



PARMLEY, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

22nd June 2017
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Sir Michael David Bear
Charles Bowman
Sir Roger Gifford
Alison Gowman
David Andrew Graves

Timothy Russell Hailes JP
Gregory Jones QC
Alastair John Naisbitt King
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
The Lord Mountevans, Jeffrey Evans

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Dr Andrew
Charles Parmley
Dame Fiona Woolf
Sir David Hugh Wootton
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams
John David Absalom, Deputy
Caroline Kordai Addy
Munsur Ali
Rehana Banu Ameer
Randall Keith Anderson
Thomas Alexander Anderson
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Douglas Barrow, Deputy
Adrian Mark Bastow
John Bennett, Deputy
Peter Gordon Bennett
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP
Christopher Paul Boden
Sir Mark Boleat
Mark Bostock
Keith David Forbes Bottomley,
Deputy
David John Bradshaw, Deputy
Tijs Broeke
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,
OBE, Deputy
John Douglas Chapman
Thomas Cowley Clementi

Henry Nicholas Almroth
Colthurst
Karina Dostalova
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE,
DL
Peter Gerard Dunphy
Mary Durcan
Emma Edhem
Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy
Anne Helen Fairweather
Sophie Anne Fernandes
John William Fletcher
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Prem Babu Goyal, OBE
Caroline Wilma Haines
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines, Deputy
Graeme Harrower
Christopher Michael Hayward
Christopher Hill
Tom Hoffman, Deputy
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde, Deputy

Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy
Clare James, Deputy
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge
Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Andrew Paul Mayer
Jeremy Mayhew
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP
Wendy Mead, OBE
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers
Hugh Fenton Morris
Sylvia Doreen Moys
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE,
Deputy
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE
Graham David Packham
Dhruv Patel
William Pimlott
James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Jason Paul Pritchard

Stephen Douglas Quilter
Richard David Regan, OBE,
Deputy
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy
James de Sausmarez
Ruby Sayed
John George Stewart Scott, JP
Ian Christopher Norman
Seaton
Oliver Sells QC
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,
Deputy
Graeme Martyn Smith
Sir Michael Snyder
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
John Tomlinson, Deputy
James Richard Tumbridge
William Upton
Michael Welbank, MBE
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy

At the opening of the meeting, the Chief Commoner spoke on behalf of the Court to express her condolences to the victims of the terrorist attacks at London Bridge, Borough Market and Finsbury Park, as well as the Grenfell Tower blaze. Consequently, Members rose for a minute's silence.

1. Introduction of Newly Elected Members

The following Members, lately elected to be of the Common Council, for the Wards mentioned, were introduced to the Court and having, previously made the declaration prescribed by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, took their seats, viz.:

Name

Thomas Alexander Anderson
Thomas Cowley Clementi

Ward

Farringdon Within (South Side)
Lime Street

2. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.

3. Declarations There were none.

4. Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

5. Resolutions *Resolved unanimously* – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to

*Mead, W., O.B.E.;
Mayhew, J.P.*

Sir Mark John Boleat

on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Knight Bachelor, in recognition of his services to the Financial Services Industry and to Local Government in London.

Sir Mark was heard in reply.

Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to

*Mead, W., O.B.E.;
Mayhew, J.P.*

Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, O.B.E.

On his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for services to the City of London Corporation and community initiatives in Northern Ireland.

Deputy Chadwick was heard in reply.

Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to

*Mead, W., O.B.E.;
Mayhew, J.P.*

Elizabeth Rosemary Skelcher, M.B.E.

Lately Assistant Director of Economic Development at the City of London Corporation, for her recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for services to Business Relations and Development in London.

6. Mayoral
Visits

The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to Colombia and Mexico.

7. Policy
Statement

In the wake of the Grenfell Tower tragedy, the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee spoke to outline the measures being taken to reassure residents of the City Corporation's housing stock that all possible steps were being taken to ensure their safety.

The Chairman informed the Court that all processes and procedures relating to fire safety had been reviewed to ensure they remained robust and fit for purpose, with fire risk assessments now completed across all housing stock. A small strip of

cladding, measuring less than 300mm in width, was also being removed from Great Arthur House as a precautionary measure; these works were expected to be completed by the next day and all residents were being written to accordingly. She also outlined the assistance being provided to the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, with The City Bridge Trust playing a leading support role with the London Emergencies Trust and the management of the appeal for the tragedy. The Town Clerk was now leading the London Local Authority Gold Taskforce responding to the incident (hence his absence and the Assistant Town Clerk acting in his stead at today's meeting); and both the City Police and the City Corporation's Security & Contingency Planning Team were providing support and advice on a number of specialist areas and emergency response arrangements.

In addition, the Chairman set out the City Corporation's offer to purchase and manage the first tranche of 68 permanent new homes for rehousing Grenfell Tower residents; this would form part of the previously agreed housing expansion programme to deliver 3700 homes. It was noted that the City Corporation had had to move very quickly to negotiate this purchase and further details would follow in due course.

*Lord, C.E.L.,
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy,
Ameer, R.B.*

Motion – That, in accordance with Standing Order 2(1), Standing Order 13(11) be suspended for up to one hour during consideration of this item.

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

A number of Members spoke to express their deep sorrow at the tragedy and their heartfelt condolences to those affected. The speedy response of the City Corporation and the support provided to the relief effort was also commended. Members made the following comments during the debate:

- It was urged that those responsible for the Grenfell Tower tragedy recognise their failings and apologise; the safety of residents must be paramount, with stringent and properly enforced standards in place. Building and fire regulations, as well as the inspection regime, needed to be reviewed urgently and Government, at both a local and national level, must make this happen.
- The tragedy brought into sharp focus the general underinvestment in social housing, especially in London. It was suggested that a review of the City Corporation's affordable housing strategy be implemented, to see if delivery could be expedited and the commitment increased, as well as how the City could work with the Greater London Authority (GLA) and London Boroughs to shape a London-wide plan and address the shortage of both affordable and social housing. The Chairman assured Members that the City Corporation worked closely with the GLA and through London Councils to look at the wider picture and also agreed to ask officers to bring forward details of the City's housing expansion programme as soon as possible so that other steps could be considered.
- The potential implications for the City Corporation's 32 tower blocks of 6 stories or more were noted, with it observed that some significant works might be required to assess current protections and identify required improvements, as well as installing sprinkler systems, new fire doors and so

on. Assurance was sought that sufficient resources, additional to existing budgets, would be made available and that residents could be reassured that the City Corporation was doing all it could. The Chairman confirmed that all processes and procedures relating to fire safety had been reviewed to ensure they remained robust and would continue to be kept under review. A key part of this would be ensuring that there was sufficient resource, both in terms of manpower and funding, to address any issues. The safety of housing must be a priority and officers would also continue to monitor the investigation into the fire and any implications that might arise; Members were urged to inform officers of any particular concerns they had in City Corporation housing stock buildings.

- The Chairman agreed to bring back to the Court, within six months, a statement outlining the latest position in respect of the housing and social housing stock. She also pointed to the swift action taken to purchase the 68 flats in Kensington as evidence of the City Corporation's ability to act decisively and not be constrained by bureaucracy.
- It was asked whether a schedule setting out the dates of previous fire assessments could be provided, alongside copies of any relevant reports, a list of actions taken to date, and a list of any planned further actions in the wake of the Grenfell Tower disaster (such as the installation of sprinkler systems or alarm systems), which could be passed on to residents to provide reassurance. The Chairman undertook to discuss this matter with the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee to determine what information could be collated and provided to Members, which they might then share with residents.
- Noting that private leaseholders also were responsible for the costs of improvements, the Chairman agreed to speak with officers to see whether any relevant communications might be sent to such households to advise them of steps that could or should be taken in respect of fire safety.
- Concerning the speed and nature of the response to the Grenfell Tower fire, the Chairman noted that this would undoubtedly be examined extensively in due course and stated that she would explore what might be shared with Members once known. The Town Clerk's role in leading the Taskforce responding to the incident was also discussed, with the Chairman expressing her hope that he would be able to continue in that role for as long as needed, although there was no certainty as to what timeframe this might represent at this stage.
- In response to a question, confirmation was given that Mr Barradell continued in his role as Town Clerk & Chief Executive whilst supporting the work being done in connection with the Grenfell Tower response.

8. Hospital Seal There were no docquets to be sealed.

9. 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:-

Peter Sorrill <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>David Robert Boston</i>	a Silversmith Designer <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	Birmingham
Chief Ezeala Christopher Igbojekwe <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Brian John Coombe</i>	a Shipping Proprietor <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Silvertown, London
Lea Franziska Flynn <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>Gordon Mark Gentry</i>	an Events-Protocol Manager <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Lambeth, London
Julia Mary Diamond <i>Richard George Clerk Thornton, TD</i> <i>Nigel Grant Walker</i>	a Receptionist <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i> <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i>	Battersea, London
Clint Tanti <i>Jonathan Martin Avern</i> <i>David Andrew Harry McGregor</i> <i>Smith, CBE</i>	a Diplomat <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Sliema, Malta
Ian Jeffrey Gardiner <i>Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC</i> <i>Brian Nicholas Harris</i>	a Trainee Paramedic <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	Thorpe St Andrew, Norfolk
Peter Temisa Oweh <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i> <i>Andrew Charles Parmley, Ald.</i>	a School Staff Instructor <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Maidstone, Kent
Louise Claire Walton <i>Gordon Eric Jones</i> <i>Paul Budd</i>	a Milliner <i>Citizen and Spectacle Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Wallingford, Oxfordshire
Roy Hector Coenye <i>Brian Derek Francois</i> <i>Christopher Thomas Albrow</i>	an Electrical Services Manager <i>Citizen and Environmental Cleaner</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Stanford-le-Hope, Essex
Jacqueline Bray <i>Brian Derek Francois</i> <i>Christopher Thomas Albrow</i>	a Special Educational Needs Administration Officer <i>Citizen and Environmental Cleaner</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Stanford-le-Hope, Essex
Charles Martin Wilson <i>Harold Ebenezer Piggott</i> <i>Paul Stephen Hollebhone</i>	an Airline Training Standards Captain, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Uckfield, East Sussex
Anthony Long <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	a Publishing Company Director <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Woodford Green, Essex
Paul Jeffery Davis <i>Charles Christopher Muggleton</i> <i>Kieran John Hughes</i>	a Probation Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	Evercreech, Somerset
Walter Alan Pilcher <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	a Chartered Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
Monica Beatriz Caro	an Economist	Hammersmith, London

Mark Watson-Gandy
James Alastair Christian Watson-
Gandy

Citizen and Scrivener
Citizen and Pattenmaker

Judith Anne Cardnell
John Kennneth Cardnell
Jonathan Grosvenor

a Chartered Librarian
Citizen and Chartered Accountant
Citizen and Chartered Accountant

New Ash Green, Kent

Shaan Ilyas
Scott Marcus Longman
George Henry Capon

a Student
Citizen and Blacksmith
Citizen and Blacksmith

Walthamstow, London

Daniel Piotr Opila
Michael Richard Adkins
Stanley Brown, QGM, TD

a Management Consultant
Citizen and Water Conservator
Citizen and Loriner

Fareham, Hampshire

Clive Johnson

Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.
Stephen Christopher Neville

a Health, Safety & Security
Professional
Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Firefighter

Edenthorpe, South
Yorkshire

Shane Phadraig McMahon
Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.
Stephen Christopher Neville

a Business Continuity Manager
Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Firefighter

Wembley, Middlesex

Joanne Michelle Watson
Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.
Stephen Christopher Neville

a Residential Property Manager
Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Firefighter

Brentford, London

Angelos Savvas Christou
Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.
Stephen Christopher Neville

a Client Services/property
Director
Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Firefighter

Cuffley, Hertfordshire

Stuart Frank Morgan
Terence George William Thurley
Peter Richard Allan

an Engineering Project Manager,
retired
Citizen and Poulter
Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper
Maker

Uffington, Lincolnshire

John William Bernard
Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.
Stephen Christopher Neville

a Corporate Security Director
Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Firefighter

Bishopbriggs, East
Dumbartonshire

Andrew Roy Burroughs
Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.
Stephen Christopher Neville

a Corporate Facility Services
Director
Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Firefighter

Rayne, Essex

Andre Frank Baker, QPM
Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.
Stephen Christopher Neville

a Head of Security
Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Firefighter

Beckenham, Kent

Lee Simon Murray
Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.
Stephen Christopher Neville

a Property Company Associate
Director
Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Firefighter

Colchester, Essex

**Captain Paul Jonathan
Stephen Turner**

a Master, Merchant Navy

Black Notley, Essex

<i>Barry John Frederick Theobald-Hicks</i>	<i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	
<i>John James Tunesi of Liongam, The Younger</i>	<i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	
Michael John Steggles	a Chartered Financial Planner	Gresford, Wales
<i>Daniel Mark Heath</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	
<i>Matthew Damian Hampson</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
Michael Colin Valentine Coleman	a Legal Executive, retired	Bexley, Kent
<i>Kristen James Cottier</i>	<i>Citizen and Spectacle Maker</i>	
<i>Robert George Munson</i>	<i>Citizen and Builders Merchant</i>	
Mark Richard Evans	a Property Management Director	Fordham, Essex
<i>Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Stephen Christopher Neville</i>	<i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	
Demetris Demetriou	a Property Management Director	Palmers Green, London
<i>Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Stephen Christopher Neville</i>	<i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	
Haydn Wyn Owen	a General Manager	Rayleigh, Essex
<i>Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Stephen Christopher Neville</i>	<i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	
Andrew William Burnie	a Surveyor	Southampton, Hampshire
<i>Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Stephen Christopher Neville</i>	<i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	
Alan Robert Lonsbrough	a Security Company Manager	Ruislip, Middlesex
<i>His Hon. Judge Nicholas Richard Maybury Hilliard, QC</i>	<i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	
<i>His Hon. Judge Stephen Ernest Kramer</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
Professor Tracey Elizabeth Hill	a University Professor	Bath, Somerset
<i>John Dominic Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
<i>Suzanne Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
Nikolaos Kotrozos	a Procurement Lead	Richmond-upon-Thames, Surrey
<i>Daniel Mark Benham</i>	<i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	
<i>Keith William Pledger</i>	<i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	
Clive Nicklin	a Facilities Management Company Director, retired	Bushey, Hertfordshire
<i>Edward Arthur Jackson</i>	<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	
<i>Tony Robert Pattison</i>	<i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i>	
Ronald Charles Hill	a Clinical Research Director, retired	Richmond-upon-Thames, Surrey
<i>Richard Stuart Goddard</i>	<i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	
<i>Iain Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
Helen Eileen Angove	a Discretionary Fund Manager	Townshend, Cornwall
<i>John Henry Banfield Troon</i>	<i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	
<i>Terrence John Alexander Ash</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
Richard John White	a Retail Manager	Clapham, London
<i>Victoria Elizabeth Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Arbitrator</i>	

<i>David Sean Sheehan</i>	<i>Citizen and Constructor</i>	
Steven John Morson <i>Joseph Larry Herzberg</i> <i>John Alexander Smail</i>	an Air Traffic Controller, retired <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	Rugby, Warwickshire
Allan Seager <i>Charles Christopher Muggleton</i> <i>Kieran John Hughes</i>	an Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	Honiton, Devon
Peter Geoffrey Lowndes <i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor</i>	a Chartered Surveyor, retired <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Upper Wootton, Hampshire
Geoffrey David Joy <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>David Robert Attwood</i>	a Funeral Director <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Sidcup, Kent
Pamela Rae Hellig <i>Sir Michael Bear, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Lady Barbara Anne Bear</i>	an Actuary <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Kilburn, London
Carol Ann Marsh <i>David John Marsh</i> <i>Agnes Mary McMorrough Kavanagh</i>	a Marketing Director, retired <i>Citizen and Fanmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Epping, Essex
Dr Derek Ernest Wiggins <i>Linda Margaret Wiggins</i> <i>Dr Hilary Frances Lindsay</i>	a Research Chemist, retired <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Bredgar, Kent
George Duncan Scarfe <i>Peter Francis Clark</i> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i>	an Insurance Broker <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Rotherhithe, London
Andrew Haines, OBE <i>Lord Mountevans, Ald.</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	the CEO of the Civil Aviation Authority <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Wantage, Oxfordshire

Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons to the Freedom of this City by Redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

10. Ballot Results

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

- One Member to **The Honourable The Irish Society.**

	Votes
John David Absalom, Deputy	63
Ann Holmes	30

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy John Absalom to be appointed to

The Honourable The Irish Society.

- One Member to the **Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee**.

	Votes
Matthew Bell	29
Wendy Hyde, Deputy	63

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Wendy Hyde to be appointed to the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee.

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

	Votes
Paul Nicholas Martinelli	47
Judith Lindsay Pleasance	43

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Paul Martinelli to be appointed to The City Bridge Trust Committee.

- One Member to the **Board of Governors of the Museum of London**.

	Votes
Matthew Bell	6
Paul Nicholas Martinelli	20
Jeremy Paul Mayhew	27
Graham David Packham	21
Judith Lindsay Pleasance	14
Graeme Martyn Smith	4

With no candidate obtaining 50% of the first preference votes, the candidate with the fewest first preference votes (Graeme Smith) had their second preference votes (where indicated) transferred. With no candidate having received 50% of the votes, this process was repeated until only two candidates remained, Jeremy Mayhew and Graham Packham.

*After all preference votes had been allocated, **Jeremy Mayhew** was elected with a total of **42 votes**. Graham Packham received 34 votes.*

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Mayhew to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London.

- One Member to **Thames 21**.

	Votes
Jeremy Lewis Simons	53
Graeme Martyn Smith	37

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Simons to be appointed to Thames 21.

11.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider an appointment to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls:

Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls (three vacancies; one being for the balance of a term expiring July 2021, one for the balance of a term expiring in July 2020, and one for the balance of a term expiring in July 2018).

Nominations received:-

Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Robert Merrett to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls for the balance of a term expiring July 2021.

12. Questions

Bank Junction Safety Scheme

Deputy Edward Lord asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the operation of the Bank Junction safety scheme.

The Chairman prefaced his reply by reminding Honourable Members that the experimental scheme had been in place only four weeks and, as such, any data and assessments should be considered in that context. He advised that the scheme had been successful to date, with journey times on key routes slightly improved and journey times for buses through the Junction experiencing an average reduced journey time of ninety seconds. Officers continued to monitor closely all aspects of the scheme to identify further improvements, including a review of loading locations; to date only very minor adjustments to some signal timings inside the City had been required, with no changes necessary outside the City. The resilience of the network under the new scheme was also noted, with it having coped well despite a number of incidents such as a broken down bus on Cannon Street in peak hours and the closure of London Bridge southbound due to the appalling terrorist incident there.

With reference to the impact of school holidays, it was advised that such periods made little difference to the number and type of vehicles moving on City streets; analysis of traffic from both before and after the scheme's introduction also demonstrated that vehicle numbers moving around the City remained consistent.

Members were also informed that compliance levels were such that 85% of “pre-restriction” traffic was no longer crossing the Junction, which represented a very good figure for a restriction of this nature enforced only by signage. Compliance was expected to increase further with the introduction of penalty charge notices in the coming period. Consultation on the scheme had now gone live on the “Bank on Safety” website and was also continuing with local businesses and others, to fully assess the impact of the scheme’s operation; feedback to date had been positive and Members were encouraged to participate. The Chairman also took the opportunity to thank officers for their hard work preparing for the scheme’s launch and Members for their support in introducing this bold scheme to improve public safety.

Responding to supplementary questions, the Chairman acknowledged that some congestion had been caused on occasion in Gresham Street and other surrounding roads as a result of displaced traffic from the scheme, which he had observed was at least partly as a consequence of lorries unloading on double yellow lines. Additional enforcement officers were being employed to tackle this illegal activity and address the problem and the Chairman confirmed that he would be happy to report back on the scheme’s operation, as well as the impact on nearby roads, in six months’ time. He suggested that Deputy Lord might wish to submit a formal question to the January meeting of the Court to facilitate this.

The Chairman also responded to questions concerning collaboration with taxi drivers, advising that the City Corporation continued to work with them and hoped to maintain constructive dialogue. He added that he was keen to ensure that the views and experiences of all relevant parties were captured to inform analysis of the scheme’s operation and ensure that the best solution for all parties, including taxi drivers, was achieved.

Withdrawn Questions

Both Mary Durcan and Deputy John Tomlinson, who had submitted questions concerning safety across the City Corporation’s housing estates, sought and obtained the leave of the Court to withdraw their questions. This was in view of the fact that their substantive queries had been addressed during the discussion at Item 7.

13. Motions There were none.

14. Awards and Prizes There was no report.

15. HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Wendy Mead, O.B.E., Chief Commoner)

13 June 2017

(A) Reception to welcome the IAAF World Championships to London

The 2017 IAAF World Championships were due to take place in London at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park from 4-13 August. This biennial event being the biggest global sporting event after the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup, it had

been proposed that the City Corporation, in conjunction with the London Organising Committee, should host the official welcome reception for the World Championships. This reception would provide the opportunity for the City to demonstrate its continuing commitment to sport following the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 and show its support for the UK's position as a world-leading host nation for major sporting events.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to welcome the IAAF World Championships to London, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; 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 welcome the IAAF World Championships to London, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

(B) World Para Athletics Championships 2017

The 2017 World Para Athletics Championships were also scheduled to take place in London at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, from 14–23 July. For the first time, these Championships had been organised to take place in the same city, and immediately prior to, the International Association of Athletics Federation's (IAAF) World Championships.

Consequently, it had been proposed that the City Corporation, in conjunction with the International Paralympic Committee (the global governing body of the Paralympic movement) and the London Organising Committee, also host a reception for the World Para Athletics Championships. As with the IAAF reception, this event would provide an opportunity for the City to demonstrate its continuing commitment to sport following the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012, and show its support for the UK's position as a world-leading host nation for major sporting events.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an afternoon reception for the World Para Athletics Championships, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

This would be a Sub-Committee event.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an afternoon reception for the World Para Athletics Championships, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

(C) Report of Urgent Action Taken: G30 Dinner

The Court received a report of action taken under urgency procedures in approving the grant of hospitality in the form a dinner on Friday 9 June 2017.

Having been approached by the Governor of the Bank of England, the Hospitality Working Party had agreed to host the Group of Thirty (G30) visitors at a dinner during their London meetings in June 2017. The G30 is an international body of leading financial regulators and academics which aims to deepen understanding of economic and financial issues.

The dinner was due to take place at Mansion House on Friday 9 June 2017 and, in the normal course of events the concurrence of the Court of Common Council would have been sought at the next Court meeting following the Working Party's initial approval. However, owing to an error, the concurrence of the Court was not sought on this occasion and, accordingly, the formal approval of the Court was sought under urgency procedures.

Approval was consequently obtained in accordance with Standing Order No.19 for the City Corporation to host a dinner for G30 delegates on Friday 9 June 2017; the cost to be met from City's Cash and within the approved cost parameters.

It was **recommended** that the urgent action taken be noted.

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

16.

THE CITY BRIDGE TRUST COMMITTEE

(Alison Gowman, Alderman)

11 May 2017

Bridge to Work

The Court considered the award of a grant of £775,000 over five years (£161,000; £150,000; £151,000; £155,000; £158,000) towards staffing and operational costs of the joint *Bridge to Work* project by Inclusion London and Action on Disability. This proposal built on existing, effective, work as well as the knowledge and direct experience from Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations and Disabled people themselves in order to develop best practice and to shape policy in this area.

The principal outcomes of the project were to:

- Reduce the barriers young Disabled people face in accessing and remaining in employment
- Support employers to become more confident, inclusive and accessible employers of Disabled people
- Identify and develop new recruitment routes between potential employers and Disabled employees
- Influence policy and practice in employment support through providing robust evidence as to the effectiveness and impact of employment support models.

The Court was **recommended** to approve a grant of £775,000 over five years (£161,000; £150,000; £151,000; £155,000; £158,000) to Inclusion London and Action on Disability (with the former as the lead partner and recipient of the grant)

towards a Project Manager; other key staff; and operational costs of the Inclusion London/Action on Disability joint *Bridge to Work* project. The grant in years 4 and 5 would be subject to the project achieving satisfactory progress in the first three years.

Whilst approving the grant in principle, it was observed that there was a small discrepancy between the grant sums set out in the report's recommendation and the concluding paragraph of the report. It was therefore suggested that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of The City Bridge Trust Committee to ascertain the correct figure and approve the grant accordingly.

Bradshaw, D.J.
Deputy; Mead, W.
O.B.E.

Amendment – That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of The City Bridge Trust Committee, to approve the final terms of the grant.

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

The amended Motion being put before the Court, it was consequently:-

Resolved – That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of The City Bridge Trust Committee, to approve the final terms of a grant over five years to Inclusion London and Action on Disability (with the former as the lead partner and recipient of the grant) towards a Project Manager; other key staff; and operational costs of the Inclusion London/Action on Disability joint *Bridge to Work* project. The grant in years 4 and 5 would be subject to the project achieving satisfactory progress in the first three years.

11 May 2017

Bridge to Work: Mental Health

The Court considered the award of a grant relative to the *Bridge to Work: mental health* programme, which aimed to support beneficiaries with mental ill health back to good health and employment. It was requested that the Court of Common Council approve a grant of £1,241,568 over four years (£243,716; £562,796; £429,804; £5,252) to the Centre for Mental Health towards the implementation of Individual Placement Support (IPS) in two London boroughs. Currently, strong IPS services are delivered in only ten London boroughs; therefore this project has the potential to expand IPS provision in London, which aligns with the Government's plans to fund the roll out of IPS nationally.

The Court was therefore **recommended** to approve a grant of £1,241,568 over four years (£243,716; £562,796; £429,804; £5,252) to the Centre for Mental Health to implement Individual Placement Support (IPS) in two London boroughs.

Resolved – That approval be given to a grant of £1,241,568 over four years (£243,716; £562,796; £429,804; £5,252) to the Centre for Mental Health to implement Individual Placement Support (IPS) in two London boroughs.

(Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge)

19 May 2017

Annual Report

Members received the annual report of the Standards Committee, which was required to monitor all complaints referred to it and to prepare an annual report on its activity for submission to the Court of Common Council. It was noted that no allegations of breaches of the Code of Conduct were made to the Committee during the course of 2016/17.

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

18. **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

(Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy)

17 May 2017

Revision of Membership

This Court was requested to amend the Membership for its Investment Committee such that it included the Chairman of the Social Investment Board (SIB) as an ex-officio appointment. SIB had a membership made of representatives from a number of Committees, but currently there was no formal provision to ensure its Chairman sat on the Investment Committee which had oversight of the Social, Financial and Property Investment Boards.

It was therefore recommended that the Court approve an amendment to the Membership of the Investment Committee, such that it included the Chairman of the Social Investment Board as an ex-officio appointment.

Resolved – That the Investment Committee's composition be amended such that the Chairman of the Social Investment Board be included as an ex-officio Member.

19. *Mead, W., O.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 Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

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

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

21. **Policy and Resources Committee**

The Court approved proposals relating to security matters.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.07 pm

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