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 13th day of September, 2012.

CHRISTOPHER DUFFIELD, Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

Guildhall, Wednesday 5th September 2012

**Gordon Warwick Haines** 

**David Andrew Graves** 

Aldermen on the Rota

- 1 Question That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded?
- 2 Introduction of a newly-elected Member:-

Name Ward

Mark Adrian Clarke Farringdon Within

- The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor's report on overseas visits.
- 4 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials
- 5 To elect a Chief Commoner

In accordance with Standing Order No. 18, George Marr Flemington Gillon and Julian Henry Malins, Q.C., Deputy have valid nominations for the office. Curriculum Vitae for each candidate are the subject of a printed and circulated report.

(N.B. A notice of the nominees is on display in the Members' Reading Room)

- 6 Statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 7 Docquets for the Hospital Seal.
- 8 List of applicants for the Freedom of the City:

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

9 Bill for an Act of Common Council

To change the date of ordinary elections of Common Councilmen

(On 19th July the Court of Common considered and approved the Bill for its first and second reading and a printed report of the Policy & Resources Committee thereon has been circulated).

(Third and Final Reading)

10 The Town Clerk to report the result of a ballot taken at the last Court, viz:-

One Member on the Investment Committee for the balance of a term expiring in April 2015:

Votes

Martin James Day, B.A., M.Sc., LL.M. Gerald Albert George Pulman, J.P., Deputy 56 31

- 11 To appoint the following:-
  - (a) One Member on the Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School for the balance of a four year term expiring in April 2016;

Nomination received:-Nicolas Cressey

**(b)** One Member on the Standards Committee for the balance of a four year term expiring in April 2016;

Nomination received:-The Revd. Dr. Martin Dudley

- 12 QUESTIONS
- 13 MOTION-

#### From Richard David Regan, Deputy

'That Mark Adrian Clarke be appointed to represent the Ward of Farringdon Within on the Finance Committee?'

14 Awards and Prizes

# Policy, Finance, Establishment, Investment and Audit Committees - Reports

15 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Mark John Boleat)

(A) International Parliamentary Conference on Gender and Politics

23 August 2012

Between  $6^{th} - 8^{th}$  November 2012, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) UK and the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) are hosting an International Parliamentary Conference on Gender and Politics, with up to 120 international parliamentarians expected to attend.

The aim of the conference is to focus on political participation, education, economic empowerment and the impact on women and men of gender policies and legislation. To provide City hosts and guests with an opportunity to engage with UK and international parliamentarians and other conference contributors and to facilitate dialogue between international parliamentarians attending the conference, we recommend that conference delegates be invited to attend a reception in the Crypts on 6 November 2012. This would include international parliamentarians and prominent women in business within the City, as well as key business leaders and Members with relevant interests.

This would be a Resource Allocation Sub-Committee event.

## Rates Committees - Reports, etc.

POLICE COMMITTEE (James Henry George Pollard)

11 July 2012

#### 16 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police

We submit for the information of the Court, the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Police for 2011/2012 which has been printed and circulated.

#### **MOTION**

#### 17 Kenneth Edwin Ayers M.B.E., Deputy

"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:-

- A) recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee on the replacement of the Guildhall Fire Alarm;
- B) action taken under urgency procedures approving the method for the procurement of gas and electricity supplies;
- C) action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the Property Investment Board on the sale of a long lease interest in a Crossrail/Bridge House Estates property;
- D) recommendations of the Barbican Centre Board on the letting of Barbican Exhibition Hall 1; and
- E) the details of a proposed resolution concerning a hospitality event?"



# WOOTTON, Mayor

### **COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

## THURSDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

#### **ALDERMEN**

Anstee, N.J. Evans, J. R. Finch, Sir Robert Gifford, M.R. Gowman, Miss A.J. Graves, D. A. Hall, B.R.H. Hewitt, P. Howard, Sir David, Bt., M.A., D.Sc. Lewis, Sir David, M.A., D.L. Luder, I.D., B.Sc.(Econ) Redcliffe, N.G.M. Savory, Sir Michael Walsh, S., M.A. White, J., T.D.

#### **COMMONERS**

Abrahams, G.C. Ayers, K.E. M.B.E., Deputy

Barker, J.A., O.B.E, Deputy Barrow, D., Deputy Bennett J. A., Deputy Bird, J.L., O.B.E. Boleat, M.J. Bradshaw, D.J. Brewster, J.W.O.B.E.

Catt, R.M.
Chadwick, R.A.H.
Challis, N. K.
Chapman, J.
Cotgrove, D., B.A.
Currie, Miss S.E.M., M.B.E.,
Deputy

Davies, Ms. P.S. Deane, A.J.C. Dove, W.H., M.B.E., J.P., Deputy Duckworth, S.D'O. D.L. Dudley, Rev. Dr. Martin Eskenzi, A.N., C.B.E., D.Sc., Deputy Eve, R.A., O.B.E., Deputy Everett, K.M. D.Sc.

Farr, M.C. Fernandes, Miss S.A. Fletcher, J.W. Fraser, S.J. C.B.E. Fraser, W.B., O.B.E., Deputy, Fredericks, Ms, M.B.

Galloway, A.D., O.B.E. Gillon, G.M.F. Ginsburg, S., Deputy Graves, A.C., LL.B.

Haines, Rev. Stephen, D., M.A. Deputy Halliday, Mrs. P.A., O.B.E., Deputy Hardwick, Dr. P.B., Q.H.P. Henderson-Begg, M. Hoffman, T.D.D., LL.B. Howard, R.P.S. Hudson, M. Hyde, Ms W

James, Mrs C.

King, A.J.N., Deputy

Leck, P. Lord, C.E., O.B.E., J.P.,Deputy

Malins, J.H., Q.C., Martinelli, P.J. M.B.E. Mayhew, J.P., M.A., M.B.A. McGuinness, Miss C.S., M.A., Deputy Mead, Mrs. W. Deputy and Sheriff Merrett, R.A. Mooney, B.D.F., M.A. Moore, G.W. Moys, Mrs. S.D.

Nash, Mrs, J.C., O.B.E., Deputy

Owen, Mrs. J., M.B.E., Deputy Owen-Ward, J.R., M.B.E., Deputy Pembroke, Mrs. A.M.F. Priest, Ms H.J.S. Pulman, G.A.G., J.P. Deputy Punter, C.

Quilter, S.D., B.Sc.(Hons)

Regan, R.D., Deputy Richardson, M. Rogula, Miss E. Rounding, Ms V

Seaton, I.C.N.
Scott, J.G.S., J.P
Sherlock, M.R.C., M.A.,
Deputy
Simons, J.L., M.Sc
Spanner, J.H., T.D.
Starling, Mrs A.

Thompson, D.J. Tomlinson, J., B.A., M.Sc. Tumbridge, J.R. Twogood, M.

Welbank, M. Deputy

Minutes	Resolved – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded subject to the addition of the words "The <b>Chairman</b> declined to comment on a supplementary question from <b>Brian Mooney</b> on whether the foregoing had served to show how futile some exchanges could be." at the end of the item relating to the Question of the Chairman of the Establishment Committee concerning the work of the Post Implementation Governance Review Working Party.			
Overseas Visits	The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to Russia and Kazakhstan.			
Ayers, K.E. M.B.E., Deputy Chadwick, R.A.H	Resolved unanimously - That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to Professor Jack Lohman, the former Director of the Museum of London, on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.			
Policy Statement	The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee updated the Court on current issues concerning the standing and reputation of the City's financial services industry and he detailed the implications for and the response of, the City Corporation.			
Hospital Seal	Sundry documents were sealed with the Hospital Seal.			
Applications for the Freedom	The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Orders of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned persons who had made application to be admitted to the Freedom of this City by redemption:-			
	Derek Gilbert	a Funeral Director	Churchill, Somerset	
	Gunningham Mark Thomas Fox James Benjamin Huckett	a Veterinary Surgeon a Stockbroker, retired	Beckenham, Bromley Swanley, Kent	
	Gary Newborough	a Restaurateur	Manchester, Greater Manchester	
	Daniel Oliver Rose- Bristow	an Hotelier	By Achnasheen, Wester Ross	
	Sydney Solomon Assor Bernard James Murphy Philip Andrew	a Marketing Director an Hotel General Manager an Office Interiors Company	Kingston-upon-Thames Dunblane, Perthshire Whitstable, Kent	
	Leathwhite Ian Christopher Findley Geoffrey Edward Chipps	Director a Financial Adviser a Civil Engineering Company Director, retired	Margate, Kent Chessington, Surrey	
	Ahmet Ratip Theothoulos Iaonnou	a Solicitor a Diamond Mounter	Streatham, Lambeth Walthamstow, Waltham	
	Charlotte Turnbull Miller	a Solicitor	Forest Walthamstow, Waltham Forest	
	Ralph Maxwell Craig Alan Peter Guild David Preston Wallin	a Mental Health Practitioner a Plumber an Information Technology Consultant	Gillingham, Kent Broadstairs, Kent Westgate-on-Sea, Kent	
	Suzanne Frances Allison Thompson David Lancaster Stemp	a Management Consultancy Company Director a Risk Management Company	Berkhampsted, Hertfordshire Lymington, Hampshire	

	Director, retired	
Heather Irene Stemp	a Headteacher, retired	Didsbury, Manchester, Greater Manchester
Julie Elizabeth Brown	a Clinical Nurse Specialist	Aston Clinton, Aylesbury,
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Sandra Jane Newman	an Events Organiser	Feltham, Hounslow
Ruth Margaret Willetts	a Civil Servant	Wallingford, Oxfordshire
Adrian Chandler	an Intelligence Alalyst, retired	Brentwood, Hounslow
Alexander Nelson	a Doctor of Medicine	Tadworth, Surrey
Bennett Anna Marie Morton	a Museum Information Co-	Battersea, Wandsworth
Allia Marie Morton	Ordinator	battersea, wantisworth
Derek Riccardo Paul	an Estate Manager	Battersea, Wandsworth
Morton	-	
Stewart Johnston	a Chartered Building Surveyor	Alexandria, West
Hamilton	a Ctatistician vatinad	Dunbartonshire
Margaret Gertrude Sonja Enevoldson	a Statistician, retired	Sevenoaks, Kent
Moore		
Stephen Richard	an Insurance Company	Epping, Essex
Coward	Executive	
Nicholas Bennett	a Barrister	Southwark
Her Excellency Nicola Jane Forbes Clase	a Diplomat	Westminster
Perry Mark Lawless	a Banker, retired	Brentwood, Essex
Linda Margaret Purkiss	a Mortgage Specialist, retired	Thorpe Bay, Essex
Stanley Muirhead	a Motor Engineer	Basildon, Essex
Johnstone		
Paul Mycock	a Software Consultant	Birmingham, West Midlands
Robert Charles Greenstreet	a Professor of Architecture	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States of America
Kenneth Howard	a Security Company Director,	Upminster, Havering
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Paul Anthony Meadows	a Bank Officer	Furzton, Milton Keynes,
N: 1 1 A1 0 11	F. B. ( )	Buckinghamshire
Nicholas Alan Scott Hardie	a Finance Director, retired	South Bank, Lambeth
Joanna Louise Andrews	a Client Services Manager	Purley, Croydon
Stephen Anthony	a Yeoman Warder	HM Tower of London,
McMenamy		Tower Hamlets
His Excellency	a Diplomat	Kensington, Kensington and
Fakhraddin Gurbanov	- Objective of Commence matine d	Chelsea
Edward Frederick Bysouth	a Chartered Surveyor, retired	Ruislip, Hillingdon
John Stuart Jones	a Solicitor	Thorpe St. Andrew,
		Norwich, Norfolk
Jane Louise Grace	a Headteacher	Islington
Rogers John Andrew Wynne	an Administration Officer	Lee, Lewisham
Andrew Victor Ian	a Product Manager	Tonbridge, Kent
Robbens	a i roddot Mariagor	Tolibridge, Nem
Anthony Arthur Ellis	a Facilities Manager, retired	Tadworth, Surrey
Judith Monica Beryl	an Urban Affairs Consultant	Primrose Hill, Camden
Hillman	and Writer	Drimmaga Liill Comedan
Lorna Fowler	a Conference Organiser, retired	Primrose Hill, Camden
David Jeremy Winch	a Chartered Surveyor	Debenham, Suffolk
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John Stroud Cornock	a University Assistant Director,	Crouch End, Haringey
David Dakent Durch	retired	Louton Malthana Farrat
Paul Robert Braham	a Computer Aided Design	Leyton, Waltham Forest

	Richard Charles Stay	Manager a Business Advisory Company Director	Woodside, Bedfordshire		
	Nicolas Ian Boize Spencer John Down	a Marketing Consultant an Orchestral Conductor	Reigate, Surrey Kew, Richmond upon		
	Lawrence Arthur Weller	a Glass Fibre Specialist Company Director, retired	Thames Westcliff on Sea, Essex		
	Piers Howard Burton Baker	a Livery Company Clerk	Chiswick, Hounslow		
	Attilio Roberto Grandani Rene Helmut Kalt Hilary Joan Harmer Graham Charles Harmer	a Metropolitan Police Officer a Public Relations Consultant a Teacher, retired a Technical Consultant, retired	Ditton, Aylesford, Kent Maur, Switzerland Braintree, Essex Braintree, Essex		
	Graham Buckton	an Academic and Industrial Pharmacist	Fleet, Hampshire		
	Sir George Iacobescu, Kt. CBE Read.	a Property Company Chairman	Westminster		
	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 Mr. Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.				
Bill	A Bill for an Act of Common Council				
	To change the date of ordinary elections of Common Councilmen.				
	(First and Second Reading)				
	(A printed report of the Policy & Resources Committee thereon has been circulated).				
	Resolved – That the report be agreed to and that the Bill be read a first and second time.				
Results of Ballots	The Town Clerk reported the results of ballots taken at the last Court as follows:- *denotes appointment				
	a) One Member on the Investment Committee for the balance of a term expiring in April 2015;				
	Martin James Day, B.A., M.Sc., LL.M. Gerald Albert George Pulman, J.P., Deputy				
	NB: Standing Order No 10(4)(a) requires the successful candidate to receive a majority of the votes cast. The leading candidate (Mr Day) did not achieve that A second ballot is therefore necessary between the two candidates with the highest number of votes (Mr Day and Deputy Pulman).				
	Read.				

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No. 10, to ballot on the foregoing vacancy.

The Lord Mayor requested the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or their representatives, to be scrutineers of the ballot.

Resolved – That the votes be counted at the conclusion of the Court and the result printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

(b) To agree with the recommendation of the Establishment Committee regarding the Pay Award for 2012/13, that London Weighting be increased by £300 for all staff below the Senior Management Grade from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012.

Votes

Affirmative Negative

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#### Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared the recommendation of the Establishment Committee to have been agreed.

#### **Appointments**

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

(a) One Member on the Mitchell City of London Charity & Educational Foundation for a five year term to expire in May 2017

Nomination received:-Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

#### Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Marianne Fredericks to have been appointed on the Mitchell City of London Charity & Educational Foundation for a five year term expiring in May 2017.

(b) Two Members on the City Academy, Islington one for a three year term to expire in July 2015 and the other for a four year term to expire in July 2016.

\*denotes existing Chairman of the relevant City Academy Board

Nominations received:-Jeffrey Richard Evans, Alderman and Sheriff Elect Richard David Regan, Deputy\*

#### Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Richard Regan to have been reappointed on the City Academy Islington for a four year term expiring in July 2016 and Alderman and Sheriff Elect Jeffrey Evans to have been re-appointed

on the City Academy Islington for a three year term expiring in July 2015.

(c) Two Members on the City Academy, Hackney one for a three year term to expire in July 2015 and the other for a four year term to expire in July 2016.

\*denotes existing Chairman of the relevant City Academy Board

Nominations received:-Catherine McGuinness, MA, Deputy\* Virginia Rounding

#### Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Catherine McGuinness to have been re-appointed on the City Academy Hackney for a four year term expiring in July 2016 and Virginia Rounding to have been -appointed on the City Academy Hackney for a three year term expiring in July 2015.

#### Nomination of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen

Resolved – That Alderman Sir Robert Finch be appointed on the Policy and Resources Committee in the room of Alderman Sir David Lewis.

#### Questions

1) Deputy Robin Eve asked the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee about the allocation of tickets for the Olympic games.

In response, the Chairman stated that much of this information had already been discussed at a recent Members' briefing on Olympic preparations which was held after the June Court meeting. He reminded Members that early last year the City Corporation was offered the opportunity to purchase up to 100 tickets for the Olympic Games by LOCOG (the organisers of the Games), in common with all London Local Authorities, who were made this offer in recognition of their contribution towards the success of the Games. subsequently agreed that up to £20k should be made available from the Policy and Resources Committee's City's Cash contingency to purchase tickets for twenty-five different events. The 2012 Sub Committee agreed a strategy for allocating the tickets, stating that they should be used to host key stakeholders, including business leaders and policy makers together with specific individuals to be thanked for their supportive work in areas such as volunteering and education. A more detailed allocation was subsequently considered and then circulated to the wider Court for comment via email. He cosidered that the matter had therefore received a great deal of consideration by Members of the Sub Committee, the Policy and Resources Committee, and the wider Court. He gave examples of organisations to be represented. He added that invited guests had been invited to make a contribution to the Lord Mayor's charity if they so wished and a significant number had done so.

In response to a supplementary question from **Deputy Eve** querying the allocation of tickets to Members of the Court, the **Chairman** stated that consideration had been given as to the most appropriate Member to host events to promote the best interests of the City and that a list was available upon request to him or the Town Clerk's Department. He commented that as the Chairmen of a number of Committees were ex-officio Members of the Policy and

Resources Committee it was not surprising that a number of Members of the Policy and Resources Committee would be attending Olympic events.

In response to a supplementary question from **Deputy Bill Fraser**, the **Chairman** confirmed that he would look out for a pupil of the City of London Academy, Southwark who would be representing Colombia in swimming events.

In response to a supplementary question from **Deputy Ginsburg**, the **Chairman** reiterated that individuals that were important to the work of the City Corporation had been identified and these included certain political leaders and representatives of London boroughs.

In response to a supplementary question from **Alex Deane**, the **Chairman** explained that the tickets had been purchased with City's Cash not public money.

2) **Peter Martinelli** asked the **Deputy Chairman of the Police Committee** on the incident that led to the death of lan Tomlinson.

The **Chairman** stated that this matter had previously been raised at the Court of Common Council on a number of occasions, most recently in June 2011, when a statement was made following the outcome of both a Coroner's Inquest and the series of investigations led and managed by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC). He reiterated that the officer involved, PC Simon Harwood, was not a City Police officer, he was then serving with the Metropolitan Police Service Territorial Support Group. He added that PC Harwood had been charged with manslaughter and although the case had been heard at Southwark Crown Court, the jury was yet to reach a verdict therefore there were limits to the level of information which could be disclosed. He confirmed that City of London Police Officers have cooperated fully with the IPCC investigation, providing full statements and the IPCC had found no matters of either a criminal or disciplinary nature affecting any City Police officers at the scene.

In response to a supplementary question from **Peter Martinelli**, the **Deputy Chairman** explained that the Coroner was appointed from the Home Office's list.

Motion There were no Motions.

Awards and Prizes There was no report.

	Finance, Policy and Establishment Committees - Reports, etc.				
	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE (Mark John Boleat)				
(A)	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 The Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants	<b>Date</b> Monday 10 September 2012	Function Dinner		
	Pratham UK	Friday 5 October 2012	Dinner		
	City of London Pensioners' Reunion Committee	Friday 30 November 2012	Lunch		
	City Food Lecture Organising Committee	Monday 25 February 2013	Lecture		
	The Worshipful Company of World Traders	Thursday 28 February 2013	Lecture		
	CoL International Women's Day Group	Friday 8 March 2013	Conference		
	City Property Association 2013	Thursday 21 March	Lunch		
	Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA)	Wednesday 8 May 2013	Dinner		
	The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers	Monday 13 May 2013	Dinner		
	Banks Sadler Ltd	Wednesday 22 May 2013	Graduation Ceremony		
	The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators	Wednesday 23 October 2013	Dinner		
	Dynamic Conferences & Events	Sunday 27 October 2013	Dinner		
	Banks Sadler Ltd	Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 November 2013	Graduation Ceremony		
	Summer Reading Challenge	Wednesday 26 September 2012	Awards Ceremony		
	Parkinson's UK	Friday 14 December 2012	Concert		
	Received.				
	City's Cash Committees – Reports				
	OPEN SPACES, CITY GARDENS AND WEST HAM PARK COMMITTEE (Alderman Robert Hall)				
	Open Spaces Volunteers Your Open Spaces, City Gardens & West Ham Park Committee recently learned about the volunteering across the City's open spaces. The City encourages volunteers to get involved in the management of all its sites and the Open				

Spaces continue to benefit from the valuable support these groups provide. Well established groups exist at all our larger sites and the volunteers provide vital assistance in undertaking a wide range of projects and assist with other tasks ranging from sports development to wildlife surveys and support for special events. A printed and circulated report thereon has therefore been submitted for your information and we recommend that, in recognition of the much valued work of all these volunteers, the thanks and recognition of this Court be extended to them. Read and agreed to. Ayers, K.E. Resolved - That the public be excluded from the meeting for the two items of M.B.E., business from the Finance Committee; one concerning a gift to the Queen to Deputy Chadwick mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen's Coronation in 2013 and R.A.H. other in connection with a recent procurement exercise in relation to the framework for minor works and refurbishment, including mechanical and electrical services; 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, and, in addition, one item of business concerning a recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee regarding an application for hospitality on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information as defined in Section 100(4) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as it has been conveyed to the City Corporation in confidence by Her Majesty's Government. **DUFFIELD** The meeting commenced at 1 p.m. and ended at 1.55 p.m. **ERRATA** Court of Common Council on Thursday 21st June, 2012 Omitted from the Remembrancer's list of Members present at that Court of Common Council:-Alderman Peter Hewitt

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ITEM 4



# Report of the Town Clerk to be considered in conjunction with Item 4 – The Election of Chief Commoner

To be presented on Thursday, 13th September, 2012

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

#### To elect a Chief Commoner

The job description of the Chief Commoner can be found on the City's website: <a href="http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-the-city/who-we-are/lord-mayor-and-chairmen/Documents/Chief-commoner-job-description.pdf">http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-the-city/who-we-are/lord-mayor-and-chairmen/Documents/Chief-commoner-job-description.pdf</a>

The candidates were invited to provide information in support of their nomination and the following submissions were received:-

#### George M F Gillon FRICS

The Chief Commoner requires knowledge of our protocols and procedures, an understanding of the principal issues affecting us, personal integrity, public speaking ability and capability in articulating externally and internally the aims, values, and responsibilities of the Corporation and its elected Members. With 35 years knowledge of our City of London - much of which has involved public service as a Common Councilman in a wide spectrum of senior rôles and committees - I believe that I have these qualities and that I am eminently suited to do justice to this office.

This has been reinforced by an intensive year as Sheriff, so I am well-placed to be "on message" with Members, the electorate and the City community at large. I hosted, and spoke at, many significant occasions then and previously had chaired the State Visit Committee for President Ciampi of Italy.

I understand the need for, and nuances of, "joined-up thinking" between the Court, the Policy Committee and the Mansion House.

My professional background until recently has been as a partner in a leading firm of international chartered surveyors; it has included the chairmanship of the RICS in the City of London, Master of the Chartered Surveyors' Livery Company and a number of non - executive and trustee appointments. As a City real estate professional I have been well placed to serve for some years on our property committees, ultimately as chairman for 3 years of Property Sub (now the Property Investment Board).

I have benefitted from wider Local Authority experience over the last 10 years, representing the City on the Cross River Partnership with the 6 Central London boroughs and 14 BIDs on re-generation; I am now the public sector Chairman. I have been a Member of the CBI London Council and Chairman (now Vice President) of the Caledonian Club. My charitable rôles currently include that of Deputy Governor of the Honourable the Irish Society until April 2013.

Most importantly, however, I fully recognise the need for an experienced Member to represent all Common Councilmen on their rights, requirements, privileges and their responsibilities as elected representatives. This demands an ability to be a "counsellor" as well as a "councillor", a listener more than orator and, to do the job properly, to be accessible. As I am now fully retired from professional practice, I would plan to be in Guildhall throughout the year of office.

After so many years of voluntary public service, it would be such a privilege to now serve my colleagues in this way - to represent us and promote us in a positive light in our City community and elsewhere.

#### Julian Malins Q.C.

#### The City of London Corporation.

I was elected in 1981. I was for many years our representative on the Inner London Education Authority, the GLC Education Committee and the London Chamber of Commerce. I have served on the Finance Committee, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Ashtead Management Committee and am currently serving on Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee and on the Board of Governors of the Museum of London. I was Chairman of the Reception Committee for the State Banquet for President Putin. I am currently Deputy Chairman of the Standards Committee and effectively the day to day Co-Chairman, as the Chairman is not a member of the Court. As members know, I am a regular and, I hope, independent minded, speaker at meetings of the Court. It is my profession to represent my clients to their best advantage, which is a skill which I shall bring to represent you.

Professional Career. I am an international commercial Queen's Counsel and Head of my own Chambers. I have been a barrister since 1972 and a silk since 1991. My practice has been in the City and in financial centres abroad in banking, insurance, commodity trading, civil fraud, sale and carriage of goods and shipping and air law. I am a financial services specialist and was for many years a Disciplinary Tribunal Chairman for the Financial Services Authority. My City knowledge is very wide. There is more detail on my website, www.malinschambers.com. But don't take too much notice of my Wikipedia page, which is a bit over the top (and written by a former client and not by me!). I was an elected member of the Bar Council from 1986 to 2005 and Chaired many Committees for the Bar. I am a Bencher of Middle Temple and a Recorder of the Crown Court.

**Manifesto** This is only the second occasion when members of the whole Court will elect their Chief Commoner in a contested election. Most members will, I hope, know the candidates well enough to be able to make an informed choice. But for the new or newish members, whom I will of course get to know, I can assure you that I will stand up for members and look after your interests. I am *not* a member of the Policy Committee.

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# List of Applications for the Freedom

To be presented on Thursday, 13th September, 2012

Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

Set out below is the Chamberlain's list of applicants for the Freedom of the City together with the names, etc. of those nominating them.

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Citizen and Glover

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Roger John Day

Wendy Mead, Deputy, Sheriff

Peter Bernard Hardwick,

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# Report – Policy and Resources Committee

# Bill for an Act of Common Council: To change the date of ordinary elections of Common Councilmen

To be presented on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

#### **Summary**

- 1. On 19<sup>th</sup> July the Court of Common received this Bill for an Act of Common Council for its first and second reading and this submission would represent the third and final reading. You will recall that the purpose of the Bill is to change the date of ordinary elections of Common Councilmen and that its terms had been settled by the Recorder of London.
- 2. Under the current election timetable, the nomination period for candidates in 2013 would close before the ward lists for 2013-2014 (which will be compiled towards the end of this year) come into force. Therefore, candidates who are not already on an existing ward list would not be able to qualify for election solely by virtue of being registered in a ward list for 2013-2014. The persons who would be eligible to subscribe nomination papers would also be restricted. As the date that the ward lists come into force cannot be changed without an Act of Parliament, the proposed solution is to push the date of the elections back so that the nomination period is after the new ward lists come into force.
- 3. This problem is not unique to 2013, and therefore it is proposed to change the date of all future ordinary elections of Common Councilmen. As has been discussed informally with Members, this presents an opportunity to move the day fixed for the holding of the elections from a Friday to a Wednesday. This would mean any poll being held on a Thursday, rather than a Monday, which would be more familiar to the voting public.
- 4. It is proposed that the elections would ordinarily be fixed for the third Wednesday in March in every fourth year. In 2013 the elections would take place on Wednesday 20 March, with any poll being held on Thursday 21 March. However, in election years where this would still lead to problems with the nomination period, the elections would be fixed for the fourth Wednesday in March. It is proposed that on those rare occasions when neither of the

above dates is suitable then the Town Clerk be authorised to set an alternative date for the elections in consultation with the Lord Mayor.

#### Recommendation

5. We **recommend** that the Bill for an Act of Common Council be approved in the form attached.

#### **Main Report**

#### **Purpose of report**

 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to the annexed draft Bill for an Act of Common Council to change the date of ordinary elections of Common Councilmen.

#### Introduction

2. A letter was sent to all elected members at the end of March 2012 explaining that there are problems with the existing electoral timetable for ordinary elections of Common Councilmen. This report explains those problems in more detail and recommends an appropriate solution.

#### **Background**

#### Qualification for election to Common Council

- 3. Section 5(1) of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 provides that a person shall unless disqualified by virtue of any enactment be qualified for election to the Common Council as a Common Councilman if at the date of nomination and at the date of election he is a freeman of the City and is of full age and a British subject or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a relevant citizen of the Union and:
  - (a) is registered in the list of persons entitled to vote at any ward election; or
  - (b) owns freehold or leasehold land in the City; or
  - (c) has during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of nomination, and has until the date of election, resided in the City.
- 4. Section 5(2) of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 makes it clear that a person shall not be qualified for election as a Common Councilman otherwise than in accordance with that section. As these provisions are set out in primary legislation they cannot be changed by Act of Common Council.

#### Relevant dates for ward lists

5. Provisional ward lists must be prepared and published by 30 November in each year. The deadline for submitting a claim to be included in a ward list is 16 December in each year. Final ward lists must be published by 15 February in each year and these are the definitive lists of all persons entitled to vote as

electors at ward elections held between 16 February in that year and 15 February in the following year. These dates are set out in section 7 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 and again cannot be changed by Act of Common Council.

#### Existing timetable for elections, polls and nominations

- 6. Ordinary elections of Common Councilmen currently take place on the second Friday in March in every fourth year after 2005. This means that the date will vary between 8 March and 14 March.
- 7. Other dates in the electoral timetable are calculated by working back from the date fixed for the holding of a ward election. A notice of ward election must be prepared and published by the Ward Clerk no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day (excluding a Sunday, bank holiday, and certain other days) before the ward election.<sup>2</sup> This commences the nomination period. The final date for publication of this notice varies between 7 February and 13 February depending on where the second Friday in March falls in the calendar. The notice of ward election can be published earlier for the ordinary elections in 2009 it was published one week earlier.
- 8. Completed nomination papers must be delivered to the Ward Clerk no later than noon on the 19<sup>th</sup> day (excluding a Sunday, bank holiday, and certain other days) before the ward election.<sup>3</sup> The deadline varies between 14 February and 20 February, again depending on where the second Friday in March falls in the calendar. This deadline cannot be extended.
- 9. Where there is a contested ward election the poll is held on the day following the day fixed for the holding of the ward election (excluding a Saturday, Sunday, bank holiday, and certain other days).<sup>4</sup> At the moment therefore any poll arising from the ordinary elections of Common Councilmen is held on the Monday following the second Friday in March.

#### The current problems

- 10. Under the current electoral timetable the date of the next ordinary elections of Common Councilmen will be Friday 8 March 2013, with any poll on Monday 11 March 2013. The nomination period will open on 7 February 2013 and close on 14 February 2013.
- 11. The main problem that has been identified is in relation to candidates who are seeking to rely on the qualification that they are registered in the list of persons entitled to vote at any ward election. This is because, as explained in paragraph 3 above, any qualification must be satisfied as at the date of nomination and at the date of election. Given that the ward lists in force for the

<sup>2</sup> The relevant provision is contained in section 6(1) of the Act of Common Council of 14 July 1960 (as substituted by section 3 of the Act of Common Council of 6 November 2008).

<sup>3</sup> The relevant provision is contained in section 7(1) of the Act of Common Council of 14 July 1960 (as substituted by section 4 of the Act of Common Council of 6 November 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is set out in section 1 of the Act of Common Council of 22 May 2003.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This is provided for by section 11A of the Act of Common Council of 14 July 1960 (inserted by section 1(2) of the Act of Common Council of 7 July 1977.

whole of the nomination period will be those for 2012-2013, candidates must already be on an existing ward list, as well as ensuring that they are on a ward list for 2013-2014, in order to successfully rely on this qualification. Candidates, including serving Members, who are not already on an existing ward list will not be able to use this particular route to qualification.

- 12. This situation is not peculiar to 2013. As can be seen from the various dates given above, under the current electoral timetable the nomination period frequently closes before 16 February, and always straddles that date. In the latter case candidates who are only on a ward list in force after 16 February will have an opportunity to be nominated, but their nomination period is effectively reduced.
- 13. Another problem is that every nomination paper must be subscribed by persons whose names appear in the ward list for the ward in which the candidate seeks election. This means the ward list in force at the point of nomination, as well as the ward list in force at the time of the election. Whilst candidates can select their subscribers accordingly, the current timetable increases the chances of a nomination paper being rejected.
- 14. One option would be to push back the nomination period so that it occurs closer to the date of the ward election. However the nomination period was advanced by five days in 2008, to give candidates more notice of a contested election, and to facilitate postal voting. For this reason this option is not recommended.
- 15. Another option would be to choose a date for the ordinary elections of Common Councilmen that is late enough in March to ensure that the nomination period always commences on or after 16 February. The reason that this is problematic is that it would sometimes conflict with the Easter break Easter Sunday can occur as early as 22 March. There is no one date that would always result in the nomination period commencing on or after 16 February and also avoid proximity with the Easter break. Even a "fixed" date would have to be moved when it fell on a Saturday or Sunday, and would mean the elections taking place on a different day in each four year cycle, which may not be considered desirable.

#### The proposed solution

16. Members' views have already been canvassed on the best day to hold the ordinary elections of Common Councilmen, should this be changed. The consensus was that the best day would be a Wednesday – this would mean that any poll would be held on a Thursday, which would be the day most familiar to the voting public.

17. The proposal is, therefore, that the ordinary elections of Common Councilmen would normally be held on the third Wednesday in March in every fourth year. However, if this would involve the notice of ward election being published before 16 February in any given year, then these elections would instead be held on the fourth Wednesday in March.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This is by virtue of section 7(3) of the Act of Common Council of 14 July 1960 (as substituted by section 5 of the Act of Common Council of 6 November 2008) d:\moderngov\\data\agendaitemdocs\\8\3\9\\ai00008938\\\$3\9\sido\\$24

- 18. An alternative option would be to hold the ordinary elections of Common Councilmen on the fourth Wednesday in March in every fourth year, but move this forward to the third Wednesday in March if this would involve any poll being held on the Thursday adjacent to Good Friday.
- 19. Whether the elections were normally held on the third or fourth Wednesday in March, under the above rules they would have to be switched six times in the remainder of this century so there is nothing to choose between the two options on this basis. However it is preferable from an administrative point of view (in terms of fixing the membership of committees, etc) that the elections generally happen earlier in March rather than later.
- 20. Although under the proposed system there would be more variation in the date of the ordinary elections of Common Councilmen than at present, it would still be within defined parameters. The dates of future elections could be calculated a long time in advance.
- 21. If a revised date for the ordinary elections of Common Councilmen is agreed for next year, then using the above system these would take place on Wednesday 20 March, and any poll would be held on Thursday 21 March. The published dates for a number of committees and the Court in 2013 would have to be changed as a result but future committee and Court dates would be scheduled to take account of this change.
- 22. There will be rare occasions when holding the ordinary elections of Common Councilmen on the third Wednesday in March would involve the notice of ward election being published before 16 February, but switching to the fourth Wednesday in March would involve any poll being held on the Thursday adjacent to Good Friday. The next time this will happen is 2073. It is therefore proposed that in these circumstances the Town Clerk be authorised to decide upon an alternative date in consultation with the Lord Mayor. The alternative date would have to be published, and reported to the Court of Common Council, at least six months in advance.

#### **Bill for an Act of Common Council**

23. The annexed Bill gives effect to the changes outlined above.

#### Conclusion

24. There are identified problems with the current timetable for the ordinary elections of Common Councilmen. In some years (including 2013) candidates relying on the qualification that they are registered in a ward list must be registered in two successive ward lists – the ward list in force in the year before the election, as well as the ward list in force at the time of the election. The timetable also creates unnecessary complications regarding those persons who are entitled to subscribe nomination papers. These problems can be addressed by moving to a system whereby the elections are held in every fourth year on either the third Wednesday in March, or the fourth Wednesday in March, or in certain circumstances on another date to be determined by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Lord Mayor. This will also avoid proximity with the Easter break. The required changes can be achieved through the proposed Act of Common Council.

All which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee

Mark Boleat Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee

#### To be considered at the Court of Common Council

#### 2012

#### A BILL

For an Act of Common Council to –

Change the date of the ordinary ward elections of Common Councilmen of the City of London;

Make incidental and consequential changes to the term of office of Common Councilmen:

Repeal the Act of Common Council made and passed on the 22nd day of May 2003.

#### WHEREAS:-

- (1) From time immemorial there has existed and still exists in the City of London ("the City") a Common Council consisting of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons in Common Council assembled and the Common Council have made, passed, ordained and established divers Acts, Ordinances, Rules, Orders and Regulations for the regulation and good government of the City and its Liberties as to them from time to time has been found necessary and expedient;
- (2) By an Act of Common Council made and passed on the 22nd day of May 2003 it was enacted that as from the coming into force of that Act ordinary ward elections in relation to the whole number of Common Councilmen shall take place on the second Friday of March in 2004; 2005; and every fourth year after 2005;
- (3) It is desirable that ordinary ward elections in relation to the whole number of Common Councilmen shall take place on a date determined in accordance with this Act;
- (4) It is also desirable to make certain incidental and consequential changes to the term of office of Common Councilmen;
- (5) His late Majesty King Edward the Third by his Charter made and granted to the City in the fifteenth year of his reign afterwards confirmed and ratified by Parliament did (amongst other things) grant that if any customs in the City before that time obtained and used were in any part hard or defective or any things in the City newly arising in which no remedy had been ordained should need amendment the Mayor and Aldermen of the City and their successors with the assent of the Commonalty of the City might put and ordain thereto fit remedy as often as it should seem expedient to them so that such ordinance should be profitable to the King and to the citizens and to all other liege subjects resorting to the City and agreeable also to reason and good faith.

**BE IT THEREFORE** and **IT IS HEREBY ENACTED ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED** by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Right Worshipful the Aldermen and the Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled and the authority of the same **AS FOLLOWS**:

#### Interpretation

1. In this Act –

"elections" means ordinary ward elections in relation to the whole number of Common Councilmen.

#### Ordinary ward elections in relation to the whole number of Common Councilmen

- 2. (1) Elections shall take place in 2013 and every fourth year after 2013.
  - (2) In any year that elections are required under subsection (1) then subject to subsection (3) those elections shall take place on the third Wednesday of March.
  - (3) Where holding elections on a date determined in accordance with subsection (2) would require notice of a ward election to be published before 16 February in that year then subject to subsection (4) those elections shall take place on the fourth Wednesday of March.
  - (4) Where holding elections on a date determined in accordance with subsection (3) would require any poll to be held on the Thursday adjacent to Good Friday then those elections shall take place on a date determined by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Lord Mayor.
  - (5) Where under subsection (4) the Town Clerk determines the date on which elections shall take place that date shall be published and reported to the Court of Common Council no later than six months in advance of those elections.

#### **Term of office of Common Councilmen**

3. Any Common Councilman shall, unless he resigns his office or it otherwise becomes vacant, cease to hold office at midnight on the day immediately preceding the day on which elections take place.

#### Repeal

4. The Act of Common Council made and passed on the 22nd day of May 2003 is hereby repealed (except in relation to its repeal of certain provisions of an Act of Common Council made and passed on the 14th day of June 1984).

#### Commencement

5. The provisions of this Act shall come into force on the day on which it is made and passed as an Act of Common Council.

# Agenda Item 17

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