

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 Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on
THURSDAY next, the **24th day of October, 2013**.

JOHN BARRADELL,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

*Guildhall,
Wednesday 16th October 2013*

Sir Paul Judge

Matthew Richardson

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Aldermen on the Rota

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

2 To read a Vote of Thanks to the Lord Mayor.

3 The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor to lay before the Court a letter of the Lord Mayor Elect declaring her assent to take upon herself that Office.

4 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials.

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

6 To elect a Chief Commoner.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 18, John Alfred Bennett, Deputy and William Harry Dove, M.B.E., J.P., 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)

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

8 Docquets for the Hospital Seal.

9 List of applicants for the Freedom of the City:

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

10 The Remembrancer's report of measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation.

Subordinate Legislation

Measure	with effect from
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment) Order 2013, S.I. No. 1238.	25th June, 2013.
The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 1239.	25th June, 2013.
The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 1403.	27th June, 2013.
The Licensing Act 2003 (Descriptions of Entertainment) (Amendment) Order 2013, S.I. No. 1578.	27th June, 2013.
The Coroners Allowances, Fees and Expenses Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 1615.	25th July, 2013.
The Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (Coroner Areas and Assistant Coroners) Transitional Order 2013, S.I. No. 1625.	25th July, 2013.
The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No. 2) (England) Order 2013, S.I. No. 1868.	21st August, 2013.
The Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure and Advertisements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2114.	1st October, 2013.
The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2115.	1st October, 2013.
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2013, S.I. No. 2136.	1st October, 2013.
The Town and Country Planning (Hearings and Inquiries Procedure) (England) (Amendment) Rules 2013, S.I. No. 2137.	1st October, 2013.

The Town and Country Planning (Section 62A Applications) (Procedure and Consequential Amendments) Order 2013, S.I. No. 2140.	1st October, 2013.
The Town and Country Planning (Section 62A Applications) (Hearings) Rules 2013, S.I. No. 2141.	1st October, 2013.
The Town and Country Planning (Section 62A Applications) (Written Representations and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2142.	1st October, 2013.
The Town and Country Planning General (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2145.	1st October, 2013.
The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) (No. 3) Order 2013, S.I. No. 2147.	1st October, 2013.
The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2153.	1st October, 2013.
The Business Improvement Districts (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2265.	7th October, 2013.
The Co-ordination of Regulatory Enforcement (Enforcement Action) (Amendment) Order 2013, S.I. No. 2286.	1st October, 2013.
The Local Safeguarding Children Boards (Review) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2299.	8th October, 2013.
The Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2356.	1st April, 2014.

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

- 11 The Town Clerk to report the result of a ballot taken at the last Court to appoint one Member on the Finance Committee for the balance of a term to expire in April 2014 to fill a vacancy not taken by the Ward of Candlewick.

* denotes appointed

	Votes
John Douglas Chapman, Deputy	49
Clare James, M.A.	50 *

- 12 To appoint the following:-

* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment.

- a) One Member (Non-Resident of the Barbican Estate) on the Barbican Residential Committee for the balance of a term to expire in April 2014.

Nomination received:-
Ann Holmes

- b) Two Members on Christ's Hospital for the balance of terms expiring in January 2016.

Nominations received:-
Lucy Roseanne Frew
Christopher Michael Hayward

- c) One Member on the Dr Johnson's House Trust for a two year term to expire in October 2015.

Nomination received:-
* Jeremy Lewis Simons, M.Sc.

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16 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Mark John Boleat)

10 October 2013

(A) Education Strategy

In January 2013 this Committee approved the establishment of a working party to *devise an education strategy for the City Corporation, to focus on improving the quality of education in London, especially for disadvantaged children.*

The Education Strategy Working Party (ESWP) held its first meeting in May 2013 and has held nine meetings over the course of a four month review period. Throughout the consultation the ESWP reviewed the City Corporation's: schools portfolio and governance arrangements; its statutory education provision; education outreach work from City Corporation organisations; and the City Corporation's employability support. Meetings were also held externally with livery companies, businesses, local authorities and education institutions, which sought to identify educational best practice. This strategy represents the culmination of all these meetings and considerations. It outlines a vision for the City Corporation's education offer and makes recommendations to achieve it. This strategy is limited to education provision between the ages of 4-18, covering primary and secondary, but not tertiary, education.

The strategy states that the City Corporation's vision for education should be *to educate and inspire children and young people to achieve their full potential.* This has been segmented into five strategic aims:

- To promote and support excellent education and access to higher education
- To strive for excellence in the City schools
- To inspire children through an enriched education and outreach opportunities
- To promote an effective transition from education to employment
- To explore opportunities to expand the City's education portfolio and influence on education throughout London

We accordingly **recommend** that this Court agree that the City of London Corporation Education Strategy 2013-2015, as set out in the separately printed and circulated report, be approved.

(B) Protocol for the Nomination of Members for appointment to Ward Committees

Following discussion at the Court of Common Council meeting in July the Chairman of your Committee undertook to consider how and when appointment to ward committees are made as well as look at the Standing Orders which govern the nominations process.

The Committee has since reviewed the process and whilst we have concluded that the Standing Orders governing this particular area are satisfactory, we believe that the nominations process would benefit from the introduction of a protocol to assist

Members.

A draft protocol has been prepared which we support and we now **recommend** that a protocol for the nomination of Members to the Court to serve on ward committees be adopted, as follows:-

“Protocol for the nomination to the Court of Members for appointment to Ward Committees

Introduction

This document sets out relevant Standing Orders and protocols relating to the appointment of Members to ward committees.

Standing orders

Appointments to Ward Committees are made by the Court and the Court is able to change the membership of Ward Committees at any time. In practice, the Court normally endorses the names put forward by the Wards. There are two relevant standing orders governing this process -

Standing Order No. 23 – Ward Committees

- (4) *Wards shall choose whether to nominate a Member(s) to serve on each of the several Ward Committees;*
- (5) *After consultation with the Members of their Wards, the Deputies of the Wards shall submit the nominations to the Town Clerk subject to the following:-*
 - (a) *the term of office of a Member on a Ward Committee is one year;*
 - (b) *a Member who has served four terms on a Ward Committee, separately or consecutively, is not eligible for appointment for a further term whilst there is a Member of the Ward who has not served and wishes to do so, unless the majority of the Members of the Ward so decide.*

Standing Order No. 25 - Vacancies

- (1) *When a vacancy occurs in any Committee, the Member elected to fill it will continue for the remainder of the term of the Member creating the vacancy, and such part of the term will count as a full term for the purposes of Standing Orders Nos. 23 (5) and 29 (3) (a).*
- (2) *Prior to the expiry of a completed term of office on a Non-Ward Committee, or when vacancies arise, all Members will be notified by the Town Clerk.*

The role of the Ward Deputy

Standing Order No. 23 makes clear that the role of the Ward Deputy is facilitating consultation with the Members of the Ward and then communicating the Ward’s nominations to the Town Clerk. Nominations are, therefore, not in the gift of the Ward Deputy, who should have no greater say in the appointments than other Ward members. The consultation process should allow sufficient time for Members of the Ward to consider the proposals and their comments should be taken into account when formulating nominations.

Principles for making nominations

The Court and its committees run on an annual basis. It is desirable that Members are appointed for a whole year, with any changes during the year being minimised.

Three overriding principles should govern nominations -

1. *There is an accepted progression from Deputy Chairman of a Ward Committee to Chairman for a period of three years followed by a one year period as Deputy Chairman. It is, therefore, expected that where a Member holds office as Chairman or Deputy Chairman of a Ward Committee, their nomination to that Committee shall continue to be made by the Ward.*
2. *Any changes to the membership of Ward Committees proposed by Wards during the course of a year should be confined to filling vacancies caused by a Ward Member ceasing to be a Member of the Committee or where all the Members concerned individually agree that the Deputy should communicate the change.*
3. *Nominations should take into account all the relevant circumstances including members' availability, knowledge, experience and the need to develop experience, to contribute to the efficient and effective running of the City Corporation."*

17 HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(George Marr Flemington Gillon, Chief Commoner)

29 August & 11 September 2013

Applications for the Use of Guildhall

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
Evening Standard Association UK	Monday 9 September 2013	Debate
University of St Andrews Alumni Club London	Saturday 2 November 2013	Dinner
Seatrade	Monday 14 April 2014	Dinner
Banks Sadler Ltd	Thursday 22 May 2014	Graduation Ceremony
Energy UK	Monday 2 June 2014	Dinner
The European Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers	Thursday 5 June 2014	Dinner
Trinity House	Wednesday 11 June 2014	Dinner
Thomson Reuters	Monday 16 June 2014 (set up)	Awards Ceremony
	Tuesday 17 June 2014	
Guildhall School of Music and Drama	Friday 31 October 2014	Graduation

**18 FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick)**

23 July 2013

(A) City Fund and Pension Funds - 2012/13 - Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Management Letters

The Court authorised this Committee to approve, amongst other things, the Statement of Accounts for the City Fund and Pension Funds. We have duly considered and approved the 2012/13 City Fund and Pension Funds Statement of Accounts. Copies of the Statement have been placed in the Members' Reading Room and are available from the Chamberlain. The management letter from Deloitte on its audit of the funds is attached for the information of the Court. In addition, the Statement and letters have been published on the City's website.

(B) Annual Reports and Financial Statements for Bridge House Estates and Sundry Trusts 2012/13

The Court has authorised this Committee to approve, amongst other things, the Annual Reports and Financial Statements for Bridge House Estates and the Sundry Trust Funds. We have duly considered and approved the Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2013. Copies of the Annual Reports and Financial Statements have been placed in the Members' Reading Room and are available from the Chamberlain. The management letter from Deloitte on its audit of the funds is attached for the information of the Court.

MOTION

19 By the Chief Commoner

"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) action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the Barbican Residential Committee concerning the waterproofing of the Barbican Podium;

B) action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the Property Investment Board concerning the lease of 200 Aldersgate Street, EC1; and

C) recommendations of the Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning a matter of hospitality?"