



WOOLF, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

5th December 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Charles Bowman
Peter Estlin
Jeffrey Richard Evans
John Garbutt
Alison Gowman
David Andrew Graves
Timothy Russell Hailes

Gordon Warwick Haines
Peter Hewitt, FCSI, FRSA
Sir David Howard Bt MA DSc
Sheriff Sir Paul Judge
Vincent Thomas Keaveny
Ian David Luder JP BSC (Econ)

Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli FCCA
FCSI FBCS
Dr Andrew Charles Parmley MusM Hon FGS
Neil Graham Morgan Redcliffe
Matthew Richardson
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams
John David Absalom, Deputy
Kenneth Edwin Ayers MBE,
Deputy
Alex Bain-Stewart MSc JP
John Alfred Barker, OBE Deputy
Douglas Barrow, Deputy
John Bennett Deputy
Christopher Paul Boden
Nigel Kenneth Challis MA FCA
FCSI (Hon)
John Douglas Chapman, Deputy
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Dennis Cotgrove BA
Karina Dostalova
William Harry Dove MBE JP,
Deputy
Simon D'Olier Duckworth DL
The Revd Dr Martin Raymond
Dudley
Peter Gerard Dunphy
Peter Estlin (Alderman)
Robin Anthony Eve OBE, Deputy
Kevin Malcolm Everett DSc
Sophie Anne Fernandes

John William Fletcher BSc
William Barrie Fraser OBE
Deputy
Stuart John Fraser CBE
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Lucy Frew
George Marr Flemington Gillon,
Chief Commoner
Stanley Ginsburg JP Deputy
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines MA, Deputy
Brian Nicholas Harris
Christopher Michael Hayward
Ann Holmes
Robert Picton Seymour Howard,
Deputy
Michael Hudson
Jamie Ingham Clark
Clare James MA
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones
Deputy
Alastair John Naisbitt King MSc
Deputy
Vivienne Littlechild JP
Charles Edward Lord OBE JP
Professor John Stuart Penton
Lumley
Paul Nicholas Martinelli

Jeremy Paul Mayhew MA MBA
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Wendy Mead
Robert Allan Merrett
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney
MA
Gareth Wynford Moore
Hugh Fenton Morris
Alastair Michael Moss
Sylvia Doreen Moys
Joyce Caruthers Nash OBE,
Deputy
Barbara Patricia Newman CBE
John Richard Owen-Ward MBE,
Deputy
Graham David Packham
Dhruv Patel
Ann Marjorie Francescia
Pembroke
Emma Charlotte Louisa Price
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Gerald Albert George Pulman JP,
Deputy
Chris Punter
Stephen Douglas Quilter BSc
(Hons)

Richard David Regan, Deputy
OBE
Delis Regis
Adam Fox McCloud Richardson
Elizabeth Rogula
Virginia Rounding
John George Stewart Scott JP
BA (Hons) FRPSL
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,
Deputy
Jeremy Lewis Simons MSc
Tom Sleigh
Graeme Martyn Smith
Sir Michael Snyder
Angela Mary Starling
Patrick Thomas Streeter
David James Thompson
John Tomlinson, Deputy
James Richard Tumbridge
Michael Welbank, Deputy
Philip Woodhouse

Minutes

Resolved - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

New Aldermen

The Chief Commoner welcomed two new Aldermen to their first meeting of the Court of Common Council, namely Alderman Vincent Keaveny and Alderman Peter Estlin.

The two Aldermen were each heard in reply.

Regan, R.D.,
O.B.E., Deputy
Gillon, G.M.F.

Resolved unanimously - That, upon the retirement from the Court of:

Benjamin Robert Hadley Hall

this Court desires to place on record its warmest thanks for the service that he has given to the City of London over the past eighteen years.

Bob was elected as a Common Councilman for the Ward of Farringdon Within in 1995 and in 2002 he was elected as Alderman for the Ward. Over the years he has served on a wide range of Committees but his passion has surely been for the City Corporation's open spaces, both within and beyond the Square Mile, most recently chairing the West Ham Park and the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committees.

On taking their leave, his colleagues would like to express their very best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement from civic life in the City.

Fraser, S.J.
C.B.E.
Gillon G.M.F.

Resolved – That, on his retirement from this Honourable Court, the Members wish to place on record their warmest thanks to:

Sir Robert Gerard Finch

for the service that he has given to the Corporation and to the City for over the past twenty one years. Sir Robert was elected as Alderman for the Ward of Coleman Street in 1992 and, in that capacity, he was elected to the Office of Sheriff in 1999 and then become the 676th Lord Mayor of this City in 2003.

His eye for detail, thorough knowledge of property law, coupled with his traditional values and good humour were of great benefit during visits abroad during his Mayoralty and, indeed, at the meetings of the wide ranging Corporation Committees on which he served.

In taking their leave, his colleagues would like to express their very best wishes for his future health and happiness with the hope that he will long retain many happy memories of his civic life and all he has achieved for the wider City, for the City Corporation and for this Court.

Letters of
Resignation

Letters of Ray Catt and Ibthayhaj Gani resigning their offices as Common Councilmen for the Wards of Castle Baynard and Portsoken, respectively.

Received.

McGuinness,
C.,M.A., Deputy
Luder, I.D.,
J.P., B.Sc.
(Econ),
Alderman

Resolved unanimously - That this Honourable Court wishes to extend to:

Raymond Michael Catt

its sincere gratitude for his much valued service as a Member for the Ward of Castle Baynard.

Elected as a Common Councilman in 2004, Ray served with distinction on a number of Corporation Committees, becoming Chairman of the Investment Committee and Deputy Chairman of both the Finance Committee and the Financial Investment Board.

The Members of this Honourable Court wish to take this opportunity to express their heartfelt appreciation for his efforts and achievements and their very best wishes for his future success, good health and happiness.

Snyder, Sir M
Gillon, G.M.F.

Resolved unanimously – That the vote of thanks read informally at the last meeting of this Honourable Court be agreed, included in the Minutes of this meeting; and that it be fairly transcribed, signed by the Town Clerk and presented in a manner agreeable to the late Lord Mayor.

Snyder, Sir M
Gillon, G.M.F.

Resolved unanimously - That the Members of this Court take great pleasure in expressing to:

Alderman Roger Gifford

their most sincere thanks for the distinguished way in which he has carried out the varied demands of the Office of Lord Mayor of the City of London over the past year.

Whether at home or abroad, he has been an exemplary ambassador for both the City of London and the United Kingdom. He has made great efforts to strengthen the City's engagement with the European Union and to raise its profile in the continuing debate over the future of the UK in the Union. In particular, he engaged with all the other twenty seven member states of the EU, through visits or hosting events at Mansion House, and initiated a day of events including debates and a major dinner in late May attended by the Governor of the European Central Bank. Closer to home, he has highlighted the City's contribution to the arts, culture and creative industries and has demonstrated how the City's investment in the arts has generated business returns together with significant social benefits to London as a whole.

The theme of 'the City in Society' has placed philanthropy and legacy at the core of Roger's year in office. His love of music, shared by the Lady Mayoress, has led to him to establish a new charity, the City Music Foundation, which has been the primary beneficiary of his Appeal. This foundation aims to give musical apprenticeships to young talented people from around the country who are seeking their first professional opportunities in life. He has also led the donation by the City of London Corporation of a chamber organ to Her Majesty The Queen to be placed in Westminster Abbey to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Coronation. This organ was the centrepiece of a series of signature concerts, held at Mansion House, including one which appropriately celebrated coronation music. His Appeal also supports a number of other charities but perhaps the most noteworthy for its legacy, is an appeal to fund the planting of 4,500 mainly native oak and hornbeam trees on a thirty acre site, to be known as Gifford's Wood. The project also provides an opportunity to plant some pioneer species more tolerant of projected changes in climate and potentially to create a seed bank to secure these species for the future.

The Lord Mayor has promoted the interests of the City of London and of the nation around the World, visiting over 25 different countries; places as diverse as Latin America, the Gulf region, Russia, Japan and Africa and more recently China, Malaysia and Kuwait. He also strengthened and highlighted links between the City and the wider UK economy, visiting regional business centres where he has promoted his overseas visits programme and gathered messages to deploy abroad, ensuring that he is representing the views of the entirety of UK based financial and business services. In a sometimes hostile environment, he has defended the importance of the City and financial services while stressing the true role of finance as a means to achieving Britain's prosperity rather than just an end in itself.

The Lord Mayor has acted as host at many special occasions in Guildhall and Mansion House in the past year, including two magnificent State Banquets, the reception following the funeral of Baroness Thatcher and a visit of the Prime Minister of Japan during which he gave a keynote address in Guildhall

Such a diverse programme has placed huge demands on the Lord Mayor and he has risen to the challenge with aplomb. His never waning enthusiasm and utmost sincerity has made him an excellent communicator and much sought after speaker. Through his good humour and impeccable conduct, he has upheld the dignity of his office while never succumbing to the self importance of the Mikado's Poobah.

His colleagues on this Honourable Court also wish to pay tribute to the Lady Mayoress. Clare's highly successful career as a consultant physician and her keen interest in music and history, demonstrated by her writing a children's book on Dick Whittington and co-writing a book on the Samuel Collection, have stood her in good stead when taking upon herself a packed and varied programme. Thanks are due to Clare for her unstinting support and her many contributions are warmly acknowledged. Perhaps one of the most notable personal events during the year was the celebration by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of their 5th Wedding Anniversary in the Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, in this City.

In taking their leave of this, their 685th Lord Mayor, Honourable Members trust that, after a well-earned rest, the family will look back on their unique year with the greatest pleasure, a justifiable pride and immense satisfaction.

Overseas visit

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on her recent overseas visit to Greece.

Policy Statement

There was no policy report.

Hospital Seal

Sundry documents were sealed with the Hospital Seal.

Freedoms

The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned persons who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of this City by redemption: -

Stefaan Maurice	a Civil Servant	Houthulst, Belgium
Johannes Gheysen		
Christine Ann McKenzie	a Restaurant and Banqueting Suite Director	Hornchurch, Havering
Anna Marie Lawrence-Lovell	a Local Government Officer	Gravesend, Kent
Susan Mary Reay-Jones	a Married Woman	Woldingham, Surrey
Beryl Millicent Ann Pollak	a Married Woman	Woldingham, Surrey
Darren Mark Ager	a Stockbroker	Chelmsford, Essex
Joseph Mason Van Name	a Financial Planner	Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America
Dean Douglas Pearce	a Pipe Fitter	Hornchurch, Havering
Martin Lionel Beaumont	an Investor	Richmond Upon Thames
Angus William Bates	a Chartered Surveyor	Langford, Essex
Hardeep Singh Dogra	a Fund Manager	Hounslow
Thomas Leslie Bannister	a Business Continuity Manager	Great Dunmow, Essex
Royston Robert Henry Bird	a Musician, retired	Romford, Havering
Jennifer Jean Wallace	a River Thames Boatyard Owner, retired	Newbury, Berkshire
James William Bunce	a Consulting Engineer	Sittingbourne, Kent
David John William Semmens	a Bank Senior Manager	Highgate, Haringey
Kim Lawrence	a Senior Early Years Practitioner	Newham
Benjamin Rhys Coull	a Telecommunications Technology Company Director	Bourne End, Buckinghamshire
Gillian Louise Kelly	a Recruitment Company Associate Director	Forest Row, Surrey
Edward George Bethell	a Domestic Appliance Engineer	Stratford, Newham
Mark Richards	a Senior Project Manager	Enfield
Kuldeep Pottwail Singh	an Acquisitions Manager, retired	Repton Park, Ilford
Stephen Neil Puttick	an Electrician and Genealogist	Worthing, Sussex
Maureen Edna Georgina Beckway	a Bank Co-Ordinator, retired	Southwark
June Allsworth	a Social Work Manager, retired	Southwark
Herbert Stanley Dent	an Upholsterer, retired	Theydon Bois, Essex
The Honourable Alexandra Fiona Epps	a Graphic Designer	Clerkenwell, Islington
David Roderick Bowen	a Fraud Investigation Company Director, retired	Larkfield, Aylesford, Kent
Shiria Khatun	a Community Health Co-ordinator	Tower Hamlets
Jonathan Milligan	a Bank Official, retired	Currige, Thatcham, Berkshire
Crossley		Brighton, Sussex
Philip James Thomas	a Surgeon	Cockfosters, Hertfordshire
Philip Armiston Redman	a Trade Mark Attorney	Burgess Hill, Sussex
Maureen Anne Stenning	a Charity Manager, retired	Priory Village, Burgess Hill, Sussex
Tracy Ann Stenning	a Bakery Manageress	Haarlem, The Netherlands
Petronella Bijlsma	a Management Consultant	New Addington, Croydon
Paul Lovell	a Taxi Driver	Croydon
Linda Pamela Lovell	a Hairdressing Salon Director	Rainham, Kent
Graham William Newman	a Local Government Officer	Leatherhead, Surrey
Joanna Catherine Vinall	a Teacher	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Sunir Chandaria	a Consumer Product Company President	
Dylan Clive Davies	a Senior Vice Principal	Lambeth
Andrew Edward Hearn	a Marine Insurance Claims Company Director	Littlestone, Kent
James Derrick Natrass	a Police Officer	Shirley, Croydon
Mahinda Samarasekera	a Property Developer	Hutton, Brentwood, Essex

Joseph Colvin Rae	a Lifeboat Station Branch Chairman	Selsey, Chichester, Sussex
Dorian Grier	a Retail Department Manager	Amersham, Buckinghamshire
Donald Fraser	an Accountant, retired	Woking, Surrey
Thomas Alexander Jenkins	a Master Locksmith	Addiscombe, Croydon
David Edward Bowler	a Business Consultancy Company Director	Walton On Thames, Surrey
Barbara Ivy Crabb	a Local Government Officer	Orpington, Bromley
Ronald Norman Peter Brown	a Police Civilian Driver, retired	Bexleyheath, Bexley
Robert Charles Gardner	a Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning Contractor	Romford, Havering
Daniel Marc Holder	a Tree Surgeon	Warninglid, Haywards Heath, Sussex
Adrian Peter Murray- Leonard	a Personal Chauffeur	Hendon, Barnet
Fidelma Mary Hewitt	a Corporate Finance Company Director	Tower Hill, Tower Hamlets
Rose Jane Elizabeth Harding	The Southwark Cathedral Development Director	Brentford, Hounslow
Saeed Firoozkoobi	an Eyewear Distribution Company Director	Maida Vale, Westminster
Matei-Stefan Gaburici	a Student	Lewisham
Timothy William Jalland	a Business Management Consultancy Director	Poulshot, Devizes, Wiltshire
Michael John Waring	a Professor of Chemotherapy	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Elaine Jean Coleman	a Meal Supervisor	Battersea, Wandsworth
Peitao Tan	an Exhibition Director	Charing Cross, Westminster
David Graham Sidney Richards	a Property Management Company Director	Spitalfields, Tower Hamlets
Robert Anthony Woolf	a Chartered Accountant	Barnes, Richmond Upon Thames
Richard Mathers	a Ceramics Group Company Secretary, retired	Lampeter, Ceredigion
David Smith	an Office Supplies Company Owner, retired	Lampeter, Ceredigion
James Ronald Wharton	an Author	Windsor, Berkshire
Henry Franklin Winkler, OBE	an Author, Actor, Director and Producer	Los Angeles, California, United States of America
The Lord Browne of Maddingley, Edmund	an Energy Company Director	Chelsea, Kensington and Chelsea
John Phillip Browne		
Mahfouz Marei Mubarak	an Hotel and Retail Company	Makkah, Saudi Arabia
Bin Mahfouz	Chief Executive	

Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons to the Freedom of this City by redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

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).

Resolved – That the report be agreed to and that the Bill be read a first and second time.

Parliament

The Remembrancer reported on measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation.

Subordinate Legislation

Title	With effect from
The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, S.I. No. 2688.	14th November, 2013.

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

Received.

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 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

Read.

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

Read.

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

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

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

Questions

There were none.

Snyder, Sir M
Gillon, G.M.F.

Resolved Unanimously - That the vote of thanks to the late Lord Mayor, passed by Common Hall on 30th September last, be presented in a form agreeable to him.

Eve, R.A.,
O.B.E. Gillon,
G.M.F

Resolved Unanimously - That the vote of thanks to Jeffrey Evans, Alderman and Nigel Pullman, the late Sheriffs of the City, passed by Common Hall on 30th September last, be presented in a form agreeable to them.

Deane, A.J.C.,
Deputy
Gillon, G.M.F.

Resolved - That Gregory Lawrence be appointed on the Finance Committee for the Ward of Farringdon Without in the room of Edward Lord.

McGuinness, C.,
M.A., Deputy
Gillon, G.M.F.

Resolved - 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.

Awards and
Prizes

There was no report.

Applications

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

HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(George Marr Flemington Gillon, Chief Commoner)

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 Thursday 26 June 2014	Lecture Lecture
Lord Mayor's Appeal	Tuesday 21 October 2014	Dinner

World Jewish Relief

Monday 24 November 2014

Dinner

*Received.***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.

*Received.***Rates Committees – Reports****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.

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.

We recommend – That:

- 1) the Local Plan be agreed and published for public consultation for a minimum period of 8 weeks;
- 2) following consultation, the Local Plan, the public's responses and other supporting documents be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by a Planning Inspector; and
- 3) following the close of public consultation, the City Planning Officer be authorised, in discussion with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee, to compile a list of further changes to the Local Plan in response to the public's comments for submission to the Secretary of State.

Read and agreed to.

11 November 2013

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

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.

Received.

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.

The Chairman responded to a number of detailed questions and, in response to a question from Brian Mooney, the Chairman undertook to advise the Member of the budget for the promotion of the City's visitor attractions.

Read and agreed to.

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 29th 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 15th 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.

Read.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on the recommendation of the Standards Committee.

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

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

Gillon G.M.F.,
Chadwick,
R.A.H.

Resolved – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972:-

Summary of exempt items considered while the public were excluded

The Court –

- a) approved action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the project sub on the refurbishment of a vacant office building
- b) approved action taken under urgency procedure approving recommendations of Property Investment Board on the grant of a new lease; and
- c) approved the details of a proposed resolution concerning a hospitality event.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 1.45 pm

BARRADELL.