



# RUSSELL, MAYOR

## COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

16th July 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT

#### ALDERMEN

Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman  
Emma Edhem  
Sir Peter Estlin  
John Garbutt  
Sir Roger Gifford  
Alison Gowman  
Prem Goyal  
David Andrew Graves

Timothy Russell Hailes  
Robert Picton Seymour Howard  
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney  
Gregory Jones  
Vincent Thomas Keaveny  
Alastair John Naisbitt King  
Susan Langley  
Ian David Luder

Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons  
Sheriff Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli  
Bronek Masojada  
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley  
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, William Anthony Bowater Russell  
Sir David Hugh Wootton  
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

#### COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams  
Caroline Kordai Addy  
Munsur Ali  
Rehana Banu Ameer  
Randall Keith Anderson  
Douglas Barrow  
Matthew Bell  
John Bennett  
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith  
Christopher Paul Boden  
Mark Bostock  
Deputy Keith David Forbes  
Bottomley  
Deputy David John Bradshaw  
Tijs Broeke  
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick  
John Douglas Chapman  
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
Graeme Doshi-Smith  
Karina Dostalova  
Simon D'Olier Duckworth  
Deputy Peter Gerard Dunphy  
Mary Durcan

John Ernest Edwards  
Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett  
Anne Helen Fairweather  
Sophie Anne Fernandes  
John William Fletcher  
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks  
Tracey Graham  
Caroline Wilma Haines  
The Revd Stephen Decatur  
Haines  
Graeme Harrower  
Sheriff Christopher Michael  
Hayward  
Christopher Hill  
Tom Hoffman, Deputy  
Ann Holmes  
Michael Hudson  
Wendy Hyde, Deputy  
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy  
Clare James, Deputy  
Shravan Jashvantraï Joshi  
Angus Knowles-Cutler  
Vivienne Littlechild

Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen  
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge  
Deputy Edward Lord  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Andrew Paul Mayer  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Deputy Catherine McGuinness  
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie  
Wendy Mead  
Deputy Robert Allan Merrett  
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers  
Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney  
Deputy Hugh Fenton Morris  
Sylvia Doreen Moys  
Benjamin Daniel Murphy  
Deputy Joyce Carruthers Nash  
Barbara Patricia Newman  
Graham Packham  
Susan Jane Pearson  
John Petrie  
William Pimlott

Deputy James Henry George Pollard  
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest  
Jason Paul Pritchard  
Deputy Elizabeth Rogula  
Ruby Sayed  
John George Stewart Scott  
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton  
Oliver Sells  
Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson  
Jeremy Lewis Simons  
Deputy Tom Sleight  
Sir Michael Snyder  
Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson  
Deputy John Tomlinson  
James Richard Tumbridge  
William Upton  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley  
Deputy Philip Woodhouse  
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Apologies      The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations    There were no additional declarations.
3. Minutes        *Resolved* – That the minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded, subject to the following amendments:-

- page 8, third paragraph, the words “the past twelve months” be deleted and replaced with “2018/19”;
- page 8, third paragraph, the words “officers or other external parties” be deleted and replaced with the words “another local authority”.

4. Resolutions      There were no resolutions.
5. Mayoral Visits      The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to update the Court on his virtual engagement programme.
6. Policy Statement      There was no statement.
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:-

<b>Azad Ayub</b> <i>Mei Sim Lai</i> <i>David Lawrence Byron Stringer-Lamarre</i>	a Civil Engineer <i>Citizen and Horner</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	Winchmore Hill, London
<b>Graham Walter Bailey</b>  <i>Wayne Buffett Warlow</i> <i>Philip Gwynfern Edwards</i>	a Professional Golfer  <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Tallow Chandler</i>	Doncaster, South Yorkshire
<b>Heather Byers</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	a Critical Care Nurse  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Buckhurst Hill, London
<b>Christopher Andrew Castle</b> <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i>  <i>Patrick John Marsland-Roberts, TD</i>	a Shooting Instructor <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Northolt, Middlesex
<b>Christine Janice Hampson</b> <i>Geoffrey Gordon Dearing</i> <i>Nigel Andrew Thomas</i>	an Executive Assistant <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Engineer</i>	Upminster, Essex
<b>Simon Peter Derek Hardy</b> <i>Anthony John Paice</i> <i>Martin Victor Edwards</i>	a Wine Consultant <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Chelsea, London
<b>Martha Catherine Kearney</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Presenter  <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Southwark, London
<b>Professor Charles James Knight</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	a Hospital Chief Executive  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Islington, London

<b>Jonathan Lambourne</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Doctor  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Highbury, London
<b>David William Mellor</b> <i>Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt</i> <i>Lee John Robertson</i>	a Business Mentor <i>Citizen and Woolman</i> <i>Citizen and Marketor</i>	Horsham, West Sussex
<b>Nicholas Robert Misselke</b> <i>Annmarie Hanlon</i> <i>Eric Franz Hans Misselke, JP</i>	a Director <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	Lichfield, Staffordshire
<b>Kamel Ben Mroue</b> <i>James Nicholas Bromiley-Davis</i> <i>Ald. Emma Edhem</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	Islington, London
<b>Simon Penney</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald.</i>	a Trade Commissioner  <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Palm Jumeirah, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
<b>Sergio Prezioso</b> <i>Robert Kerr Dobbie</i> <i>Nicholas John Burger</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Cutler</i> <i>Citizen and Cutler</i>	Sutton, London
<b>Alison Rose</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Bank Chief Executive Officer  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Highgate, London
<b>Natalie Bronwyn Scott</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Physiotherapist  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Tooting, London
<b>Anthony George Watson</b>  <i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>  <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	a Financial Company Director <i>Citizen and Common</i> <i>Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	New York, United States of America
<b>Paul Michael Watson</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Clinical Technologist  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Gillingham, Kent

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 measure introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

**Bills****Date in force****Business and Planning Bill 2020**

On Royal Assent

The Business and Planning Bill 2020 was introduced and is expected to receive Royal Assent before this meeting. The Bill provides a new, streamlined, temporary regime for table and chair licensing. Additionally, it amends the alcohol licensing regime to convert licences to enable 'off-premises sales'. Other changes include alterations to the planning regime to extend time limits. It applies to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority. A briefing was supplied to London MPs during the House of Commons stages of the Bill.

**Statutory Instruments****The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020**4<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The Regulations enable hired electric scooters to be used lawfully on public roads within a local authority area, where that local authority has chosen to take part in the Department for Transport's hire scheme pilot. The City Corporation has not at the time of writing, chosen to take part in the scheme.

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 558**1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

The Regulations extend permissions concerning the opening of businesses, places of worship and community centres and include more detailed provisions on prohibited gatherings. The Regulations apply to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority.

**The Registration of Births and Deaths (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 577**9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

The Regulations allow for the entry of information in a birth registration entry without the registrar needing to be in the presence of the informant.

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

10.  
Appointment of  
Committees:  
White Paper

The Court proceeded to make the annual appointment of Committees. An addendum to the report, highlighting those amendments required to the White Paper caused by changes since its publication with the agenda, had also been circulated. This addendum also set out the results of the indicative ballots undertaken in advance of the Court meeting, in respect of contested vacancies.

*Resolved* – That the several Committees as set out in the White Paper be appointed until the first meeting of the Court in April 2021, and that the terms of reference and constitutions be also approved.

The Court subsequently proceeded to make the following appointments, in respect of which the Town Clerk reported that the following nominations had been received:-

Nominations received for vacancies of varying terms:-

Where appropriate:-

*\* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment;*

*^ denotes a Member who currently serves on the Committee in either an ex-officio capacity or as a representative of another Committee with appointment rights.*

**(A) Policy and Resources Committee (five vacancies).**

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Rehana Banu Ameer

Deputy David John Bradshaw

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

\*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

Tracey Graham

Paul Nicholas Martinelli

\*Deputy Catherine McGuinness

Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers

Ruby Sayed

\*Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson

\*Deputy Tom Sleigh

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Policy and Resources Committee of Deputy Catherine McGuinness, Andrien Meyers, Marianne Fredericks, Deputy Tom Sleigh, and Rehana Ameer, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

**(B) Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee (one vacancy).**

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Tijs Broeke

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

Jeremy Lewis Simons

Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee of Tijs Broeke, for a four-year term, be confirmed.

**(C) Members' Privileges Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee (two vacancies).**

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Ann Holmes

\*Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ann Holmes and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark to be appointed to the Members' Privileges Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee.

(D) **Capital Buildings Committee** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Alderman Alison Gowman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Alison Gowman to be appointed to the Capital Buildings Committee.

(E) **Investment Committee** (three vacancies).

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, J.P.

\*John Douglas Chapman

^James de Sausmarez

Anne Fairweather

^Michael Hudson

\*Deputy Clare James

John Petrie

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Investment Committee of Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Deputy Clare James, and James de Sausmarez, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

(F) **Social Investment Board** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Alderman Bronek Masojada

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Bronek Masojada to be appointed to the Social Investment Board.

(G) **Audit and Risk Management Committee** (six vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Randall Keith Anderson

\*Christopher Paul Boden  
 Alderman Prem Goyal, O.B.E., J.P.  
 \*Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
 \*John Petrie  
 Ruby Sayed

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Anderson, Christopher Boden, Alderman Prem Goyal, Paul Martinelli, John Petrie and Ruby Sayed to be appointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

(H) **Police Authority Board** (four vacancies).  
 (Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Caroline Kordai Addy  
 †Munsur Ali  
 \*Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.  
 †John Ernest Edwards  
 †Helen Lesley Fentimen  
 Alderman Timothy Russell Hailes, J.P.  
 \*†Alderman Ian David Luder, J.P.  
 †Jeremy Paul Mayhew  
 †Graham David Packham  
 †William Pimlott  
 †John Petrie  
 James Richard Tumbridge  
 Dawn Lindsay Wright

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Police Authority Board of Munsur Ali, Caroline Addy, and Alderman Tim Hailes for four-year terms, and Dawn Wright for a three-year term be confirmed.

(I) **Education Board** (three vacancies).  
 (No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Alderman Sir Peter Estlin  
 \*Ann Holmes  
 \*Alderman Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Sir Peter Estlin, Ann Holmes and Alderman Nicholas Lyons to be appointed to the Education Board.

(J) **Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama** (three vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

#Munsur Ali

\*Graham David Packham

\*Alderman William Anthony Bowater Russell, the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Munsur Ali, Graham Packham and Alderman William Russell to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

(K) **Board of Governors of the City of London School** (two vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Dominic Gerard Christian

\*Caroline Wilma Haines

Read.

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

(L) **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls** (three vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Rehana Banu Ameer

\*Shravan Jashvantraï Joshi

\*Deputy Richard David Regan, O.B.E

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Rehana Ameer, Shravan Joshi and Deputy Richard Regan to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls.

(M) **Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School** (four vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Graham David Packham

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Graham Packham to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.

(N) **Gresham (City Side) Committee** (three vacancies).  
(Contest)



**Nominations received:-**

Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley  
Deputy Kevin Malcom Everett  
Sophie Anne Fernandes  
\*Deputy Tom Hoffman, M.B.E.  
\*Deputy Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.  
Jeremy Paul Mayhew

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Gresham Committee of Deputy Tom Hoffman, Deputy Keith Bottomley, and Deputy Edward Lord, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

- (O) **Establishment Committee** (three vacancies).  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
Karina Dostalova  
^Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark  
\*Jeremy Paul Mayhew  
James Richard Tumbridge

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Establishment Committee of Henry Colthurst, Karina Dostalova, and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

- (P) **Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees** (two vacancies on each Committee).  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Karina Dostalova  
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.  
\*Oliver Sells, Q.C.  
\*Jeremy Lewis Simons  
Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees of Karina Dostalova and Oliver Sells, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

- (Q) **Epping Forest & Commons Committee** (two vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

- \*Graeme Martyn Doshi-Smith
- \*Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Graeme Doshi-Smith and Jeremy Simons to be appointed to the Epping Forest & Commons Committee.

- (R) **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee** (four vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

- \*Michael Hudson
- \*Wendy Mead, O.B.E.
- Deputy Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Michael Hudson, Wendy Mead, and Deputy Edward Lord to be appointed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee.

- (S) **Barbican Residential Committee**, in the category of non-resident (two vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

- \*Michael Hudson
- Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Michael Hudson and Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, to be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee.

- (T) **Barbican Centre Board** (three vacancies).

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

- Munsur Ali
- Randall Keith Anderson
- Deputy David John Bradshaw
- Tijs Broeke
- Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett
- Anne Fairweather
- \*Judith Lindsay Pleasance
- Deputy James Henry George Pollard
- \*Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson
- James Richard Tumbridge

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Barbican Centre Board of Munsur Ali and Randall Anderson for three-year terms, and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson for a one-year term, be confirmed.

- (U) **The City Bridge Trust Committee** (two vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
\*Dhruv Patel, O.B.E.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Henry Colthurst and Dhruv Patel to be appointed to the City Bridge Trust Committee.

- (V) **Standards Committee** (four vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Mary Durcan  
Helen Lesley Fentimen

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan and Helen Fentimen to be appointed to the Standards Committee.

- (W) **Standards Appeals Committee** (ten vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy  
\*John Douglas Chapman  
\*Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.  
\*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks  
\*Michael Hudson  
\*Tracey Graham  
\*John Petrie  
\*John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Keith Bottomley, John Chapman, Simon Duckworth, Marianne Fredericks, Michael Hudson, Tracey Graham, John Petrie and John Scott to be appointed to the Standards Appeal Committee.

- (X) **Licensing Committee** (three vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Karina Dostalova  
\*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks  
\*Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Karina Dostalova, Marianne Fredericks and Shravan Joshi to be appointed to the Licensing Committee.

- (Y) **Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee** (six vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Christopher Paul Boden  
\*Michael Hudson  
\*Vivienne Littlechild, M.B.E., J.P.  
\*Wendy Mead, O.B.E.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Christopher Boden, Michael Hudson, Vivienne Littlechild, and Wendy Mead to be appointed to the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

- (Z) **Health & Wellbeing Board** (one vacancy).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Marianne Fredericks to be appointed to the Health & Wellbeing Board.

- (AA) **Markets Committee** (three vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Deputy David John Bradshaw  
Wendy Mead, O.B.E.  
Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy David Bradshaw, Wendy Mead, and Deputy Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Markets Committee.

- (BB) **Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee** (two vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Mary Durcan

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan to be appointed to the Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee.

(CC) **Community & Children's Services Committee** (fourteen vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Munsur Ali

Mary Durcan

Helen Lesley Fentimen

Alderman David Graves

Deputy Catherine McGuinness

Jason Paul Pritchard

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Munsur Ali, Mary Durcan, Helen Fentimen, Alderman David Graves, Deputy Catherine McGuinness and Jason Pritchard to be appointed to the Community & Children's Services Committee.

11. Outside  
Bodies

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Outside Bodies:-

*Where appropriate:-*

*\* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment.*

(A) Three Members on **Christ's Hospital**, for varying terms.

**Nominations received:-**

John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared John Scott to be appointed to Christ's Hospital for a four-year term.

(B) One Member on the **Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation**, for a term expiring in March 2025.

**Nominations received:-**

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Henry Colthurst to be appointed to the Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation, for a five-year term.

(C) One Member on the **London Road Safety Council**, for a four-year term expiring in May 2024.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Alderman Alison Gowman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Alison Gowman to be appointed to the London Road Safety Council, for a four-year term.

- (D) One Member on the **Richard Reeve's Foundation**, for a four-year term expiring in May 2024.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Michael Hudson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Michael Hudson to be appointed to the Richard Reeve's Foundation, for a four-year term.

- (E) One Member on the **East London NHS Foundation Trust**, for a three-year term expiring in May 2023.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Rehana Banu Ameer

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Rehana Ameer to be appointed to the East London Foundation NHS Trust, for a three-year term.

- (F) One Member on **Thames 21**, for a three-year term expiring in May 2023.

**Nominations received:-**

John Ernest Edwards

Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to Thames 21 of Andrew McMurtrie, for a three-year term, be confirmed.

## 12. Questions

Fletcher, J.W., to  
the Chair of the  
Community &  
Children's  
Services  
Committee

### **Middlesex Street Estate Car Park: Ventilation System Issues**

John Fletcher asked a question of the Chair of the Community & Children's Services Committee in relation to noise and air quality concerns related to a new ventilation system at the Middlesex Street Estate car park.

Replying, the Chair advised the old ventilation system in the basement car park had reached the end of its functional life and replacement was required. The new system had been designed and installed to comply with Building Regulations and to suit the specific requirements of the basement car park. Unfortunately, since installation, there had been several occasions where the fire alarm in the basement car park had been activated, causing the new extraction system to commence at its highest level. These false alarms had been caused by a combination of factors,

including faulty detectors and vandalism, and activity was underway to ensure the number of false alarms was minimised, whilst still maintaining fire safety.

The Chair outlined steps taken to address residents' concerns, including practical demonstrations and an independent air quality assessment; however, he accepted that communications with residents on this project should have been better from the outset. Further action was, therefore, being taken to recover the position, including the circulation of written apologies and information to all residents and a further practical demonstration for designated local community representatives.

With reference to a related query concerning car park income, the Chair clarified that the whole of the Middlesex Street Estate, including the car park, was an asset of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). By law, the HRA was ringfenced and any income derived from HRA assets could only be used for the purpose of those assets. Income received across all thirteen City housing estates went to the HRA and specific income streams were not reserved for the exclusive benefit of any one Estate; however, it was worth noting that the Corporation was currently investing over £10million from the HRA in refurbishing and improving its homes on the Middlesex Street Estate.

In response to a supplementary question from John Fletcher, in which he thanked the Chair for his efforts to redeem the situation, the Chair agreed to circulate a further communication to residents explaining the issue and next steps.

### **Hong Kong National Security Law**

Wheatley,  
M.R.P.H.D., to  
the Chair of the  
Policy &  
Resources  
Committee

Mark Wheatley asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the ongoing situation in Hong Kong following the passing of the National Security Law concerning the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and seeking a commitment to issuing a statement expressing the City's welcome to those affected with the right to live or work in Britain.

Responding, the Chair noted that the City owed much to its diverse workforce and population and added that people from all around the world, including Hong Kong, were always welcome in the City. However, she noted that the City would not normally issue a public statement on foreign policy issues and that any statement specifically on Hong Kong at this particular moment would be viewed as entering into the foreign policy arena.

The Chair commented on the City of London Corporation's role in supporting the business city, financial and professional services, and a diverse and thriving city, adding that its public statements should support that strategic position, not undermine it, and that China was an important market for UK financial and related professional services which helped underpin London's position as a leading global financial centre. It was, therefore, important that the City continued to engage with China, on the basis of global standards, in the same way that it engaged with business partners across the world. The Chair noted that the City Corporation's stakeholders had been explicit in encouraging this approach.

Whilst it was, of course, for elected members to determine the overall policy on engagement, she suggested it would be important to listen to what the views of the

relevant sectors and project their interests, not personal political views, or the City Corporation would rapidly lose the sector's confidence. The City should also be mindful of any guidance from the UK government on how and when to engage with the overseas Governments, including China. Therefore, she suggested that the City should continue to engage with stakeholders in China and Hong Kong, as it did with stakeholders around the world, until there was any change of policy decided by our Members and/or the UK government, and avoid making any public statements which relate to foreign policy rather than trade.

In reply to a supplementary question from Mark Wheatley, in which he referenced observations made by former U.S. President Truman and author George Orwell concerning the importance of liberty and freedom of expression, the Chair agreed with the importance of support for these principles; however, she expressed the view that this particular issue was one of foreign policy and a matter for Parliament. She suggested that making a formal statement at this time might not achieve the practicalities or outcomes one might hope for; neither would it be serving the interests of stakeholders.

Responding to a further supplementary question from Alderman Sir Roger Gifford, the Chair agreed that working together with the Chinese on critical areas for the UK's interests – in particular, climate change – provided a positive method of engagement. Given that China accounted for a quarter of global carbon emissions and was also the world's biggest investor in renewable energy, it would be impossible to make progress on such a critical issue without Chinese co-operation. The Chair made particular reference to ongoing close engagement in this area through the UK-China Green Finance Taskforce, which was helping to drive green principles into investment in Belt and Road projects. She stressed the importance of continuing to engage in order to bring about change, using the City's expertise and working together with international partners on international standards to bring about change.

In reply to an additional supplementary question from Mary Durcan, in which she made reference to the effective voiding of the Sino-British joint declaration and the need to take a moral stand to help Hong Kong citizens, the Chair reiterated her earlier comments in relation to the role of the City Corporation in relation to foreign policy.

### **COVID-19 Response**

Rehana Ameer asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the response to COVID-19 and the handling and management of the City Corporation's response to the crisis.

Responding, the Chair joined in publicly thanking those key workers, volunteers, officers, Members, and others who had worked so hard in tackling the COVID-19 crisis and in keeping services up and running whilst contributing to the wider London response.

The Chair also took the opportunity to advise on the award the Freedom of the City to a number of key people at Bart's Hospital for their heroic work responding to the pandemic, noting that the ceremonies would be viewable on the City's YouTube



channel. Thought was being given to other ways in which some of the “hidden heroes” of the pandemic response could be thanked and their efforts recognised.

### **Governance Review and Standards Regime**

Fredericks, M.B.,  
to the Chair of  
the Policy &  
Resources  
Committee

Marianne Fredericks asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the initial findings of the ongoing Governance Review in relation to the Standards Regime.

Responding, the Chair noted the decision at the last meeting of the Court to ask Lord Lisvane to take into account the content of the motion under debate into his ongoing work on the governance review, adding that he was well aware of the issues of recent years. She shared Members’ enthusiasm for and interest in his recommendations, which it was hoped would provide a way forward that all Members could support.

However, whilst Lord Lisvane had shared some of his initial views orally, it should be noted that these were views, not findings, and the review was a work in progress. She did not believe that it would be appropriate to second-guess or prejudge what his findings might be at this stage.

In response to a supplementary question from Marianne Fredericks concerning the interest of some 1600 City residents who had signed a petition concerning the Standards Regime, and the sharing of findings, the Chair advised that Lord Lisvane would be completing his review over the coming weeks, with a view to submission by the end of the recess. Whilst the Chair was cognisant that this was an issue all Members were keenly interested in, she urged patience and to let Lord Lisvane conduct his work thoroughly, so that he might present fully considered recommendations, supported by his rationale and relevant evidence, for Members to consider.

13. Motions      There were no motions.

14. Awards & Prizes      There was no report.

## **15. HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Chief Commoner)**

23 June 2020

### **Applications for Hospitality**

#### **(a) Thames Estuary Partnership Reception**

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 for the Thames Estuary Partnership. Thames Estuary Partnership is a charity seeking to protect and maintain the coastal, environmental and natural heritage of the River Thames for the public benefit. The event would take place in a manner that is consistent with any COVID-related restrictions that may be in place.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and

that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

**(b) 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of John Keats – lecture and reception**

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lecture followed by an early evening reception and small dinner on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of John Keats. Professor Nicholas Rowe, Professor of English Literature at the University of St Andrew's and also Chairman of the Keats Foundation, would give a lecture on the life and works of John Keats, in recognition of Keats' connection to the City.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture, early evening reception and small dinner 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.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for a lecture, early evening reception and small dinner 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.

**(c) First Aid Nursing Yeomanry Corps Parade and Reception**

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts a late afternoon reception following a Church Service and Parade by the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps) in Summer 2021. The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, founded in 1907, deploys multi-faceted rapid response teams to support civil and military authorities during emergencies. In September 2019, the Corps became a Privileged Corps of the City of London and to date there had been no ceremony or other event to mark this recognition by the City.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a late afternoon reception following a church service and a Parade in Guildhall Yard to mark the Corp's Privileged status; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

*Resolved* - That hospitality be granted for a late afternoon reception following a church service and a Parade in Guildhall Yard to mark the Corp's Privileged status; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

16.

**CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD**

**(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)**

2 July 2020

**City of London Police: Annual Report 2019/20**

The Annual Report, representing the achievements of the City of London Police for the

past financial year, had been approved by the Police Authority Board and was now submitted to the Court for information. The report contained information on crime, financial, and staff statistics, as well as a summary of the year.

The Deputy Chairman spoke to introduce the report and provide additional commentary on the challenges and achievements of the year.

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

## 17. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Ann Holmes)

1 May 2020

### (A) Appointment of Independent Persons

The Standards Committee currently comprises seventeen Members, five of whom are co-opted. Under section 28 of the Localism Act 2011, local authorities must also appoint at least one “Independent Person” to participate in the arrangements a local authority must put in place to consider and determine complaints made against a member in relation to its Code of Conduct. The Court was now **recommended** to approve the appointment of two Independent Persons to the Committee, following an interview process undertaken by a selection panel.

The Town Clerk spoke to correct an error in the report which suggested a formal ballot was required, confirming that the approval of the Court in the usual way was sufficient.

*Resolved* – That Ms Amanda Orchard and Mr Gary Rogers be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

24 January 2020

### (B) Update to the Code of Conduct

At its meeting on 5 December 2019, the Court had approved that the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism, including the agreed working examples should be adopted the City Corporation and that this definition and working examples should also be included within both the Members’ and Officers’ Code of Conduct. The Standards Committee had since actioned this with regard to the Members’ Code of Conduct, where the IHRA definition was now referenced within the body of the document with full details included as a separate appendix.

Further to this, and in considering Best Practice Recommendations from the Committee for Standards in Public Life at their meeting on 24 January 2020, the Standards Committee was also **recommending** to amend further the Members’ Code of Conduct to include definitions of the terms bullying and harassment, together with a list of examples of the sorts of behaviour covered by these definitions. Again, it was proposed that this be referenced both within the body of the main document and in greater detail in a separate appendix.

Introducing the item, the Acting Chair spoke to acknowledge concerns that had been raised with reference to the particular wording of the new “working examples” proposed and, in particular, the potential of this wording for confusion or

misunderstanding associated with the second, third, sixth and ninth examples listed. The Acting Chair advised that she would not wish to proceed with the working examples in the face of Member disquiet, particularly as this model Code was to undergo further work later that year in any event. Accordingly, she sought and obtained the leave of the Court to withdraw these examples for further consideration.

The Acting Chair of the Standards Committee was aware of some concern on various working examples of behaviours regarding bullying and harassment set out within the report's appendix – these had been adopted from the Committee on Standards in Public Life report entitled 'Local Government Ethical Standards' and they, in turn, were broadly taken from ACAS guidelines on bullying and harassment which are in frequent use in Employment Tribunals and also in the Equalities Act. A Member had expressed outside of the meeting some disquiet for the potential of some examples to be subject of confusion or misinterpretation.

*Resolved* – That the Court of Common Council adopts the updated Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the deletion of the working examples as outlined during the Chair's introduction, with immediate effect.

1 May 2020

### **(C) Annual Report**

The Court received the annual report of the Standards Committee, which was required to prepare an annual update on its activity. The report covered the May 2019 to May 2020 period, during which period eight alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct were considered.

In response to a query it was agreed that, subject to confirmation that such an amendment be factually correct, the case summary for Matter No. 01-18 within the report be amended to read *The Hearing found against the subject Member on the second and third alleged breaches of the Code*.

In response to a question, the Acting Chair agreed to consult with the City Remembrancer and provide a response outside of the meeting regarding progress towards seeking a repeal of s618 of the Housing Act 1985.

*Resolved* – That the report be received.

18.  
Mooney, B.D.F.,  
Deputy; 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:-**

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

### **20. Policy and Resources Committee**

The Court approved proposals relating to the Markets Consolidation Programme.

21. **Property Investment Board**

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures concerning the refurbishment of a property.

**The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.11 pm**

**BARRADELL.**