



BOWMAN, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

19th July 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

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The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Charles Edward Beck Bowman
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David Andrew Graves
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Vincent Thomas Keaveny

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Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
William Anthony Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton

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John David Absalom, Deputy
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Rehana Banu Ameer
Randall Keith Anderson
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Matthew Bell
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
Michael John Cassidy, CBE, Deputy
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, OBE, Deputy
John Douglas Chapman
Dominic Gerard Christian
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Karina Dostalova

Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL
Peter Gerard Dunphy
Emma Edhem (Alderman-elect for the Ward of Candlewick)
Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy
Anne Helen Fairweather
John William Fletcher
Stuart John Fraser, CBE
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Caroline Wilma Haines
Graeme Harrower
Christopher Michael Hayward
Tom Hoffman, Deputy
Wendy Hyde, Deputy
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy
Clare James, Deputy
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Vivienne Littlechild JP
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge, TD
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
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy
Hugh Fenton Morris
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
Sylvia Doreen Moys, MBE
Benjamin Daniel Murphy
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE
Graham David Packham
Dhruv Patel OBE
Susan Jane Pearson
John Petrie
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy

Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Jason Paul Pritchard
Stephen Douglas Quilter
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy
Ruby Sayed
John George Stewart Scott, JP
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Oliver Sells, QC
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Graeme Martyn Smith
Sir Michael Snyder
James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy
John Tomlinson, Deputy
James Richard Tumbridge
William Upton
Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley
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 unanimously* – That, on his retirement from this Honourable Court, Members wish to place on record their most sincere thanks to:-

Moss, A., Deputy;

Scott, J.G.S., J.P.

Jeffrey Richard de Corban Evans, the Lord Mountevans

for the service that he has given to the City of London Corporation and to the City.

Having served the Ward of Cheap as its Alderman since his election in 2007, in 2012/13 Jeffrey was elected to the Office of Sheriff of the City of London and, in 2015/16, served as the City's 688th Lord Mayor; carrying out the demanding role with commitment and integrity.

Drawing on his strong shipping background, including roles as a Managing Director of Clarkson's Shipping and Chairman of Maritime London, Jeffrey has used his experience and insight over the past eleven years to help navigate the City through all waters, whether turbulent or smooth, and we are grateful to him for his many contributions.

Having now stepped down from Office, Jeffrey, so well supported throughout by Juliet, can take with him the very best wishes of all his colleagues on this Court for a long, happy and healthy retirement from civic life in the City.

Everett, K.,
Deputy;
Scott, J.G.S., J.P.

Resolved unanimously – That, on her retirement from this Honourable Court, Members wish to place on record their most sincere thanks to:-

Dame Catherine Fiona Woolf, D.B.E.

for her dedication to the work of the City over the past 11 years.

In 2007, Dame Fiona was admitted to this Court as an Alderman for the Ward of Candlewick. In 2010, she was elected to the Office of Sheriff of the City of London and, in 2013, became the City's 686th Lord Mayor and only the second female to serve as Lord Mayor since 1189.

Having held prominent positions in her professional career – namely as a Partner at CMS Cameron McKenna and as a Consultant to the World Bank – Dame Fiona was well equipped to promote the Square Mile and the City, strengthening its links with the wider UK economy. In 2015, she was appointed by Her Majesty the Queen as Dame Commander for her services to the City of London, diversity and the legal profession.

During her time as Lord Mayor, Fiona championed themes of diversity, sustainability, charity leadership and philanthropy and the work she supported both then and since has left a lasting legacy, both within the City Corporation and in the City as a whole.

We warmly thank her for her exceptional service. Her passion and dedication will be sorely missed. We all wish Fiona a long and happy retirement and send our best wishes to her and Nicholas in their future adventures.

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

Resolved unanimously – That, the gratitude of this Court be extended to:-

Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt

Lately Alderman for the Ward of Aldgate, for his dedicated service to the City Corporation and the City of London over the past six years.

Elected in 2012, Peter served on a wide range of Committees and Outside Bodies during his time with the City Corporation; however, it is his work in the field of social investment for which this Court owes him a particular debt of gratitude.

Serving as the first Chairman of the Social Investment Board, Peter oversaw the establishment of this important area of work at a time when the social investment market was in its infancy. Under his tenure, the Board has committed over £14.7million to a variety of charities, helping thousands of people across the UK by providing housing for vulnerable groups, employment support for ex-offenders, and access to community transport, all while generating a return of 4.7% - additional monies which can then be re-invested into further good causes. His efforts have seen the City Corporation develop into one of the key players in the nascent social investment market, demonstrating that by making socially responsible investments, it is possible to have a positive social impact without compromising on financial returns – thereby helping to establish social investment as a credible investment medium.

This Honourable Court now extends to Peter its sincerest thanks for his endeavours over the past several years, as well as its very best wishes to him for the future.

5. Mayoral Visits

The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to Nigeria, Japan and South Korea.

6. Policy Statement

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee spoke to update Members on the City Corporation's response to the Brexit White Paper, which had been published by Her Majesty's Government the previous week, and to outline the proposed next steps.

7. Hospital Seal

There were no docquets for the seal.

8. Freedoms

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

Stephanie Fernande Reine Marty <i>Gareth Wynford Moore</i> <i>William Frederick Payne</i>	a Restaurant Manager <i>Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler</i>	Wood Green, London
Terry Donald Willmott <i>Colin James Bridgen</i> <i>Jeffrey Charles Williams</i>	a Telecommunications Co-Ordinator, retired <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Hanham, Bristol
Paul Robert Hughes <i>Colin James Bridgen</i> <i>Jeffrey Charles Williams</i>	a Sales Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Longwell Green, Bristol

Gary Jesse Weeks <i>Colin James Bridgen</i> <i>Jeffrey Charles Williams</i>	an Accountant, retired <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Kingswood, Bristol
Mark Samuel Harris <i>Colin James Bridgen</i> <i>Jeffrey Charles Williams</i>	a Nightclub Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Fishponds, Bristol
Jeffrey John Wherlock <i>Colin James Bridgen</i> <i>Jeffrey Charles Williams</i>	a Print Worker <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Ashton, Bristol
Robert John Bell <i>Brian Peter Jesse Farminer</i> <i>Dr Mahmoud Saleh Barbir</i>	a Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Turner</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>	Coleridge Gardens, Chelsea
Karina Marion Hartmann <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i> <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i>	a Hotel Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Oerlinghausen, Germany
Anna-Lena Strube <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i> <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Oerlinghausen, Germany
Max Schneider <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i> <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i>	a Business Controlling Student <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Oerlinghausen, Germany
Lukas Kronshage <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i> <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i>	a Technician <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Oerlinghausen, Germany
Charlotte Lauren Kipping <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i> <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i>	an Office Manager <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Woodford Green, Essex
Sarah Jane Pickup <i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Vincent Keaveny, Ald.</i>	a Local Government Deputy Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Hertford, Hertfordshire
Charlotte Mary Snyder <i>James John Madden</i> <i>Stephen Brissenden</i>	a Marketing Director <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	Sevenoaks, Kent
Yasar Akar <i>Lin Jane Luder</i> <i>Ian David Luder, JP, Ald.</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Cooper</i>	St Leonards On Sea, East Sussex
Marian Frances Murray <i>William James Murray</i> <i>Terence Harragan</i>	a London Guide Lecturer <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Bexleyheath, Kent
Marianne Cotterill <i>Michael Corig Roberts</i> <i>James Albert Simmons</i>	an Opera Singer <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire
Jeanette Helen Ager <i>Michael Corig Roberts</i> <i>James Albert Simmons</i>	an Opera Singer <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire

Mark Anthony Gaius Versallion <i>Lord Robert George Alexander Lingfield, Kt., DL</i> <i>Nigel Anthony Chimmo Branson, JP</i>	a Politician and Property Company Director <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Bedfordshire
Dr Mark Robert Edward Jones <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i> <i>David Benjamin Morris</i>	a Researcher <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Camden, London
Hamant-Kumar Jadavji Bharadia <i>Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers</i> <i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Wallington, Surrey
Vincent John Driver <i>Matthew Damian Hampson</i> <i>Robert James Ingham Clark, Deputy</i>	a Building Contractor <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Lambeth, London
Pauline Vera Chakmakjian <i>Prof. Michael Raymond Mainelli, Ald.</i> <i>Mark Geoffrey Yeandle</i>	a Researcher <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Weaver</i>	Whittier, California, United States of America
Angelina Louisa Sooren <i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i> <i>David Andrew Harry McGregor Smith, CBE</i>	a Health & Safety & Environmental Director <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire
Jason Gray <i>Edward Arthur Jackson</i> <i>Matthew Henry Dymott</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Marylebone, London
Thomas Malcolm Thain Wishart <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i> <i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy</i>	a Chartered Banker, retired <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Newlands, Scotland
Jill Elaine Borowiecka <i>Kevin Richard Coyne</i> <i>Mary Elizabeth Nurse</i>	an Alumni Relations Manager <i>Citizen and Fanmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Fanmaker</i>	Brockley, London
Cdr Nicholas John Chatwin, OBE RN <i>Gordon Lenham Warren</i> <i>William Fitzgerald-O'Connor</i>	a Royal Navy Officer <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Yeovil, Somerset
Richard John Huysers <i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i> <i>David Andrew Harry McGregor Smith, CBE</i>	an Health Safety Environmental Advisor <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Middleton St George, County Durham
Stephen Paul Bishop <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>John Donald Lunn</i>	a Police Officer <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Fan Maker</i>	Farnborough, Hampshire
The Rt. Hon. Sir Brian Henry Leveson, KT	The President of the Queen's Bench Division	Golders Green, London

<i>Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Ald. & Sheriff</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	
Matthew David Clapp	a Vineyard Director	Shadoxhurst, Kent
<i>Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Ald. & Sheriff</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	
Alexandria Bou-Nahra Clapp	a Home Maker	Shadoxhurst, Kent
<i>Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Ald. & Sheriff</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>Fiona Josephine Adler</i>	<i>Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker & Tobacco Blender</i>	
Kevin Steven Williams	a Data Communications Company Director	Wendover, Buckinghamshire
<i>Gerald Albert George Pulman, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
<i>Timothy Chambers</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Sean Andrew Turner	a Security Consultant	Boreham, Essex
<i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	
<i>Colin Trevor Gurnett</i>	<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	
Naomi Aisha Wei	a Student	Ilford, Essex
<i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Vincent Keaveny, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
Mathilda Dorothy Whitehead	a Student	Highbury, London
<i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Vincent Keaveny, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
Gabriel Masfurroll Lacambra	a Healthcare Company Director	Atico, Spain
<i>Carlotta Josefina Wigglesworth</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	
<i>Mark Anthony Grove</i>	<i>Citizen and Cook</i>	
Kerstin Mathias	a Head of Policy	Tower Hamlets, London
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<i>Sir Mark John Boleat, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
Yu Sun	a Banker	City of London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Neil Graham Morgan Redcliffe, Sheriff</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	

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:-

Statutory Instruments**Date in Force****The Client Money Protection Schemes for Property Agents (Approval and Designation of Schemes) Regulations 2018 S.I. No. 751**

21 June 2018

The Regulations give the Secretary of State the power to approve or designate client money protection schemes and set out the conditions to be satisfied before approval is granted. The Regulations will be enforced by local authorities, including the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority.

Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 S.I. No. 730

9 July 2018

The Regulations provide for unaccompanied refugee children who have been transferred to the United Kingdom under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 and have limited leave to remain to be eligible for social housing and homeless assistance if they are habitually resident in the United Kingdom.

The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (England) Regulations 2018 S.I. No. 731

19 July 2018

The Regulations make amendments to earlier Regulations and provide for the costs of testing deceased cattle (other than cattle intended for human consumption) to be met by industry and not out of public funds. The Regulations are in part enforced by local authorities, including the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority.

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

Read.

10.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Committees:

- (A) Two Members on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School**, for four-year terms expiring in July 2022.

Nominations received:-

Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ian Seaton and Deputy James Thomson to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School.

- (B) Three Members on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**, for four-year terms expiring in July 2022.

Nominations received:-

Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, J.P.
 Tijs Broeke
 Ann Holmes

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Tijs Broeke and Ann Holmes to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls.

- (C) Four Members on the **Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School**, three for four-year terms expiring July 2022 and one for the balance of a terms expiring July 2019.

Nominations received:-

Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy
 Philip John Woodhouse, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Elizabeth Rogula and Deputy Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.

- (D) Five Members on the **Community & Children's Services Committee**, for the balance of terms expiring in April 2019.

Nominations received:-

Graeme Harrower

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Graeme Harrower to be appointed to the Community & Children's Services Committee.

- (E) Two Members on the **Standards Appeals Committee**, for the balance of terms expiring in April 2019.

Nominations received:-

Randall Keith Anderson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Anderson to be appointed to the Standards Appeals Committee.

11. Questions

*Upton, W. to the
 Chairman of the
 Policy and*

Grenfell Tower

William Upton asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding the speed and nature of the response and the City

*Resources
Committee*

Corporation's involvement to the tragic events at Grenfell Tower.

Responding, the Chairman noted that a Public Inquiry would be looking into the response, adding that, whilst the City Corporation did not have any direct involvement in the process at this point in time, it would be monitoring developments and learning emerging from the Inquiry. She also advised that the Greater London Authority's London Resilience Team were currently in the process of carrying out multi-agency debriefs and that the City Corporation would seek to use their report to help identify local learning which might be adopted and implemented.

In response to a supplementary question from William Upton, the Chairman explained that, in the wake of the Grenfell Tower fire, the City Corporation had undertaken a comprehensive review of processes and procedures relating to fire safety across all its residential properties. As a consequence of this activity, a programme of fire safety improvement works was being implemented across the entirety of the residential portfolio, with progress reports being provided to the Community and Children's Services Committee on a regular basis. The Chairman also made reference to additional learning which had been taken on board through London Councils, with their Leaders' Committee having identified various learning points which had been communicated back to officers.

*Mainelli, M.R., Ald.
to the Chairman
of the Planning
and
Transportation
Committee.*

Public Realm Enhancements

Alderman Michael Mainelli asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning improvements being made to the public realm.

Replying, the Chairman outlined the positive work undertaken in recent years to improve the public realm across the City, improving pedestrian access, inclusivity and safety. He added that this activity was primarily managed through the City of London Local Plan, which had facilitated the enhancement of existing upper-level walkways, encouraged the creation of roof gardens and viewing galleries and, ultimately, had led to the creation of new open spaces such as Aldgate Square, new spaces and City walkways at London Wall Place, and new public roof gardens such as at 20 Fenchurch Street. The Chairman advised that the Local Plan was currently being reviewed with a view to making further improvements, including the accommodation of increasing pedestrian flows and ensuring public safety. Various other complementary strategies or policies were also being developed, such as the Eastern Cluster Area Strategy and the Transport Strategy, as part of a cohesive approach to creating safer and more pleasant streets and a better-connected City.

In response to a supplementary question from Alderman Michael Mainelli relating to the expected increase in pedestrian numbers as a result of Crossrail, the Chairman explained that the City Corporation was doing all it could to prepare for the influx of people. The Public Realm programme would play a part in this, but the City Corporation would need to be innovative in its ideas, with the Chairman citing timed road closures as an example of the sorts of measures which could be put in place.

Responding to a question from Deputy Brian Mooney, the Chairman observed that maintaining access for all modes of transportation would be vital for the City to

retain its position as the world-leading business city, noting the importance of vehicular traffic in servicing buildings and development.

John Fletcher recalled the success of night-time deliveries during the London Olympics, asking what progress had been made to build on that legacy. The Chairman agreed the timed deliveries during the Olympics had proven successful and advised that he would ask officers to consider whether there was scope to re-introduce this.

Road Closures

Morris, H.F. to the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Hugh Morris asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the road closures and traffic congestion within the City.

The Chairman, replying, advised that the level of building construction taking place within the City had placed increasing demands on the City's highway network. Furthermore, works were being undertaken across the City by Transport for London (TfL), Thames Tideway, Crossrail, and various utility companies, all of which resulted in road closures, requiring the City Corporation to take action to reduce their impact on congestion. The Chairman outlined the work taking place in an effort to keep the network as clear as possible and advised that the City's draft Transport Strategy would set the agenda for how the City's streets would change and adapt over the next 20 years.

Responding to a supplementary question from Hugh Morris the Chairman advised that, although officers did their utmost to provide strategies to limit traffic congestion, it was clear there were no easy answers and that some solutions might well have traffic implications for other roads. He advised that he would challenge officers to consider further what measures could be introduced to ease congestion, particularly in relation to Threadneedle Street.

Replying to a question from Ruby Sayed, the Chairman agreed that it was frustrating to witness traffic congestion being caused by vehicles parked in loading bays which did not appear to be loading or unloading at that point in time. He explained that vehicles parked in these zones were permitted to remain there for 40 minutes, which was a London-wide protocol, but advised that he had asked officers to explore whether this time period could be significantly reduced in the City. The Chairman added that he was also continuing discussions with officers to ask that those parked illegally be issued tickets immediately by enforcement officers.

A question was asked by Sylvia Moys concerning the impact caused by road closures associated with works by utilities companies to repair ageing infrastructure. The Chairman confirmed that, whilst inconvenient, as this was a public health matter there was no other choice but to close the roads to allow the works to take place. The Chairman explained that he was working to address this issue by urging utilities companies to undertake comprehensive replacement of outdated infrastructure when making repairs, rather than simply performing quick fixes. This would minimise the frequency with which the same roads were closed to facilitate repeated short-term repairs, instead delivering a long-term solution.

In response to a question from Deputy Roger Chadwick, the Chairman undertook to

provide all Members with information setting out the rationale behind the various current road closures, alongside a summary of the works currently taking place.

12. Motions There were no motions.

13. Awards & Prizes There was no report.

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

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

10 July 2018

Applications for Hospitality

(a) Ambassador of Kuwait

His Excellency, the Ambassador of Kuwait, Mr Khaled Al-Duwaisan, was due to complete 25 years as Ambassador to the United Kingdom during 2018.

The Ambassador was a regular attendee at many City events, including the Lord Mayor's Banquet and State Banquets. As Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, he was also one of the speakers at the Easter Banquet. During his tenure, the City had hosted two State Banquets for Kuwait, in May 1995 and November 2012.

The Ambassador had been recognised with awards for his work on interfaith dialogue and counter-terrorism and was awarded a KCVO by Her Majesty the Queen in 2015.

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts a dinner to mark the Ambassador's 25 years of service to the Court of St James and to thank him for his work in promoting ties between Kuwait and the UK, including the City. Guests would include representatives from the Royal Household, Foreign Office and City businesses, and personal City contacts of the Ambassador including Livery Companies and institutions with which the Ambassador was associated.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a dinner to mark the Ambassador's 25 years of service to the Court of St James and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within approved parameters.

The host element would be the Hospitality Working Party, Aldermen above the Chair and Members with relevant interests.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for a dinner to mark the Ambassador's 25 years of service to the Court of St James, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

(b) Volunteers supporting the City

The City Corporation and the City of London benefit from a large number of

volunteers. Volunteers support departments such as Open Spaces, Guildhall Art Gallery and the London Metropolitan Archives as well as those who volunteer as Marshalls or stewards at the Lord Mayor's Show.

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to thank volunteers who support the work of the City Corporation and highlight volunteering opportunities.

Guests would include volunteers, City Corporation representatives who co-ordinate volunteering activity, representatives from the City's Giving Day, Lord Mayor's Appeal, City Schools and Academies, and Members with relevant interests.

It was **therefore** recommended that the City Corporation host an early evening reception to recognise the work of its volunteers and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

Resolved – That the City Corporation host an early evening reception to recognise the work of its volunteers with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

15. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)

1 July 2018

Report of Urgent Action Taken: City of London Freeman's School Catering, Cleaning and Housekeeping Services – Contract Award Report

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures concerning the award of a contract for Soft Facilities Management services, including catering, cleaning and housekeeping services, at the City of London Freeman's School. It was noted that approval had been given to the award of a three-year contract, commencing 1 August 2018, to Sodexo Limited at a cost of £1,535,402 per annum.

Resolved – That the action taken under urgency procedures be noted.

16. **BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC & DRAMA**

(Vivienne Littlechild, J.P.)

24 May 2018

Amendments to Terms of Reference

The Court of Common Council was asked to consider and approve proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the Board of Governors of Guildhall School of Music and Drama (GSMD). These changes arose as a result of the introduction in April 2018 of the Office for Students, in place of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), as well as a review of the terms of reference by the Board's Governance and Effectiveness Sub Committee. The proposed amendments had been considered and endorsed by the Policy and

Resources Committee and were **recommended** to the Court for final approval.

Resolved – That the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, as set out in the appendix to this report, be approved.

17.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge)

8 May 2018

(a) Amendments to Terms of Reference

The Court of Common Council was asked to consider and approve proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the Standards Committee arising from the outcome of the review of the Standards framework. These proposed amendments had been considered and endorsed by the Policy and Resources Committee and were **recommended** for approval.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the report, clarifying the transitional arrangements applicable to the changes to the Committee's Terms of Reference. He confirmed that, consistent with the decision of the Court made on 8 March 2018, any appeal in relation to an allegation that had already been assessed by the relevant Standards Sub-Committee would be determined under the existing arrangements.

Resolved – That the proposed amendments to the terms of reference of the Standards Committee, as set out in the appendix to the report, be approved.

18 May 2018

(b) Co-opted Member Appointments

The terms of office of two current co-opted Members of the Standards Committee were due to expire in December 2018. Although both co-optees were eligible for reappointment for a second and final four-year term of office, it was proposed that one reappointment be for a three-year period at this stage, in order to better regulate the terms of office of the co-opted members of the Committee. The Court was therefore **recommended** to reappoint Dan Large and Mark Greenburgh as co-opted Members of the Standards Committee, for a four-year and a three-year term of office respectively, to commence from the expiry of their current terms in December 2018.

In reply to a question from Benjamin Murphy, the Chairman assured the Court that diversity and inclusion would be at the forefront of the Committee's approach when considering potential appointees to the outstanding co-opted Member vacancy on the Committee. However, he cautioned that application levels for such posts had historically been low and the Committee might therefore be limited in its options. The Chairman subsequently urged Members to encourage good quality prospective candidates they might be aware of to apply.

Responding to a further question from Marianne Fredericks, the Chairman confirmed that co-opted Members were subject to the same rules as elected Members in respect of the management of potential conflicts and declarations of

interests. In addition, the Committee was able to consider additional background information and request information and disclosures relating to any historic convictions or offences.

Resolved – That Dan Large and Mark Greenburgh be reappointed as co-opted Members of the Standards Committee, for a four-year and a three-year term of office respectively, to commence from the expiry of their current terms in December 2018.

18 May 2018

(c) Annual Report

The Court received the annual report of the Standards Committee, advising of its activity during the May 2017 to April 2018 period. It was noted that five alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct had been considered by the Committee during 2017/18.

Responding to a question from Marianne Fredericks, the Chairman advised that training in relation to the new complaints and appeals procedures would need to be undertaken by Members of the new Standards Appeals Committee prior to that Committee taking on its responsibilities. He added that he had undertaken the training personally and had also encouraged fellow Standards Committee Members to participate, to gain a greater understanding of the new procedures.

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

18.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONS BOARD

(Ian David Luder, J.P., Alderman)

29 June 2018

Revision to Term of Membership

At its meeting on 25 June 2015, the Court of Common Council had established a Local Government Pensions Board in order to meet the requirements of the Public Services Pension Act 2013, which specified that a Local Government Pensions Board must be established by 1 April 2015, but that it need not be operational at this point.

The Court appointed two Members, Alderman Ian Luder and James Tumbridge, as Scheme Manager representatives for terms of four years expiring in April 2019.

It had now been recognised that staggered terms of Membership would be more appropriate to allow for a continuation of Member knowledge and experience on the Board, as well as to offer a smooth transition in future years and a sensible rotation of Members to the Board going forward.

The Court of Common Council was therefore **recommended** to extend the current term on the Board of James Tumbridge by two years to expire in April 2021. This would allow for a staggering of Membership and offer sufficient overlap between elected Members on the Board when appointing these on four-yearly terms going forward.

Resolved – That James Tumbridge's current term on the Local Government Pensions Board be extended by two years, such that it now expired in April 2021.

19. *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.

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

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. **Capital Buildings Committee**
The Court approved recommendations concerning a project to provide a new combined courts and police facility.
22. **Establishment Committee**
The Court approved recommendations relating to a proposed pay deal for staff for 2018-20.
23. **Property Investment Board**
The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures concerning the disposal of a 150-year lease.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.10 pm

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