

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.

This being the occasion of  
the Lord Mayor taking her  
seat for the first time,  
Members are requested to  
appear in their Gowns.



## COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on  
**THURSDAY** next, the **5th day of December, 2013**.

JOHN BARRADELL,  
*Town Clerk & Chief Executive.*

*Guildhall,  
Wednesday, 27th November 2013*

Sir Michael David Bear

Neil Graham Morgan Redcliffe

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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 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials.
- 3 To pass the Vote of Thanks, read informally at the last meeting of the Court, to the late Lord Mayor.
- 4 The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor's report on overseas visits.
- 5 Statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 6 Docquets for the Hospital Seal.
- 7 List of applicants for the Freedom of the City:  
(A list of names, together with those of the nominators, has been separately circulated).
- 8 A Bill for an Act of Common Council.

To:-

- Provide for the nomination and election of Auditors of Chamberlain's and Bridgemasters' Accounts, Bridgemasters and Ale Conners of this City; and
- repeal any previous conflicting provisions regulating or enforcing the same.

(First and Second Reading).

(A printed report of the Policy and Resources Committee thereon has been circulated).

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

#### **Subordinate Legislation**

##### **Title**

The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2688.

##### **with effect from**

14th November, 2013.

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

- 10 To appoint the following:-

\* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment.

a) One Member on the Open Spaces & City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees for the balance of a term to expire in April 2014.

Nominations received:-

John Alfred Barker, O.B.E., Deputy  
Graeme Martyn Smith

b) Two Members on the Board of Governors of the Museum of London for four year terms to expire in December 2017.

Nominations received:-

\*John George Stewart Scott, J.P., B.A.(Hons)  
Graeme Martyn Smith  
\*Michael Welbank, Deputy

## 11 Questions

## 12 Motions

(A) By Sir Michael Snyder

“That the Resolution of Thanks to the late Lord Mayor, passed by Common Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> September last, be presented in a form agreeable to him?”

(B) By Robin Anthony Eve, O.B.E.

“That the Resolution of Thanks to Jeffrey Evans, Alderman and Nigel Pullman, the late Sheriffs of the City, passed by Common Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> September last, be presented in a form agreeable to them?”

(C) By Alexander John Cameron Deane, Deputy

“That Gregory Lawrence be appointed on the Finance Committee for the Ward of Farringdon Without in the room of Edward Lord?”

(D) By Catherine McGuinness, M.A., Deputy

“That Christopher Boden be appointed on the Finance Committee for the Ward of Castle Baynard in the room of Ray Catt, no longer on Common Council?”

## 13 Awards and Prizes

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

### 14 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE (Mark John Boleat)

17 October 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
Lehman Brothers International (Europe)	Tuesday 3 December 2013	Reception
Harvard University	Tuesday 21 January 2014	Reception
The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators	Wednesday 19 February 2014	Dinner
The Worshipful Company of World Traders	Thursday 27 February 2014	Lecture
Army Benevolent Fund	Thursday 10 April 2014	Lunch
BASE London (facilitates green city initiatives to drive development)	Wednesday 25 June 2014	Lecture
	Thursday 26 June 2014	Lecture
Lord Mayor's Appeal	Tuesday 21 October 2014	Dinner

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

19 November 2013

**Annual Report and Financial Statements for City's Cash 2012/13 and Auditors' Management Letter**

The Court authorised this Committee to approve, amongst other things, the Annual Report and Financial Statements for City's Cash. We have duly considered and approved the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2013. Copies of the document have been placed in the Members' Reading Room and are available from the Chamberlain. In addition, the Annual Report and Financial Statements and Deloitte's management letter have been published on the City's website. The management letter from Deloitte on its audit of the funds is attached to a separately printed and circulated report for the information of the Court and we **recommend** that the report be noted.

## Rates Committees - Reports

16 **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**(Michael Welbank, Deputy)**

5 November 2013

**(A) City of London Local Plan: Publication and Examination**

During January and March 2013, the draft Local Plan was issued for public consultation and comments were received from 80 individuals and organisations. The consultation process also involved public and other meetings. The full details of the comments can be found at [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/localplan).

The results of the public consultation and the revision of the Local Plan were considered at meetings of your Local Development Framework Sub Committee and by your Planning and Transportation Committee. We **recommend** approval of a separately printed and circulated report which proposes that the Local Plan be now agreed and published for public consultation for a minimum period of 8 weeks. This would represent a formal stage in the Plan preparation process in accordance with government regulations and is an opportunity for those with any outstanding concerns to register formal objections. It is also proposed that any changes that arise from the consultation be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee, after which the list of changes would be submitted to the Secretary of State alongside the plan for examination by an Inspector. A complete copy of the Local Plan and the supporting documents can be found in the Members' Reading Room and on the City's website, as mentioned above.

**(B) Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Improvement Project – Detailed Options Appraisal - Report of Action taken under Urgency Procedures**

11 November 2013

The Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Improvement Project is a unique opportunity to achieve transformational change in the public realm and highways of the Aldgate area, through removing barriers to movement, reducing road danger and providing fresh public realm amenity. It is envisaged that the public realm improvements would include a new kiosk, feature seating and lighting, provide drinking fountains and play equipment and public art. The highway changes would include the conversion of Aldgate High Street and St Botolph Street to two-way working and there would be new pedestrian crossing facilities.

Following the submission of the Gateway 3 report in February 2013 officers undertook both public consultation on, and technical investigations into, the Aldgate Highways Changes and Public Realm Improvement project. The results of both the consultation and technical investigations allowed officers to identify a preferred option and the detailed proposals were approved by the Open Spaces and City Gardens and Finance Committees, and the Streets and Walkways and Projects Sub Committees during October 2013. It was necessary to seek the approval of the Court under urgency procedures to progress the project at an estimated cost of £16.3m-£17.1m – to Gateway 5 in order to prevent a delay of several weeks, which would have seriously affected the planned schedule of the project.

The report forecasted that £8m would be funded by Transport for London (to be formally agreed during November 2013) and that the remaining £8.3-£9.1m would be met using City of London Corporation Section 106 funds. Therefore sufficient funds existed to progress the scheme to Gateway 5. One potential exception to the forecasted capital funding was that of the proposed kiosk, to be located in the public square, it may be necessary to fund the kiosk via Property Investment Board funds, City Cash, or external investment. The potential to use Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was also being investigated. The project's revenue implications were forecasted as £154,352 per annum, which would arise from planned planting and lighting and more intensive cleansing. Whilst these may be met by additional revenue or service savings, it was noted that they may be alternatively met by using revenue arising from the commercial operation of the planned kiosk. The options for this would be evaluated in full during the detailed options appraisal.

Subject to the approval of the Gateway 5 report in April 2014, it is envisaged that the project will start on site in the summer of 2014 with completion during the summer of 2016. We **recommend** that the action taken be noted.

17 **CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**  
**(John George Stewart Scott, J.P., B.A.(Hons))**

28 October 2013

**City of London Visitor Strategy 2013-2017**

During the last decade the City Corporation's growing recognition of the importance of visitor issues and its development of visitor services has led it to create a portfolio of activity which not only supports corporate aims, but makes a valued contribution to wider London and government agendas. The previous versions of the Visitor Strategy have provided a rationale, a plan and a showcase for these activities and the latest updated version is now recommended for ratification and adoption. A separately printed report has been circulated to Members seeking endorsement of the actions contained within the Strategy and the need to recognise the growing importance of the visitor and tourism agenda to the activities of the City and we **recommend** approval thereof.

18 **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**(Charles Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.)**

29 November 2013

**Appointment of Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee**

The Standards Committee comprises ten Members, four of whom are Co-opted Members and must be independent from the City Corporation (ie. must not be Common Councilmen). Whilst Co-opted Members are no longer a statutory

requirement, following the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, the City of London Corporation has approved the inclusion of Co-opted Members on the Standards Committee to maximise the breadth of knowledge and experience on the Committee. Following the introduction of the new standards arrangements in 2012, those serving Co-opted Members were retained in the non-statutory role.

Three vacancies for Co-opted Members of the Committee have arisen over recent months following completion of the terms of office of Dr Colin Kolbert, Howard Lederman and Felicity Lusk.

For the purposes of such appointments, a Selection Panel was established by the Court in November 2000 comprising the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen, the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, or their representatives. The vacancies were advertised on the Guardian Online, Universal Jobmatch, the City AM (on-line) and the City of London Corporation's webpages between September and October. Four valid applications were received and considered by the Selection Panel. The Panel also considered the re-appointment of Felicity Lusk for a further term of office (to expire in December 2017).

It should be noted that the recommendations by the Selection Panel will be considered by your Standards Committee at its next meeting which is not until 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013, a date following the preparation and despatch of this report.

However in anticipation of our endorsing the Panel's findings, the purpose of this report is to seek approval to the recommendation of the Selection Panel that Ms Felicity Lusk and Ms Judith Barnes be appointed to fill two of the existing vacancies, with one vacancy to be appointed to in due course.

**Ms Felicity Lusk** has been a Co-opted Member of the Standards Committee since 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and, we are very grateful for the expertise and service she has rendered to the Committee over the last four years. Ms Lusk,

- has over 20 years' experience as a teacher and, since 1997, as Headmistress of Oxford High School
- has served on numerous bodies at national, regional and local level in a range of fields including education and the arts
- has served as a Court Member at Oxford Brookes University
- was an elected Member at the London Borough of Enfield from 1990 – 94
- served as one of the Independent Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama between 2000 and 2009.

**Ms Judith Barnes,**

- has practised as a company/commercial lawyer for over ten years and is currently in charge of her own practice
- has previously served as a councillor for twelve years
- has a sound understanding of the City, having practiced as a solicitor whilst she was a partner in Jaques & Lewis
- worked as a Senior Policy Officer at the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) between 2005/12.

In anticipation of your Standards Committee endorsing the recommendations of the Selection Panel when it meets on 29 November, we will be recommending the appointment of Felicity Lusk and Judith Barnes on the Committee as Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee for four-year terms expiring in December 2017. Should there be any change, your Chairman will report on the position orally.

*[To be brought into effect, this recommendation requires the approval of a majority of Members and it will, therefore, be necessary to BALLOT on this item.]*

## **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) recommendations of the Property Investment Board on the refurbishment of 53 New Broad Street EC2;
- B) recommendations of the Property Investment Board on the lease concerning Salters Hall Garden, St. Alphage Gardens / Fore Street, EC2; and
- C) recommendations of the Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning a matter of hospitality?”