



BOWMAN, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

21st June 2018
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Charles Edward Beck Bowman
John Garbutt
Sir Roger Gifford
Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal, OBE JP

David Andrew Graves
Sheriff Timothy Russell Hailes, JP
Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, JP
Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Vincent Thomas Keaveny

Alastair John Naisbitt King
Ian David Luder, JP
The Lord Mountevans, Jeffrey Evans
William Anthony Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

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
Matthew Bell
John Bennett, Deputy
Peter Gordon Bennett
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP
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
Richard Peter Crossan
Karina Dostalova
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL
Peter Gerard Dunphy
Mary Durcan
Emma Edhem
Anne Helen Fairweather
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Caroline Wilma Haines
The Revd Stephen Decatur Haines, Deputy
Graeme Harrower
Christopher Michael Hayward
Christopher Hill
Tom Hoffman, MBE, Deputy
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy

Clare James, Deputy
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Deputy
Shravan Jashvantraï Joshi
Angus Knowles-Cutler
Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy
Andrew Paul Mayer
Jeremy Mayhew
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP
Wendy Mead, OBE
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy
Hugh Fenton Morris
Sylvia Doreen Moys, MBE
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE
Graham David Packham
Dhruv Patel, OBE
John Petrie
Judith Pleasance

James Henry George Pollard, Deputy
Jason Paul Pritchard
Richard David Regan, OBE, Deputy
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy
James de Sausmarez
John George Stewart Scott, JP
Oliver Sells, QC
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Tom Sleigh, Deputy
Graeme Martyn Smith
Sir Michael Snyder
James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy
John Tomlinson, Deputy
James Richard Tumbridge
William Upton
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy

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

Scott, J.G.S.,
J.P.; Mayhew,

Dhruv Patel, O.B.E

J.P.

on his recent appointment by Her Majesty The Queen as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of his services to the British Hindu community and to Social Cohesion.

Scott, J.G.S.,
J.P.; Mayhew,
J.P.

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

Thomas Dieter Dirk Hoffman, M.B.E., Deputy

On his recent appointment by Her Majesty The Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for services to Secondary and Tertiary Education and the Arts in London.

Scott, J.G.S.,
J.P.; Mayhew,
J.P.

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

Vivienne Littlechild, M.B.E., J.P.

On her recent appointment by Her Majesty The Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for services to Culture and Heritage in the City of London.

Scott, J.G.S.,
J.P.; Mayhew,
J.P.

Resolved – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to the several officers recognised by Her Majesty The Queen in the Birthday Honour's List, viz.:

- Ruth Duston, who worked with the City Surveyor's department as Director of the Cheapside Retail Initiative, and Anne Bamford, our Strategic Education & Skills Director, on their recent appointment as Officers of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;
- Matthew Ring, a Resident Estate Officer, and Jane Ewing, Office Manager at the City of London Academy Galleywall, on their recent award of the British Empire Medal;
- And Assistant Commissioner Alistair Sutherland and Superintendent Helen Isaac, both of the City of London Police, on their recent award of the Queen's Policing Medal.

5. Mayoral
Visits

The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to Brazil, Chile, Peru, the United States of America, Canada, Singapore, Indonesia, and Norway.

He also took the opportunity to express the Court's gratitude and best wishes to two long-serving Members of staff, Simon Murrells and Stephen Bragg, for their contributions over the past several decades.

6. Policy
Statement

There was no statement.

7. Hospital Seal

There were no docquets to be sealed.

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:-

Tej Rohit Samani <i>Lord Robert George Alexander Lingfield, Kt., DL Nigel Anthony Chimmo Branson, JP</i>	an Education Company Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Goldsmith Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Hatfield, Hertfordshire
Ian Robertson <i>Ian Wilson Tough Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i>	a Learning and Development Consultant <i>Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Loriner</i>	Edinburgh, Scotland
Vivienne Jane Margaret Robertson <i>Ian Wilson Tough Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Loriner</i>	Edinburgh, Scotland
Dr Roger David Dalrymple <i>Neville John Watson Peter Francis Clark</i>	a University Lecturer <i>Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Mason</i>	Oxford, Oxfordshire
Richard O'Dell Poulden <i>Michael Raymond Mainelli, Ald. Robert Cripps McDowall</i>	a Gold Company Chairman <i>Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Tin Plate Worker</i>	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Sheila Marie Dixon <i>Vincent Dignam Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	a Publican <i>Citizen and Carmen Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	City of London
Jack Barker <i>Alan Roy Willis Patrick John Marsland-Roberts, TD</i>	a Charity Volunteer <i>Citizen and Baker Citizen and Carman</i>	Croydon, Surrey
Caoimhe Gallagher <i>Vincent Dignam Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	a Physiotherapist <i>Citizen and Carman Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Tooting, London
Martyn Ian Hollyman, JP <i>Michael Richard Adkins David William Walker</i>	a Financial Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Water Conservator Citizen and Poulter</i>	Urchfont, Wiltshire
Lauren Emily Lunniss <i>David Crowley Robert John Eveleigh</i>	an Assistant Programme Director <i>Citizen and Basketmaker Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Wainscott, Kent
David Vinod Khanna <i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy William Barrie Fraser, OBE</i>	a Facilities Management Company Director <i>Citizen and Wheelwright Citizen and Gardener</i>	Clapham, London
Anthony Mark Jones <i>Alan Roy Willis Brian Peter Charlick</i>	a Systems Information Technology Manager <i>Citizen and Baker Citizen and Poulter</i>	Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire
Sir Ciaran Gearoid Devane, Kt. <i>John Michael Welbank, MBE Michael Edward Cutting</i>	a Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Chartered Architect Citizen and Glover</i>	Battersea, London

Robert Gordon David Pinckney <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i> <i>Iain Reid</i>	a Dental Surgeon, retired <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Bradford On Avon, Wiltshire
Alison Caroline Lisa Wilson <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Belfast, Northern Ireland
Jonathan Lionel Joseph <i>Sir Michael Bear, Kt.</i> <i>Lady Barbara Anne Bear</i>	a Property Company Director <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	St. John's Wood, London
Jonathan Annetts <i>Cdr. Ian Richard Wellesley-Harding</i> <i>Donald Henry McGarr</i>	a Licensee <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Covent Garden, London
Shaun Patrick <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Robert Marsh Tipping</i>	a Financial Adviser <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Westminster, London
Jane Elizabeth Patrick <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Robert Marsh Tipping</i>	a Human Resources Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Westminster, London
Carole Patricia Olding <i>John Gavin</i> <i>Mark Anthony Grove</i>	a Senior Nurse <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	South Norwood, London
Marc Bajer <i>James Andrew Marshall Edmunds</i> <i>David Lawman</i>	a Financial Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Coachmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Coachmaker</i>	Clapham, London
Susan Jane Bacon <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i> <i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Chartered Town Planner <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Theydon Bois, Essex
Kurt Gagen <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i> <i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Town Planner <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Tooting, London
Alan Rigby <i>Kenneth John Knight, CBE,</i> <i>QFSM</i> <i>Stephen Christopher Neville</i>	a Chartered Structural Engineer <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	Watford, Hertfordshire
Richard Edwin Dedman <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	a Print-Finisher, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Tonbridge, Kent
Ronald Skillett <i>Caroline Wilma Haines, CC</i> <i>Gordon Warwick Haines</i>	a Signal Engineer <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i>	Upminster, Essex
Roger Stuart Mascall <i>Sir Michael Bear, Kt.</i> <i>Lady Barbara Anne Bear</i>	a Chartered Town Planner <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire

Sylvia Beryl Hyett <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE</i>	a Building Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Tatsfield, Kent
Angela Michelle Yotov <i>Neville John Watson</i> <i>Peter Francis Clark</i>	a Lawyer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Putney, London
Nigel Charles Godden <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>James William Lane</i>	a Security Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Rustington, West Sussex
Linda Harrauld Towell <i>Jonathan Grosvenor</i> <i>David Mark Spofforth, OBE</i>	an Administrator, retired <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Horner</i>	Lightwater, Surrey
Jeremy Charles Frost <i>George Niblett</i> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i>	an Insolvency Practitioner <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	West Wickham, Kent
Michael Geoffrey Tindall <i>Michael Pares</i> <i>Alan Dee</i>	a Regular Army Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Builders Merchant</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Bexley, Kent
Bridget Anita Edwards <i>Vivienne Littlechild, JP, CC</i> <i>Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy</i>	an Arts Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	South Croydon, London
Alan John Willmott <i>Timothy John Delano Cunis</i> <i>Brian Martin Jones</i>	a Security Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Noak Hill, Essex
Daniel Mark Atkins <i>Christopher Seymour Heaps</i> <i>Peter Marshall Sturge, MBE</i>	a Metropolitan Police Officer <i>Citizen and Currier</i> <i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	Horley, Surrey
Samantha Stock <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>Peter Richard Cowland</i>	a Company Secretary <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	Gravesend, Kent
Amitkar Sumessur <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Brian John Coombe</i>	a Customer Services Supervisor <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Stanwell Moor Village, Surrey
David Robert Garside <i>Gordon Lenham Warren</i> <i>Paul Michael Constantinidi</i>	a Police Inspector, retired <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Limehouse, London
Jeffrey Francis Houston <i>Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers</i> <i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy</i>	a Local Government Head of Pensions <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Alcester, Warwickshire
Joseph De Giorgio-Miller <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i> <i>Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, CC</i>	a Chief Financial Officer <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Maldon, Essex

Kenneth John Ryan <i>Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald.</i> <i>William Anthony Bowater Russell, Ald.</i>	The Agent General of Victoria <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Knightsbridge, London
Brian Herbert Irwin <i>HH Judge Stephen Ernest Kramer</i> <i>Alan Roy Willis</i>	a Bakery Director <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Portadown, Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland
Robert Kenneth Niall Irwin <i>HH Judge Stephen Ernest Kramer</i> <i>Alan Roy Willis</i>	a Bakery Company Director <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Portadown, Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland
John McFarlane, OBE <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i> <i>Sir Roger Gifford, Kt., Ald.</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Westminster, London
His Excellency Rolando Drago Rodriguez <i>The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	The Ambassador of Chile <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Westminster, London

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.

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

Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill

The Bill proposes an amendment to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to give local authorities the power to impose charges on the promoter or organiser of a sporting, social, or entertainment event in connection with an Anti-Terrorism Traffic Regulation Order. Additional proposals include allowing local authorities to refer individuals who are believed to be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism to a multi-agency support panel and a creation of a duty for the members of a panel to co-operate with a local authority carrying out their functions.

Statutory Instruments

The Sea Fishing (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2018 S.I. No. 643

The Regulations amend the Sea Fishing (Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing) Order 2009 S.I. No. 3391 to extend offence provisions to third countries identified by the European Union as non-cooperating under EU regulations concerning illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. The Regulations apply to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority

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and in its capacity as a port health authority.

**The Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation
(Mandatory Conditions of Licences) (England) Regulations
2018 S.I. No. 616**

1st October 2018

The Regulations introduce new mandatory conditions to be included in a licence, including a minimum bedroom size and a requirement to specify the number of persons occupying a room for the purpose of sleeping accommodation. Additional provision is made to require licence holders to comply with any local authority scheme for the storage and disposal of waste at the premises. The Regulations apply to the Common Council in its capacity as a local housing authority.

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

Read.

10. Ballot
Results

The Town Clerk reported the result of the ballot taken at the last Court, as follows:-

Two Members to the **Investment Committee**.

★ denotes appointed.

	Votes
Christopher Paul Boden	18
John Douglas Chapman	21
Tom Hoffman, Deputy	31
Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, Alderman	40★
Michael Hudson	20
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers	49★

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Peter Hewitt and Andrien Meyers to be appointed to the Investment Committee.

11.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Committees:

- (A) One Member on the **Finance Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2019.

Nominations received:-

James Richard Tumbridge

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Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared James Tumbridge to be appointed to the Finance Committee.

- (B) Two Members on the **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee**, for the balance of terms expiring in April 2019.

Nominations received:-

Prem Goyal, O.B.E., J.P., Alderman

Gregory Percy Jones, Q.C., Alderman

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Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Prem Goyal and Alderman Gregory Jones to be appointed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee.

12. Questions

Barr, A.R.M. to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Support for SMEs

Alexander Barr asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding the City Corporation's support for SMEs. Responding, the Chairman noted that over 99% of businesses based in the City were SMEs, employing nearly half of the City's workforce and being vital to the City's vibrancy and prosperity. She outlined the wide range of activity undertaken to support and retain SMEs in the City, much of which extended beyond direct service provision and was more indirect in nature, involving influencing the policy environment on issues relating to tax, regulation, skills, transport, planning or housing. The unique services on offer to City businesses, such as the assistance provided by the City Property Advisory Team, Cyber Griffin support against cyber-crime, and the support of Heart of the City, were also outlined.

The Chairman also observed that one of the key factors in supporting SMEs related to the range of office space available advising that, through the Local Plan review, the City was looking specifically at the opportunity to promote the delivery of more flexible workspace. The implementation of an 'Article 4 Direction', giving the City an exemption from Permitted Development Rights (which allowed a change of use from commercial to residential without planning permission) would also allow the City to retain its office stock while many London boroughs were losing workspace to residential use.

In response to a supplementary question from Alexander Barr, the Chairman outlined the various ways in which success might be measured, including monitoring the number of SMEs in the City, working with Openreach in relation to the level of high-speed broadband connectivity amongst SMEs, and working with developers to monitor the delivery of flexible workspace.

Ameer, R.B. to the Chairman of the Community and Services Committee.

Housing Waiting List

Rehana Ameer asked a question of the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee concerning the housing waiting list. Replying, the Chairman explained that the allocation of social housing was based on factors that prioritised those with the greatest need, with the factors determining priority being primarily defined by legislation and set out in the City's allocations policy, which was regularly reviewed by the Community and Children's Services Committee.

The Chairman advised that applicants with high priority needs were almost always offered a property within a year and some within a matter of months. However, with a total stock of just 2000 homes, only a limited number of homes became vacant

each year and thus housing people was not always possible quickly. This was one of the contributing factors behind the City Corporation's recent commitment to building more housing. He added that applicants with low need (i.e. those already in accommodation which was not overcrowded) were typically already housed within the private sector or were living with parents, or were housing association tenants with a connection to the City who would prefer to have the City as their landlord. He also confirmed that he had asked officers to prepare a detailed paper for the Community & Children's Services Committee on the matter housing allocations.

In response to a supplementary question from Rehana Ameer concerning comparisons with neighbouring boroughs, the Chairman noted that the length of time taken to house low-need applicants was a problem shared by all local authority landlords, adding that the City Corporation's housing waiting list was London's smallest. In terms of comparative waiting times, authorities were not obliged to publish this information and thus it was difficult to establish the position; however, he had been able to ascertain that the City's times compared favourably to those of Westminster City Council. The Chairman also noted that many local authorities did not allow low need applicants to bid for properties, or in some cases removed them from waiting lists. The City had not taken these steps, but did warn applicants in low need that, unless their circumstances changed, they could face a lengthy wait to be housed.

Bank Junction

*Hailes, T.R., J.P.,
Ald. & Sheriff to the
Chairman of the
Planning and
Transportation
Committee.*

Alderman & Sheriff Tim Hailes asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the timetable for a decision on the future of Bank Junction. The Chairman, replying, confirmed that the matter would be considered by various committees, beginning with Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee on 3 July 2018 and ending with Policy & Resources Committee on 6 September 2018, after which he would be pleased to bring the report to the Court of Common Council for a final decision and to enable all Members to participate in the decision-making around this important item.

Responding to a supplementary question from Alderman & Sheriff Tim Hailes, the Chairman advised that Counsel's opinion was that the final decision to be made by Members could only be whether to retain the existing restrictions or not. Members might, in addition, ask officers to investigate other scenarios following that decision; however, should Members wish for the scheme to be amended, it would constitute a new experimental scheme, which would require the necessary traffic orders and a further period of consultation. The Chairman also outlined the results of consultation undertaken to date, which demonstrated a high level of public support for the Scheme.

Replying to a further question from James Tumbridge, the Chairman agreed that this item should feature early on the agenda at the meeting of the Court at which it was to be considered.

Review of Housing Governance

*Holmes, A. to
the Chairman of*

Ann Holmes asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding a review of housing governance. Responding, the Chairman

the Policy and Resources Committee.

advised that the matter was being actively considered and that a report would be coming to the Policy and Resources Committee in due course; however, she was not prepared to commit to a firm date at this stage.

Responding to supplementary questions, the Chairman agreed that it would be important to consider the issue carefully and reiterated her unwillingness to commit to a specific timetable at this stage. She also noted the concerns of the Standards Committee and others in respect of the structure of the Barbican Residential Committee, as well as the issue of dispensations and the difficulties experienced by some residential Members in being able to fully represent their constituents' interests.

Edhem, E. to the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Planned Northern Line Closures

Emma Edhem asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning a planned part-closure of the Northern Line in 2020, which was likely to have a significant effect on the City.

Responding, the Chairman noted that the planned closures were part of the Bank Station Capacity Upgrade programme, which would increase passenger capacity at the station by 40%, reduce interchange times, and provide more space within the station. The City Corporation would be working closely with TfL in an effort to mitigate against disruption this would cause and to communicate effectively with commuters to raise awareness.

Emma Edhem asked a supplementary question, urging the Chairman to explore a range of possible measures such as the introduction of specific additional bus services to compensate for the underground closures, undertaking risk audits, and making planning permission conditional on pedestrian through-flow being maintained. The Chairman thanked the Honourable Member for her suggestions and advised that he would ask officers to explore the various options raised.

Mayhew, J.P.; Barrow, D.G.F., Deputy

Motion – That Standing Order No. 13(9) be suspended for a period of ten minutes.

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

Hewitt, P.L.R., Ald. to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Rail Network Issues

Alderman Peter Hewitt asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee relative to recent issues on the rail networks which service the City.

The Chairman thanked the Honourable Member for raising this issue, recognising the difficulties that had been caused for many City workers and businesses in the recent period. She suggested that, should the difficulties continue, the City Corporation might explore with other London councils whether there was any influence it could bring to bear to help improve the situation.

13. Motions

Lord, C.E., O.B.E., J.P., Deputy; Fairweather,

Motion - "That this Honourable Court, in recognition of the centenary of women's suffrage and in committing itself to make further strides forward in making the City of London an open, tolerant and inclusive place to live, work, and visit, resolves to recognise the contribution made by London's women, by commissioning a statue or

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statues to be placed in prominent public positions, perhaps of some of the pioneering women who first held high office in the City, such as Dame Mary Donaldson GBE JP (Lord Mayor 1983), Edwina Coven CBE JP DL (Chief Commoner 1987), or Dame Judith Mayhew-Jonas DBE (Policy Chairman 1997-2003), or other women who have added value to the life of London over the centuries; and to refer this matter to relevant committees (advised by an independent expert group) to determine the subjects, budgets, design, location, and other practical concerns.”

Deputy Edward Lord and Anne Fairweather, the mover and seconder of the Motion, spoke in support of the proposal.

McGuinness,
C.S., Deputy;
Hailes, T.R., J.P.,
Ald. & Sheriff

Amendment – That the Motion be altered to include the words “or other depictions” following the words “statue or statues”.

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

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

14. Awards &
Prizes

The Court received a report of the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, advising of the receipt of a gold award in the Office for Students’ recent teaching excellence framework. The School had also been listed as the UK’s top conservatoire in the 2019 Guardian University Guide for Music.

15.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)

7 June 2018

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Local Government Association Reconstitution

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures relative to the reconstitution of the Local Government Association.

The LGA had recently undertaken a comprehensive review of its governance and constitution to become more tax efficient, take more advantage of best value and keep member authority subscriptions to a reasonable level. Having considered a number of options which, amongst other things, included seeking charitable status, creating a community interest company and becoming a company limited by guarantee, the Association had concluded that its best option would be to change from an unincorporated Association to an incorporated unlimited company. As a result, member authorities of the current LGA were required to formally apply to become members of the new company (also called the Local Government Association (11177145)) which was incorporated on 30 January 2018 and to which the assets and liabilities of the LGA were intended to be transferred.

Following the receipt of satisfactory responses to a number of legal and financial queries, the Policy and Resources Committee considered and endorsed the City Corporation’s membership of the new LGA, subject to the final consent of the Court.

Approval was therefore given for:-

- the City Corporation applying to become a member of the new incorporated body, the Local Government Association (11177145);
- the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee (for the time being) or his or her representative and Alderman Sir David Wootton, being appointed to serve as the City Corporation's representatives on the new LGA company's General Assembly and, should they be elected or appointed by the new company, also serving as Directors of the new company or on any other governance structure it is agreed should be adopted (this to be subject to the terms of their authority being made clear so that they act within their remit whilst serving on this outside body); and
- until such time as the existing unincorporated Local Government Association be dissolved, the Chairman of the Policy Committee (for the time being) or his or her representative and Alderman Sir David Wootton serving as the City Corporation's representatives at the General Assembly or in any other capacity within the Association to which they are elected or appointed.

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

(John George Stewart Scott, J.P., Chief Commoner)

22 May 2018

Applications for Hospitality

(a) Reception following Pride Flag raising

In July 2017, the City Corporation flew the LGBT Pride Flag at Guildhall to mark the Pride in London Festival. The Court of Common Council subsequently passed a motion to fly the LGBT Pride Flag at Guildhall and other City Corporation buildings to mark the annual Pride in London Festival.

In 2018, the Pride in London Parade was to take place on Saturday 7 July. The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport advice to Government Departments was for the Rainbow Flag to be flown from Monday 2 July to Saturday 7 July.

It was therefore proposed that the Pride Flag fly at Guildhall in line with Government advice and that the City Corporation host a reception in the Crypts following the flag raising on 2 July. The reception would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to show its continuing support for the LGBT community and its commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion throughout London and the UK.

Guests would include the Board of the LGBT+ Pride in London Organising Committee, representatives from the City Corporation's Pride LGBT staff networks and the City Corporation's other staff diversity networks, representatives from the City of London Police and City associated units from the Armed Forces, representatives from LGBT+ networks from businesses and firms within the City and leading LGBT+ charities.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following the flag raising to mark the 40th anniversary of the Rainbow

Flag; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following the flag raising to mark the 40th anniversary of the Rainbow Flag; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

(b) Cancer Research Centre

It had recently been announced that a new Cancer Research Centre would be opening in London. This major new centre represented a significant financial investment from four partner organisations: University College London, Queen Mary University London, King's College London and the Francis Crick Institute. The aims of the centre were to research into the causes of cancer, develop new state of the art therapies and run specialist training programmes for clinicians and scientists. A key focus of the centre would be on cancers where there has been a relative lack of research, and to undertake research into alternative medical treatments.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception to launch the new centre. The reception would be an opportunity for the City Corporation to show its support for the creation of the new centre and its commitment to providing services for the benefit of those working and living in the Square Mile.

Guests would include key individuals involved in the establishment of the centre, representatives from the four main partner organisations, Cancer Research UK and the governance board for the new centre.

It was **therefore** recommended that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to launch the new centre and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Health and Wellbeing Board; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

The host element would be the Health and Wellbeing Board, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee and Members with relevant interests.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to launch the new centre and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Health and Wellbeing Board; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

(c) Commonwealth High Commissioners' Dinner

Since 2015, the City Corporation had hosted an annual dinner for the Commonwealth High Commissioners and other selected guests during Commonwealth Week, which fell in March each year. In April 2018 the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by the UK. As part of this, the Commonwealth Business Forum took place at Guildhall and Mansion House and the City Corporation hosted a banquet on the second day of the Forum. The City Corporation's contribution to the success of the Summit was widely appreciated both by the UK Government and by Commonwealth

institutions.

As a result of the CHOGM taking place in London in April and following discussion with the Royal Commonwealth Society, it had been proposed that the City Corporation host the 2018 High Commissioners' Dinner in October this year. This would provide opportunities for the building of relationships with business interests in Commonwealth countries and their representatives in London and UK based businesses.

It was therefore proposed that the City Corporation host the 2018 annual dinner for the Commonwealth High Commissioners. Guests would include selected business guests with Commonwealth interests and other relevant institutional representatives.

It was consequently **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a dinner for the Commonwealth High Commissioners and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the cost to be met from City's Cash and within approved parameters.

The host element would be the Policy and Resources Committee, Chief Commoner and Members with relevant Commonwealth interests.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for a dinner for the Commonwealth High Commissioners and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the cost to be met from City's Cash and within approved parameters.

17.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE THE CITY BRIDGE TRUST COMMITTEE

**(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)
(Alison Gowman, Alderman)**

7 June 2018
2 May 2018

Philanthropy Strategy

The City Corporation and its associated charities enjoy a proud track record of philanthropy. Following a number of reviews undertaken in recent years, a Strategy had been developed to maximise and focus the City Corporation's efforts in this area.

This new overarching strategy bound together the relevant elements of the City Corporation's Corporate Plan with the City Bridge Trust's "Bridging Divides" strategy and aligned much more explicitly with those of related charities such as The Lord Mayor's Appeal and Heart of the City.

The City Bridge Trust and Policy and Resources Committees had considered and approved this Strategy and it was presented to the Court for information.

Resolved – That the Philanthropy Strategy be noted.

18.

POLICE COMMITTEE

(Doug Barrow, Deputy)

24 May 2018

Cyber Security Strategy

The City of London's financial and professional services (FPS) industry was at risk of a unique cyber threat and, as a sector designated as Critical National Infrastructure, there was a need to enhance its protection from future attack.

The City of London Police (CoLP) and the Economic Development Office (EDO) had therefore proposed to partner to develop and deliver a cyber strategy incorporating:

- the 'Cyber Griffin' initiative, which would include expert briefing, training and scenario planning to help businesses in the Square Mile defend against cyber-attack;
- a cyber security incident response exercise developed by the University of Bristol as well as tailored research;
- bespoke products and advice from the Global Cyber Alliance; and
- stakeholder liaison, promotion, and project management by EDO to optimise implementation of the strategy.

This initiative also had the support of the Finance and Policy and Resources Committees and was now presented to the Court for final approval.

Resolved – That:-

- approval be given to an uplift of the City of London Police budget for the amount of £870k for 2018/19, and EDO's budget for the amount of £55k;
- approval be given to an increase to the base budget of the City of London Police of £450k and EDO's budget for £55k, for 2019/20 for the initial launch and piloting of Cyber Griffin (over two years), to be drawn from City's Cash; and
- it be noted that, pending the initial success of Cyber Griffin, a business case would be presented to seek long-term funding, to continue to deliver the strategy, beginning in 2020/21.

19.
Scott, J.G.S.,
J.P.; 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:-

20. **Markets Committee**

The Court:-

- a) approved a report concerning the relocation of the Museum of London; and

- b) approved a report concerning the strategic review of markets.

21. **Finance Committee**

The Court:-

- a) approved a report concerning the award of a contract relative to managed print and digital services; and
- b) received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the award of a contract.

22. **Property Investment Board**

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the disposal of a freehold.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.15 pm

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