart PC, QC, MP	the Prime Minister of Barbados	St Michael, Barbados
<i>The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Mark John Boleat, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	

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.

12. 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

Neighbourhood Planning Bill

The Bill proposes restrictions on the imposition of planning conditions by local planning authorities (including a ban on pre-commencement conditions unless agreed by the applicant), minor modifications to the 'neighbourhood planning' regime, and simplification of the law of compulsory purchase.

Statutory Instruments

Date in force

The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 868

15 October 2016

The Regulations give effect to revised E.U. controls for the *Trichinella* parasite in meat. They will be enforced by the Common Council as food authority for the City and as port health authority.

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England)

1 October 2016

(Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 871

The Regulations make detailed provision about the broader range of powers for the Secretary of State (or the Mayor of London) to intervene in the local plan-making process conferred by the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 873

1 October 2016

The Regulations impose deadlines on local planning authorities in dealing with proposals to designate 'neighbourhood areas' for the purposes of the neighbourhood planning regime.

The Benefit Cap (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 909

7 November 2016

The Regulations give effect to the lower level of 'benefit cap' enacted earlier this year (£23,000 for a household in Greater London) and introduce new exemptions for carers and guardians. The Common Council is responsible for implementing the cap in relation to those for whom it administers housing benefit.

The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 934

1 October 2016

The Regulations impose deadlines on local planning authorities for the holding of referendums on proposals for neighbourhood development plans or orders.

The Town and Country Planning (Section 62A Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 944

21 October 2016

The Regulations modify the Secretary of State's power to designate a local planning authority as 'under-performing', thereby allowing planning applications to be made directly to him instead of the authority, so that it may apply separately to major and non-major development; and set out the Secretary of State's publicity duties in relation to such applications.

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 946

1 November 2016

The Regulations set out rules for the management and investment of the funds held by administering authorities of local government pension schemes.

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

13.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London and Bridewell Royal Hospital.

(A) **Board of Governors of the Museum of London** (one vacancy for a term expiring in October 2019).

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

Nominations received:-

*Alison Jane Gowman, Alderman
Ann Marjorie Francesca Pembroke

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) **Bridewell Royal Hospital** (two vacancies for terms expiring October 2022).

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

Nominations received:-

*Ian Christopher Norman Seaton

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ian Seaton to be appointed to Bridewell Royal Hospital.

14. Questions

Housing

Deputy James Thomson asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee seeking an update in respect of the City Corporation's commitment to help ease the housing shortage in London.

In reply, the Chairman advised that plans were in place to build 700 new homes on the City's existing housing estates, with a further 3000 planned on land belonging to the City Corporation. He expressed confidence that the target would be achieved by the 2025 deadline and thanked the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee for that Committee's hard work in respect of the 700 homes being built on the City's estates.

In response to a supplementary question from Patrick Streeter concerning the availability of a specific site for development, the Chairman reminded Honourable Members of the response which had been provided at a previous meeting and reiterated the position.

Ludgate Circus

Emma Edhem asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning traffic flow at Ludgate Circus.

The Chairman reassured Members that officers were pressing Transport for London to undertake stricter enforcement with regard to the yellow box at the junction and agreed to update the Member once further information was received from TfL. Similarly the potential to re-phase traffic lights was also currently being explored with TfL; however, he was advised that it was unfortunately not possible for a right-turn from Upper Thames Street on to Southwark Bridge to be permitted as one possible option to alleviate traffic, due to a combination of safety concerns and the likely impact on congestion across the wider network.

The Chairman added that a report exploring potential options for tackling traffic congestion across the City would also be coming forward to the November Policy and Resources and Planning and Transportation Committee meetings.

Use of mobile phones by motorists

Deputy Robert Merrett asked a question of the Chairman of the Police Committee concerning enforcement activity associated with the use of mobile phones while driving.

Responding, the Chairman outlined the significant enforcement activity to date and confirmed that road safety, including the illegal use of mobile phones by motorists, remained a Force priority. He noted that the City of London Police was one of only ten Forces across the country which had achieved an increase in the level of enforcement activity over the past three years, adding that enforcement activity had already been recorded against 656 offenders in the year to date, a figure which highlighted the seriousness with which the Force was taking this issue. In addition, only one collision had been recorded in the City in this three year period where the use of a mobile phone had been identified as a contributory factor.

He also stressed the importance of education and changing societal attitudes towards such dangerous driving, drawing parallels with the successful drink driving campaigns of previous years, in effecting long-term change. As part of this, the Force would be aiming to increase the range of educational schemes that they could refer offenders to, as well as continuing to deliver targeted educational campaigns to improve road user behaviour, supporting both their and the City Corporation's aim to reduce the number of accidents and injuries on the City's roads.

15. Motions There were no motions.

16. Awards and Prizes There was no report.

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

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

14 September 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 Sun	13 December 2016 14 December 2016	Awards Ceremony
Christmas Parties Unlimited	15 December 2016	Reception
Green Finance	16 January 2017 17 January 2017	Summit
The British Asian Trust	2 February 2017	Dinner
City Food Lecture Organising	21 February 2017	Lecture

Committee

Community Foundation in Wales	28 February 2017	Dinner
Seafarers UK	28 March 2017	Dinner
Goodacre UK	30 March 2017	Dinner
London District Surveyors Association	16 June 2017	Awards Ceremony
City of London School	16 October 2017	Prize Giving
Macmillan Cancer Support	29 November 2017	Dinner
The Guild of Freemen of the City of London	11 December 2017	Dinner

Resolved – That the several applications be noted.

14 September 2016

(B) Application for Hospitality: Reception to mark the 950th anniversary of the King William Charter

In 1067, William the Conqueror granted a Charter to the City guaranteeing the collective rights of its inhabitants. This Charter holds great historical importance for the City as it recognises the rights, privileges and laws that the City had enjoyed prior to the Conquest; it is also the oldest document in the City's Archive.

To mark the 950th anniversary of the grant of the Charter, the London Metropolitan Archives would be putting it on display in the Heritage Gallery from January to March 2017. This would be the first time in its history it would have gone on display and, to coincide with this, it was proposed that the City Corporation host a panel discussion followed by a reception. The panel discussion would consist of three academics each presenting a brief lecture on the subject of the Charter and London at the time of the Norman Conquest, to be followed by a short question and answer session.

It was therefore recommended that hospitality be granted in the form of a panel discussion and reception to mark the 950th anniversary of the King William Charter and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

This would be a Committee event.

Resolved - that hospitality in the form of a panel discussion and reception be granted to mark the 950th anniversary of the King William Charter, with arrangements be made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee and the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)

20 September 2016

(A) Publication of an Efficiency and Sustainability Plan

At its 3 March 2016 meeting, the Court of Common Council had agreed that an efficiency plan should be published. Subsequently, during July of that year, the Efficiency and Performance Sub-Committee, Finance Committee and Resource Allocation Sub-Committee were all consulted on a proposed efficiency framework and draft Efficiency and Sustainability Plan. A final proposed version of the Efficiency Plan was then considered and approved by the Finance Committee on 20 September 2016 the Policy and Resources Committee on 6 October 2016.

The Plan was intended to be a high-level document which focused on the existing Service Based Review programme and other agreed transformation initiatives, along with the framework being developed for continuous efficiency improvement for 2017/18 and later years. In addition to this Plan, further internal plans for driving forward efficiency initiatives would be developed, with implementation overseen and monitored by the Finance Committee.

Publication of the Efficiency and Sustainability Plan, set out at Appendix 1 to the report, was required by 14 October 2016 and the Court was **recommended** to approve the Plan and its publication accordingly.

Resolved – That the Efficiency and Sustainability Plan set out be approved and published accordingly.

26 September 2016

(B) City Fund and Pension Funds - 2015/16 Statement of Accounts and Annual Audit Letter

On 23 May 1996, the Court authorised the Finance Committee to approve, amongst other things, the Statement of Accounts for the City Fund and Pension Funds. The Finance Committee had duly considered and approved the 2015/16 City Fund and Pension Funds Statement of Accounts.

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

It was accordingly **recommended** that the Court receive the 2015/16 City Fund and Pensions Fund Statement of Accounts.

Resolved – That the 2015/16 City Fund and Pensions Fund Statement of Accounts be received.

19.

SOCIAL INVESTMENT BOARD

(Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, Alderman)

27 September 2016

2016 Progress Report

The Court considered a report outlining the progress on the work of its Social Investment Fund, detailing the investment portfolio to date and the geographic

spread of investments.

It was also **recommended** that Social Investment Fund be permitted to combine its UK and London ring-fences until October 2019, after which a further progress report would be made.

Resolved – That approval be given to permit the Social Investment Fund to combine its UK and London ring-fences until October 2019.

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

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.

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

21. **Non-public Minutes**

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

22. **Finance Committee**

The Court approved the award of one contract associated with the provision of recruitment advertising services and one contract concerned with public notice advertising.

23. **Markets Committee**

The Court received a report providing an update in respect of the Poultry Market and a programme of maintenance and repairs.

24. **Police Committee**

The Court approved a report which provided an update on the Police Accommodation Strategy and sought permission to progress the project to Gateway 5 of the Project Procedure.

25. **Establishment Committee**

The Court received a report setting out changes to the Chamberlain's Senior Leadership Team.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.15 pm

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