



ESTLIN, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

6th December 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee
The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Peter Estlin
Emma Edhem
John Garbutt
Sir Roger Gifford
Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal, OBE JP

David Andrew Graves
Timothy Russell Hailes, JP
Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Gregory Jones, QC
Sheriff Vincent Thomas Keaveny
Alastair John Naisbitt King
Susan Langley, OBE

Ian David Luder, JP
Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley,
William Anthony Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams
John David Absalom, Deputy
Munsur Ali
Randall Keith Anderson
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Adrian Mark Bastow
John Bennett, Deputy
Peter Gordon Bennett
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP
Mark Bostock
Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy
David John Bradshaw, Deputy
Tijs Broeke
Michael John Cassidy, CBE, Deputy
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, OBE, Deputy
John Douglas Chapman
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Karina Dostalova
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL
Peter Gerard Dunphy

Mary Durcan
Anne Helen Fairweather
Sophie Anne Fernandes
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Caroline Wilma Haines
The Revd Stephen Decatur Haines, Deputy
Graeme Harrower
Christopher Michael Hayward
Christopher Hill
Tom Hoffman, Deputy, MBE
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde, Deputy
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Deputy
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi
Angus Knowles-Cutler
Gregory Alfred Lawrence
Vivienne Littlechild JP
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge

Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Andrew Paul Mayer
Jeremy Mayhew
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP
Wendy Mead, OBE
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy
Hugh Fenton Morris, Deputy
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
 Sylvia Doreen Moys, MBE
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE
Graham Packham
Dhruv Patel, OBE
Susan Jane Pearson
John Petrie
William Pimlott
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy

Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Stephen Douglas Quilter,
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy
James de Sausmarez
Ruby Sayed
John George Stewart Scott, JP
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Oliver Sells, QC
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Tom Sleigh, Deputy
Graeme Martyn Smith
Sir Michael Snyder
James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy
John Tomlinson, Deputy
James Richard Tumbridge
William Upton
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy

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

2. Declarations The Chief Commoner declared an interest in respect of Item 16 noting that he served on the Council of the Royal Philatelic Society.

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

4. Vote of Thanks *Resolved unanimously* - that the Members of this Court take great pleasure in expressing to:

Rogula, E.,
Deputy;
Scott, J.G.S., J.P.

ALDERMAN CHARLES EDWARD BECK BOWMAN

their sincere thanks and appreciation for the distinguished manner in which he has served as Lord Mayor of the City of London during the past year.

Always enthusiastic and good-humoured, Charles has travelled extensively and visited more than 25 countries and six of the seven continents. From the Americas, Asia and Africa to the World Economic Forum at Davos, as Lord Mayor he has worked tirelessly as a passionate advocate on behalf of the UK's financial and professional sectors.

Charles' Mayoral theme, the Business of Trust, has sought to create better business trusted by society. The programme has been shared with influential stakeholders across the City and beyond. Through Charles' initiative to create and improve the programme, he has ensured that this important and necessary work will continue to thrive in the future. Furthermore, thanks to his personal efforts, the relationship between the Mayoralty and Department of International Trade is closer than ever, with the Lord Mayor having a place on the Board of Trade.

During his time as Lord Mayor, Charles has hosted many special events to further economic diplomacy and promote London as a centre for business. The Commonwealth Business Forum was a particular success, at which Charles hosted one President and four Prime Ministers amongst others. It succeeded in strengthening further the developing bonds with the Commonwealth.

We on the Court also wish to pay tribute to Samantha, the Lady Mayoress, who had an equally busy and energetic programme. A myriad of activities including sponsored swims and karaoke, and the ever-present promise of sheep being introduced to Mansion House, ensured that the year went by like Greased Lightning. We express our gratitude for all her contributions.

In taking their leave of Charles, their 690th Lord Mayor, Honourable Members reflect that his has been a special and outstanding Mayoralty. We trust that Charles, Samantha, Grace and Charlotte will look back on a unique year with the greatest pleasure, pride, and many happy recollections.

5. Resolutions There were no resolutions.

6. Mayoral Visits The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to Cardiff and Bristol.

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor advised that he would soon be travelling to the USA, Canada and Mexico promoting fintech and green finance.

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor finished his update by advising that he and the Chair of Policy and Resources would be continuing the Members Briefings on the international programme with the next meeting taking place at Mansion House on 4 February 2019.

7. Policy Statement

There was no Policy Statement.

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:-

Richard John Carpenter	a Teacher	Loughborough, Leicestershire
<i>Kevin Joseph Milner</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary & Administrator</i>	
<i>Colin Anthony Hart</i>	<i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	
Dr Reza Shams Dilmaghani	a Principal Data Scientist	Barnet, London
<i>Dr Amin Latif</i>	<i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	
<i>Abdul Latif</i>	<i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	
Dr Oliver Damian Holland	a Research Scientist	Islington, London
<i>Dr Amin Latif</i>	<i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	
<i>Abdul Latif</i>	<i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	
John Kenneth Brown	a Solicitor, retired	High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
<i>Michael Richard Adkins</i>	<i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i>	
<i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
Leslie John Ford	an Accountant	Laleham, Surrey
<i>Robert Kerr Dobbie</i>	<i>Citizen and Cutler</i>	
<i>Nicholas John Burger</i>	<i>Citizen and Cutler</i>	
Graham Richard O'Geran	a Global Business Development Director	Billericay, Essex
<i>Christopher James Caine</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	
<i>Alan Robert Brumwell</i>	<i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	
Professor Antony Ajay Pall Narula	a Consultant Surgeon	Wargrave, Berkshire
<i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	
<i>Augustus Philip Jude Machado</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
Veronique Helen Rapetti	a Learning & Partnership Programme Director	Wembley, Middlesex
<i>Mark Anthony Grove</i>	<i>Citizen and Cook</i>	
<i>Jean Deillon</i>	<i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	
Barbara Joan Hughes	an Industrial Relations Officer, retired	Prestbury, Cheshire
<i>Ian Donald Winton Robertson</i>	<i>Citizen and Tallow Chandler</i>	
<i>David John Hughes</i>	<i>Citizen and Engineer</i>	
Timothy Peter Glavin	a Master Carver, retired	Welling, Kent
<i>Anthony William Parker</i>	<i>Citizen and Glass Seller</i>	
<i>Brian John Rawles</i>	<i>Citizen and Glass Seller</i>	

<p>Colonel Anthony William Heath <i>The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor</i> <i>William Anthony Bowater Russell, Ald.</i></p>	<p>a Defence Trade & Investment Director <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>	<p>Chiswick, London</p>
<p>David John Crane <i>David Herbert</i> <i>Stephen Barry Braund</i></p>	<p>a Travel & Event Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler</i></p>	<p>Petersfield, Hampshire</p>
<p>Joanna Cargill Crane <i>David Herbert</i> <i>Stephen Barry Braund</i></p>	<p>a Banker, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler</i></p>	<p>Petersfield, Hampshire</p>
<p>Joanna Louise Mearing <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i></p>	<p>an Office Manager <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Tower Hamlets, London</p>
<p>Matthew John Pryme <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i></p>	<p>a Yeoman Warder <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Tower Hamlets, London</p>
<p>John Stephen Donald <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i></p>	<p>a Yeoman Warder <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Tower Hamlets, London</p>
<p>Alexander George Fergusson <i>Alan Roy Willis</i> <i>Paul Christian Jensen</i></p>	<p>a Real Estate Developer <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Camden, London</p>
<p>Peter Shand Walker <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Phillippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>	<p>a Hotel General Manager <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	<p>Tarves, Aberdeenshire</p>
<p>Dr Geoffrey Bernard Card <i>Terry Kenneth Morris</i> <i>David Roger Anthony John Formosa</i></p>	<p>a Chartered Civil Engineer <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i></p>	<p>Pulborough, West Sussex</p>
<p>Matthew Paul Christensen <i>Anthony Ben Charlwood</i> <i>Donald Newell</i></p>	<p>an Asset Management Company Director <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Paris, France</p>
<p>Keith Mark Digby <i>Peter Richard Cowland</i> <i>Trevor Charles Barnwell</i></p>	<p>a Fire Officer <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i></p>	<p>Stotfold, Hertfordshire</p>
<p>Robert Spence <i>Simon Peter McIlwaine</i> <i>Stephen Robert Kenneth Nimmons</i></p>	<p>a Soldier <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Framework Knitter</i></p>	<p>Westminster, London</p>

Tukeer Hussain <i>James Alastair Christian Watson-Gandy Captain Maurice Jacques Blaber</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker Citizen and Currier</i>	Moseley, West Midlands
Mikis Almanov <i>John Leslie Barber Robert Adrian Joseph Waddingham, CBE</i>	a Property Development Company Director <i>Citizen and Blacksmith Citizen and Actuary</i>	Greenford, Perivale
Rebecca Elizabeth Willis <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, OBE, Deputy Philip Woodhouse, Deputy</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Bowyer Citizen and Grocer</i>	Redhill, Surrey
Stephen Robert Cannon, MBE <i>Robert Adrian Joseph Waddingham, CBE Peter Reginald Allcard</i>	a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon <i>Citizen and Actuary Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire
Lucy Emma Wheatley- Coles <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD Graham John Peacock</i>	a Regalia Company Director <i>Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Loriner</i>	Chichester, West Sussex
Mark David Tweedie <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP. Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and International Banker Citizen and Broderer</i>	Thames Ditton, Surrey
Karen Louise Sales <i>David James Sales Nicholas James Redgrove</i>	a Beautician <i>Citizen and Insurer Citizen and Insurer</i>	Rochford, Essex
Elizabeth Anne Spill <i>Iain Reid Richard Stuart Goddard</i>	a Barrister-at-Law, retired <i>Citizen and Educator Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire
Emmanuel Bushayija <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman David Robert Boston</i>	a Security Company Director <i>Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Sale, Manchester
Richard Paul Lowe <i>Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt Alastair John Naisbitt King, Ald.</i>	a Licencing Company Director <i>Citizen and Woolman Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Marylebone, London
Maximilian David Jonathan Llistosella Y Bischoff <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP. Fiona Josephine Adler</i>	a Commercial Executive <i>Citizen and International Banker Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker & Tobacco Blender</i>	Soho, London
Richard Michael Puttock <i>John Alexander Smail Elizabeth Thornborough</i>	an Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Distiller Citizen and Upholder</i>	Ferndown, Dorset

Carol Patricia Coyte Lawrence <i>Alan Robert Brumwell</i> <i>Christopher James Caine</i>	a Funeral Director <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	Crowborough, East Sussex
Peter John Bearman <i>Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, Ald.</i> <i>Jonathan Patterson Shiels</i>	an Engineering Fitter & Turner, retired <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler</i>	Gravesend, Kent
James Alfred Daniels <i>Jonathan Patterson Shiels</i> <i>Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, Ald.</i>	a Managing Director, retired <i>Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Cuxton, Kent
Craig Paul Haslam <i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i> <i>Colin Richard Buttery</i>	a Chief Superintendent <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	Enfield, Middlesex
Rev. Michael Robert Jarman <i>Lawrence John Day</i> <i>Mervyn Doreen Redding</i>	a Clerk in Holy Orders <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Newport, Monmouthshire
Matthew Edward Mowels <i>Harold Ebenezer Piggott</i> <i>Paul Stephen Hollebhone</i>	a Technical Consultant <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Littlehampton, Sussex
Keith Charles Aris <i>Trevor James Brignall</i> <i>Trevor Ford</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Molesey, Surrey
Paul William Jackson <i>Dominic Gerard Christian</i> <i>Michael Edward Cutting</i>	a Charitable Group Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Bookham, Surrey
Susan Laura Apter <i>Paul Anthony Denley Williams</i> <i>Simon John Louis Linford</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Woking, Surrey
Geoffrey Stephen Williams <i>Alan Montague Ware, MBE</i> <i>John Walter William Argent</i>	a Farming Company Director <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire
Shobha Earl <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>Air Commodore Richard Skene</i> <i>Peacock-Edwards, CBE, AFC</i>	a Royal Air Force Warrant Officer <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i>	Hadleigh, Suffolk
Dorothy Rose Purdew, OBE <i>James Alastair Christian</i> <i>Watson-Gandy</i> <i>Mark Watson-Gandy</i>	a Spa Resort Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	Henlow, Bedfordshire
Flavia Rosamunda Burston <i>Simon Oakley Fradd</i> <i>Graham Brown</i>	a Ballet Dancer, retired <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i> <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i>	Southwark, London

Mark Clive Barter <i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	an Information Technology Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Sutton, Surrey
Sara Poldaa <i>Christopher Michael Thierry</i> <i>William John Hudson Clark</i>	a Head of Investment Operations <i>Citizen and Woolman</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Nicholas Simon Thierry <i>Christopher Michael Thierry</i> <i>William John Hudson Clark</i>	a Graphic Designer <i>Citizen and Woolman</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Eileen Cunningham <i>Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy</i> <i>Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE, CC</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Turner</i>	Southwark, London
Graham Martin Pettit <i>David Benjamin Morris</i> <i>Graham Leslie Flight</i>	a Banking Consultant <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen & Loriner</i>	Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire
David Morrison <i>Robert Mason</i> <i>David Robert Attwood</i>	a Banker, retired <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Ingatestone, Essex
Kristi Jade Benson <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i>	a Croupier <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Tower Hill, London
Daniel Benson <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i>	a Yeoman Warder <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Tower Hill, London
Tina Adlam <i>David Harris</i> <i>Captain Philip Hanton</i>	a City of London Guide <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i>	Southend On Sea, Essex
Sean Richard Garvey <i>Alison Taylor West</i> <i>Michael Ernest Saunders</i>	a Project Manager <i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary & Administrator</i> <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	Chingford, London
Daniel James Beresford <i>Sarah Jane Fletcher Harris</i> <i>Mark John Herbage</i>	a Recruiter <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Wanstead, London
Patrick James Honey <i>Guy Fairbank</i>	an Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Vinter</i>	Dagenham, Essex

<i>Captain Philip Hanton</i>	<i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i>	
Robert Jonathan Eyres	an Information Technology Company Director, retired	Amersham, Buckinghamshire
<i>Robert Adrian Joseph Waddingham, CBE Peter Reginald Allcard</i>	<i>Citizen and Actuary Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
Commodore David Graham Elford, OBE ADC RN	a Naval Officer	Whitford, Devon
<i>Gordon Lenham Warren Lord Mountevans</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer Citizen and Shipwright</i>	
Martin Kenneth Trott	a Metal Broker	Billericay, Essex
<i>David John Marsh Agnes Mary McMorrough Kavanagh</i>	<i>Citizen and Fanmaker Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
Sir Robert Andrew Wales	The Mayor of Newham, retired	Newham, London
<i>John Leslie Barber Peter Reginald Allcard</i>	<i>Citizen and Blacksmith Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
Simon James Rollinson	a Highway Engineering Company Director	Church Langley, Essex
<i>Frederick Joseph Trowman Richard Charles Clinton Fynes</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Framework Knitter</i>	
Graeme Anderson Kidd	a Stockbroker & Investment Manager, retired	Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire
<i>Mark Ian Henderson Keith Clark Brown</i>	<i>Citizen and Currier Citizen and Cooper</i>	
Christine Olga Bodycombe	an Educational Consultant, retired	Bow, London
<i>Mary Elizabeth Linington David Johnson</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	
Dr Sylvia Frances Edwards	a Clinical Research Fellow	Woodford Green, Redbridge
<i>Jurgita Zilinskiene Barrie Buick Stewart</i>	<i>Citizen and Fruiterer Citizen and Security Professional</i>	
Baroness Doreen Delceita Lawrence	a Member of the House of Lords	Bellingham, London
<i>John George Stewart Scott, JP, CC Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
David Scott Martinez	an Attorney	Colorado, United States of America
<i>Michael Thomas Saunders Keith Allen Sargant</i>	<i>Citizen and Apothecary Citizen and Loriner</i>	
Mark Norman Huxley	a Business Advisory Company Director	Billericay, Essex
<i>Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt Terence Rodney Masters</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman Citizen and Insurer</i>	
Jeremy James Wall	an Engineering Operations Manager	Woodford Green, Redbridge

<i>Jurgita Zilinskiene</i>	<i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	
<i>Barrie Buick Stewart</i>	<i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	
Matthew James Green	a Picture Restorer	Maidstone, Kent
<i>Jurgita Zilinskiene</i>	<i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	
<i>Barrie Buick Stewart</i>	<i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	
Simon Benson	a Company Director	Chorleywood, Hertfordshire
<i>Jurgita Zilinskiene</i>	<i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	
<i>Barrie Buick Stewart</i>	<i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	
The Right Honourable Jeremy Richard Streysham Hunt, MP	a Member of Parliament	Pimlico, London
<i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
His Excellency Archbishop Edward Joseph Adams	The Papal Nuncio	Wimbledon, London
<i>Stephen Decatur Haines, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
Marie Bernadette Trainer	a Museum Director, retired	Seattle, Washington State
<i>Timothy Luke Fitzgerald- O'connor</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
<i>William Fitzgerald-O'Connor</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers</i>	
Amanda Christina Kate Griffiths-Lambeth	a Human Resources Director	Stockwell, London
<i>Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Susan Carol Langley, OBE, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
Nicola Sophia Farmer	a Restaurateur	Flitwick, Bedfordshire
<i>Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>James De Sausmarez, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Joiner and Ceiler</i>	
Deborah Jane Woskow	a Businesswomen Networking Company Director	Maida Vale, London
<i>Robert Picton Seymour Howard, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Susan Carol Langley, OBE, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
Krystal Louise Miller	a Communications Manager	Wimbledon, London
<i>Shravan Joshi, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Fueller</i>	
<i>Jashvant Joshi</i>	<i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
Kirsten Keegan	a Solicitor	Sherfield On Loddon, Hampshire
<i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP.</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
Fiona Jane Valerie Ida Beale	a Chartered Surveyor	Coupar Angus, Perthshire
<i>Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	

<i>John Douglas Chapman, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
Angela Roach	a Local Government Officer	Downham, Bromley, Kent
<i>Jeremy Lewis Simons, CC</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
Sophie Timms	a Head of Corporate Affairs	Sunbury-on- Thames, Surrey
<i>James Richard Tumbridge, CC</i> <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, OBE, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	
Susannah Caroline Wilks <i>Wendy Marilyn Hyde, Deputy</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	an Urban Regeneration Director <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Clapham, London
Kathryn Jill Cooper <i>Air Commodore Richard Skene Peacock-Edwards, CBE, AFC</i> <i>Gerald Albert George Pulman, JP</i>	a Club Manager <i>Citizen and Air Pilot and Air Navigator</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Walthamstow, London
Leula Habte <i>John Tomlinson, Deputy</i> <i>Susan Jane Pearson, CC</i>	an Administrative Assistant <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Highams Park, London
Dr. Margaret Challis <i>Jeremy Lewis Simons, CC</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	a Consultant Paediatrician, retired <i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Chorleywood, Hertfordshire
Irem Yerdelen <i>Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy</i> <i>John Douglas Chapman, CC</i>	a Risk Management and Insurance Consultant <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Finsbury Park, London
Nausicaa Delfas <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP.</i> <i>Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy</i>	an Executive Director <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen & International Banker</i>	Wimbledon, London
Anne Elizabeth Mason <i>Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE, CC</i> <i>Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Turner</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Bromley, Kent
Susan Ruth Calderwood <i>Jonathan Martin Avern</i> <i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Sevenoaks, Kent
Kristina Glenn <i>John Tomlinson, Deputy</i> <i>Vivienne Littlechild, CC, JP</i>	a Charity Director <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Hornsey, London
Paola Daniela Galley <i>David John Bradshaw, Deputy</i> <i>Lesley Faith Bradshaw</i>	a Secretary <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Cooper</i>	Purfleet, Essex
Penelope Anne Miller	a Solicitor	East Finchley

<i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP.</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
Annette Ellen Saunders	a Corporate Responsibility Manager	Catford, London
<i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	
<i>Timothy Levene, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Carmen</i>	
Professor Patricia Anne Rodenburg	a Voice Coach	Camden, London
<i>Vivienne Littlechild, CC, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>David John Bradshaw, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
Susan Jane Primmer	a Communications Director	Isle of Dogs, London
<i>Jeremy Lewis Simons, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i>	
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
Catherine McBride	an Economist	Kensington, London
<i>Andrew Paul Mayer, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Mark Raymond Peter Wheatley, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Draper</i>	
Katherine Laurette Andrews	an Economist	Lambeth, London
<i>Andrew Paul Mayer, CC</i>	<i>Citizen Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Draper</i>	
Beverly Hurley, CBE	a Chief Executive Officer	Tower Hill, London
<i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
<i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, OBE, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	
Samantha Josephine Smethers	The Chief Executive of the Fawcett Society	Wood Green, London
<i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
Sabine Anna Chalmers	a General Counsel	Soho, London
<i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
Speranta Maria Knowles	a Corporate Services and Events Manager	Winchmore Hill, London
<i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
Rachel Clare Levy	a Librarian	Lewes, Sussex
<i>Jeremy Lewis Simons, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i>	
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
Tulsi Naidu	an Executive	Kensington, London
<i>Anne Helen Fairweather, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, OBE, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	
Evelyn Hamilton	a Consumer Finance Managing Director	Highbury, London
<i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	

<i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
Danai Kyriakopoulou <i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i> <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	an Economist <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Islington, London
Jocelyn Joyce Hillman <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i> <i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	a Charity Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Highbury, London
Jacqueline Suzanne Campbell <i>Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy</i> <i>John Douglas Chapman, CC</i>	an Assistant Housing Director, retired <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire
Louise Felicity Jeffreys <i>Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy</i> <i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	an Artistic Director <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Leytonstone, London

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.

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 Instrument

Date in Force

The Geo-Blocking (Enforcement) Regulations 2018 S.I. No. 1153

3 December 2018

The Regulations allow for enforcement action to be taken under the Enterprise Act 2002 where a trader takes part in the unjustified blocking of access to a website on the basis of a customer's geographic location within the EU or where discriminatory terms of access are imposed on the basis of a customer's nationality, place of residence or place of establishment. The Regulations apply to the Common Council in its capacity as a weights and measures authority.

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

11. Appointments

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

One Member on the **Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2019.

Nominations received:-

Karina Dostalova

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Karina Dostalova to be appointed to the Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee.

12. Questions

McMurtie, A. to the Chairman of the Finance Committee

Cleaning of the exterior of Mansion House

Andrew McMurtie asked a question of the Chairman of the Finance Committee concerning the cleaning of the exterior of Mansion House and the placement of planters between the columns of the portico facing Bank Junction.

Responding, the Chairman of Finance advised that the project for the stonework cleaning of Mansion House had been agreed in principle by the relevant Committees, with work now being undertaken with key stakeholders to produce a fully phased programme of works. The Chairman noted the Scheme would also include an upgrade to the lighting of the exterior of the building and that the overall programme of works would be presented to the Corporate Assets Sub Committee and Projects Sub Committee in April 2019 for approval to proceed. Once the works were completed, consideration would be given to installing planters on the portico.

Dostalova, K. to the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee

The Sports Strategy

Karina Dostalova asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee with regard to the delay in producing a Sports Strategy.

The Chair in response, confirmed that a paper on the City of London Corporation's sports engagement would be considered by the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee the following week. The report would cover the City of London Corporation's existing engagement with sport as well as other strategic opportunities. The Chair explained that officers had considered how best to take a strategic approach before presenting the report to Committee and there would be no further delays. The Chair advised that the "Enhancing Sports Engagement" paper was available on the City of London Corporation's website and agreed that the work on the open spaces, which provided sports facilities for thousands of Londoners, should feature prominently in the strategy.

In reply to a supplementary question from Ms Dostalova regarding the amount of funding invested in sports, the Chair advised that expenditure could be discussed at the Committee meetings the following week.

Ali, M. to the Chairman of the Freedom Applications Committee

Honorary Freedoms

Munsur Ali asked a question of the Chairman of the Freedom Applications Committee concerning the length of time taken to implement the revised process regarding Honorary Freedoms and requested an update on the outcome of the Remembrancer's correspondence with Aung San Suu Kyi.

Responding, the Chairman of the Freedom Applications Committee referenced the approval given at the September 2018 Court meeting to change the process for awarding an Honorary Freedom, as well a new process to remove an Honorary

Freedom, noting that both were approved without question or comment. He suggested that this indicated it was right to have taken time to prepare those considered proposals. He advised that the Freedom Applications Committee had considered the matter of Aung San Suu Kyi but had not yet asked the Remembrancer's Office to write to her. The Committee would continue to monitor the situation in Myanmar, but it was not currently the time nor circumstance to begin to activate the process which could lead to the removal of an Honorary Freedom.

In response to a supplementary question from Mr Ali as to whether the Court of Common Council should look to revoke the Honorary Freedom awarded to Aung San Suu Kyi, as well as notice given by the Member that he would be presenting a Motion to the Court in January to commence this process the Chairman explained that, as previously mentioned, the Committee would continue to actively monitor the situation, with the Remembrancer providing an update at each Committee meeting. The Committee had been clear that any decision taken should be directed at effectiveness, impact and outcome in Myanmar and the Committee shared the Government's keenness to ensure whatever steps taken, were directed at the right target and would have the right effect. The Chairman offered to work with Mr Ali to gauge the balance of opinion amongst Members regarding the proposed Motion.

13. Motions
Harrower, G.;

Motion – “That this Honourable Court resolves to instruct the Town Clerk to convene, by 20 December 2018, a working party which is:

(a) to consist of:

- i. up to five Members of this Court:
 - one of whom is to be the Chairman;
 - who do not sit on the Standards Committee;
 - who include Members representing residential and business wards;
 - a majority of whom are legally qualified; and
 - who may also be members of a working party considering the reform of proceedings for alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct;
- ii. one representative of the Barbican Association, one representative of Golden Lane Estate Residents Association, and one person representing collectively all the smaller City residents' associations (including Petticoat Square and Mansell Street); and
- iii. two officers appointed by the Town Clerk;

(b) to consider an interpretation of “pecuniary interest” in paragraph 13 of the Code of Conduct that has regard to:

- i. the purpose of the corresponding provision (section 31) of the Localism Act 2011;
- ii. the expectations of residents that they will be represented by those whom they have elected; and
- iii. the expectations of the general public as regards Members' business and non-business (such as livery company) interests;

in order to inform an appropriate dispensations policy;

(c) to obtain such advice as the working party may consider appropriate from one or more Queen’s Counsel who have expertise in administrative law and who have not previously been instructed on behalf of the Corporation, and to commission research on the dispensation policies of other local authorities; and

(d) to report its recommendations to this Court for consideration at its meeting in March 2019.”

Harrower, G.;
Bostock, M.

Amendment – That the Motion be altered as follows “That this Honourable Court resolves to instruct the Town Clerk to convene, by 20 December 2018, a working party which is:

(a) to consist of:

- iv. up to five Members of this Court:
 - o one of whom is to be the Chairman;
 - o who do not sit on the Standards Committee;
 - o who include Members representing residential and business wards;
 - o who may also be members of a working party considering the reform of proceedings for alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct;
- v. two officers appointed by the Town Clerk;

(b) to consider an interpretation of “pecuniary interest” in paragraph 13 of the Code of Conduct that has regard to:

- iv. the purpose of the corresponding provision (section 31) of the Localism Act 2011;
- v. the expectations of residents that they will be represented by those whom they have elected; and
- vi. the expectations of the general public as regards Members’ business and non-business (such as livery company) interests;

in order to inform an appropriate dispensations policy;

(c) to obtain such advice as the working party may consider appropriate from one or more Queen’s Counsel who have expertise in administrative law and who have not previously been instructed on behalf of the Corporation, and to commission research on the dispensation policies of other local authorities; and

(d) to report its recommendations to this Court for consideration at its meeting in March 2019.”

(e) That this Honourable Court requests that the Standards Committee should adopt a position where members would generally be granted a dispensation for the duration of their term of office to speak on all matters where they have an engaged disclosable pecuniary interest that has been disclosed”

Upon the amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it not to be carried.

Mr Harrower introduced the original Motion to the Court. A Member raised a point of order that as the amendment had been rejected discussion should only focus on the original Motion, as per the summons. The Lord Mayor concurred with the Member in their point of order and directed Mr Harrower to address himself solely to the original motion.

Mr Harrower explained that the purpose of the Motion was for a working party to be formed which would consider how to resolve the issues with the dispensations policy and the Standards Committee; the working party would look to provide a resolution on when Members could speak and vote at Committee and would report back to the Court with their recommendations.

*McGuinness,
C. Deputy;
Bottomley,
K.D.F., Deputy.*

Amendment – That the Motion be altered as follows “That this Honourable Court fully respects and supports the expectations of residents and other constituents to be represented by those whom they elected, whilst also acknowledging its statutory duty to uphold the highest standards in public life and the need for Members to disclose and act to minimise any potential conflicts of interest, particularly those defined in The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

The Court recognises the difficult balancing act that the Standards Committee has had in upholding the law and allowing Members to carry out their legitimate duties representing their Wards. With regret the Court feels that the Committee may have adopted too rigid an approach with regard to dispensations for Members representing residential areas with respect to speaking on issues affecting their constituents.

The Court therefore requests that the Standards Committee should, as part of the current review of its policy and guidance on dispensations, adopt a position where Members would generally be granted a dispensation to speak (but not vote) on all matters concerning their Ward where they have an engaged disclosable pecuniary interest other than when that disclosable pecuniary interest would be directly and materially impacted by a matter to be determined at a meeting of the Court or one of its committees or sub-committees, subject of course to the proper exercise of the statutory discretion in each case.”

In proposing her amendment, the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee explained that there was concern amongst Members and some residents as referenced by Mr Harrower, however a lengthy review of the Standards regime had only just taken place, the outcome of which was not yet fully implemented, the dispensations regime was still under review by the Standards Committee, and the proposed amendment to the Motion was a proportionate and balanced approach.

The Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee noted the difficult balancing act faced by the Standards Committee in upholding the law and allowing Members to carry out their duties when representing their Wards and therefore asked the Court to request the Committee to adopt a position where Members would be granted a dispensation to speak but not vote on all matters concerning their Wards when they have an engaged disclosable pecuniary interest, other than when that interest

would be directly and materially impacted by a decision of the Court, or one of its Committees.

A number of Members spoke to express their views on the proposed amendment:

- Members noted that common sense should be applied when allowing Members to speak and vote, and Members had a personal responsibility to decide when it was not appropriate that they partake in decisions which could benefit them financially.
- Some Members felt they should be allowed to speak but must disclose their interests and when there is a conflict, Members should not vote, particularly with regards to Planning and Licensing matters.
- Members commented that a draconian approach may have been enforced with regards to Members voting on matters, but Members must comply with the law.
- Legal advice had been sought and provided on a number of occasions and the next step should be for the Standards Committee to look at the process again.
- Members noted that a comprehensive review of processes had just taken place with the outcomes being implemented and there was no need for a further review at this stage.
- Some Members requested that the amendment be made stronger; the Standards Committee should look to implement a whole term agreement to allow Members to conduct their business properly, which was a process used by other Local Authorities. Members expressed concern about the disenfranchisement of the residents and the importance of residents being assured that their elected representatives could speak and vote on matters. Some Members raised their concerns as to whether the Standards Committee could respond to the issues raised.
- It was noted by Members that the Barbican Residential element should be factored into the wider issue of dispensations and the standards framework, however Members were reminded of the relevant legislation that would need to be applied to all who live on an estate where the City of London Corporation owned the freehold and how this affected their ability to vote on matters concerning that estate.
- Some Members noted the requests made regarding Members taking personal responsibility as to when they could speak or vote, but clear guidance should be issued and an appropriate dispensation policy should be in place.

Motion – That, in accordance with Standing Order 11(9), the Question be now put.

Upon the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

The Amendment submitted by Deputy McGuinness, seconded by Deputy Bottomley, was therefore put, upon which the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

Further discussion took place on the substantive Motion, as now amended, during which the following views were expressed:

- A Member commented on the uniqueness of the Planning and Licensing Committees which differed to other City of London Corporation Committees.

A question was raised as to whether the Planning Committee should no longer be a Ward Committee to remove the element of conflict.

- The Chairman of Standards spoke in response to the discussion and noted that the Committee welcomed input, but whatever the expectations may be, the legal limitations must not be lost sight of. It was added that if Members required guidance regarding an engaged disclosable pecuniary interest, the Comptroller and City Solicitor would be able to provide advice.
- A Member spoke against asking the Standards Committee to look at the process again, but instead the establishment of a new system should be considered.

Anderson, R.K.

Amendment – That the Motion be altered to include the words “when the DPI is a lease or tenancy from the City Members may vote when the matter does not relate particularly to the Members’ lease or tenancy”.

Discussion took place and in response to the suggestion that this proposal be considered by the Standards Committee as part of their review, Mr Anderson sought leave to withdraw his amendment with that caveat.

The Court gave leave for the suggested alteration to the amendment to be withdrawn.

The Chair of Policy and Resources replied to the debate, thanking Members for their comments noting that Members would like to give the Standards Committee a clear steer on there being a permissive approach, and the importance of clear guidance on when Members can speak and vote.

Mr Harrower spoke to conclude the debate noting the mood of the Court was against his proposals.

The substantive Motion, as amended, was then put and the Lord Mayor declared the Motion, as amended, to be carried.

Resolved – That this Honourable Court fully respects and supports the expectations of residents and other constituents to be represented by those whom they elected, whilst also acknowledging its statutory duty to uphold the highest standards in public life and the need for Members to disclose and act to minimise any potential conflicts of interest, particularly those defined in The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

The Court recognises the difficult balancing act that the Standards Committee has had in upholding the law and allowing Members to carry out their legitimate duties representing their Wards. With regret the Court feels that the Committee may have adopted too rigid an approach with regard to dispensations for Members representing residential areas with respect to speaking on issues affecting their constituents.

The Court therefore requests that the Standards Committee should, as part of the current review of its policy and guidance on dispensations, adopt a position where Members would generally be granted a dispensation to speak (but not vote) on all

matters concerning their Ward where they have an engaged disclosable pecuniary interest other than when that disclosable pecuniary interest would be directly and materially impacted by a matter to be determined at a meeting of the Court or one of its committees or sub-committees, subject of course to the proper exercise of the statutory discretion in each case.

Harrower, G.

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 - o who do not sit on the Standards Committee;
 - o a majority of whom are legally qualified; and
 - who may also be members of a working party convened at around the same time to consider the matter of “pecuniary interest”; and
 - ii. two officers appointed by the Town Clerk;
- b) to consider:
 - i. whether strict adherence should be had to the existing requirement of the (recently revised) complaints procedure that an allegation of a breach of the Code of Conduct must be made by an individual whose identity must (except in the very limited circumstances specified) be disclosed, so that the Corporation does not itself become a complainant on the basis of information received from anonymous informants;
 - ii. whether the functions of each of the Dispensation Sub-Committee, Assessment Sub-Committee and Hearing Sub-Committee should instead be performed by one or more individuals who have significant judicial experience (such as a retired judge) and who have no connection with the Corporation or City-related associations, and to consider the associated administrative arrangements, while retaining the recently constituted Standards Appeals Committee, which will allow ultimate member oversight; and
 - iii. whether an appeal should lie from a decision of the Dispensation Sub-Committee (or a person or persons performing its function) as well as the Hearing Sub-Committee (or a person or persons performing its function) to the Standards Appeals Committee;
- c) to obtain such advice as it may consider appropriate from one or more Queen’s Counsel who have expertise in administrative law and who have not previously been instructed on behalf of the Corporation; and
- d) to report its recommendations to this Court for consideration at its meeting in March 2019.

Amendment – “That this Honourable Court resolves to instruct the Town Clerk to

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 - iii. whether an appeal should lie from a decision of the Dispensation Sub-Committee (or a person or persons performing its function) as well as the Hearing Sub-Committee (or a person or persons performing its function) to the Standards Appeals Committee;
- c) to obtain such advice as it may consider appropriate from one or more Queen’s Counsel who have expertise in administrative law and who have not previously been instructed on behalf of the Corporation; and
- d) to report its recommendations to this Court for consideration at its meeting in March April 2019.

Mr Harrower proposed that the Motion be adjourned to the next meeting.

Motion – That, in accordance with Standing Order 11(9), the Question be now put.

Dunphy, P.G;
Hayward, C.M.

Upon the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

Upon the substantive Motion being put, the Lord Mayor declared it not to have carried.

The Court was reminded of the time limits in respect of Motions, and the potential to suspend Standing Orders.

Resolved unanimously – That the Resolution of Thanks to Timothy Russell Hailes, Alderman and Pewterer and Neil Graham Morgan Redcliffe, Citizen and Basketmaker, the late Sheriffs of the City, passed by Common Hall on 1 October last, be presented in a form agreeable to them.

Merrett, R.A.
Deputy;
Scott, J.G.S.,
J.P.

14. Awards & Prizes There were none.

15. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Catherine McGuinness., Deputy)

15 November 2018

Project Management Review

The Court considered a report of the Policy and Resources Committee which recommended the approval of a new Projects Procedures, the delegation of future amendments to the Procedure to the Policy and Resources Committee, and the amendment of Standing Order No. 50 (3).

Resolved – That:

- the new Projects be approved;
- future amendments to the Projects Procedure be delegated to the Policy and Resources Committee as the City Corporation's approach to project management is further developed; and
- an amendment to Standing Order No.50 (3) be approved.

16. HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(John George Stewart Scott, J.P., Chief Commoner)

15 November 2018

(A) 150th Anniversary of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel

The Office of the Parliamentary Counsel is responsible for drafting Government bills and for giving legal advice to Government on matters relating to parliamentary bills. The Office was founded in 1869.

It was proposed that, to mark the 150th anniversary, the City Corporation hosts a lecture given by First Parliamentary Counsel, Elizabeth Gardiner, followed by an early evening reception and small dinner.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture, followed by an early evening reception and small dinner, to mark the 150th anniversary and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; costs to be met within approved parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for a lecture, followed by an early evening reception and small dinner, to mark the 150th anniversary and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; costs to be met within approved parameters.

(B) Honourable Artillery Company Parade and Reception

The Honourable Artillery Company (HAC), formed in 1537 under a charter granted by King Henry VIII, is Britain's oldest regiment. The HAC has always had a very close connection with the City Corporation and City of London, and the HAC regularly supports the City at a number of high-profile events including State Banquets, Remembrance Sunday and the Lord Mayor's Show.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a parade in Guildhall Yard followed by a reception in Guildhall during spring / summer 2019 to mark the Honourable Artillery Company's service during the First World War.

It was there **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following a parade in Guildhall Yard to mark the HAC's service during the First World War and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met within approved parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following a parade in Guildhall Yard to mark the HAC's service during the First World War and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met within approved parameters.

(C) London's Small Museums Reception

There are over 300 museums in London ranging from major national museums such as the British Museum and the Tate to medium-sized and smaller museums. The City Corporation supports the Museum of London, and runs Guildhall Galleries, Keats House, Tower Bridge Museum, Monument and the City of London Police Museum.

Over the last twelve months in the City, museums and galleries have attracted over 5 million visitors, just under 80% of all visits to City attractions, demonstrating their significant value to the tourism economy. It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to recognise the contribution small museums make to London. It would also be an occasion on which to celebrate the opening of a new museum in the City of London, with the relocation next year of the Museum of Philatelic History to the City.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to celebrate London's small museums and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee; costs to be met within approved parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to celebrate London's small museums and that arrangements are made under the auspices of

the Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee; costs to be met within approved parameters.

17. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy and Jeremy Paul Mayhew)

15 November 2018

Brexit Contingency Fund

The Court considered a report which **recommended** that a Brexit Contingency Fund of £2m be established in 2018/19 to support the organisation through this period, overseen by the Policy and Resources Committee. It is proposed that the fund is available in the current and following financial year covering the period of negotiation and transition to the new operating environment, with any unspent balance in 2018/19 carried forward into 2019/20.

Resolved – That a Brexit Contingency Fund of £2m in 2018/19 with provision to carry forward any unspent balance into 2019/20 be created.

18. **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

(Christopher Hayward)

20 November 2018

Annual On-street Parking Accounts 2017/18 and Related Funding of Highway Improvements and Schemes

The Court received a report informing Members of any deficit or surplus in its On-Street Parking Account for 2017/18, the information would subsequently be reported to the Mayor of London.

The report advised informed Members that:

- the surplus arising from on-street parking activities in 2017/18 was £14.523m;
- a total of £4.664m, was applied in 2017/18 to fund approved projects; and
- the surplus remaining on the On-Street Parking Reserve at 31st March 2018 was £29.980m, which will be wholly allocated towards the funding of various highway improvements and other projects over the medium term.

Resolved – That the report be noted and its submission to the Mayor of London be approved.

19. **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

(Christopher Hayward)

30 October 2018

Gateway 4b: Blackfriars Bridge Parapet Refurbishment and Bridge Re-

Painting

The Court considered a report of the Planning and Transportation Committee which **recommended** approval be given to a programme of works from Gateway 4b to Gateway 5.

Gateway 3/4 approval had been provided for a full refurbishment of Blackfriars Bridge with repair and replacement of the cast iron features as required; working around the current access restrictions. The project would significantly improve the aesthetics of the structure and protect its fabric. It would also repair the parapets to prevent future water ingress and protect the structure.

Since Project Proposal (Gateway 2), estimated costs have increased by £3,570,000 owing to better understanding of the full implications of the access restrictions, particularly because of the Tideway Tunnel works site. The estimated total cost of the project was now £8,570,000 and the Court's approval to proceed at Gateway 4b was therefore sought.

If the project was not progressed, the appearance of the bridge would further deteriorate and ultimately, the lifespan of the structure would be significantly reduced. The City would also be seen to be failing to meet its obligations under the Blackfriars Bridge Act 1863 and the Corporation of London (Bridges) Act 1911 to maintain and repair the bridge.

The next step would be to progress the project to Gateway 5 (expected October 2019).

Resolved – That progression of the programme of works from Gateway 4b to Gateway 5 be approved.

20.

EPPING FOREST AND COMMONS COMMITTEE

(Philip John Woodhouse, Deputy)

19 November 2018

Appointment of a Verderer of Epping Forest

The Court considered a report which **recommended** the appointment of Nicholas Munday as Epping Forest Verderer (South) and to note the proposal that future Verderer appointments are put to it for information only.

The Epping Forest and Commons Committee is made up of 12 Common Councilmen and 4 Verderers of Epping Forest, as specified by the Epping Forest Act (1878).

Following the untimely death in service of Peter Adams MBE, who served as a Verderer of Epping Forest since January 1997 until 6 April 2018, and in accordance with the Epping Forest Act (1878), the Epping Forest and Commons Committee appointed a working party to recruit to this position. Following completion of the recruitment process, the Epping Forest and Commons Committee unanimously

recommend that Nicholas Munday be appointed as Epping Forest Verderer (South).

Resolved – That the Court endorse the appointment of Nicholas Munday as Epping Forest Verderer (South) and note the proposal that future Verderer appointments are put to it for information only.

21. LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Peter Gerard Dunphy)

24 October 2018

Gambling Act 2005: Review of Statement of Licensing Principles

The Court considered a report of the Licensing Committee which **recommended** agreement of the draft Statement of Licensing Principles; The Gambling Local Area Profile; and the Guidance on Undertaking Local Gambling Risk Assessments.

The Gambling Act 2005 requires all licensing authorities to produce and publish a Statement of Licensing Principles ('policy'). The City Corporation produced its first such statement, as prescribed by the statutory timetable, at the time the Act came into force in January 2007. The legislation requires that all authorities review their policy at least every three years. This policy was last reviewed in January 2016 and therefore is required to be reviewed by January 2019.

The City Corporation has now completed its work on producing a Local Area Profile in order that licensees can fully assess the local risk to the licensing objectives posed by their gambling operations. The updated Policy and the two documents 'Local Area Profile' and the 'Guidance on Undertaking Risk Assessments' formed the basis of the proposals which went out to consultation.

Resolved – That the draft Statement of Licensing Principles; The Gambling Local Area Profile; and the Guidance on Undertaking Local Gambling Risk Assessments be agreed.

22. COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Randall Keith Anderson)

16 November 2018

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Gateway 4b – York Way/Middlesex Street Estate Communal Heating, Hot Water and Ventilation Works

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures to allow the Middlesex Street Estate and York Way Estate Communal Heating and Hot Water system replacement projects to proceed, being managed as two separate projects at an estimated cost of £5.2m.

In July 2018, the Projects Sub-Committee and the Community and Children's Services Committee approved a combined Gateway 3/4 project report relating to the replacement of the heating, hot water and ventilation facilities at both the York

Way and Middlesex Street Estates.

Due to the project value being above £5m, it had been originally planned that the project would proceed down the 'complex' route, as per the project procedure. However, given the expected scope of the works at both Estates and their non-proximity to each other, officers proposed that separating the works into two discrete projects would be the best way to expedite activity. The Projects Sub-Committee was supportive of this approach.

However, since that time it became apparent that it may be possible and desirable to award both projects to the same contractor. This would allow for economies of scale and thereby afford the opportunity to seek percentage reductions in tenders. Given the possibility that the two projects (whilst managed separately) could be delivered by the same contractor as part of a single overall contract, it was therefore prudent and appropriate to seek the approval of the Court.

Approval was therefore granted to allow the Middlesex Street Estate and York Way Estate Communal Heating and Hot Water system replacement projects to proceed, being managed as two separate projects at an estimated cost of £5.2m.

Having become apparent that Court approval was required, approval was sought and obtained under urgency procedures pursuant to Standing Order No.19 to allow for the tender exercises to be completed and contracts awarded, thereby minimising further delay to the project.

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

23. ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

(Charles Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P., Deputy)

25 November 2018

Report of Urgent Action Taken: New Post of a Grade J Chief Operating and Financial Officer, City of London Police

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures concerning approval given for the creation of a new post of a Grade J Chief Operating and Financial Officer, City of London Police.

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

24.
Scott, J.G.S.,
J.P.; Mayhew,
J.P.

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 whilst the public were excluded:-

25. *Resolved* – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

26. **Finance Committee**
The Court considered a request to increase the City Surveyor’s local risk budget.

27. **Finance Committee**
The Court considered a request for the award of a contract for housing repairs, maintenance and voids.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.28 pm

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