Item No:



PARMLEY, MAYOR

LUDER, LOCUM TENENS

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

14th September 2017MEMBERS PRESENT

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Introduction of Newly Elected Alderman

The Chief Commoner welcomed the new Alderman for the Ward of Tower, Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons, to his first meeting of the Court of Common Council. Alderman Lyons was heard in reply.

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

There were none. 2. Declarations

Resolved – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded. 3. Minutes

4. Resolutions There were no resolutions.

Mayoral Visits

There was no report.

6. Policy Statement There was no statement.

There were no docquets to be sealed. 7. Hospital Seal

Lt. Col. Nicholas Henry Turner

Graeme George Harrower, CC

Michael Richard Adkins

The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the 8. Freedoms under-mentioned, persons who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City by Redemption:-

Drawer

Ian Robert Edward Shaw Sudbury, Middlesex an Organist Simon Walsh Citizen and Glover Alexander Bain-Stewart Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre

East Finchley, London

Bruce Michael Josyfon a Diamond Merchant Duncan Stephen Gee Citizen and Glazier Judith Donovan Citizen and Woolmen

Caroline Elizabeth Nurse an Accountant Westminster, London Simon Jonathan Mark Burrows Citizen and Framework Knitter

Robert Barclay Cook a Health Company Managing Lesbury, Northumberland Director

Citizen and Framework Knitter

Philippe Roland Rossiter Citizen and Innholder Kenneth William Speirs Citizen and Innholder

Arthur John Hanslip a Mobile Caterer Haywood, Westbury, Wiltshire Howard Andre Beber Citizen and Poulter Brian John Coombe Citizen and Poulter

Dr Elizabeth Rosanna Filby a Historian Bermondsey, London Citizen and Distiller Rev. Canon David Parrott Citizen and Scrivener

Timothy James Simmons a Metropolitan Police Officer Southgate, London Michael Peter Cawston Citizen and Tyler and Bricklayer David Robert Attwood Citizen and Plumber

Stephen Moore a Local Government Director Braintree, Essex Robert Michael John Benham Citizen and Plumber Christopher James Caine Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards

Marc Anthony Lewis a Project Manager Chatters, Cambridgeshire Citizen and Fanmaker Hugh Paul Nolan

Citizen and Water Conservator

Michael Jones an Event Management Safety Nunhead, London

Officer Howard Andre Beber Citizen and Poulter Brian John Coombe Citizen and Poulter **Gerald John Byrne** a Restaurant Company Director Hornchurch, Essex Christopher James Caine Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards Alan Robert Brumwell Citizen and Plumber Eileen Patricia Pallen an Investigator Barnehurst, Kent Citizen and Spectacle Maker Kristen James Cottier Citizen and Builders Merchant Robert George Munson **Jonathan Clifford Bates** a Driver East Peckham, Kent Graham John Peacock Citizen and Loriner Steven George Pennell Citizen and Carman **Darren Keith Couzens** a Civil Servant Silsoe, Bedfordshire Graham John Peacock Citizen and Loriner Steven George Pennell Citizen and Carman **Michael Wayne Plant** a Photographer Brockley, London Donald Howard Coombe, MBE Citizen and Poulter David Peter Coombe Citizen and Poulter **Lesley Rose Moffatt** an Administration Assistant Towcester, Northamptonshire Roy Moffatt Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker Michael Kougellis a Solicitor Battersea, London Judith Lindsay Pleasance, CC Citizen and Clockmaker John Douglas Chapman, CC Citizen and Common Councilman **Andrew McCullough Mulryne** a Financial Controller, retired Bromley, Kent Timothy John Waller Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer Eric Hugh Foster Citizen and Glazier **Nicholas John Bennett** a Head of Security Bourne End, Hertfordshire Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Citizen and Gardener Ald. Stephen Christopher Neville Citizen and Firefighter **Christopher Scott** a Logistics Company Director Ingrave, Essex William Barrie Fraser, OBE Citizen and Gardener Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Citizen and Wheelwright Deputy Ian Glenn Garrick Aird an Engineer Horsham, West Sussex Neville John Watson Citizen and Fletcher Peter Francis Clark Citizen and Mason Rajinder Nath Kapoor an Underwriting Chief Executive Kenton, Middlesex Officer Roger Keith Mallindine Citizen and Distiller John Alexander Smail Citizen and Distiller **Susan Scott** a Vehicle Sales Company Chase Cross, Essex Director Jennifer Joy Farrow Citizen and Loriner Charles Cameron Lloyd Citizen and Loriner Hollingsworth

a Banker

Citizen and Bowyer

Citizen and Educator

West Ewell, Surrey

Ali Amre Ali Aiad

Evelyn Elizabeth Guest

OBE, Deputy

Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,

Gordon Edward Piggott Harold Ebenezer Piggott	an Insurance Consultant Citizen and Basketmaker	Eastbourne, East Sussex
Paul Stephen Hollebone	Citizen and Chartered Accountant	
Mark David Andrews Richard David Bundock	a Roofer Citizen and Basketmaker	Chingford, Essex
lan Philip Howard Arnold	Citizen and Fishmonger	
Jason Brian Andrews	an Engineering Technical and Training Manager	North Weald, Essex
Richard David Bundock Ian Philip Howard Arnold	Citizen and Basketmaker Citizen and Fishmonger	
Patricia Snook	an Engineering Company Director	Chinnor, Oxfordshire
Neville John Watson Peter Francis Clark	Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Mason	
Mark Anthony Fox Marsha Rae Ratcliff Gerald Albert George Pulman, JP	a Theatre Historian Citizen and Carman Citizen and Basketmaker	Vauxhall, London
June Margaret Howarth	a Food Service Company Director, retired	Lepton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire
Jeanette Roche	Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker	Wood Torkoring
Isobel Pollock-Hulf	Citizen and Engineer	
Patricia Kathleen Lester Derek Alan Harrington Christopher Douglas Cradock	a Clerical Officer, retired Citizen and Blacksmith Citizen and Plumber	Sutton, Surrey
Colin George Wright	a Construction Company Director, retired	Orpington, Kent
Donald Howard Coombe, MBE Richard Howard Coombe	Citizen and Poulter Citizen and Poulter	
Barry Marshall Jackson	a Roofing Consultant	Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Brian Wadsworth Gordon Eric Jones	Citizen and Carman Citizen and Spectacle Maker	
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Geoffrey Simpson Johnson, MBE	a Golf Club Manager	Salisbury, Wiltshire
John Holt	Citizen and Tinplate Worker	
Lt. Col. Nicholas Keith Cooper	Citizen and Apothecary	
Philip Otto lan Locks	a Transport Company Director Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker	Tooting Bec, London
Edward James A Fforde	Citizen and Fishmonger	
Md. Rocky Bul Brigadier Robert John Baddeley, DL Michael Greville Dudgeon, OBE	a Livery Company Houseman Citizen and Coachmaker & Coach Harness Maker Citizen and Mercer	Muswell Hill, London
David Charles Worrell	a Property Agent Company Director	Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire
Gareth Wynford Moore William Frederick Payne	Citizen and Joiner Citizen and Joiner	

Barry Michael Griffiths a Driving Examiner, retired Sands, Buckinghamshire Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Citizen and Feltmaker Deputy Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE, Citizen and Turner **Prof. David Nicholas** a University Professor, retired Hemingford Abbots, Yeandle Cambridgeshire Gareth Wynford Moore Citizen and Joiner William Frederick Payne Citizen and Joiner Arjun Bali an Investment Analyst Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire Adarsh Kumar Sharma Citizen and Chartered Accountant Michael Peter Cawston Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer Zoe Marianne Butler a Solicitor Loughton, Essex Wendy Mead, OBE, CC Citizen and Glover Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE Citizen and Wheelwright **Graham Peter Butler** a Banker, retired Loughton, Essex Wendy Mead, OBE, CC Citizen and Glover Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE Citizen and Wheelwright **David Colin Richards** a Waterman Wapping, London David Upton Powell Citizen and Baker Richard George Turk Citizen and Shipwright **Andrew John McNair** an Energy Company Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire Businessman Peter Geoffrey Hill Citizen and Poulter Howard Andre Beber Citizen and Poulter Air Marshal Sir Christopher a Royal Air Force Officer, retired Lammas, Norfolk Nigel Harper, KBE William Anthony Bowater Russell, Citizen and Haberdasher Ald. & Sheriff Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald. & Citizen and International Banker Sheriff **Anthony Francis Bull** a Food Importer Company Purley on Thames, Berkshire Director, retired Iain Reid Citizen and Educator David Upton Powell Citizen and Baker **Dr Richard Charles Bustin** a Teacher Worcester Park, Surrey Michael Hudson, CC Citizen and Painter-Stainer Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Citizen and Bowyer OBE, Deputy Philippa Land a Chartered Surveying Ilford, Essex Company Director Michael Peter Cawston Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer James William Lane **Briony Anne Lonbay Kapoor** a Creative Director New Romney, Kent Michael Peter Cawston Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer Colin Trevor Gurnett Citizen and Wheelwright **David Marcel Stock** a Plant Hire Proprietor Gravesend, Kent Michael Peter Cawston Citizen and Tyler and Bricklayer

Citizen and Blacksmith

Peter Ronald Elliott

Mary Rose Lethbridge Rogers,

Donald James Grocott, TD

MBE

Sidney Alfred Brewer a Local Government Officer Billericay, Essex Robert Eric Wilson Citizen and Butcher David Andrew Harry McGregor Citizen and Cook Smith, CBE **Martin Roland Brown** a Marketing Manager North Augusta, Ontario, Canada Michael Hudson, CC Citizen and Painter-Stainer Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Citizen and Bowyer OBE, Deputy **Mark Victor Hart** Rotherhithe, London an Actuary Citizen and Gunmaker Alan Stanley Cook Deborah Jane Black Citizen and Educator Marilyn Cohen a Legal Executive, retired Great Wakering, Essex Citizen and Wheelwright Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE Patrick William Thomas Wilkins Citizen and Baker **Anthony Johnson** a Martial Arts Teacher Northolt, Middlesex Trevor James Brignall Citizen and Marketor Simon Jonathan Mark Burrows Citizen and Framework Knitter **Robert Stanley Sloper** a Telephone Company General Beckenham, Kent Manager, retired Paul Holmes Citizen and Security Professional Citizen and Security Professional Raymond William Le Monde Dr Revecca Hatjiosif a General Practitioner Whetstone, London Lisa Rutter Citizen and Patternmaker Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker Suryakant Natverlal Khatri a Civil Servant, retired Mill Hill, London Lisa Rutter Citizen and Patternmaker Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker William George Frecknall a Garden Services Director Worthing, West Sussex Harold Ebenezer Piggott Citizen and Basketmaker Citizen and Chartered Accountant Paul Stephen Hollebone **Hermann Johannes Aichele** an Asset Management Director Freiburg, Germany Brian John Lewis Citizen and Turner Dame Catherine Fiona Woolf, DBE, Citizen and Solicitor Dr Anietie Nsukhoridem a Psychiatrist Harrow, Middlesex Akpan Citizen and Poulter Howard Andre Beber Brian John Coombe Citizen and Poulter **Charlotte Louise Hawkes** a Student Ashtead, Surrey Michael Hudson, CC Citizen and Painter Stainer Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Citizen and Bowyer OBE, Deputy **Bethany Mingay** a Photographic Producer Bromley, Kent

Citizen and Scrivener

Citizen and Spectacle Maker

Julia Mingay a Lecturer Eltham, London Mary Rose Lethbridge Rogers, Citizen and Scrivener MBE Donald James Grocott, TD Citizen and Spectacle Maker **Christopher Francis Lloyd** a Musician, retired Eltham, London Citizen and Scrivener Mary Rose Lethbridge Rogers, Donald James Grocott, TD Citizen and Spectacle Maker **Mark Timothy Simmons** a Commerical Hot Air Balloon Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire Pilot Wendy Mead, OBE, CC Citizen and Glover Alison Jane Gowman, Ald. Citizen and Glover **Norman Cary Arthur Crawley** a Balloon Pilot and Examiner Chelmsford, Essex Wendy Mead, OBE, CC Citizen and Glover Alison Jane Gowman, Ald. Citizen and Glover Mark Robert Jason Eylesa Security Company Managing Birling, Kent **Thomas** Director Paul Holmes Citizen and Security Professional Mark Douglas Estaugh Citizen and Wheelwright James Millar Wilson a Politician, retired Ballymena, County Antrim, Northern Ireland Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald. Citizen and Fletcher Richard David Regan, OBE, Citizen and Cutler Deputy **David Laughlin** an Organic Dairy Farmer Kilrea, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald. Citizen and Fletcher Richard David Regan, OBE, Citizen and Cutler Deputy a Bookbinder/ Book Artist Margaret Ann Kasper Chertsey, Surrey Richard Henry Gordon Archer Citizen and Armourer & Brasier Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker & Christopher Graham Howard Allen Tobacco Blender **Birgit Dagmar Gabriele** a Trading Company Director Hamburg, Germany Kochen-Schmidt-Eych Alison Jane Gowman, Ald. Citizen and Glover Prof. Michael Raymond Mainelli, Citizen and World Trader Ald. **Omar Massoud Asfar** a Trainee Solicitor Putney, London Anjola Adeniyi Citizen and Information Technologist Charlotte Anne Green Citizen and Baker Katie Elizabeth Thompson a Conservation Biologist Hall Green, Birmingham John Alexander Smail Citizen and Distiller Elizabeth A Thornborough Citizen and Upholder Jane Elizabeth Bagshaw a Secretary Loughton, Essex Anthony John Keith Woodhead Citizen and Tax Adviser

Citizen and Baker

Raymond Alfred Warner

Noel Francis Joseph Byrne a Construction Company St. Ives, Cambridgeshire Director

Christopher Michael Hayward, CC Citizen and Pattenmaker

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William Frederick Welch Citizen and Plaisterer

Jennifer Margaret English a Registrar Bourne, Lincolnshire Maclean

Paul Douglas Simmons Citizen and Apothecary
John Michael Tipping Ford Citizen and Apothecary

Jeffrey Leslie Steadman a Wholesale Fish Company Herongate, Essex

Director

Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald. Citizen and Fletcher
Judith Lindsay Pleasance, CC Citizen and Clockmaker

Eos Counsell a Musician Hampstead, London

Sir Michael Bear, Kt., Ald. Citizen and Pavior
Lady Barbara Anne Bear Citizen and Musician

David Isaac Agnew a Motor Vehicle Retailer Lisburn, County Antrim,

Chairman, retired Northern Ireland Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.

Citizen and Fletcher

Richard David Regan, OBE, Citizen and Cutler Deputy

His Excellency Nestor The Ambassador of Colombia Knightsbridge, London

John Garbutt, Ald., JP Citizen and Weaver Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald. Citizen and Fletcher

Prof. Dr Hans-Jörg Josef an Academic Hamburg, Germany

Maria Schmidt-Trenz

Alison Jane Gowman, Ald.

Kenneth Dieter Stern

Citizen and Glover

Citizen and Wheelwright

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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 (Withdrawal) Bill

The Bill will repeal the European Communities Act 1972, bringing to an end the status of EU law within the British legal system, and will adopt the provisions of existing EU law into UK law. It provides a framework for making necessary modifications to the adopted EU law as a consequence of the UK's withdrawal, to be done through a large volume of subsequent regulations.

Telecommunications Infrastructure (Relief from Non-Domestic Rates) Bill

The Bill will grant full relief from business rates for new fibre communications infrastructure in relation to a five-year period beginning in April 2017.

<u>Statutory Instruments</u> <u>Date in force</u>

The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Order 2017, S.I. No. 811

The Order gives effect to revised terms and conditions (including remuneration levels) for teachers in maintained schools for the new academic year. Changes include a 2% uplift to the main pay range.

1 September 2017

The Co-ordination of Regulatory Enforcement Regulations 2017, S.I. No. 835

1 October 2017

The Regulations set out details of the revised 'primary authority' scheme, whereby a single local authority (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) can take the lead on advising a business about regulatory compliance, with its advice then taken in to account by other relevant local authorities. For instance, the Regulations specify the role of national regulators in supporting primary authorities, and set out the process to be followed when there is a dispute about proposed enforcement action.

The Caseins and Caseinates (England) Regulations 2017, S.I. No. 848
The Regulations implement revised EU rules governing the use of caseins and caseinates—forms of milk protein—in food. They will be enforced by food authorities, including the Common Council acting in that capacity.

26 September 2017

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

10. Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the Audit and Risk Management Committee, the Outside Bodies Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee, and Age UK London.

(A) One Member on the **Audit and Risk Management Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2019.

Nominations received:-

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alexander Barr to be appointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

(B) One Member on the **Outside Bodies Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2018.

Nominations received:-

Tom Hoffman, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Tom Hoffman to be appointed to the Outside Bodies Sub-Committee.

(C) One Member on **Age UK London**, for a three year term expiring in July 2020.

Nominations received:-

Tom Hoffman, Deputy Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Tom Hoffman to be appointed to Age UK London.

11. Questions City Workforce

Deputy Brian Mooney asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the composition of the City workforce, with particular reference to the new City of London Jobs leaflet. This was one of a new range of products being produced to provide succinct and accessible information on financial and professional services and other priority areas for the City Corporation. Responding, the Chairman confirmed that none of the employees currently based in the City had been born in Antarctica and advised that the wording on the leaflet would be altered to remove any scope for future confusion.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy Mooney, the Chairman updated Members on the work the City Corporation was engaged in to inform the Brexit negotiations, as well as to promote the City around the world. She also outlined significant work with partners that was underway, to seek to ensure that the City's pre-eminence as a financial and professional services hub was maintained post-Brexit, with the size its workforce preserved or increased in years to come.

Diversity

Prem Goyal asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding the City Corporation's approach to diversity. In reply, the Chairman set out the robust internal policies and procedures in place in support of the City Corporation's commitment to equality and inclusion, as well as referencing the various staff networks and the significant efforts to increase the diversity of the Court through the recent City-wide elections. She also detailed the external activities the City Corporation was engaged in to spread its values and best practice across other City businesses and employers, such as the Power of Diversity breakfast series, utilising its 'soft power' to influence others positively.

The Sheriffs' Breakfast

Prem Goyal asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the funding of, and guest list for, the Sheriffs' Breakfast. Replying, the Chairman noted that funding from City Cash was used for a wide range of events each year with a variety of purposes, from furthering specific UK and City business priorities to events with a wider social and cultural purpose. On each occasion, the precise composition of the guest list would depend on the nature and purpose of the event and, in the case of the Sheriffs' Breakfast, the guest list was likely to be very different from, for example, an event aimed at promoting a particular business sector, or fostering relations with a particular community or country.

Although records were not kept of the ethnicity and socio-economic status of guests

at past events, the City Corporation aimed to provide events during the course of a year which would attract a wide and diverse range of guests and securing a suitable balance on the composition of guests at City hosted events to reflect the changing nature of the City, is something that the Corporation was pursuing proactively.

In response to a supplementary question from Caroline Addy, the Chairman reiterated the City Corporation's commitments in respect of diversity and confirmed that, should any organisation with which it was connected be acting in a manner contrary to these values, then the relationship with such associations would be examined and appropriate action taken.

In reply to a further supplementary question from Prem Goyal concerning a specific experience with an external organisation, the Chairman explained that she was not aware of the details of this case and was therefore not able to speak on this matter at this time.

Aldermanic Elections

Prem Goyal asked a question of the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen relative to steps taken to increase the diversity of candidates standing in Aldermanic elections. Responding, the Chairman commended the City Corporation's efforts in respect of the recent City-wide elections, which proved very successful and had provided a number of points of learning which could be drawn on for future Aldermanic elections. He also observed that diversity had been a central theme in all its forms for the past four Lord Mayors and was pleased to note a recent increase in the diversity of candidates at elections.

In response to a supplementary question from Mr Goyal concerning expenses associated with being an Alderman, the Chairman clarified that there was no formal or mandatory cash contribution required to serve as an Alderman. However, there were a number of expenses that Aldermen had, by convention, borne themselves, such as purchasing their own robes and ceremonial clothing, often from retiring Aldermen. He confirmed that all such arrangements were freely explained to serious candidates who enquired before standing for election.

Bank Junction

James Tumbridge asked a question of the Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the pedestrianisaton of Bank Junction, following reference made at a recent committee meeting to the effect that officers were working towards this outcome as a long-term aim.

The Deputy Chairman prefaced his reply by informing the Court that the Chairman was currently engaged elsewhere on City Corporation business, hence his providing the response on this occasion. He then explained that officers were currently exploring four different options for the long-term future of Bank Junction, in accordance with the instructions of the relevant committees. One of these options was the full pedestrianisation of the Junction; however, in working up the agreed options, officers were very clear that none of them might ultimately prove technically viable or be agreed by Members. He also reminded Members that the experimental precursor scheme was still ongoing, the outcomes of which would

help to inform any option finalised for Member consideration.

Responding to a supplementary question from Mr Tumbridge, the Deputy Chairman undertook to remind officers of the distinction between developing options for Members' consideration and acting to implement these options. He also made clear to officers and Members that any decision on the long-term future of the Junction would be a matter for the appropriate committees and, ultimately, the Court of Common Council to determine.

Project Servator

Deputy Edward Lord asked a question of the Chairman of the Police Committee seeking clarification about Project Servator and a recent operation near the Millennium Bridge. The Chairman, responding, provided a brief outline of the nature of Project Servator and detailed the powers under which officers were stopping people, as well as the way in which those stopped were identified. He confirmed that those who were stopped were told of their rights and that the stops were fully compliant with Code A of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

12. Motions There were no motions.

Prizes

13. Awards and There was no report.

14. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)

6 July 2017

Applications for the Use of Guildhall

The arrangements for approving applications for the use of Guildhall had last been considered by the Court of Common Council on 21 June 2001. At that time, the Court had agreed to delegate the approval of such applications to the then City Lands and Bridge House Estates Committee. This Committee was no longer in existence and responsibility for the approval of applications had since transferred to the Policy and Resources Committee, via its Hospitality Working Party.

Notwithstanding this, it had been customary to submit the details of applications for the use of Guildhall to the Court for information. However, in the interests of efficiency, the Policy and Resources Committee and its Hospitality Working Party now considered the practice of sending details of those applications for the use of Guildhall which were not felt to be significant should be discontinued. This was supported on the basis that no such application had been the subject of any questioning in at least the past ten years.

It was therefore recommended that, going forward, details of only the more significant applications for the use of Guildhall be reported to the Court.

Resolved - That only details of the more significant applications for the use of Guildhall be reported to the Court henceforth.

15. POLICE COMMITTEE

(Douglas Barrow, Deputy)

18 May 2017

(A) City of London Police: Annual Report 2016/17

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

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

Resolved – That the report be received.

8 August 2017

(B) Appointment of Independent External Member to the Police Committee

The constitution of the Police Committee allows for the recruitment of two external individuals (i.e. not Members of the Common Council) onto the Committee, through an open process. In May 2017, the second and final term of one of these external Members of the Committee, Helen Marshall, had expired. As a result, two rounds of recruitment were undertaken in order fill this vacancy, in accordance with the Committee's membership scheme (as specified in its Terms of Reference).

A selection panel was established and the post openly advertised. All applications were considered and six candidates who met the eligibility criteria were interviewed on 8 August 2017. Following deliberations, the panel was pleased to recommend one candidate for appointment to the position and the Court's approval was now sought to the appointment of the successful candidate, Mr Andrew Lentin, as an external Member of the Police Committee for a four-year term commencing 21 September 2017.

Resolved – That approval be given to the appointment of Mr Andrew Lentin to the Police Committee for a four-year term, commencing on 21 September 2017.

16. 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:-

17. Policy and Resources and Establishment Committees

The Court approved recommendations concerning the restructure of the City Corporation's office in Brussels.

18. Finance Committee

The Court approved proposals concerning the award of a contract for the provision of a Local Area Network.

19. **Police Committee**

The Court received a report of action taken under urgency procedures concerning the City Police's Action and Know Fraud Centre.

20. Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School

The Court received a report of action taken under urgency procedures concerning a project to refurbish the School's Main House.

21. **Property Investment Board**

The Court noted a report providing final details of a freehold acquisition.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.05 pm

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