



PARMLEY, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

9th March 2017
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee
Sir Michael David Bear
Charles Bowman
Sheriff Peter Estlin
Sir Roger Gifford
Alison Gowman

David Andrew Graves
Timothy Russell Hailes, JP
Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, JP
Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Gregory Percy Jones, QC
Alastair John Naisbitt King

Ian David Luder, JP
The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Dr Andrew
Charles Parmley
Dame Fiona Woolf
Sir David Wootton

COMMONERS

John David Absalom, Deputy
Randall Keith Anderson
Alex Bain-Stewart, JP
John Alfred Barker, OBE, Deputy
Douglas Barrow, Deputy
John Bennett, Deputy
Peter Gordon Bennett
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP
Mark Boleat
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
Karina Dostalova
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
Stuart John Fraser, CBE
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
George Marr Flemington Gillon,
MBE
Stanley Ginsburg, JP, Deputy
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines MA, Deputy
Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy
Graeme Harrower
Christopher Michael Hayward
Tom Hoffman
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy
Clare James

Gregory Alfred Lawrence
Vivienne Littlechild, JP
Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy
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,
Deputy
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
Sylvia Doreen Moys
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE,
Deputy
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE
Graham David Packham
Dhruv Patel
Ann Marjorie Francescia Pembroke
Judith Pleasance

James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy
Emma Charlotte Louisa Price
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Delis Regis
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy
Virginia Rounding
James de Sausmarez
John George Stewart Scott, JP
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Tom Sleigh, Deputy
Sir Michael Snyder
Patrick Thomas Streeter
David James Thompson
James Richard Tumbridge
Michael Welbank, MBE
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Philip Woodhouse

Introduction of a
new Alderman

The Chief Commoner welcomed a new Alderman, Gregory Percy Jones QC, to his first meeting of the Court of Common Council as an Alderman. Alderman Jones was heard in reply.

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations There were none.
3. Minutes *Resolved* – that the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

4. Resolutions The Chief Commoner spoke to express the gratitude of the Court to the following Members, who would not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming Common Council elections:
- Revd. Dr William Goodacre Campbell-Taylor
 - Nigel Kenneth Challis
 - Dennis Cotgrove
 - Revd. Dr Martin Raymond Dudley
 - Deputy Anthony Noel Eskenzi, CBE
 - George Marr Flemington Gillon, MBE
 - Deputy Brian Nicholas Harris
 - Professor John Stuart Penton Lumley
 - Emma Charlotte Louisa Price
 - Delis Regis
 - Angela Mary Starling
 - Patrick Thomas Streeter
 - David James Thompson.
5. Mayoral Visits The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to China, Hong Kong and South Korea.
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:-
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| Lawrence Cecil Van Kampen-Brooks
<i>Robert James Ingham Clark, Deputy
Giles Donald Moore De Margary, TD</i> | a Finance & Technology
Company Director
<i>Citizen and Clothworker
Citizen and Salter</i> | Chiswick, London |
| Demetrios Angelo Edward Apostolides
<i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE
Richard Howard Coombe</i> | an Estate Agent

<i>Citizen and Poulter
Citizen and Poulter</i> | Bromley, Kent |
| Stewart Geoffrey Webb
<i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE
David Peter Coombe</i> | a Solicitor

<i>Citizen and Poulter
Citizen and Poulter</i> | Ascot, Berkshire |
| Jonathan Stephen Fenton-Vince
<i>John Alexander Smail
Gordon Mark Gentry</i> | a Master of English

<i>Citizen and Distiller
Citizen and Baker</i> | Eason's Green, Sussex |
| Rhiannon Fall McLellan
<i>Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP CC
William Barrie Fraser, OBE, Deputy</i> | a Student

<i>Citizen and Salter
Citizen and Gardener</i> | Rotherhithe, London |
| James William Barnett
<i>Brigadier Peter Richard Sharpe
Malcolm Brooks</i> | a Regular Army Officer, retired

<i>Citizen and Gunmaker
Citizen and Loriner</i> | Silchester, Berkshire |

Peter John Chapman <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i> <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i>	an Engineering Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Woodford Green, Essex
Rt Hon James Peter Brokenshire MP <i>Graeme Martyn Smith</i> <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy</i>	a Member of Parliament <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Bexley, Kent
Joseph Alan Piddington <i>George Richard Cannell</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	a Food Retail Manager <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Northwood, Middlesex
Stuart Anthony Baxter <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>Timothy James Callow</i>	a Tour Company Director <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Lower Kingswood, Surrey
Henry John Adams <i>Frederick Charles Parr</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	a Bank Manager <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Upminster, Essex
Dr Howard Harold Robert Bailes <i>Neville John Watson</i> <i>Peter Francis Clark</i>	a History Teacher, retired <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Ealing, London
Dr Michael David Robinson <i>Christopher Douglas Cradock</i> <i>Derek Alan Harrington</i>	a Medical Practitioner, retired <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Horley, Surrey
Joan Agate <i>George Luke Harris</i> <i>Sir Paul Judge, Kt., Ald.</i>	an Electronics Company Secretary, retired <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Marketor</i>	Bushey, Hertfordshire
Marco Fabio Capobianco <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i> <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i>	a Ministry of Justice Interpreter <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i>	Golders Green, London
Niall John Ahern <i>The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP</i>	a Crown Servant <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Vauxhall, London
Andrew James Brennan <i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i> <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP</i>	a Communications Manager <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Bloomsbury, London
Darin Neal Qualls <i>Ronald Peter Murray</i> <i>Alan Mabbutt</i>	a Classical Musician <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	Victoria, London
Anthony Alfred Peter Davis <i>Ronald Peter Murray</i> <i>Steven William Tamcken</i>	an Aviation Consultant <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Victoria, London
Oliver John Rainbow <i>Susan Mary Harrison</i> <i>Basil Roy Hodgson</i>	a Parcel Delivery Company Director <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i>	Newark, Nottinghamshire

Simon James Rainbow <i>Susan Mary Harrison</i> <i>Basil Roy Hodgson</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i>	East Dulwich, Southwark
Andrew Christopher Rainbow <i>Susan Mary Harrison</i> <i>Basil Roy Hodgson</i>	an Accountant <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i>	Southwell, Nottinghamshire
David Leonard Clarke <i>Rasik Magudia</i> <i>Neil Phillip Miller</i>	a Management Accountant, retired <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Chingford, Essex
Gillian Elisabeth Huntley <i>Mark Douglas Estaugh</i> <i>Paul Holmes</i>	a Cosmetic Aesthetician <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Chislehurst, Kent
Robert Ian Duncan <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>Colin Trevor Gurnett</i>	a Carpenter <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Hainault, Essex
John Stephen Hutchings <i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i>	an Educational Psychologist, retired <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Hornsey, Harringey
Jonathan Philip Simon Bianco <i>Richard Anthony Lewis</i> <i>Christopher Michael Catesby Rogers</i>	a Commercial Property Consultant <i>Citizen and Founder</i> <i>Citizen and Founder</i>	Northwood, Middlesex
Alan Gerald Humphries <i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Peter Reginald Allcard</i>	a Royal Air Force Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Harmston, Lincoln
Christine Yvonne Velterop <i>Keith John Ebsworth</i> <i>Stephen Joseph Michael Marsh</i>	a Physiotherapist <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Romford, Essex
James Douglas Agnew <i>Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge, CC,TD</i> <i>Georgina Ela Evangeline Hunter-Jones</i>	an Accountant <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Skinner</i>	Kensington and Chelsea, London
Barry Neil Speker, OBE DL <i>Douglas Donald Ward</i> <i>Phillip Hyde</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Lightmonger</i>	Gosforth, Newcastle Upon Tyne
Henry Michael Norman Campbell-Ricketts <i>Alan Roy Willis</i> <i>David Llewelyn Daniel</i>	an Intelligence Analyst <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Lambeth, London
Caroline Mary Willes <i>John Edward Paul Norris</i> <i>Martin Sean Coffey</i>	a Civil Engineer <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	Petts Wood, Kent

Shirley Anne Chapman <i>Keith John Ebsworth</i> <i>Stephen Joseph Michael Marsh</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Ilford, Essex
Dr Rossella Grisolia <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>David Robert Boston</i>	a Psychologist <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	Ferentino, Italy
Joseph James Newman <i>Stephen Douglas Dudeney</i> <i>William Alfred Hackett</i>	a Post Room Operative <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	Hornchurch, Essex
Geoffrey Raymond Gill <i>John Anthony Goodrum</i> <i>Steven William Tamcken</i>	an Information Technology Company Director <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Hightown, Merseyside
Jack Stephen Gore <i>John Anthony Goodrum</i> <i>Steven William Tamcken</i>	a Bank Official, retired <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Formby, Liverpool
Peter Michael Leslie Rayns Wheeler <i>Anthony John Keith Woodhead</i> <i>Peter Reginald Allcard</i>	a Senior Prison Officer <i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Wisbech, Cambridgeshire
Jean Lois Anastasia Jacyna <i>Graham Woodhouse</i> <i>David Cannell</i>	a Maths Advisor, retired <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i> <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	Romford, Essex
Professor Michael Angus Crawford <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>David Robert Boston</i>	a Professor of Biological Chemistry <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	Camden, London
David Denning <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>George Henry Capon</i>	a Refurbishment & Redevelopment Director <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Bexleyheath, Kent
Sherry Ann Giessen <i>Mei Sim Lai</i> <i>Peter John Alvey</i>	a Financial Chief Executive Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Horner</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Bermondsey, London
Dr Rachel Martin <i>Warren Douglas Foot</i> <i>Lawrence Stephen Phillips</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Oxted, Surrey
Andrew Paul Carter <i>Nicholas Julian Goddard</i> <i>John Alfred Bennett, Deputy</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Barber</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Lambeth, London
Carol Ann Kempton, MBE <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>John Donald Lunn</i>	a Civil Servant, retired <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Fan Maker</i>	West Wickham, Kent
Zachariah Howell Dennis Smith <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Joshua James Pennell</i>	an Operational Task Manager <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Erith, Kent
Colin Michael Owen	an Underwriter, retired	Keston Park, Kent

Donald Howard Coombe, MBE
David Peter Coombe

Citizen and Poulter
Citizen and Poulter

Andrew Cormac Smith
David Jonathan Reynolds
Robert Michael Thompson

a Solicitor
Citizen and Chartered Surveyor
Citizen and Lightmonger

Chelsea, London

Leslie Hutchinson
Christopher James Caine
Councillor Robert Michael John Benham

a Charity Chief Operating Officer
Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards
Citizen and Plumber

Bromley, Kent

Laura Jane Marsh
Stephen Joseph Michael Marsh
Keith John Ebsworth

an Analyst
Citizen and Glover
Citizen and Glover

Camden, London

Claire Elizabeth Marsh

a Teacher

West Bridgford,
 Nottinghamshire

Stephen Joseph Michael Marsh
Keith John Ebsworth

Citizen and Glover
Citizen and Glover

Ian Truslove

a Computer Company Director,
 retired
Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Loriner

Hinkley, Leicestershire

Henry John Emms
Wyndham Seymour-Hamilton

David Arnold Candeland
Ricky James Toomey
Derek John Lawrence

a Masonic Hall Managing Director
Citizen and Blacksmith
Citizen and Blacksmith

Croydon, Surrey

Stanislas Michael Antoine Yassukovich
Stephen John Klimczuk
Cristopher Morgan

a Banker, retired
Citizen and World Trader
Citizen and Distiller

Oppedo, France

Samuel David Josiah Rogers
John Edward Ratcliff, CBE
Gerald Albert George Pulman, JP

an Advocate
Citizen and Carman
Citizen and Basketmaker

Belgravia, London

Kevin Jan Lars Andersson
Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.
Peter Reginald Allcard

a Pastoral Assistant
Citizen and Fletcher
Citizen and Blacksmith

Westminster, London

Vijaya Kumar Ragawan
Howard Andre Beber
Brian John Coombe

a Psychiatric Nurse
Citizen and Poulter
Citizen and Poulter

Manor Park, London

Philip William Hynard

a Chartered Quantity Surveyor

High Wycombe,
 Buckinghamshire

Roger Brian Adcock
Andrew Graham Bowles

Citizen and Constructor
Citizen and Mason

Sajaad Akber Jetha

a Consultancy Managing
 Director
Citizen and Educator
Citizen and Shipwright

Croydon, Surrey

Iain Reid
Richard Stuart Goddard

Joseph Anthony Alexander McLean
Neville John Watson
Peter Francis Clark

a Private Client Wealth Manager
Citizen and Fletcher
Citizen and Mason

Headley Down, Hampshire

Dennis Ewen Stott

an Oil Company Production

Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire

<i>Susan Mary Harrison</i> <i>Basil Roy Hodgson</i>	Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i>	
Stephen Wragg <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Brian John Coombe</i>	a Licensee <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Market Lavington, Wiltshire
Jane Elizabeth Gill <i>David Benjamin Morris</i> <i>Trevor Peter Dutt, RD</i>	a Barrister, retired <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>	Gray's Inn, London
Victor Jeffrey Daniels <i>Robert James Ingham-Clarke</i> <i>Michael McAllister Todd</i>	a Creative Director <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Turner</i>	Teddington, London
Bryan William McLaggan <i>Martin Robert Charles Humphrys</i> <i>Paul Baldwin</i>	a Building Services Director <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Romford, Essex
Mark George Creswell <i>Brian Derek Francois</i> <i>Christopher Thomas Albrow</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Environmental Cleaner</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Harlow, Essex
Christina Sorensen Knapper <i>Timothy John Waller</i> <i>Edward Michael Vernon Knapper</i>	a Bank Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wire Drawer</i>	Poole, Dorset
Cristiano Pizzocheri <i>Michael Raymond Mainelli, Alderman</i> <i>Mark Geoffrey Yeandle</i>	an Insurance Company Director <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Weaver</i>	Tower Hamlets, London
Christopher John Cherry <i>Gregory Percy Jones, QC, CC</i> <i>Nigel Baldwin Whitehead</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Bexley, Kent
Elliott James Andrew Godman <i>Rt Hon Sir Robert George Alexander Balchin</i> <i>Nigel Anthony Chimmo Branson, JP</i>	a Law Student <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
Brigadier Alastair Andrew Bernard Reibey Bruce of Crionaich, OBE, VR, ADC, DL <i>Lord Jeffrey Richard Mountevans, Ald.</i> <i>Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL, CC</i>	an Army Officer <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Skinner</i>	Alresford, Hampshire
Eswaraj Ranil Perera <i>John Dominic Reid</i> <i>Ashley Jon Kovas</i>	a Risk and Compliance Consultant <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Croydon, Surrey
Laurie Renee Defrain-Stemm <i>Lord Robert George Alexander Lingfield, Kt., DL.</i> <i>Nigel Anthony Chimmo Branson, JP</i>	a Trainer <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Florida, United States of America
Gregory Paul Stemm	a Marine Company Chairman	Florida, United States of

<i>Lord Robert George Alexander Lingfield, Kt., DL Nigel Anthony Chimmo Branson, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	America
Professor Sir Paul James Curran <i>Lord Jeffrey Richard Mountevans, Ald. Prof. Michael Raymond Mainelli, Ald.</i>	<i>a University President Citizen and Shipwright Citizen and World Trader</i>	Islington, London
His Excellency Kenna Alewa Mphonda <i>Mark Watson-Gandy James Alastair Christian Watson-Gandy</i>	<i>The High Commissioner of Malawi Citizen and Scrivener Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Bloomsbury, London
His Excellency Claus Grube <i>John Garbutt, Ald., JP Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i>	<i>The Ambassador of Denmark Citizen and Weaver Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Knightsbridge, London
Lord Norman Robert Foster of Thames Bank, OM <i>John Michael Welbank, MBE, Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	<i>an Architect Citizen and Chartered Architect Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	St Moritz, Switzerland

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

European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill

The Bill enables the Government to notify the European Council of the United Kingdom's intention to withdraw from the European Union and to allow formal withdrawal negotiations to begin under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union.

Local Government Finance Bill

The Bill will require 100 per cent of business rates to be retained within local government (subject to redistribution among councils), abolish the revenue support grant, provide for councils to be compensated for valuation appeal losses, and make various other changes to the local government finance system.

Statutory Instruments

Date in force

The Childcare (Early Years Provision Free of Charge) (Extended Entitlement) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 1257

1 September 2017

The Regulations make detailed provision about eligibility for, and delivery of, the extended entitlement to free childcare enacted in the Childcare Act 2016. The entitlement is enjoyed by working parents of three- or four-year-olds and amounts to 30 hours per week for 38 weeks per year. Local authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) will be responsible for delivering the entitlement.

The Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 1265

1 April 2017

The Regulations provide transitional relief for business ratepayers facing increased bills as a result of the 2017 revaluation. For properties with a rental value of more than £100,000, the maximum increase in 2017–18 will be 42 per cent.

The Coasting Schools (England) Regulations 2017, S.I. No. 9

11 January 2017

The Regulations define 'coasting' for the purposes of the Education and Adoption Act 2016, which empowers the Secretary of State to intervene in schools meeting that description. The definition is by reference to standard performance measures and is intended to identify schools that consistently fail to stretch their pupils. It applies to maintained school and academies at the primary and secondary levels.

The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017, S.I. No. 13

10 February 2017

The Regulations amend the form of council tax demand notice so as to include information about the adult social care precept which councils are entitled to charge in 2017–18.

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

14 February 2017

The Regulations impose a requirement on local authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) to write to parents each year notifying them of schools with atypical ages of admission (such as university technical colleges) within reasonable travelling distance to which their children could apply.

The Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2017, S.I. No. 39

20 February 2017

The Regulations remove the ability for billing authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) to issue business rate demand notices covering more than one financial year, require the accompanying explanatory notes to be provided online rather than in paper form, and update the content of the explanatory notes to reflect changes to the rating system.

The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2017, S.I. No. 44

1 April 2017

The Regulations specify how local authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) are to set education budgets and allocate education funding in 2017–18. They include provision intended to aid transition towards the new schools funded formula which the Government is committed to introduce in 2018–19.

The Social Housing Rents (Exceptions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017, S.I. No. 91

1 April 2017

The Regulations extend, clarify and add to the exceptions to the four-year reduction in social rents required by the Housing and Planning Act 2016. The principal exceptions, such as domestic violence refuges and almshouses, will now apply throughout the four years.

The Non-Domestic Rating (Reliefs, Thresholds and Amendment) (England) Order 2017, S.I. No. 102

1 April 2017

The Regulations give effect to the reductions in smaller businesses' rates bills announced in the 2016 Budget, including putting 100% small business rates relief on a permanent footing and raising rateable value thresholds. They also up-rate other thresholds, including that for empty property relief.

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

10. Ballot
Results

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

One Member to the **Board of Governors of the City of London School.**

	Votes
Dominic Gerard Christian	71
Michael Hudson	23

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Dominic Christian to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School.

One Member to **The City Bridge Trust Committee.**

	Votes
John Alfred Barker, O.B.E., Deputy	27
Dhruv Patel	67

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Dhruv Patel to be appointed to The City Bridge Trust Committee.

11.
Appointments

Prior to consideration of this item, a point of order was raised concerning the timing of the appointments to outside bodies to be considered at this meeting, given the forthcoming City-wide elections.

Lord, C.E.L.,
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy;
Lawrence, G.A.

Motion – that all appointments to outside bodies be deferred until the first meeting after the Common Council elections on 23 March 2017.

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

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following outside bodies:

- One Member on the **Trust for London**, for a term expiring in April 2022.

Nominations received:-

Peter Estlin, Alderman & Sheriff

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman & Sheriff Peter Estlin to be appointed to the Trust for London.

- (B)** One Member on the **Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation**, for a term expiring in March 2022.

Nominations received:-

Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Marianne Fredericks to be appointed to the Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation.

- (C) One Member on the **City and Metropolitan Welfare Charity**, for a term expiring in March 2021.

Nominations received:-

Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mark Wheatley to be appointed to the City and Metropolitan Welfare Charity.

- (D) Two Members on the **City Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association**, for terms expiring in March 2020.

Nominations received:-

Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.

Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Simon Duckworth and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark to be appointed to the City Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association.

- (E) Three Members on the **Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry**, for terms expiring in March 2018.

Nominations received:-

Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy

Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.

Gregory Percy Jones, Q.C., Alderman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Roger Chadwick, Simon Duckworth and Alderman Gregory Jones to be appointed to the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry.

12. The
Honourable The
Irish Society

- (A) The Court proceeded to consider the appointment of five Common Councilmen to The Honourable The Irish Society, for terms of three years.

**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

Nominations received:-

*Peter Gerard Dunphy
Ann Holmes
*Wendy Hyde
Vivienne Littlechild, J.P.
*Hugh Fenton Morris
Jeremy Paul Mayhew
Jeremy Lewis Simons

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) The Court proceeded to endorse the Court of Aldermen's nomination to The Honourable The Irish Society of Alderman Vincent Keaveny, for a three-year term.
- (C) The Court noted that Alderman Sir David Wootton would serve as Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society for the year ensuing, with a Deputy Governor to be appointed by the Court of The Honourable The Irish Society.

13. Questions

St Lawrence Jewry

John Scott asked a question of the Chairman of the Finance Committee concerning a project to repair St Lawrence Jewry.

Responding, the Chairman provided the background to the project and a summary of progress to date, as well as the associated legal complexities. He updated Members on the likely funding requirements and work being undertaken with the Church's Grants Application Advisor to identify fundraising capabilities and a possible Heritage Lottery Fund bid. He added that a report seeking a decision on the way forward would be presented to the Finance and Policy and Resources Committees in May.

Until such time as the issue had been considered by these Committees, it was not within his power to make any further announcement on the restoration of St Lawrence Jewry; however, he undertook to expedite the matter as far as possible.

Remuneration of Members

The Revd. William Campbell-Taylor asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the remuneration of Members and its possible impact on the diversity of the Court of Common Council.

In reply, the Chairman identified a number of factors which might have an impact on

the diversity of the Court, including remuneration. He reminded Members of the work that had been undertaken over the past few years to look at the potential barriers which might deter people from standing for election, including outreach and engagement activity with City workers and a review of the City Corporation's own working practices, including the timing of meetings. Given the closeness of Members to issues such as this, the Chief Executive of East Sussex County Council had been asked to undertake a review which would provide an external objective perspective on this issue. Her findings were due to be reported to the Policy and Resources Committee in May.

Speaking specifically on the issue of pay, the Chairman noted that this had been explored in depth on several occasions by Members who had, on balance, felt that no action should be taken in respect of remuneration; notwithstanding this, the Financial Loss Scheme for Members had been enhanced to try and address this issue. He observed that the larger number of Members in the City compared to London Boroughs meant that any expenditure through a remuneration scheme would be comparatively high. In addition, he noted the City Corporation's extensive range of non-local authority activities and drew parallels with charities and other such organisations where Members were not remunerated, observing that this was a difficult issue with arguments on both sides. He suggested that it might be appropriate for the new Court, following the City-wide elections, to review the matter again at some point, taking into account the findings of the Chief Executive of East Sussex County Council's report.

Responding to supplementary questions concerning the particular issues associated with the current system as they related to the self-employed, the Chairman agreed that it was difficult for such individuals under the current scheme to prove loss of earnings adequately, meaning that it was difficult to ensure adequate recompense. However, there were also some advantages for the self-employed with the current system, particularly in terms of diary control and flexibility with meetings.

In answer to a question concerning the possibility of payment for Committee Chairmen, the Chairman agreed that one or two chairmanships were effectively full-time jobs which might be difficult to manage alongside other employment. However, he noted that different individuals had different approaches and that committees varied, observing that it would be difficult to draw the line as to which chairmanships were worthy of remuneration and which were not; this point could also be made for some roles which were not necessarily committee chairmanships. He reiterated his belief that the issue of remuneration was a complex question and that it merited appropriate consideration by the Court following the forthcoming elections.

At this point in the proceedings, a Member sought the leave of the Court to ask a question relating to the previous item.

Bain-Stewart, A.,
J.P.; Ginsburg, S.,
J.P.

Motion – that the leave of the Court be granted to permit a question on the previous item.

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

Upper Thames Street: Pedestrian Crossing

Deputy Brian Mooney asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the future of a pedestrian crossing on Upper Thames Street.

Replying, the Chairman provided the background of the particular crossing, which was a privately-owned temporary footbridge erected in 1997. With the bridge now being life-expired after some 20 years of use, the owners had determined not to explore whether it could be made safe and brought into permanent use, nor applied for planning permission to retain the bridge. Consequently they were now progressing plans to ensure the efficient and prompt removal of the bridge. However, the Chairman informed the Court that he had asked officers to review the facilities for crossing Upper Thames Street and also to discuss with the bridge owners whether they would be prepared to transfer the bridge to the City Corporation's ownership. Responding to a supplementary question on this matter, the Chairman added that he would be asking officers to hold these talks as swiftly as possible, to ensure discussions took place prior to the bridge's removal.

Responding to a further supplementary question on the wider issue of development, the Chairman provided an update on a previous query concerning the possibility of introducing a levy on developers to fund onsite specialist staff to prevent and stop instances of unacceptable behaviour, in liaison with the City of London Corporation's pollution control team. He informed Members that a report on this issue was due to come to the next meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee, with the proposal that a suitable clause be included within the new Code of Practice for Construction and Deconstruction to require provision for contributions to fund more pro-active monitoring of construction impacts from development sites. If approved, this scheme was expected to be introduced within three months.

14. Motions There were no motions.

15. Awards and Prizes The Court received a report of the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, advising that the City of London Corporation had been awarded a Platinum Grade by the British Toilet Association for all four of its attended toilets.

16. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)

21 February 2017

(A) City Fund 2017/18 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy

The Court proceeded to consider a report of the Finance Committee presenting the overall financial position of the City Fund (i.e. the Corporation's finances relating to Local Government, Police and Port Health services) **recommending** that:

- the Council Tax for 2017/18 remain unchanged from 2016/17; and
- the Business Rate Premium be unchanged.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the budget and clarify a number of elements, following which a number of Members took the opportunity to ask questions.

Noting the provision of £400,000 for adult social care, a Member spoke to seek assurances that the money would be used to prevent, as far as possible, any delayed hospital discharges involving City residents. Replying, the Chairman observed the distinction between provision and allocation of a budget, observing that the case would need to be made by the Community and Children's Services Committee for the funds to be allocated. He agreed that such delays should be minimised as far as possible and suggested that the Chairman might, accordingly, wish to use a decrease in such delays as an objective or measure of success in making his case for funds to be allocated.

Responding to a plea from a Member for a more ambitious approach to tackling the underlying causes and issues associated with rough sleeping and homelessness, the Chairman expressed sympathy with the view that a shift away from a merely reactive strategy to a more proactive one would be beneficial. He highlighted the work of The City Bridge Trust and the City Corporation's other charitable arms in this field and urged the Member to engage with the Trust's current quinquennial review, suggesting that this might be factored into its future strategy. Members also noted the Social Investment Board's recent contribution towards the building of a new YMCA hostel in the City, which would accommodate up to 150 potential rough sleepers.

In response to queries concerning the recent revaluation of business rates and the disproportionate impact on small and medium enterprises in the City, the Chairman agreed that the current system was not ideal and observed that City ratepayers were effectively being asked to contribute an additional £230m. This clearly did not align with the ambition to make London a more competitive place and, indeed, risked detracting from its global reputation. However, he also noted the difficulty in identifying and implementing a better and fairer alternative. With the Chancellor of the Exchequer having indicated he would be seeking to explore new ways of taxing businesses, particularly in respect of the digital economy, as well having announced a review of the revaluation system and the prospect of greater fiscal devolution to London in this area, the Finance Committee would be working with the Policy and Resources Committee, as necessary, to consider forthcoming proposals and any appropriate next steps. The City was clear in its desire to see the burden of business taxation set in a way that maintained London's competitiveness and which struck a fair balance between different sectors, whilst securing the revenues to ensure the delivery of first rate services.

Resolved – That that the report be agreed to and that the Court do pass a Resolution in the following terms:-

1. that for the 2017/18 financial year the Court of Common Council approves:
 - the Premium multiplier on the Non-Domestic Rate and Small Business Rate multipliers be set at 0.005 (no increase on the present multiplier) to enable the City to continue to support the City of London Police, security and contingency planning activity within the Square Mile at an enhanced level;

- an unchanged Council Tax of £857.31 for a Band D property (excluding the GLA precept);
- the overall financial framework and the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy for the City Fund; and
- the City Fund Net Budget Requirement of £119.3m.

Council Tax

2. It be noted that in 2012 the Finance Committee delegated the calculation of the Council Tax Base to the Chamberlain and the Chamberlain has calculated the following amounts for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) 7060.39 being the amount calculated by the Chamberlain (as delegated by the Finance Committee), in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as the City's Council Tax Base for the year; this amount includes a calculation of the amount of council tax reduction; and
- (b) Parts of Common Council's Area

Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excl. Temples (special expense area)
84.79	68.74	6906.86

being the amounts calculated by the Chamberlain, in accordance with the Regulations, as the amounts of the City's Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which the special items relate.

3. For the year 2017/18 the Common Council determines, in accordance with Section 35(2)(d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, that any expenses incurred by the Common Council in performing in a part of its area a function performed elsewhere in its area by the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple and the Under Treasurer of the Middle Temple shall not be treated as special expenses, apart from the amount of £16,494,000 being the expenses incurred by the Common Council in performing in the area of the Common Council of the City of London the City open spaces, highways, waste collection and disposal, transportation planning and road safety, street lighting, drains and sewer functions.
4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Common Council for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) £387,200,000

Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Common Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act, including the local precepts issued by the Inner and Middle Temples

- (b) £381,147,057 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Common Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act;
- (c) £6,052,943 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year;
- (d) £857.31 Being the amount of 4(c) above, divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;
- (e) £16,860,638.85 Being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, including the local precepts issued by the Inner and Middle Temples;
- (f) £1,530.75 CR Being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(g) Parts of Common Council's Area

Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excl. Temples (special expense area)
£	£	£
857.31	857.31	857.31

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Common Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b)

above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one of the special items relate; and

(h) Council Tax Valuation Bands

Valuation Bands	Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excluding Temples (special expense area)
	£	£	£
A	571.54	571.54	571.54
B	666.80	666.80	666.80
C	762.05	762.05	762.05
D	857.31	857.31	857.31
E	1,047.82	1,047.82	1,047.82
F	1,238.34	1,238.34	1,238.34
G	1,428.85	1,428.85	1,428.85
H	1,714.62	1,714.62	1,714.62

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which, in that proportion, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

5. It be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Greater London Authority has proposed the following amounts in precepts issued to the Common Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	<u>Precepting Authority</u>
	Greater London Authority
	£
A	49.26
B	57.47
C	65.68
D	73.89
E	90.31
F	106.73
G	123.15
H	147.78

6. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(h) and 5 above, the Common Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby proposes the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwelling as shown below:

Council Tax Valuation Bands Inclusive of GLA Precept

Valuation Bands	Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excluding Temples (special expense area)
	£	£	£
A	620.80	620.80	620.80
B	724.27	724.27	724.27
C	827.73	827.73	827.73
D	931.20	931.20	931.20
E	1,138.13	1,138.13	1,138.13
F		1,345.07	1,345.07
G	1,552.00	1,552.00	1,552.00
H	1,862.40	1,862.40	1,862.40

7. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that the following amounts of discount be awarded:
- i. to dwellings in Class B as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (i.e. second homes) - Nil for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2017;
 - ii. to dwellings in Class C as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) in the case of a vacant dwelling that has been such for a continuous period of less than 6 months ending immediately before the day in question: 100% for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2017;
 - (b) in the case of a vacant dwelling that has been such for a continuous period of 6 months or more: nil for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2017 (i.e. a dwelling that is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished will qualify for a discount from the date the dwelling became vacant of 100% for the first six months (less one day) and nil thereafter)

- iii. to dwellings in Class D as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (i.e. vacant uninhabitable dwellings or vacant dwellings undergoing major works to make them habitable or vacant dwellings where major repair works have taken place): 100% for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2017.
8. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2017/18, calculated in accordance with Section 52ZX of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 is not excessive in accordance with the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2017/18.

Council Tax Reduction (formerly Council Tax Benefit)

9. It be noted that at the Court of Common Council meeting in January 2017 Members approved the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017/18 to be the same as the scheme for 2016/17 Effectively, the City's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017/18 will have the annual uprating of non-dependent income and deductions, and income levels relating to Alternative Council Tax Reduction, or any other uprating as it applies to working age claimants, adjusted in line with inflation levels by reference to relevant annual uprating in the Housing Benefit Scheme or The Prescribed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for Pensioners.

Non Domestic Rates

10. The Common Council of the City of London being a special authority in accordance with Section 144(6) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 hereby sets for the chargeable financial year beginning with 1st April 2017, a Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.484 and a Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.471 in accordance with Part II of the Schedule 7 of the said Act. (Both multipliers are inclusive of the City business rate premium of 0.005).
11. In addition, the levying by the Greater London Authority of a Business Rate Supplement in 2017/18 of 0.020 (i.e. 2.0p in the £) on hereditaments with a rateable value greater than £70,000, to finance its contribution to Crossrail, be noted.
12. A copy of the said Council Taxes and the Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers, signed by the Town Clerk, be deposited in the offices of the Town Clerk in the said City, and advertised within 21 days from the date of the Court's decision, in at least one newspaper circulating in the area of the Common Council.

Capital Expenditure and Financing for the Year 2017/18

Having considered the circulated report, we further recommend that the Court passes a resolution in the following terms:-

13. The City Fund capital budget is approved and its final financing be determined by the Chamberlain, apart from in regard to any possible borrowing options.
14. For the purpose of Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial years 2017/18 to 2019/20, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that at this stage the amount of money (referred to as the "Affordable Borrowing Limit"), which is the maximum amount which the City may have outstanding by way of external borrowing, shall be £0.
15. For the purpose of Section 21(A) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial year 2017/18, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that the prudent amount of Minimum Revenue Provision is £896,000 which equals the amount of deferred income released from the premiums received for the sale of long leases in accordance with the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy at Appendix E.
16. Any potential external borrowing requirement and associated implications will be subject to a further report to Finance Committee and the Court of Common Council.
17. The Chamberlain be authorised to lend surplus monies on the basis set out in the Annual Investment Strategy, with an absolute limit of £300m for maturities in excess of 364 days.
18. The following Prudential Indicators be set:

Prudential indicators for affordability, prudence, capital expenditure and external debt:

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Estimates of the ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream:			
HRA	1.13	0.53	0.53
Non-HRA	(0.25)	(0.33)	(0.16)
Total	(0.12)	(0.25)	(0.10)
Estimate of the incremental impact of capital investment decisions on the Council Tax - compared to 2016/17 estimates and expressed as a Band D equivalent	£ 4,488	£ 5,614	£ 9,527

Estimate of the incremental impact on average weekly rent of capital investment decisions on housing rents	£ (4.89)	£ (4.06)	£ (1.70)
Estimates of Capital Expenditure	£m	£m	£m
HRA	36.615	25.253	7.331
Non-HRA	95.601	105.450	95.658
Total	132.216	130.703	102.989
Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement – underlying need to borrow	£m	£m	£m
HRA	0.000	0.000	0.000
Non-HRA	49.688	100.955	154.509
Total	49.688	100.955	154.509
Net borrowing/(Net investments)	Period 2016/17 to 2019/20 £m (35.193)		
Capital financing requirement – underlying need to borrow	154.509		

Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management:

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Operational Boundary for External Debt	£m	£m	£m
Borrowing	0	0	0
Other Long Term Liabilities	14.0	13.9	13.8
Total	14.0	13.9	13.8
Authorised Limit	£m	£m	£m
Borrowing	0	0	0
Other Long Term Liabilities	14.0	13.9	13.8
Total	14.0	13.9	13.8

<i>Upper Limit - Fixed Interest Rate Exposure</i>	100%	100%	100%
<i>Upper Limit-Variable Interest Rate Exposure</i>	100%	100%	100%
<i>Upper limit for Principal Sums Invested for > 364 days</i>	£300m	£300m	£300m
<i>Maturity Structure of New Fixed Rate Borrowing During 2015/16</i>	<i>Upper Limit</i> %	<i>Lower Limit</i> %	
<i>Under 12 months</i>	0	0	
<i>12 months and within 24 months</i>	0	0	
<i>24 months and within 5 years</i>	0	0	
<i>5 years and within 10 years</i>	0	0	
<i>10 years and above</i>	0	0	

Local Indicator focusing on revenue reserves:

	<i>2017/18</i> <i>Estimate</i>	<i>2018/19</i> <i>Estimate</i>	<i>2019/20</i> <i>Estimate</i>
<i>Times cover by dividing unencumbered revenue reserves by annual revenue deficit/(surplus) - bracketed figures denote annual surpluses</i>	(5.5)	26.0	1.1

Other Recommendations

19. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2017/18 are endorsed.
20. The Chamberlain's assessment of the robustness of budgets and the adequacy of reserves is endorsed.

21 February 2017

(B) Revenue and Capital Budgets 2016/17 and 2017/18

The Court was presented with a report which summarised the revenue and

capital budgets for each of the City's three main funds, City Fund, City's Cash and Bridge House Estates together with the budgets for central support services within Guildhall Administration (which initially 'holds' such costs before these are wholly apportioned). The report accompanied the Summary Budget Book which includes all the City's budgets at a summary level in a single document and was available in the Members' Reading Room and on the City Corporation's website.

The Court was **recommended** to approve the revenue and capital budgets for City's Cash, Bridge House Estates and Guildhall Administration for the financial year 2017/18 (the budgets for City Fund having already been considered under part A above).

Resolved – that:-

- the latest revenue budgets for 2016/17 be noted;
- the 2017/18 revenue budgets be approved;
- the capital budgets be approved; and
- authority be delegated to the Chamberlain to determine the financing of the capital budgets.

*Welbank, M.,
M.B.E.; Hayward,
C.M.*

Further resolved - That the thanks of the Court be given to the Chairman of the Finance Committee for his introduction to the budget reports before the Court this day and that a copy be circulated to every Member in the usual way.

17. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Mark Boleat)

16 February 2017

(A) Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders in relation to disposal of property assets

In July 2016, the Finance Committee conducted a review of the operations of its Sub-Committees. One of the proposals emerging from that review was that the Corporate Asset Sub-Committee (CASC) be responsible for decisions regarding the disposal of properties which had been declared as surplus to the Corporation's operational requirements (and which were not suitable as investment property assets).

The proposal was that, when properties were declared as surplus to the City Corporation's operational requirements, the City Surveyor's Investment Property Group would be given the opportunity to determine whether it would wish for the properties in question to be retained as investment property assets. Properties would only be passed to CASC if they are not appropriate as investment property assets.

In order to enact this proposal, an amendment was required to the Standing Orders which governed the disposal of property assets (Standing Orders 56 and 57) to provide authority to CASC for these transactions. Proposed wording for the amended Standing Orders was set out at Appendix 1 to the report and the Court was **recommended** to approve the changes.

Resolved – That approval be given to the amendment of Standing Order No. 56

and Standing Order No. 57, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

6 February 2017

(B) Report of Urgent Action Taken: London Councils Grants Scheme 2016/17 Levy

The City of London Corporation is responsible for issuing the annual levies for subscriptions to all the constituent councils of the London Councils Grants Scheme (LCGS). The Court of Common Council can only consider the levies if at least two-thirds of the constituent councils (i.e. 22 out of 33 of the London local authorities) have approved the total expenditure to be incurred under the Grants Scheme.

Having received confirmation from London Councils that the budget had been agreed by over two thirds of the Constituent Councils, the approval of the Court was sought under the urgency procedures to issue the levies before the statutory deadline of 15 February 2017.

The Court of Common Council was therefore **recommended** to note that on 6 February 2016, approval was given in accordance with Standing Order No. 19 to issue the levies as set out in the appendix to the report.

Resolved – That the report be received.

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

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

16 February 2017

(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>
Silverstone Circuits Ltd	Saturday 25 March 2017	Dinner
Army Benevolent Fund	Thursday 6 April 2017	Lunch
BPP University	Wednesday 3 May 2017 Friday 14 July 2017 Thursday 23 November 2017	Graduation
The London Platinum and Palladium Market	Tuesday 16 May 2017	Reception
Global Capital	Wednesday 17 May	Dinner
Stroke Association	Wednesday 23 May 2017	Lecture
Relish Events	Tuesday 20 June 2017	Reception
Centre for Policy Studies	Monday 26 June 2017	Lecture

	Tuesday 27 June 2017	
The Worshipful Company of Carmen	Wednesday 12 July 2017	Cart Marking and Luncheon
Story Events	Saturday 15 July	Graduation
UK Theatre	Sunday 15 October 2017 Sunday 14 October 2018	Lunch
Four Colman Getty	Tuesday 17 October 2017	Dinner
Baltic Air Charter Association	Wednesday 18 October 2017 Wednesday 10 October 2018	Awards Lunch
Hasilwood Management Services Ltd	Thursday 31 October 2017	Lunch
Recruitment International	Thursday 2 November 2017	Dinner
Guildhall School of Music & Drama	Friday 3 November 2017 Friday 2 November 2018	Graduation
Save the Children	Tuesday 16 November 2017	Dinner
Coventry University London Campus	Friday 24 November 2017	Graduation
Financial Services Forum	Thursday 30 November 2017	Dinner
Staff Christmas Lunches	Monday 18 December 2017 Tuesday 19 December 2017 Wednesday 20 December 2017	Lunch
Chance Organisation	Thursday 15 March 2018	Dinner
City Property Association	Thursday 22 March 2018	Lunch
CSI Washington DC	Tuesday 1 May 2018	Reception
AE3 Media	Friday 8 June 2018	Lunch
The Worshipful Company of Butchers	Friday 15 June 2018	Dinner
Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors	Wednesday 28 June 2018	Dinner
City of London School for	Friday 5 October 2018	Prize Giving

Girls

The Sugar Association of London	Thursday 11 October 2018	Dinner
The Honourable Company of Air Pilots	Thursday 25 October 2018	Dinner
International Wine and Awards Spirit Competition	Wednesday 15 November 2017	Ceremony
London Councils Summit	Saturday 18 November 2017	Conference

Resolved – That the several applications be noted.

16 February 2017

(B) Applications for Hospitality

(i) Reception to mark the 60th Anniversary of the rededication of St Lawrence Jewry Church

2017 being the 60th year since the rededication of St Lawrence Jewry Church, an approach had been made for the City Corporation to host an early evening reception following a service, planned for Wednesday 19 July, to mark the anniversary.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following the 60th anniversary service to mark the rededication of St Lawrence Jewry, with arrangements 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 for an early evening reception following the 60th anniversary service to mark the rededication of St Lawrence Jewry, with arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

(ii) Armed Forces Flag Day 2017

The annual Armed Forces Flag Day forms part of a week of activities across the country to raise public awareness of the contribution made by the Armed Forces. Armed Forces Flag Day was established to provide an opportunity to show support for members of the Armed Forces and Service families.

To mark the occasion and in line with previous years, it was proposed that the City Corporation host a flag-raising ceremony in Guildhall Yard during the afternoon of Thursday 22 June, followed by light refreshments in the Old Library. The event was intended to provide an opportunity for the City to show its support for the Armed

Forces and raise awareness of the contribution made to our country by those who are currently serving or have previously served in the Forces.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a flag-raising ceremony to mark Armed Forces Day, followed by light refreshments, and that arrangements 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 full Court event.

Resolved – that hospitality be granted for a flag-raising ceremony to mark Armed Forces Day, followed by light refreshments, and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters

(iii) Reception to mark the centenary of the Royal Air Force (RAF)

The RAF was to celebrate its centenary on 1 April 2018 and, to mark the occasion, the "RAF100" programme had been planned. This was to comprise a six-month programme of events across the UK, starting in April 2018, with a focus on commemorating the RAF's achievements, raising its profile and promoting a better understanding of its role.

Following discussions with those planning the centenary programme, it had been proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception on 19 April in the Great Hall and Old Library. The reception would mark the start of a weekend of RAF focused events at Guildhall, including an aircraft display in the Guildhall Yard.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to mark the centenary of the Royal Air Force and that arrangements 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 full Court event.

Resolved – that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to mark the centenary of the Royal Air Force and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

19. PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Wendy Mead, O.B.E.)

24 January 2017

(A) Update to the Scheme of Delegations: Marriage Licensing

Under the Marriage Act 1949, the Court of Common Council has authority to grant licences to premises for the solemnisation of marriages. This function had previously been delegated to the Town Clerk. However, all other aspects of registration (births, deaths, marriages) had been delegated to the Director of Community and Children's Services.

It was therefore proposed to update the Scheme of Delegations such that responsibility for marriage premises licensing was also delegated to the Director of Community and Children's Services, rather than the Town Clerk, thereby regularising all marriage registration and licensing functions into a single Department.

In addition, the reference in the Scheme referring to the delegation being under Section 29 of the Local Government Act had also been identified as incorrect, as the reference should have been to the Registration Service Act 1953. Accordingly, it was also proposed to update the Scheme of Delegations to correct this reference.

Resolved – that the amendments to the Scheme of Delegations set out in the report be approved, such that:-

- authority to grant licences to premises for the solemnisation of marriages moves from the Town Clerk to the Director of Children's and Community Services; and
- the wording within the Scheme be updated to refer to the correct legislation.

24 January 2017

(B) Animal Reception Centre – Heathrow Airport: Annual Review of Charges

It is necessary to submit periodic recommendations to the Court for an increase to be applied to the Schedule of Charges in respect of services provided at the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre (HARC), for the forthcoming financial year.

The Byelaws, incorporating a new schedule of charges for the services provided, were set out in Appendix A to the report and the Committee **recommended** approval thereof; the Comptroller and City Solicitor being instructed to seal the Byelaws accordingly.

Resolved – that the Byelaws, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved and the Comptroller and City Solicitor being instructed to seal the Byelaws accordingly.

20.

ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

(The Revd. Stephen Decatur Haines, Deputy)

14 February 2017

Draft Pay Policy Statement 2017/18

The Localism Act 2011 requires the City of London Corporation to prepare and publish a Pay Policy Statement setting out its approach to pay for the most senior and junior members of staff. This must be agreed each year by the full Court of Common Council.

The statement, having been updated for 2017/18 and approved by both the Establishment Committee and Policy and Resources Committee, was therefore presented to the Court of Common Council with the recommendation that it be approved.

Resolved – that the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18, as set out in the

Appendix to the report, be approved.

21. *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:-

22. Non-public Minutes *Resolved* – that the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

23. **Finance Committee**

The Court:-

- (A) approved the award of a contract relating to waste collection at New Spitalfields Market; and
- (B) approved the award of two contracts relating to building repairs and maintenance.

24. **Community and Children's Services Committee**

The Court approved a request for additional funds for the completion of a project.

25. **Property Investment Board**

The Court approved a proposal concerning the redevelopment of a City's Estate property.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.35 pm

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