Item No: 4



BOWMAN, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

13th September 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee
The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Charles Edward
Beck Bowman
Emma Edhem
Peter Estlin
John Garbutt
Sir Roger Gifford

Alison Gowman

Prem Goyal, OBE JP

David Andrew Graves

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Matthew Richardson
William Anthony Bowater Russell
The Rt Hon the Baroness Patricia Scotland of
Asthal, QC
Sir David Hugh Wootton
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams John David Absalom, Deputy Caroline Kordai Addy Munsur Ali Rehana Banu Ameer Randall Keith Anderson Thomas Alexander Anderson Alexander Robertson Martin Barr **Douglas Barrow** Adrian Mark Bastow Matthew Bell John Bennett, Deputy Peter Gordon Bennett Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP Christopher Paul Boden Sir Mark Boleat Mark Bostock Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy David John Bradshaw, Deputy Tijs Broeke Michael John Cassidy, CBE, Deputy Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, **ÖBE**, Deputy John Douglas Chapman Dominic Gerard Christian

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James Henry George Pollard,

1. Introduction of Newly-Elected

Thomas Cowley Clementi

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

The Chief Commoner welcomed the three newly-elected Aldermen to their first meeting of the Court of Common Council, viz. Alderman Emma Edhem, for the Ward of

Aldermen

Candlewick; Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney, for the Ward of Cheap; and Alderman Susan Langley, for the Ward of Aldgate. The three newly-elected Aldermen were each heard in reply.

2. Apologies

The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.

3. Declarations

There were none.

4. Minutes

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

5. Resolutions

There were none.

6. Mayoral Visits

The Lord Mayor reported on his recent regional visits to Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Cambridge, Northern Ireland, and international visits to South Africa Nigeria and Kenya as part of the Prime Minister's delegation.

On behalf of the Court of Common Council, the Lord Mayor also expressed his sincere condolences to the family of Richard Sermon MBE, Past Sheriff of the City, who had sadly died earlier that month following a short illness.

7. Policy Statement

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee spoke to update Members on the work being undertaken by the City Corporation with regard to Brexit and outlined the approach being taken to increase trade and investment activity in London and the United Kingdom.

8. Hospital Seal

There were no docquets for the seal.

9. 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 the City by Redemption:-

Miles Graham Deverson Richard Leslie Springford Iain Reid	a Hazard Surveyor Citizen and Carman Citizen and Educator	Edgware, Middlesex
Luke Wesley Deverson Richard Leslie Springford lain Reid	a Marketing Assistant Citizen and Carman Citizen and Educator	Edgware, Middlesex
Samuel Charles David Poynder Robin Dallas Poynder Anjola Adeniyi	an Underwriting Assistant Citizen and International Banker Citizen and Information Technologist	Haywards Heath, West Sussex
Darryl Anthony Twibill Eugene Roderick Earland Paul Stephen Hollebone	a Police Officer, retired Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer Citizen and Chartered Accountant	Peacehaven, Sussex
lan James Price Michael Peter Cawston Neil Morgan Farrell	a Police Officer Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer Citizen and Painter Stainer	Weavering, Kent
Justin Lawrence Sanders	a Financial Training Company	Send, Surrey

Director Graham John Peacock Citizen and Loriner Richard Eaglesfield Floyd Citizen and Basketmaker Jane Keat a Registrar and Lecturer Starcross, Devon William Barrie Fraser, OBE Citizen and Gardener Mrs Marjorie Dowbiggin Citizen and Gardener Anne Porter a Support Worker Weston, Dorset William Barrie Fraser, OBE Citizen and Gardener Citizen and Gardener Marjorie Dowbiggin **David George Wray** a Headmaster Portstewart, Co, Northern Ireland James Henry George Pollard, Citizen and Skinner Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, Ald. Citizen and Musician **Rona Ann Lester** a Change Management East Horsley, Surrey Consultant Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC Citizen and Fletcher John Alfred Bennett, Deputy Citizen and International Banker **David Notter** a Senior Telecommunications Bexley, Kent Manager, retired Alan Leslie Warman Citizen and Clockmaker Diane Irene Warman Citizen and Clockmaker Ian Stuart Campbell Abbots Langley, a Technical Engineer Hertfordshire Malcolm Alastair Campbell Citizen and Woolman Citizen and Woolman Steven Leslie Batty Weybridge, Surrey a Business Proprietor **Robert Michael Hughes** Hugh Randall Wates Citizen and Barber Alan Stewart Lyons Citizen and Pattenmaker **Mohamed Haslam Hassan** a Bed Company Director, retired Acton, London Graham John Peacock Citizen and Loriner Richard Eaglesfield Floyd Citizen and Basketmaker Alessandro Pompili a Transportation Company Rome, Italy Manager Frederick Joseph Trowman Citizen and Loriner Steven William Tamcken Citizen and Basketmaker **Adrian John Phipps** an Accountant Merrow Park, Surrey James Frederick Sacre Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker Daniel Mark Heath Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver Ilinka Budds an Industry Manager Battersea, London Citizen and Baker Gordon Mark Gentry John Alexander Smail Citizen and Distiller **Prudence Patricia Beard** a Ship Broker Brixton, London Richard George Turk Citizen and Shipwright Robert William Henman Citizen and Shipwright **Ralph Andrew Cochrane** a Sales Manager Gravesend, Kent Geoffrey Douglas Ellis Citizen and Joiner Wesley Val Hollands Citizen and Loriner

Paul Jackson a Business Manager West Molesey, Surrey Mark Anthony Grove Citizen and Cook Jean Deillon Citizen and Distiller Grendon, Warwickshire Alexander Fraser Dryburgh a Defensive Driver Company Director Barry John Frederick Theobald-Citizen and Scrivener Hicks John James Tunesi of Liongam, Citizen and Scrivener The Younger **Adam James Charlton** Gotherington, a Chemical Company Managing Anderson Gloucestershire Director Anthony Garrett Mash Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker William John Alden Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker Sandford, Dorset Roger Howard Starling a Communications Manager, retired John James Tunesi of Liongam, Citizen and Scrivener The Younger Barry John Frederick Theobald-Citizen and Scrivener Hicks Patricia Anne Kinnersleya Politician and Consultant, Andover, Hampshire West retired David James Sales Citizen and Insurer Karl William Jarvis Citizen and Insurer **Graham Andrew Howe** a Company Secretary Wargrave, Berkshire David Robert Attwood Citizen and Plumber Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler David John Chapman **David John Connell** a Hotelier Egham, Surrey David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt Citizen and Innholder Philippe Roland Rossiter Citizen and Innholder **Ronald William Brick** a Packing Engineer, retired Epsom, Surrey Michael Peter Cawston Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer Colin Trevor Gurnett Citizen and Wheelwright **Dr Andrew Zsigmond** a Physician, retired Liverpool Frederick Joseph Trowman Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre David Robert Boston Drawer **Timothy James Peter Lillis** a Student Esher, Surrey Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Citizen and Bowyer OBE, Deputy Philip Woodhouse, Deputy Citizen and Grocer **Andrew Jonathan Dicker** a Graphic Design Agency Director Barming, Kent Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Ald. & Citizen and International Banker Sheriff Citizen and Broderer Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy **Robert William Machin** an Information Technology Penn, Buckinghamshire Director Philip Elder Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper

Maker

Citizen and Glover

a Police Civilian Principal, retired

Watford, Hertfordshire

Robert Slobodan Lakic

Dennis William Brown

John Fetterroll Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer Timothy John Waller Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer Clive Bassindale an Electrical Engineer, retired West Wickham, Kent Stanley Brown, QGM, TD Citizen and Loriner James William Lane Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer an Electrical Engineer, retired **Malcolm Ernest Slater** Eastleigh, Hampshire Graham Leslie Flight Citizen & Loriner Daniel Mark Heath Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver **Agar Peter Burton** a Customer Relations Director Fulham, London Malcolm David Lawrence Dick Citizen and Glazier Citizen and Educator Christopher Howard Marshall Jane Fiona Johnston a Human Resources Director Birds Edge, Yorkshire Nicholas Julian Goddard Citizen & Barber Michael Hudson, CC Citizen and Painter Stainer **Madush Gupta** a Banker Islington, London Citizen and Marketor Andrew Charles Marsden Trevor James Brignall Citizen and Marketor **Jamie Victor Judd** Shirehampton, Bristol a Student Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Ald. & Citizen and International Banker Sheriff Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Citizen and Broderer Deputy Claire Tunley an Economic Development Officer Islington, London Sir Mark John Boleat, CC Citizen and Insurer Tijs Broeke, CC Citizen and Common Councilman **Matthew James Pendrell** an Investment Analyst Stepney, London **Price** Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Citizen and Bowyer OBE, Deputy Philip Woodhouse, Deputy Citizen and Grocer a Trade Union Officer Stephen Mann Haringey, London Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE, Citizen and Turner CC Citizen and Scientific Instrument Jeremy Lewis Simons, CC **Edward Samuel Childs, OBE** a Film and Television Producer. Radlett, Herfordshire retired Antony John Richards Citizen and Basketmaker Dr Heather Therese Bernice Dix Citizen and Plaisterer **Colonel Markham Patrick** a Police Officer, retired Hornchurch, Essex Bryant, MBE Roderick Edmond Forbes Morriss Citizen and Glover Martin Henry Charles Russell, TD Citizen and Farrier Lynne Shirley Smith an Administrator Wickford, Essex Peter Anthony Delaney, MBE Citizen and Gardener Elizabeth Sarah Jane Gilbert Citizen and Fletcher Alexandra Margaret Jane a Civil Servant, retired Islington, London Carter John Woodward Walsham Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre

Drawer

Grethe Lill Lunke

Mark Anthony Grove

Michael Gunston Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer Zakir Hussain Khan Forest Gate, London a Community Affairs Associate Director Munsur Ali, CC Citizen & Common Councilman Jason Pritchard, CC Citizen & Common Councilman Julie Ann Hinton a Teacher Capel, Surrey Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald. Citizen and International Banker Citizen and Educator Caroline Wilma Haines, CC **Robert Stuart McDonald** a Non-Executive Company Herne Bay, Auckland, New Zealand Director Paul Malcolm Kennerley, RD Citizen and Coachmaker & Coach Harness Maker Citizen and Needlemaker Peter Ian Dunbar **Brian Alexander Joslin** a Jeweller Romford, Essex Citizen and Pattenmaker Christopher Michael Hayward, CC Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Citizen and Wheelwright Deputy **Raymond Cyril Newton** a Consultant Harpenden, Hertfordshire Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Citizen and Wheelwright Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward, CC Citizen and Pattenmaker Pauline Ann Crowe, OBE a Charity Chief Executive South Croydon, London Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Ald. & Citizen and International Banker Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Citizen and Broderer Deputy **Denise Anne Cox** an Air Stewardess, retired Oxted, Surrey Jonathan Grosvenor Citizen and Chartered Accountant David Mark Spofforth, OBE Citizen and Horner Michael Nicholas Allen a Headmaster, retired Islington, London Keith Hubbard-Brown Citizen and Fletcher David Edward Bland, OBE Citizen and Insurer H.E. Koji Tsuruoka The Ambassador of Japan Kensington, London The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Citizen and Solicitor Deputy The Right Hon. Baroness a Peer of the Realm Eaglescliffe, County Durham Tanni Carys Davina Grey-Thompson, DBE, DL Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald. Citizen and Fletcher Vincent Keaveny, Ald. Citizen and Solicitor **Count Andrea Boezio** an Estate Owner Milan, Italy Bertinotti Frederick Joseph Trowman Citizen and Loriner David Robert Boston Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer **Dag Carsten Benestad** a Sales Director Oslo, Norway Mark Anthony Grove Citizen and Cook Modesta Visockiene Citizen and Gardener

a Shipping Manager

Citizen and Cook

Oslo, Norway

Mayfair, London

Modesta Visockiene Citizen and Gardener

Angela Gray a Lecturer, retired Walton-le-Dale, Lancashire

Mark Anthony Grove Citizen and Cook
Modesta Visockiene Citizen and Gardener

Jamel Banda a Banker Notting Hill, London

Howard Andre Beber Citizen and Poulter Brian John Coombe Citizen and Poulter

Antonio Mota De Sousa a Banker Chelsea, London Horta Osorio

Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald. Citizen and International Banker

William Anthony Bowater Russell, Citizen and Haberdasher

Daniel Eduardo FabregaThe Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

The Ambassador of Panama

Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Citizen and Solicitor
Deputy

Ivan Romero-Martinez The Ambassador of Honduras Marylebone, London

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Citizen and Solicitor
Deputy

Xiaoming Liu The Ambassador of China Golders Green, London

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Citizen and Solicitor

Deputy

Richard Irwin Harrington, MP a Member of Parliament St. John's Wood, London *Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC* St. John's Wood, London Citizen and Loriner

Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Citizen and Solicitor
Deputy

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Sir Simon Denis Rattle, OM a Conductor Berlin, Germany CBE

Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald. Citizen and Fletcher
Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Citizen and Solicitor
Deputy

Arkady Jozef Rzegocki The Polish Ambassador Marylebone, London

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
Catherine Sidony McGuinness. Citizen and Solicitor

Read.

Deputy

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.

10. Legislation The Court received a report on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

Statutory Instruments

The Investigatory Powers (Codes of Practice and Miscellaneous 15 August 2018

Amendments) Order 2018 S.I. No. 905

The Order brings into force the following revised codes of practice, 'Covert Surveillance and Property Interference', 'Covert Human Intelligence Sources', and 'Investigation of Protected Electronic Information'. The Order applies to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority.

The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) 23 September 2018 Accessibility Regulations 2018 S.I. No. 852

The Regulations transpose EU Directive 2016/2102 and impose a requirement that public-sector websites and mobile applications are accessible to disabled users. The Regulations require the publication of an accessibility statement and contain the standards which a website or mobile application must meet to achieve conformity with the accessibility requirement. The Regulations apply to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority.

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

Read.

11. Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Committees and outside bodies:-

(A) One Member on the **Police Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2022.

Nominations received:-

Emma Edhem, Alderman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Emma Edhem to be appointed to the Police Committee.

(B) One Member on the **Investment Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2020.

Nominations received:-

John Douglas Chapman Michael Hudson

Read.

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

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

(C) One Member on the **Education Board**, for a three-year term expiring in April 2021.

Nominations received:-

Caroline Wilma Haines

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Caroline Haines to be appointed to the Education Board.

(D) Four Members on **Christ's Hospital**, for terms expiring in March 2022.

Nominations received:-

Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Kevin Everett and Shravan Joshi to be appointed to Christ's Hospital.

12. Questions

Murphy, B. to the Chairman of the Establishment Committee

Participation in Pride in London

Benjamin Murphy asked a question of the Chair of the Establishment Committee concerning the City Corporation's future participation in Pride in London.

Responding, the Chair noted that this year had seen the City Corporation's first formal involvement in the Pride in London parade, which had been funded through a contribution from the Establishment Committee's contingency fund and delivered through the City Corporation's LGBT+Staff Network. The Chair thanked all Members and Officers involved with the parade, adding that there was a renewed and improved focus on equalities and inclusion across the City Corporation. The Chair outlined the creation of the Diversity and Business Engagement Lead Officer post which would play a significant role in supporting the equalities and inclusion work taking place. The Chair also explained that it was hoped that the City Corporation would continue to support Pride in London, as well as other appropriate diversity events, on a regular and sustained basis.

In response to a supplementary question from Tijs Broeke concerning hospitality associated with diversity related events, the Chair explained that the hospitality budget and annual calendar of events were not within the gift of the Establishment Committee; but rather a matter for the Chief Commoner and the Hospitality Working Party. The Chair expressed his hope that Members' comments would be taken into account when considering support for next years' Pride Flag Raising ceremony.

Crossrail Delay

Mooney, B.D.F.
Deputy, to the
Chairman of the
Policy and
Resources
Committee

Deputy Brian Mooney asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the recently-announced delay to the opening of Crossrail.

Replying, the Chairman explained that a letter had been received from Crossrail advising of the delay and this was available to Members should they wish to read it. The Chairman observed that, whilst the delay was disappointing, once open Crossrail would provide an enormous boost for the City and would play a significant part in supporting London and the UK as the pre-eminent place to conduct business. The Chairman added that there was always a risk of delays with large scale projects such as these and confirmed that the City Corporation would continue to work closely and collaboratively with Government, TfL and Crossrail to help achieve a launch date as quickly as possible.

Offences Brought to Court

Lord, C.E., O.B.E., J.P., Deputy, to the Chairman of the Police Committee Deputy Edward Lord asked a question of the Chairman of the Police Committee concerning the number of offences charged and brought to court in comparison with those dealt with by way of out of court disposals.

The Chairman, replying, advised that for the five-year period from January 2013 to December 2017 the number of out of court disposals had decreased. However, since monitoring began, the proportion of community resolutions within this category had more than trebled, displacing the use of cautions and warnings. The Chairman further advised that the number of crimes charged or summonsed over this period had also decreased.

Supporting Construction Workers

Pleasance, J.L. to the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee Judith Pleasance asked a question of the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee concerning the mental health of construction workers and the level of support provided from the construction companies.

Responding, the Chairman confirmed that the City Corporation was committed to improving the mental well-being of all people who lived and worked in the City, whatever the industry. He advised of various initiatives that had been launched, such as Business Healthy and the Dragon Café in Shoe Lane Library, to support mental health and wellbeing, as well as detailing the suicide prevention plan in place and the City Corporation's latest plans to invest in street triage which will support people in a mental health crisis. The Chairman added that he and the Chairman of Planning and Transportation would liaise with colleagues within the public health team to identify developers working within the City, so as to highlight the issue and explore the actions which could be taken.

13. Motions

There were no motions.

14. Petitions

The Court received a petition submitted by Mary Durcan relative to noise pollution in the Barbican area.

Responding to a question in relation to the increased noise affecting residents and the steps being taken by the City of London Corporation, Mary Durcan explained

that this was a public health issue and residents were experiencing almost continuous noise and vibrations from the trains. She advised that this was an issue which could only be solved by TfL and outlined the various steps being taken to increase publicity. Mary Durcan added that at present, noise mitigation works were not being carried out and asked Members for their support on this issue.

Resolved – That the petition be referred to the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.

15. Awards & Prizes

There was no report.

16. PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(Christopher Michael Hayward)

10 July 2018

Bank on Safety

The Court considered a report relative to the future of the experimental traffic scheme at Bank Junction which **recommended** that the experimental traffic orders at Bank Junction (to restrict traffic to bus and cycle only, Monday to Friday 0700-1900) be made permanent.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the report, reminding Members the decision to implement the experimental closure had been taken to improve safety at this dangerous and complex Junction. He observed that the experimental closure had made the area a more pleasant and safer space, with 75% of the public consultation responses supporting or generally supporting the scheme. The Chairman also confirmed that the recommendations within the report to make the orders permanent had been approved by the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee, the Planning and Transportation Committee, and the Policy and Resources Committee.

During discussion, Members made the following comments:

- It was suggested that the consultation responses referred to were open to interpretation and did not necessarily represent support for the scheme; however, it was noted that the statistics had been scrutinised by Members of the Policy and Resources Committee and the majority of consultation responses did support the scheme. Whilst an assumption could be made that those who did not favour the scheme were in opposition of the traffic orders, this was not necessarily the case as some responses had urged the City Corporation to further pedestrianise the area as opposed to relaxing the traffic orders.
- A Member expressed their disappointment with the binary nature of the recommendation, noting congestion remained an issue within the City and raising the point that it would have been helpful to be presented with a range of options. Members were urged to reject the decision before them and instead decide on an option that would be the best choice. Responding, other Members observed that, due to the nature of experimental traffic orders and the requirement associated with them, the option put to Members could only be a binary one and the recommendation to make the scheme

permanent represented the safest way forward.

- A Member explained they had expected different methods to be trialled as part of the scheme and suggested that the complaints of businesses, as well as those who supported taxi access, had not been taken into account.
- Numerous questions had been put before the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee at meetings of the Court and the recommendation before Members should be supported. It was noted that the consultation had been undertaken in an open, considered and democratic way.
- The experimental orders at Bank Junction had created a more pedestrianfriendly area for visitors and workers, along with cleaner air. It was noted that wider pavements would improve the area, but the exclusion of traffic created an improved environment for pedestrians, cyclists and those who use public transport.
- The measures should be viewed in an international context with European capitals becoming increasingly pedestrianised and this was the opportunity for the City of London Corporation to become an exemplar in respect of pedestrianisation.
- The impact on those with limited mobility should be taken into account, with it
 asked whether consideration could be given for the introduction of taxis to
 the area and other measures which would enable people to get around.
- The Chairman of Policy and Resources confirmed to Members that the proposals had been approved by two Committees and a Sub-Committee.

James Tumbridge raised a point of order in accordance with Standing Order No. 11.6 with regards to the approval of the proposals through the sub-committees. In response, the Chairman of Policy and Resources confirmed that she had been referring to the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee.

Discussion continued with Members expressing their views:

- The decision made by the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee to endorse
 the proposals had been unanimous and this was an important decision
 which provided the City of London Corporation with an opportunity to show
 that they take decisions such as these seriously and all evidence was being
 taken into account.
- The City of London Corporation had a duty of care to ensure the City could be as safe as possible, a project entitled All Change at Bank would soon be coming through the Committee process to look at other measures and this would be an opportunity to think bigger with Bank Junction.

In response to the points raised, the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee thanked Members for the debate and provided the following explanations:

 Whilst the statistics could perhaps be argued to be open to interpretation in some areas, the numbers provided in relation to those who supported or generally supported the scheme were correct.

- The traffic orders would expire in November 2018 and the consequences of voting against the proposals would result in Bank Junction returning to its original state.
- The consultation had been conducted in a manner which was fair and balanced, the views of those who would like the scheme to go further could be discussed as part of All Change at Bank. The Chairman confirmed that all options would be considered and nothing would be preconceived, which was part of being a responsible Highway Authority.
- The Chairman explained that a commitment had not been made to trial anything other than what was allowed under the experimental traffic orders due to the legal wording of those measures.
- The Chairman confirmed that access for those with disabilities and limited mobility was an important issue, a responsibility taken seriously by the City Corporation. He explained that before the trial, taxis did not have a designated pick up zone at the Junction. However, options were being considered by officers such as disabled parking bays and a designated pick-up zone. A review had also been requested to look at clutter on pavements.
- The Chairman explained that the changes to Bank Junction were to make it a safer place for all those who live, visit or work in the City.

Resolved – That the experimental traffic orders be made permanent.

17. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)

21 August 2018

Report of Action Taken: Museum of London Relocation Project

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures concerning building works to refurbish and stabilise buildings associated with the Museum of London relocation project.

Resolved – That the action taken under urgency procedures be noted.

18. **POLICE COMMITTEE**

(Douglas Barrow)

24 May 2018

(A) City of London Police: Annual Report 2017/18

The Annual Report, setting out the achievements and performance of the City of London Police over the past financial year, was submitted to the Court for information.

The Chairman introduced the item to the Court and provided a comprehensive overview of the City Police's achievements over the year, as well as a summary of the constructive challenge provided by the Police Committee across the period.

Resolved – That the report be received.

(B) Appointment of Independent External Member to the Police Committee

The constitution of the Police Committee allows for the recruitment of two external individuals (i.e. not Members of the Common Council) onto the Committee, through an open process. In May 2018, one of these external Members of the Committee, Lucy Sandford, resigned from her position to avoid breaching the membership criteria of the Committee when taking on a new professional role. As a result, a recruitment exercise was undertaken in order fill this vacancy, in accordance with the Committee's membership scheme (as specified in its Terms of Reference).

A selection panel was established and the post openly advertised. All applications were considered and five candidates who met the eligibility criteria were interviewed on 23 August 2018. Following deliberations, the panel was pleased to recommend one candidate for appointment to the position and the Court was consequently **recommended** to approve the appointment of the successful candidate, Ms Deborah Oliver, as an external Member of the Police Committee for a four-year term commencing 13 September 2018.

Resolved – That approval be given to the appointment of Ms Deborah Oliver to the Police Committee for a four-year term, commencing on 13 September 2018.

19. FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

(Sir David Wootton, Alderman)

26 July 2018

Revisions to the procedures for the award and revocation of the Honorary Freedom

At the meeting of the Court of Common Council on 12 October 2017, a Motion had been considered in relation to the award of the Honorary Freedom. As a consequence of those discussions, the Freedom Applications Committee was instructed to undertake a review of the processes associated with the award of the Honorary Freedom, as well as the introduction of a process by which the Honorary Freedom might be rescinded. This work had now been completed and the Court was **recommended** to endorse the procedures that had been proposed.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the report, explaining that the proposals represented a significant change of approach, whereby the award of an Honorary Freedom would now pass through the committee system in an open and transparent manner. At present, there was no system in place to remove an awarded Honorary Freedom and this would also be a change.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council:

- note that the Freedom Applications Committee had deliberated over the processes for awarding and removing the Honorary Freedom; and
- endorse the respective procedures for the award and revocation of the Honorary Freedom agreed by the Freedom Applications Committee, as set out in the report.
- 20. 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 whilst the public were excluded:

- 21. *Resolved* That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
- 22. Markets Committee

The Court approved recommendations relating to the Strategic Review of Markets.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.30 pm

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