



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

To be presented on Thursday, 13th September, 2012

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

To elect a Chief Commoner

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

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

George M F Gillon FRICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Julian Malins Q.C.

The City of London Corporation.

I was elected in 1981. I was for many years our representative on the Inner London Education Authority, the GLC Education Committee and the London Chamber of

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

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

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