

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU

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The Lord Mayor will take the Chair at **ONE**
of the clock in the afternoon precisely.



COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on **THURSDAY** next, **the 21st day of June, 2012**.

CHRISTOPHER DUFFIELD,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

*Guildhall,
Wednesday 13th June 2012*

Sir Robert Finch

John Garbutt

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Aldermen on the Rota

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1 Question - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded?

2 The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor's report on overseas visits.

3 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials, etc.

4 Statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

5 Docquets for the Hospital Seal.

6 List of applicants for the Freedom of the City:

(A list of names, together with those of the nominators, has been separately circulated).

7 The Town Clerk to report the results of ballots taken at the last Court, viz:-

* denotes appointment

§ denotes less than ten years' service on the Court;

denotes less than five years' service on the Court; and

< denotes a Member who served on the original Governance Review Working Party.

(a) One Member on the Board of Governors of the Museum of London for the balance of a term expiring in November 2013;

Michael Henderson-Begg	3
Wendy Marilyn Hyde	13
Jeremy Paul Mayhew, M.A., M.B.A.	14
Ann Marjorie Francesca Pembroke	7
Neil Graham Morgan Redcliffe, Alderman	14
John George Stewart Scott, J.P., B.A.(Hons)	33 *
Jeremy Lewis Simons M.Sc.	9

N.B. Standing Order No. 10(4)(b) requires the successful candidate to receive 40% of the votes cast. The leading candidate (Mr Scott) did not achieve that. As those candidates who tied for second place have both withdrawn a second ballot is no longer needed and Mr Scott has been appointed.

(b) Six Members on the Post Implementation Governance Review Working Party, of which not more than three Members shall have served on the original Governance Review Working Party, at least one Member shall have less than ten years' service on the Court and one Member shall have less than five years' service on the Court;

	John Alfred Barker, O.B.E., Deputy	33
#	Douglas Barrow, Deputy	57 *
§	Raymond Michael Catt	62 *
	Robin Anthony Eve, O.B.E., Deputy	49 *
	Dr. Peter Bernard Hardwick, Q.H.P.	31
§	Michael Hudson	23
	Sylvia Doreen Moys	25
	Joyce Carruthers Nash, O.B.E., Deputy	57 *
§	Jeremy Lewis Simons M.Sc.	55 *
<#	James Richard Tumbridge	48 *

(c) One Member on the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee to fill a Ward vacancy;

	John Alfred Barker, O.B.E., Deputy	25
	Gregory Alfred Lawrence	23
	Peter Leck	18
	Chris Punter	27

N.B. Standing Order No. 10(4)(b) requires the successful candidate to receive 40% of the votes cast. The leading candidate did not achieve that and so a second ballot will be necessary between Deputy Barker and Mr Punter, the two candidates with the highest number of votes.

8 To appoint the following:-

(a) One Member on the Investment Committee for the balance of a term expiring in April 2015;

Nominations received:-
 Martin James Day, B.A., M.Sc., LL.M.
 Michael Hudson
 Gerald Albert George Pulman, J.P., Deputy

(b) One Member on the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee for a four year term expiring in April 2016;

Nomination received:-
 John Richard Owen-Ward, M.B.E., Deputy

(c) One Member on the Society for the Relief of the Homeless Poor for a four year term expiring in July 2014;

Nomination received:-
 Dr. Peter Bernard Hardwick, Q.H.P.

(d) One Member on the London Accident Prevention Council for a four year term expiring in May 2016;

Nomination received:-
 Alison Jane Gowman, Alderman

(e) One Member on the Court of the City University for a three year term expiring in June 2015;

Nomination received:-
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy

9 **QUESTIONS**

10 **MOTIONS**

Rates Committees - Reports, etc.

COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE (The Revd Dr Martin Raymond Dudley)

11 **Appointments to Academies**

8 June 2012

In anticipation of the next set of City Corporation appointments to the City Academy Boards of Governors, in consultation with the Policy and Resources Committee, we have reviewed the current process with a view to creating a more efficient and effective arrangement.

We recognise that current appointments expire at the same time and appointments are not made in accordance with the procedures for appointments to outside bodies. We are proposing to adopt these procedures and phase the next set of appointments to all Academy Boards to ensure that a situation does not arise where all appointments expire without renewal. To adopt a more efficient approach for non-City Corporation Member appointments, we are also recommending that the Court delegates its power in this respect to the Community and Children's Services Committee.

A printed and circulated report thereon has therefore been submitted and we commend the recommendations to you.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (His Hon. Dr Colin Kolbert, Independent Member) (Deputy Julian Malins, QC, Deputy Chairman)

12 **Standards Regime under the Localism Act 2011**

7 June 2012

This report seeks the approval of the Court for the transitional arrangements in respect of the City of London Corporation's standards arrangements, following the introduction of The Localism Act 2011 ("the Act") which will, once fully brought into force, abolish the current standards regime under the Local Government Act 2000.

There remain a number of areas that have not yet been clarified by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) to enable detailed proposals to be worked up. However, as a code of conduct must be adopted by 1 July 2012, in order to comply with statutory requirements, it is proposed that the City's existing code of conduct (Appendix 1) be re-adopted for the time being, until such time as the regulations defining disclosable pecuniary interests have been made, and a new code of conduct reflecting these provisions can be brought to this Court for consideration and approval. It is also recommended that a revised constitution and terms of reference for the Standards Committee be adopted from the point that section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 comes into force and that three independent persons be appointed from the point that section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 comes into force.

Our recommendation, supported by the Policy and Resources Committees, for a revised constitution and terms of reference can be found at Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 of the separately printed and circulated report and we **recommend** approval thereof.

Finance, Policy and Establishment Committees - Reports, etc.

13 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE (Mark John Boleat)

(A) Applications for the Use of Guildhall

7 June 2012

- In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Court on 21 June 2001 for the approval of applications for the use of Guildhall, we now inform the Court of the following applications which have been agreed to:-

Name	Date	Function
Department of Culture, Media and Sport	Friday 27 July 2012	Reception
International Paralympic Committee	Friday 7 September 2012	Reunion
Human Rights Watch	Wednesday 7 November 2012	Dinner
The Worshipful Company of International Bankers	Tuesday 19 February 2013	Banquet
Brewing, Food & Beverage Industry Suppliers' Association	Tuesday 23 April 2013	Awards ceremony

(B) Diamond Jubilee: Budget Increase

29 May 2012

On Tuesday 5 June 2012, the City of London Corporation hosted receptions at Mansion House in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

At the meeting of the Hospitality Working Party on 23 May 2012 it was reported that to enable the speeches at the event to be relayed to the various rooms used, the obtaining of additional toilet facilities and transportation costs for a number of guests would mean that a further £10,000 was needed in excess of the original budget.

This additional sum was approved as a matter of urgency on behalf of this Committee and of the Court and, in accordance with Standing Order No.19, we now report the action taken.

(C) Arrangements for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

With the London 2012 Games commencing next month, it has been necessary to consider the City's management arrangements to ensure it can respond effectively to operational demands during this time. Your Policy and Resources Committee has considered the matter and authorised the Town Clerk to take any action necessary in support of the City Corporation's contribution to the Olympic and Paralympic operations, consulting with relevant Members where practicable. A printed and circulated report is submitted for your information.

(D) Election of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive

In accordance with Standing Order No. 61(1), the Recruitment Panel established by your Policy and Resources Committee submit a candidate for appointment as the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

The candidate will appear before the Court of Common Council (in private session) and will give a presentation. Upon the candidate's withdrawal from the Court, a ballot by Members will be held for the appointment. On completion of that, the public will be re-admitted and the decision of the Court can be made known.

Our report has been separately printed and circulated only to Members as its contents include personal information relating to the candidate, which is considered to be exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

(E) Appointment of Independent Person (Standards)

7th June 2012

Under section 28 of the Localism Act 2011, which will, once fully brought into force, abolish the current standards regime under the Local Government Act 2000, the City must appoint at least one independent person whose views (i) must be sought, and taken into account, by the City before it makes its decision on an allegation that it has decided to investigate; (ii) may be sought by the City in relation to an allegation in other circumstances; and (iii) may be sought by a member against whom an allegation has been made. Given the contrasting roles that an independent person may be asked to perform and taking into account scheduling considerations, it has been recommended that three independent persons be appointed (from the point that section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 comes into force) [Item 12 on the summons]. Independent persons must not have been a member, co-opted member or officer of the authority in the last five years, nor be a relative or close friend of a member, co-opted member or officer.

Vacancies must be advertised, candidates must submit an application and appointments must be approved by a majority of Members of the Court of Common Council. The selection and appointment procedure for the post of Independent Person was approved by your Policy and Resources Committee and thereafter approved by the Court of Common Council (under urgency procedures) in March 2012. Since this time, the selection and appointment process has been progressed with a vacancy advertised in the City AM (hard copy), on the City of London website, the Guardian On-line and the public appointments section on the Cabinet Office website as of 1 May 2012. The deadline for receipt of applications was midday on Friday 18 May 2012, at which point twelve completed applications had been received.

The Selection and Appointment Panel comprising of the Chief Commoner, the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen and a representative of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee met on 31 May 2012 to short-list and thereafter interviews were held on 14 June 2012. The recommended appointments were approved under urgency procedures (Standing Order 41 (a)) by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Given the timescales for conclusion of the selection process and approval by your Committee and this Court of the recommended appointments to the position of Independent Person, information about each of the recommended appointees will be circulated via email.

We recommend approval of the three appointments to the position of Independent Person, as per the information circulated via email.

ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE
(Deputy John Barker, O.B.E.)

14 **Pay Award 2012/13**

27th March 2012

Each year, the recognised Trade Unions submit a pay claim on behalf of the staff to take effect from the 1st July in that year. Due to financial pressures across the organisation and the Government's public sector pay policy, pay awards have been minimal in the last three years. The last consolidated pay award was made in 2009 when a 1% increase on basic pay was made to all staff excluding Chief Officers. This was agreed on the basis of productivity savings including the removal of up to three days protected annual leave by the end of 2012.

In 2010, there was no pay award to staff. In 2011, due to the financial pressures faced by the City of London and the government's public sector pay policy, the City made a one-off non-consolidated payment of £250 to staff in grades A-B who are the lowest paid staff within the organisation.

This year, after consulting with the Town Clerk and the Chamberlain, the Establishment Committee felt able to make an offer to staff, subject to the agreement of the Court of Common Council. Whilst accepting that this could not be an across the board cost of living increase, an offer to increase London Weighting was made. This was to be consolidated and was the equivalent of £300 on Inner London Weighting and will be awarded to all staff with the exception of the Senior Management Grade i.e. Chief Officers. The unions felt able to recommend this to their members and have now confirmed that their members have overwhelmingly accepted the offer.

The cost of the offer to increase London Weighting would add £1.13 million to the pay bill (circa 1%) including employer's on-costs. The Chamberlain included this figure in his financial report which was agreed by Finance Committee.

We therefore **recommend** that this Court agree the offer to increase London Weighting by £300 for all staff below the Senior Management Grade from 1st July 2012.

(There will, in the usual way, be a ballot on this item at the time Items 7 and 8 are taken)
