



## ESTLIN, MAYOR

# COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

**7th March 2019**  
**MEMBERS PRESENT**

### ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee  
Charles Edward Beck Bowman  
Emma Edhem  
The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Peter Estlin  
John Garbutt  
Alison Gowman  
Prem Goyal OBE JP

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

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

### COMMONERS

John David Absalom, Deputy  
Munsur Ali  
Randall Keith Anderson  
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr  
Douglas Barrow  
Adrian Mark Bastow  
John Alfred Bennett, MBE, Deputy  
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP  
Mark Bostock  
David John Bradshaw, Deputy  
Tijs Broeke  
Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy  
Michael John Cassidy, CBE, Deputy  
John Douglas Chapman  
Dominic Gerard Christian  
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
Karina Dostalova  
Peter Gerard Dunphy  
Mary Durcan  
Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy

Sophie Anne Fernandes  
Anne Helen Fairweather  
John William Fletcher  
Caroline Wilma Haines  
The Revd Stephen Decatur  
Haines, Deputy  
Christopher Hill  
Tom Hoffman, MBE Deputy  
Ann Holmes  
Michael Hudson  
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy  
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Deputy  
Angus Knowles-Cutler  
Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy  
Tim Levene  
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Andrew Paul Mayer  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy

Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP  
Wendy Mead, OBE  
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy  
Andrien Gereith Dominic  
Meyers Brian Desmond Francis  
Mooney, Deputy  
Hugh Fenton Morris, Deputy  
Sylvia Doreen Moys, MBE  
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy  
Benjamin Daniel Murphy  
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy  
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE  
Graham Packham  
Dhruv Patel OBE  
Susan Jane Pearson  
John Petrie  
William Pimlott  
Judith Pleasance  
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks  
Jason Paul Pritchard

Richard David Regan, OBE, Deputy  
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  
Tom Sleigh, Deputy  
Jeremy Lewis Simons  
James Michael Douglas  
Thomson, Deputy  
John Tomlinson, Deputy  
James Richard Tumbridge  
William Upton, QC  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley  
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy

1. Apologies      The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations    There were no declarations.
3. Minutes        *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded, subject to the following amendments:-

- Under Item 3 on page 15 in respect of the tellers listed, Mr Upton be listed as the Teller for the Negative side, and on behalf of the Affirmative. Equally, Mr Colthurst's be listed as Teller for the Affirmative Side and on behalf of the Negative.
- On the same page, Alderman Keaveny to be listed as Sheriff in place of Alderman Hailes.

4. Resolutions  
 Ingham Clark, J,  
 Deputy;  
 Scott, J.G.S., J.P.

Resolved unanimously – That the gratitude of this Court be extended to:-

Matthew Charles Falco Lombardi Richardson

First elected to the Court of Common Council in 2009 representing the Ward of Coleman Street, and later becoming an Alderman for the Ward of Billingsgate in 2012, we thank him for his dedicated service to the City Corporation and the City of London over the past ten years.

During his time at the City Corporation Matthew served on a wide range of Committees which included the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee and the Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School where he actively represented the views of businesses and residents.

It can be said that his dedication to the City Corporation was such that he even held his marriage at St Lawrence Jewry and the reception here at Guildhall.

A barrister who was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn and has served as a Director of several financial companies. Matthew was a valued Member of the Finance Committee and its various sub-committees, including the Digital Services Sub Committee. It was in this sphere that the City Corporation benefited from his extensive legal and financial experience, particularly in areas such as Cyber Crime and insurance, and for this we express our gratitude.

Matthew's attendance record at Committee was at times possibly sparse, it could even be said erratic, but we always looked forward to his contributions when he did attend which were generally incisive.

This Honourable Court therefore extends to Matthew its sincerest thanks for his endeavours over the past several years, as well as its very best wishes for him and Erica for the future.

5. Mayoral  
 Visits

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to the Gulf, the World Economic Forum at Davos, Asia and Scotland.

6. Policy  
 Statement

There was no statement.

7. Hospital  
 Seal

There were no docquets for the seal.

## 8.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:-

<b>Marlyn De La Cruz Macabontoc</b>	a Nanny	Morden, Surrey
<i>Michael David Hoddy</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
<i>Robert Laurens</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
<b>Julia Georgina Lucia Hamilton</b>	an Artist	Hackney
<i>Christopher Punter</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
<i>Steven Jones</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
<b>Ailbhe Baranie Edgar</b>	a Solicitor, retired	Islington
<i>Graham Williams</i>	<i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	
<i>Martin John Davies</i>	<i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	
<b>Stephen David Clark</b>	a Construction Site Manager	Surbiton, Surrey
<i>Anjola Adeniyi</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
<i>Sarah Jane Fletcher Harris</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
<b>Haig Walter Wing</b>	a Transport Manager, retired	Biggleswade, Bedfordshire
<i>Paul Frank Basson</i>	<i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	
<i>Peter Richard Cowland</i>	<i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	
<b>Kim Jeanette Donald</b>	a Catering Manager	Tower Hamlets
<i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
<b>Avrom Boris Lasarow</b>	a Chief Executive Officer	Ashford, Kent
<i>Lars Bendik Andersen</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	
<i>Lee John Robertson</i>	<i>Citizen and Marketor</i>	
<b>Peter Frederick Latchford</b>	an Import/export Clerk, retired	Stanford-le-Hope, Essex
<i>Peter Hubert William Ruddy</i>	<i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	
<i>Melvyn Stuart Davis</i>	<i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	
<b>Lucy Mari Hughes</b>	a Speech and Language Therapist	Ashted, Surrey
<i>Diana Mary Hughes</i>	<i>Citizen and Tin Plate Worker Alias Wire Worker</i>	
<i>David William Henderson-Begg</i>	<i>Citizen and Tin Plate Worker Alias Wire Worker</i>	
<b>James Nicholas Weal</b>	a Land Acquisition and Developer	Wimbledon
<i>Brian Derek Francois</i>	<i>Citizen and Environmental Cleaner</i>	
<i>Mark Gino Francois</i>	<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	
<b>John Aidan Lawson</b>	a Royal Air Force Navigator	Ruskington, Lincolnshire
<i>William Barrie Fraser, OBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Richard David Regan, OBE, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Cutler</i>	
<b>Joshua Patrick Joseph Delve</b>	a Student	Cobham, Surrey
<i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, OBE, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	
<i>Philip Woodhouse, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
<b>Peter Arthur Brice</b>	a Local Government Officer, retired	Bicester, Oxfordshire
<i>Peter Leonard Spalding</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Michael John Willett</i>	<i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i>	
<b>Ada Christine Margaret Eberhardie, TD</b>	a University Teacher, retired	Sutton, Surrey
<i>Colonel Jane Carey-Harris, TD</i>	<i>Citizen and Apothecaries</i>	
<i>Colonel Jane Davis, OBE QVRM TD DL RGN</i>	<i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<b>Robert Brian Galland</b>	a Surgeon, retired	Berkshire



<i>Ronald Peter Murray</i>	<i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	
<b>Neil Twentyman Graham</b>	a Chartered Accountant, retired	Wimbledon
<i>Paul Douglas Simmons</i>	<i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>	
<i>Max James Gladwyn</i>	<i>Citizen and Barber</i>	
<b>John Brackley</b>	a Grand Secretary, retired	Highcliffe, Dorset
<i>Graham Leslie Flight</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Lt. Col. John Craven Chambers</i>	<i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	
<b>David Robert Clancey</b>	a Metal Recycler	Hewarth, Yorkshire
<i>Richard John Bradburn</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
<i>Derek Martin Morley</i>	<i>Citizen and Furniture Maker</i>	
<b>Daniel Benjamin Cohen</b>	a Parliamentary Adviser	Hadley, Highstone, Hertfordshire
<i>Lord Robert George Alexander Lingfield, Kt., DL.</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
<i>Nigel Anthony Chimmo Branson, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	
<b>Nicholas William Ayrton Bannister</b>	a Hotel Company Director	Skipton, North Yorkshire
<i>Malcolm Alastair Campbell</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<i>Richard Barton Angus</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<b>Stephen John Nolan</b>	a Locksmith	Watford, Hertfordshire
<i>Malcolm Alastair Campbell</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<i>Richard Barton Angus</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<b>Simon Philip Gould</b>	a Graphic Designer	Thamesmead, Bexley
<i>Antony David George Harvey</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
<i>Hugh Edwin Henry Hobson</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold &amp; Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
<b>Brian Michael Stratton</b>	an Author	Worcester Park, Surrey
<i>Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
<i>Jonathan Patterson Shiels</i>	<i>Citizen and Joiner</i>	
<b>Stewart James Cranage</b>	a Sales Director, retired	Upholland, West Lancashire
<i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	
<i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i>	
<b>Dr Penelope Jane Bevan</b>	a Doctor of Medicine	Muswell Hill
<i>Randall Keith Anderson, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	
<b>David Robert Setters</b>	a Company Director	South Nutfield, Redhill, Surrey
<i>Daniel Houghton Hodson</i>	<i>Citizen and Mercer</i>	
<i>Thomas Hempenstall</i>	<i>Citizen and Stationer &amp; Newspaper Maker</i>	
<b>Patrick Tsu An Wong</b>	a Real Estate Chief Executive Officer	Mid Levels, Hong Kong
<i>Judith Lindsay Pleasance, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i>	
<i>Andrew John Reynolds</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Architect</i>	
<b>Alvaro Garcia Zaragoza</b>	a Project Manager	Westminster
<i>Michael William Daniel</i>	<i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i>	
<i>Robert James Ingham Clark, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	
<b>Gregory Davies</b>	a Health and Safety Company Director	Fetcham, Surrey
<i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>David Andrew Harry McGregor Smith, CBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Cook</i>	
<b>Jayne-Anne Gadhia, CBE</b>	a Financial Adviser	Marsham Street
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>William Anthony Bowater Russell, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	
<b>Justine Siobhan Voisin</b>	a Lawyer, retired	Godalming, Surrey
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>Lindy Estlin</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<b>Michael John Lyas</b>	a Composer, retired	Chiselhurst, Kent
<i>Eric Davies</i>	<i>Citizen and Stationer and Newspaper</i>	

<i>Peter William Silver</i>	<i>Maker</i>	
<b>Brian Patrick Nyland</b>	<i>Citizen and Stationer &amp; Newspaper Maker</i>	East Tilbury, Essex
<i>Ian John Hodgson</i>	<i>a Scaffold Company Director, retired</i>	
<i>Michael Stephen Saunders</i>	<i>Citizen and Joiner &amp; Ceiler</i>	
<b>James Mark Gibson</b>	<i>Citizen and Joiner &amp; Ceiler</i>	Purfleet, Essex
<i>Nicholas John Anstee, Ald.</i>	<i>a Technology Support Officer</i>	
<i>Ian David Luder, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	
<b>Christopher Michael Hyatt</b>	<i>Citizen and Cooper</i>	Cricklewood, Brent
<i>Nicholas John Anstee, Ald.</i>	<i>an Information Technology Consultant</i>	
<i>John Chapman</i>	<i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	
<b>Josephine Clare Brand</b>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Wimbledon
<i>Allan Digby Flower</i>	<i>a Chartered Surveyor</i>	
<i>Anthony Joyce</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Surveyor</i>	
<b>Richard Paul Powis</b>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Surveyor</i>	South Benfleet, Essex
<i>Graham John Peacock</i>	<i>a Groundsman</i>	
<i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<b>Sarah Greenwood</b>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Wapping
<i>Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy</i>	<i>a Montessori School Principal</i>	
<i>Graeme George Harrower, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
	<i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	
	<i>an Asset Management Company Director</i>	Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
<b>Corinne Lee</b>		
<i>Alastair John Naisbitt King, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<i>Brian David Francis Mooney, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<b>Richard Simon Martin-Redman</b>	<i>a Financial Advisor</i>	Barnes
<i>William Peter Arthur Hedley Chappel</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<i>Clive Burr</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
<b>Ena Harrop</b>	<i>a Headmistress</i>	Guildford, Surrey
<i>Clare Deborah James, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Patricia Ann Holmes, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i>	
<b>Jeanette Elizabeth Holland</b>	<i>a Solicitor</i>	Westminster
<i>Clare Deborah James, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Vincent Keaveny, Ald. &amp; Sheriff</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Robin Boles, LVO</b>	<i>a Charity Chief Executive Officer</i>	Dalry, Ayrshire, Scotland
<i>Robert James Ingham Clark, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	
<i>John Petrie, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Draper</i>	
<b>Lynette Frances Williams</b>	<i>The Principal of the GSMD</i>	Stoke Newington
<i>John Alfred Bennett, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>John George Stewart Scott, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<b>Annabel Francesca Louise Estlin</b>	<i>a Student</i>	Tunbridge Wells, Kent
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>Lindy Estlin</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<b>Dr Victoria Elizabeth Joanne Estlin</b>	<i>a Doctor</i>	Tunbridge Wells, Kent
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>Lindy Estlin</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<b>Rita Yvonne Upchurch Roberts, MBE</b>	<i>a Teacher</i>	South Croydon
<i>William Joseph Browning</i>	<i>Citizen and Glass Seller</i>	
<i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler and Bricklayer</i>	
<b>Charles Edward Jenkins, Junior</b>	<i>a Strategy Manager</i>	Portland, Oregon
<i>Judge Patrick Francis Clyne</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Peadar O'Mordha</i>	<i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>	
<b>John Oakley</b>	<i>a Beadle/toastmaster</i>	Barming, Kent

<i>Philip Roy Grant</i>	<i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i>	
<i>Colin Michael Tiffin</i>	<i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i>	
<b>Richard Antony Fullbrook</b>	a Police Officer	Canterbury, Kent
<i>Douglas Gordon Fleming Barrow, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	
<i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	
<b>Rosamund Julie-Anne Smith</b>	a Personal Assistant	Holloway
<i>Sylvia Doreen Moys, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary and Administrator</i>	
<i>Hugh Fenton Morris, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Card</i>	
<b>Mrs Anzo Gloreen Francis</b>	a Chartered Accountant	Upper Tooting
<i>John George Stewart Scott, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>Margaret Claire Scott</i>	<i>Citizen &amp; Stationer &amp; Newspapermaker</i>	
<b>Eleanor Grace Marina McDonald</b>	a Student	Guildford, Surrey
<i>Andrew Campbell McMillan</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Andrew Graham Trapnell</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
	a Student	Guildford, Surrey
<b>Athena Rose Elspeth McDonald</b>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Andrew Campbell McMillan</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Andrew Graham Trapnell</i>	a Solicitor	Lambeth
<b>Melanie Wadsworth</b>	<i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<i>Alastair John Naisbitt King, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Brian David Francis Mooney, Deputy</i>	a Tourism Company Chief Executive Officer	Wandsworth
<b>Sally Jane Balcombe</b>	<i>Citizen and Tyler and Bricklayer</i>	
<i>Thomas Dieter Dirk Hoffman, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>John Alfred Bennett, Deputy</i>		
<b>Beth Clare Charley</b>	an Autism Speaker & Campaigner	Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
<i>Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	
<i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<b>Deborah Lynn Sherry</b>	a Chief Commercial Officer	Woldingham, Surrey
<i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	<i>Citizen &amp; Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<b>Joseph John Ellis</b>	a Thames Marine Services Company Director	Sevenoaks, Kent
<i>Iain Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
<i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
<b>Barbara Elizabeth Jones</b>	a Historian & Archivist	Colne Engaine, Essex
<i>Sylvia Doreen Moys, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary and Administrator</i>	
<i>Hugh Fenton Morris, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	
<b>The Rt. Hon. Brenda Marjorie Hale, Baroness Hale of Richmond, DBE, PC</b>	The President of the Supreme Court	Westminster
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Jacqueline Sandra Glynn</b>	a Senior Project Manager	Hythe, Kent
<i>Sylvia Doreen Moys, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary and Administrator</i>	
<i>Hugh Fenton Morris, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	
<b>Angela Darlington</b>	a Chief Risk Officer	Bow
<i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	<i>Citizen &amp; Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<b>Christian Edward Johnston Horner</b>	a Motor Racing Team Principal	Highgate
<i>Andrien Meyers, CC</i>	<i>Citizen &amp; Common Councilman</i>	

<i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald, JP.</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<b>Lisa Debra Ronson</b>	<i>a Property Developer</i>	Hampstead
<i>Alastair John Naisbitt King, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<i>Brian David Francis Mooney, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<b>Rosamund Anne Sweet, MBE</b>	<i>a Police Community Support Officer</i>	Bexleyheath, Kent
<i>Sylvia Doreen Moys, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary and Administrator</i>	
<i>Hugh Fenton Morris, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Card</i>	
<b>Alice Geevarghese Vaidyan</b>	<i>an Insurance Company Chairman</i>	Malabar Hill, Mumbai
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Air Chief Marshal Sir Stuart</b>	<i>The Nato Military Committee</i>	Grantham, Lincolnshire
<b>William Peach, GBE KCB DL</b>	<i>Chairman</i>	
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<i>Simon D'olier Duckworth, OBE, DL, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Skinner</i>	
<b>Eugenie Winnifred McKenzie</b>	<i>a Legal Secretary</i>	Tottenham
<i>Sylvia Doreen Moys, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary and Administrator</i>	
<i>Hugh Fenton Morris, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Card</i>	
<b>The Rt. Hon. Sajid Javid, MP</b>	<i>a Member of Parliament</i>	Westminster
<i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Katherine Mary Braddick</b>	<i>a Public Servant</i>	Chiswick
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Carolyn Julie Fairbairn</b>	<i>The Director-General of the Cbi</i>	Winchester, Hampshire
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Susan Pollack, MBE</b>	<i>an Export Agent, retired</i>	Barnet
<i>John George Stewart Scott, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Rt. Revd. &amp; Rt. Hon. Dame</b>	<i>The Bishop of London</i>	St. Pauls
<b>Sarah Elisabeth Mullally, DBE</b>		
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Antonia Romeo</b>	<i>a Civil Servant</i>	Westminster
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Kathryn Lynda Crockford</b>	<i>an Adult Education Tutor</i>	Southwark
<i>Sylvia Doreen Moys, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary and Administrator</i>	
<i>Dhruv Patel, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	
<b>Revd Laura Jorgensen</b>	<i>Rector of St Botolph without</i>	Tower Hamlets
	<i>Aldgate</i>	
<i>Sylvia Doreen Moys, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary and Administrator</i>	
<i>Hugh Fenton Morris, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Card</i>	

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.

## 9. 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****Date in  
Force****The Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 S.I. No. 188****29  
March  
2019**

The Regulations make technical changes to update English law as a consequence of the UK's withdrawal from the EU. No environmental standards will be removed or altered by the Regulations, which apply to the Common Council in its capacities as a local authority and waste collection authority.

**Draft Statutory Instruments****The Financial Services (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

The Regulations make technical changes to primary and secondary legislation, including the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to update English law as a consequence of the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

A considerable number of draft statutory instruments have been laid in Parliament which relate to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. These SIs make technical changes to the update English law as a consequence of the UK's withdrawal from the EU. Subject matters include financial services, data-protection, agriculture, chemicals, food, drink, and veterinary medicine.

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

10.  
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Committees:-

*\* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

- (A) One Member on the **Licensing Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2020.

**Nominations received:-**

Karina Dostalova

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Karina Dostalova to be appointed to the Licensing Committee.

- (B) One Member on the Education Board, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2021.

**Nominations received:-**

Benjamin Murphy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Benjamin Murphy to be appointed to the Education Board.

- (C) Three Members on the **Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry**, for one year terms expiring in March 2020.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, O.B.E., Deputy

\*Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.

\*Gregory Percy Jones, Q.C., Alderman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Roger Chadwick, Simon Duckworth, and Alderman Gregory Jones to be appointed to the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry.

- (D) Two Members on the **Castle Baynard Educational Foundation & Alderman Samuel Wilson Fund**, for three year terms expiring in March 2022.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Catherine McGuinness, Deputy

\*Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Catherine McGuinness and Jeremy Simons to be appointed to the Castle Baynard Educational Foundation & Alderman Samuel Wilson Fund.

- (E) One Member on the **Thames Festival Trust**, for a three year term expiring in March 2022.

**Nominations received:-**

\*John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared John Scott to be appointed to the Thames Festival Trust.

11. The  
Honourable The  
Irish Society

- (A) The Court proceeded to consider the appointment of three Common Councilmen to The Honourable The Irish Society, for terms of three years.

*\*denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

**Nominations received:-**

\*Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, O.B.E., Deputy

\*Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.

\*James Henry George Pollard, Deputy

Philip John Woodhouse, Deputy

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.

- (B) The Court noted that Alderman Vincent Keaveny would continue to serve as one of the Aldermanic representatives on The Honourable The Irish Society, having previously been appointed for term expiring in March 2020.
- (C) The Court endorsed the appointment of Alderman Nicholas Lyons as one of the two Aldermen on The Honourable the Irish Society, for a three-year term expiring in March 2022, in the room of Alderman William Russell.
- (D) The Court noted that Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley would continue to serve as Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society for a three-year term expiring in 2021, with a Deputy Governor to be appointed by the Court of The Honourable The Irish Society.

12. Questions

Bensted-Smith,  
N to the Chair of  
the Policy and  
Resources  
Committee

**100 Women for the Freedom**

Nicholas Bensted-Smith asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the recent initiative to celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage.

In response, the Chair paid tribute to all officers and Members involved in the *100 Women for the Freedom* campaign which had celebrated women from all walks of life with links with the City. The Chair highlighted the different ways in which the City Corporation was celebrating the achievements of women; for example, the City Arts Initiative was currently drawing up recommendations to improve the recognition of women across the City's Public Realm and the Fearless Girl Statue

had recently been unveiled in Paternoster Square.

### **ESG Rating**

*Fairweather, A to the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee*

Anne Fairweather asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the steps being taken by the City Corporation to ensure it upheld the highest Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards.

Responding, the Chair advised that the City Corporation had a Responsible Business Strategy which set out the organisation's priorities for ESG standards. The priorities within the strategy included responsible procurement, responsible investment, fighting climate change, reducing waste in plastics and packaging, and improving air quality.

The Chair also provided an outline of the different ways in which the City Corporation had reviewed its practices to ensure they continued to be fit for purpose. She referred to a response which the Chairman of the Investment Committee had previously provided to the Court in 2018, which detailed how the City Corporation's fund managers were ensuring best practise with ESG; she also highlighted how the Economic Development Office was evolving the work of the Innovation, Inclusion and Growth team from corporate social responsibility to an Environment, Social and Governance approach.

*Sayed, R to the Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee*

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

Ruby Sayed asked a question of the Deputy Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee in relation to the issue of air pollution within the City, querying the work taking place to increase the number of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points and the creation of charging hubs within the City to support and encourage both private and commercial EV usage.

The Deputy Chairman advised that the current policy on the provision of EV charging points sought to meet the needs of vehicles serving the Square Mile without generating any additional vehicle trips. The policy ensured that charge points were only installed in locations that had minimal impact on the public realm and were therefore installed in suitable off-street locations.

He advised that there were 50, 7kiloWatt, standard speed charge points installed in the City Corporation's public car parks and 22 in the Barbican to meet the needs of residents, small freight vehicles, and private cars. In addition, work was taking place with TfL to install charging points that would primarily be used by taxis. The Deputy Chairman provided an overview of the different sites where there were plans to install and increase charge points for electric vehicles.

The Deputy Chairman explained that the Transport Strategy would soon be presented to the Court for Members' consideration and this would include a proposal to produce an EV Charging Action Plan by December 2019. In developing the plan, the City Corporation would consider and consult on the different charging needs of all users and would include a comprehensive timeline and strategy for implementation.

In response to a supplementary question from Ruby Sayed which asked for a

comprehensive timeline and strategy, the Deputy Chairman explained that all the recommended actions in the 2018 Zero Emissions Report, relevant to Transport were currently in progress, and the proposals in the City's draft Transport Strategy would go further towards achieving a reduction in transport related emissions. He added that the Policy and Resources Committee had recently approved a new policy on the City Corporation's own fleet which required Zero Emission Capable vehicles to be considered first when replacement or retrofit of a vehicle was required, therefore accelerating the transition to zero emission of the Corporation's own fleet.

Responding a further supplementary question from Deputy John Tomlinson concerning air pollution at Beech Street, the Deputy Chairman gave assurance that active conversations were taking place with the Chairman of Planning and Transportation, the Chair of Policy and Resources, and TfL, looking at work which could be carried out and where improvements could be made.

13. Motions  
Nash, J.C., OBE  
Deputy.

*Resolved* – That Adrian Bastow be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee for the Ward of Aldersgate, in the room of Deputy Joyce Nash.

14. Awards &  
Prizes

There was no report.

15a.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)**

19 February 2019

### **City Fund 2019/20 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy**

The Court considered a report of the Finance Committee presenting the overall financial position of the City Fund (i.e. the City Corporation's finances relating to Local Government, Police and Port Health services). The medium-term financial challenge facing the Corporation's City Fund reflected, uniquely:

- external factors, such as potential major changes to business rate income and government support, which could lead to a significant drop in income.
- the increased funding requirement flowing from the adoption of a major projects programme, in addition to pressures across a range of existing revenue and capital budgets.

The scale of these changes would become clearer during the next year, following the Spending Review and reviews of business rates and council tax; these would have an impact from 2020/21 onwards.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the budget and clarified a number of elements, following which Members took the opportunity to ask questions. In response, the Chairman agreed that communication and transparency concerning any potential changes to business rates and council tax would be essential.

*Resolved* – That the report be agreed to and the Court do pass a Resolution in the following terms:-

1. That for the 2019/20 financial year the Court of Common Council approve;
  - the Premium multiplier on the Non-Domestic Rate and Small Business Rate multipliers be set at 0.006 (an increase of 0.001 on the present multiplier) to enable the City to continue to support the City of London Police, security and contingency planning activity within the Square Mile at an enhanced level;
  - an increase of 4.99% in the ‘relevant basic amount’ of Council Tax of £894.28 includes a 2% increase for Adult Social Care for a Band D property (excluding the GLA precept);
  - the overall financial framework and the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy for the City Fund; and
  - the City Fund Net Budget Requirement of £153,884,727

### **Council Tax**

2. It be noted that in 2012 the Finance Committee delegated the calculation of the Council Tax Base to the Chamberlain and the Chamberlain has calculated the following amounts for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) 7,785.03 being the amount calculated by the Chamberlain (as delegated by the Finance Committee), in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as the City’s Council Tax Base for the year; this amount includes a calculation of the amount of council tax reduction; and

(b) Parts of Common Council’s Area

Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excl. Temples (special expense area)
83.15	65.45	7,636.43

being the amounts calculated by the Chamberlain, in accordance with the Regulations, as the amounts of the City’s Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which the special items relate.

3. For the year 2019/20 the Common Council determines, in accordance with Section 35(2)(d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, that any expenses incurred by the Common Council in performing in a part of its area a function performed elsewhere in its area by the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple and the Under Treasurer of the Middle Temple shall not be treated as special expenses, apart from the amount of £19,191,000 being the expenses incurred by the Common Council in performing in the area of the Common Council of the City of London the City highways, street cleansing, waste collection and

disposal, road safety, drains and sewer functions.

4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Common Council for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| (a) £412,552,000   | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Common Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act, including the local precepts issued by the Inner and Middle Temples   |
| (b) £405,590,003   | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Common Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act;   |
| (c) 6,961,997      | Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year;  |
| (d) £894.28        | Being the amount of 4(c) above, divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;   |
| (e) £19,564,445.17 | Being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, including the local precepts issued by the Inner and Middle Temples;  |
| (f) £1,618.81      | Being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates. |

- (g) Parts of Common Council's Area

Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excl. Temples (special expense area)
£	£	£
894.28	894.28	894.28

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Common Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one of the special items relate; and

(h) Council Tax Valuation Bands

Valuation Bands	Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excluding Temples (special expense area)
	£	£	£
A	596.19	596.19	596.19
B	695.55	695.55	695.55
C	794.92	794.92	794.92
D	894.28	894.28	894.28
E	1,093.01	1,093.01	1,093.01
F	1,291.73	1,291.73	1,291.73
G	1,490.47	1,490.47	1,490.47
H	1,788.56	1,788.56	1,788.56

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which, in that proportion, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

5. It be noted that for the year 2019/20 the Greater London Authority has proposed the following amounts in precepts issued to the Common Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	<u>Precepting Authority</u>
	Greater London Authority



	£
A	52.25
B	60.96
C	69.67
D	78.38
E	95.80
F	113.22
G	130.63
H	156.76

6. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(h) and 5 above, the Common Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby proposes the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2019/20 for each of the categories of dwelling as shown below:

Council Tax Valuation Bands Inclusive of GLA Precept

Valuation Bands	Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excluding Temples (special expense)
	£	£	£
A	648.44	648.44	648.44
B	756.51	756.51	756.51
C	864.59	864.59	864.59
D	972.66	972.66	972.66
E	1,188.81	1,188.81	1,188.81
F	1,404.95	1,404.95	1,404.95
G	1,621.10	1,621.10	1,621.10
H	1,945.32	1,945.32	1,945.32

7. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that the following amounts of discount be awarded:
- i. dwellings in Class B as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 should be nil;
  - ii. dwellings in Class C as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
    - (a) in the case of a vacant dwelling that has been such for a continuous period of less than 6 months ending immediately before the day in question: should be nil;

- (b) in the case of a vacant dwelling that has been such for a continuous period of 6 months or more: should be nil;
  - iii. dwellings in Class D as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 should be nil;
  - iv. care leavers within the City up to the age of 25, under Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 subject to liability considerations should be 100%; and
  - v. discretionary discounts up to 100% under Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to provide council tax support in exceptional circumstances as agreed by the Finance Committee at its meeting in November 2017.
8. The Common Council of the City of London determines that for 2019/20 a long-term empty property premium is levied under the provisions of Section 11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 at the maximum rate in accordance with legislation. (For 2019/20 this will result in an additional levy of 100% i.e. a council tax charge of 200% for applicable vacant dwellings).
  9. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2019/20, calculated in accordance with Section 52ZX of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 is not excessive in accordance with the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2019/20.

### **Council Tax Reduction (formerly Council Tax Benefit)**

10. It be noted that at the Court of Common Council meeting in January 2017 Members approved the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017/18 and future years to be the same as the scheme for 2016/17. There were no proposals to make any specific amendments to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for that or future years, beyond keeping the scheme in line with Housing Benefit.

Effectively, therefore, the City's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019/20 will remain the same as was administered in 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 subject to the annual uprating of non-dependent income and deductions, and income levels relating to Alternative Council Tax Reduction, or any other uprating as it applies to working age claimants, adjusted in line with inflation levels by reference to relevant annual uprating in the Housing Benefit Scheme or The Prescribed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for Pensioners.

### **Non Domestic Rates**

11. The Common Council of the City of London being a special authority in accordance with Section 144(6) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 hereby sets for the chargeable financial year beginning with 1st April 2019, a Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.510 and a Small Business Non-Domestic

Rating Multiplier of 0.497 in accordance with Part II of the Schedule 7 of the said Act. (Both multipliers are inclusive of the City business rate premium of 0.006).

12. In addition, the levying by the Greater London Authority of a Business Rate Supplement in 2019/20 of 0.020 (i.e. 2.0p in the £) on hereditaments with a rateable value greater than £70,000, to finance its contribution to Crossrail, be noted.
13. A copy of the said Council Taxes and the Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers, signed by the Town Clerk, be deposited in the offices of the Town Clerk in the said City, and advertised within 21 days from the date of the Court's decision, in at least one newspaper circulating in the area of the Common Council.

### **Capital Expenditure and Financing for the Year 2019/20**

14. The City Fund capital budget is approved, and its final financing be determined by the Chamberlain, apart from in regard to any possible borrowing options.
15. For the purpose of Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial years 2019/20 to 2021/22, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that at this stage the amount of money (referred to as the "Authorised Limit"), which is the maximum amount which the City may have outstanding by way of external borrowing, shall be £513,379,000.
16. For the purpose of Section 21(A) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial year 2019/20, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that the prudent amount of Minimum Revenue Provision is £1,152,000 using the asset life method over the useful economic life of the relevant assets and which equals the amount of deferred income released from the premiums received for the sale of long leases in accordance with the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy at Appendix F.
17. Any potential external borrowing requirement and associated implications will be subject to a further report to Finance Committee and the Court of Common Council.
18. The Chamberlain be authorised to lend surplus monies on the basis set out in the Annual Investment Strategy, with an absolute limit of £300m for maturities in excess of 364 days.
19. The following Prudential Indicators be set:

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimates of the ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream:			
HRA	0.61	0.68	0.71
Non-HRA	(0.09)	(0.39)	(0.45)
Total	(0.04)	(0.30)	(0.35)

Estimates of Capital Expenditure & External Debt	£m	£m	£m
HRA	24.161	37.142	45.540
Non-HRA	92.961	173.903	137.684
Total	117.122	211.045	183.224
Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement – underlying need to borrow	£m	£m	£m
HRA	3.141	9.460	9.279
Non-HRA	43.804	117.830	215.361
Total	46.945	127.920	224.637
Net borrowing/(Net investments)	Period 2018/19 to 2021/22 £m 286.498		
Capital financing requirement – underlying need to borrow	399.843		

*Prudential indicators for affordability, prudence, capital expenditure and external debt:*

TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	actual	probable outturn	estimate	estimate	estimate
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Authorised Limit for external debt -</b>					
Borrowing	-	146,945	227,290	324,637	499,843
other long-term liabilities	14,006	13,888	13,770	13,653	13,536
TOTAL	14,006	160,833	241,060	338,290	513,379
<b>Operational Boundary for external debt -</b>					
Borrowing	-	46,945	127,290	224,637	399,843
other long-term liabilities	14,006	13,888	13,770	13,653	13,536
TOTAL	14,006	60,833	141,060	238,290	413,379
<b>Actual external debt*</b>	£0	£0	-	-	-
<b>Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 365 days</b> (per maturity date)	£200m	£300m	£300m	£300m	£300m

Maturity structure of borrowing during 2019/20	upper limit	lower limit
- under 12 months	50%	0%
- 12 months and within 24 months	50%	0%

- 24 months and within 5 years	50%	0%
- 5 years and within 10 years	75%	0%
- 10 years and above	100%	0%

*Local Indicator focusing on revenue reserves:*

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Times cover on unencumbered revenue reserves	2.7	(3.8)	N/a	N/a
At this time last year	(4.3)	15.2	0.1	-

### Other Recommendations

20. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2019/20 be endorsed.
21. The Chamberlain's assessment of the robustness of budgets and the adequacy of reserves and contingencies be endorsed.

15b.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)

20 February 2018

#### (B) Revenue and Capital Budgets 2018/19 and 2019/20 City's Cash and Bridge House Estates

The Court was presented with a report which summarised the revenue and capital budgets for each of the City's three main funds, City Fund, City's Cash and Bridge House Estates together with the budgets for central support services within Guildhall Administration (which initially 'holds' such costs before these are wholly apportioned). The report accompanied the Summary Budget Book which included all the City's budgets at a summary level in a single document and was available in the Members' Reading Room and on the City Corporation's website.

The Court was **recommended** to approve the revenue and capital budgets for City's Cash, Bridge House Estates and Guildhall Administration for the financial year 2019/20 (the budgets for City Fund having already been considered under part A above).

*Resolved* – That the Court of Common Council:-

- Note the latest revenue budgets for 2018/19.
- Agree the 2019/20 revenue budgets, including the following measures:
  - **Efficiency Savings:** Maintain the 2% efficiency saving across all Corporation departments, which together with the pay and inflation uplift of 2% would result in flat cash budgets.
  - **Additional resource requests:** to establish an in-year provision pending further consideration by the Resource Allocation Sub Committee.

- Agree the Capital Budgets, as set out in the Summary Budget Book.
- Medium Term Corporate Plan Alignment and Financial Sustainability
  - **Revenue:** Establish a fundamental review of priorities to align resources to the Corporate Plan and deliver a sustainable medium-term financial plan and receive a report on the framework and timing in March;
  - **Capital:** cash limits for the major projects and explore options for further streamlining, joint ventures/private sector capital, a process for prioritising other capital projects, and the disposal of non-income earning surplus operational property as identified from the operational property review and approved by the Policy and Resources Committee.

*Further resolved* - That the thanks of the Court be given to the Chairman of the Finance Committee for his introduction to the budget reports before the Court this day and that a copy be circulated to every Member in the usual way.

## 16. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)**

5 February 2019

### **Report of Urgent Action Taken: London Councils Grant Scheme 2019/20 Levy**

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures regarding the issue of annual levies for subscriptions to the constituent councils of the London Councils Grant Scheme. Having received confirmation from London Councils that the budget had been agreed by over two thirds of the constituent councils, the approval of the Court was required under urgency procedures to issue the levies before the statutory deadline of 15 February 2019.

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

## 17. **HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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

24 January 2019

### **(A) High Sheriffs Reception**

The office of High Sheriff is a non-political Royal appointment. There are 55 High Sheriffs who serve the counties of England and Wales with each appointment lasting a year. The City of London was granted the right to elect its own sheriff in a charter of 1130, a right affirmed by King Stephen in 1141.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception for the High Sheriffs at the Old Bailey on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The reception would represent an opportunity to enhance the City's relationships with the High Sheriffs, highlight the activities of the City's Sheriffs and promote the City Corporation's aims and objectives to regional representatives.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception for the High Sheriffs' Association.

*Resolved* – That that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception for the High Sheriffs' Association at the Old Bailey, and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within approved parameters.

**(B) Armed Forces Flag Day**

Armed Forces Flag Day forms part of a week of activities across the country to raise public awareness of the contribution made by the Armed Forces. Armed Forces Flag Day was established to provide an opportunity to show support for members of the Armed Forces and Service families.

To mark this occasion, and in line with previous years, it was proposed that the City Corporation host a flag-raising ceremony in Guildhall Yard during the afternoon of Monday 24th June 2019, followed by light refreshments in the Old Library.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a flag-raising ceremony to mark Armed Forces Flag Day.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for a flag-raising ceremony to mark Armed Forces Flag Day, followed by light refreshments, and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within approved parameters.

**(C) Central London Bench Reception**

The City has a long history of association with the justice system and, in particular, with the City Magistracy, including by the provision of the City of London's Magistrates' Court. The City Corporation is currently working with HMCTS on the proposal for a new combined court centre in the City of London that would enable all existing courts in the Square Mile (except the Central Criminal Court) to be consolidated into a new multi-purpose flagship centre with a primary focus on fraud, economic crime and cyber-crime.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception for the Central London Bench. The reception would provide an opportunity to build on the longstanding relationship the City Corporation has with the Central London Bench and to highlight the contribution made by the City Corporation to the administration of justice in London, including the proposed combined court centre.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception for the Central London Bench.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception for the Central London Bench and that arrangement be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

**(D) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Beasts of London Reception**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, urgent authority was sought to host an early evening reception at the Museum of London for up to 250 guests to mark the opening of the 'Beasts of London' exhibition.

The Museum of London, in partnership with the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, will open a new exhibition in April 2019 entitled 'Beasts of London'. The exhibition will focus on the history of humans and animals living side by side in London and explore the impact that the modern urban environment has on animals.

Following the decision of the Hospitality Working Party on 24th January, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 7th March would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place for this event. Approval was therefore sought and obtained under urgency procedures and it was **recommended** that this urgent action be noted.

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

#### **(E) Report of Urgent Action Taken: The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch**

The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch was launched in 2008 and since its inception has raised £1.9m for the Army Benevolent Fund, the Soldiers' Charity, the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, and the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. The lunch is hosted by the Lord Mayor and attended by a Member of the Royal Family.

In order to demonstrate the City's continuing commitment to the Armed Forces, and to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Army Benevolent Fund, it has been agreed that the City Corporation will meet the cost of the use of Guildhall for this occasion with event related costs being met from the hospitality budget.

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

### 18. **PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**(Jeremy Lewis Simons)**

15 January 2019

#### **Animal Reception Centre – Heathrow Airport: Annual Review of Charges**

It is necessary to submit periodic recommendations to the Court for an increase to be applied to the Schedule of Charges in respect of services provided at the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre (HARC), for the forthcoming financial year.

The Byelaws, incorporating a new schedule of charges for the services provided, were set out in Appendix A to the report and the Committee **recommended** approval thereof; the Comptroller and City Solicitor being instructed to seal the Byelaws accordingly.



*Resolved* – That the Byelaws, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved and the Comptroller and City Solicitor being instructed to seal the Byelaws accordingly.

## 19. **COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**(Randall Keith Anderson)**

11 January 2019

### **Housing Strategy**

The Court considered a report of the Community and Children's Services Committee which set out a new City of London Corporation housing strategy – 'Healthy homes; vibrant communities – Our housing strategy for 2019-23'. It was **recommended** that the Court approve the adoption of the housing strategy which set out the City Corporation's vision for housing, and provides Members, residents, partners and officers with a high-level summary of outcomes and activities as a focus for prioritisation, oversight and accountability.

*Resolved* – That the Court approve the adoption of 'Healthy homes; vibrant communities – Our housing strategy for 2019-23'.

## 20. **ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE**

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

27 February 2019

### **Draft Pay Policy Statement**

The Localism Act 2011 requires the City of London Corporation to prepare and publish a Pay Policy Statement setting out its approach to pay for the most senior and junior members of staff. This must be agreed each year by the full Court of Common Council.

The statement, having been updated for 2019/20 and approved by both the Establishment Committee and Policy and Resources Committee, was therefore presented to the Court of Common Council with the **recommendation** that it be approved.

*Resolved* – that the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved.

## 21. **FREEDOM APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**(Sir David Wootton, Alderman)**

### **Honorary Freedom Update**

The Chairman of the Freedom Applications Committee provided an oral update in respect of the Motion passed at the last meeting of the Court, relative to the commencement of the process to revoke the Honorary Freedom granted to Aung San Suu Ky in May 2017.

The Freedom Applications Committee had begun the process by dispatching a letter to the Honorary Freeman informing her of the proposal and the rationale,

inviting her comments on it. A response was awaited. The Committee would consider, in due course, the next steps in the process in light of any response received, or none.

22a. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**(Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge)**

25 January 2019

**(A) Appointment of Co-opted Member**

The Standards Committee comprises sixteen Members, four of whom are co-opted and must not be members of the Court of Common Council or employees of the City Corporation. Whilst Co-opted Members are no longer a statutory requirement and have no formal vote, following the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, the City of London Corporation has agreed to the inclusion of Co-opted Members on the Committee to maximise the breadth of knowledge and experience available.

A vacancy for one co-opted Member had arisen and following a recruitment exercise Nicholas Cooke Q.C. had been nominated by the Selection Panel to serve on the Standards Committee.

*Resolved* – That the Court approve the Selection Panel's recommendation that Nicholas Cooke Q.C. be appointed to serve as a Co-opted Member of the Standards Committee for an initial two-year term (in order to better regulate the terms of office of Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee) expiring in March 2021 be approved. It was noted that, thereafter, Mr Cooke Q.C. would be eligible for re-appointment for a further, full, four-year term.

The Chairman thanked the Court for approving the recommendation to appoint Nicholas Cooke Q.C. to the Committee and provided an update in respect of Co-opted Member Mark Greenburgh who had recently been found to have breached Principle Six of the Solicitors' Regulation Authority Rules 2011. The Court was advised that the remarks made did not breach the Members' code of conduct, Mr Greenburgh had been transparent throughout the process and this was a matter for the Standards Committee consider now that the hearing had concluded.

22b. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**(Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge)**

21 February 2019

**(B) Dispensations – Policy and Guidance**

In July 2018, the Town Clerk authorised the establishment of a Dispensations (Standards) Working Party under the urgency provisions of Standing Order No. 41(a). The Working Party had since met regularly to consider dispensation policy and associated issues. Feedback had been invited and facilitated in various ways from all Members and Co-opted Members throughout the very detailed drafting of new documentation.

The Court considered a report which set out the final details of this future policy and guidance on dispensations, as well as the revised dispensation request application form, all of which came in to effect as of 1 March 2019.

Discussion ensued during which the following comments were made:

- The Chairman advised there were no plans at this stage to review dispensations already granted.
- The Chairman, responding to a request from a Member, agreed to ask officers to include links to current guidance and relevant legislation within the Dispensations documents.
- A number of Members sought clarity in relation to the question of council tax and the requirement for those who paid it to seek a dispensation. Reference was made to paragraph 17 of the Policy and guidance on the granting of dispensations under the Localism Act 2011 and the Members' Code of Conduct and the position elsewhere, as well as the guidance provided by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Notwithstanding the latter arrangements, the Chairman advised that the ability to seek a dispensation was provided for to offer an additional level of comfort, should any Member personally deem it helpful.
- Members commented on best practice, advising that where Members had an interest, it would be prudent that they excuse themselves from discussion relating to that interest and recuse themselves from meetings where appropriate.

Luder, I.D.  
Alderman;  
Lord, C.E.,  
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy

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

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

*Resolved* – That the Court note the revised policy and guidance and the dispensation request application form as set out in appendices 1 and 2 which had been formally adopted as of 1 March 2019.

## 23. EDUCATION BOARD

(Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst)

19 July 2018

### **Education, Culture and Skills Strategies**

The Court received a report which outlined the background to the City of London Corporation's proposed Education, Skills and Cultural and Creative Learning Strategies 2019-2023. It described the process through which the suite of strategies has been developed by the Education Board and briefly highlighted key priorities within the strategies, namely: excellence and exceptionality; broad and balanced curriculum; fusion learning; aspiration and links to the world of work; and accessibility and social mobility. It was **recommended** that the Court endorse the suite of strategies.

The Chairman, introducing the report, invited all Members to a briefing on the strategies taking place on 23 April 2019.

*Resolved* – That the Court endorse the City of London Corporation Education Strategy; Culture and Creative Learning Strategy and Skills Strategy 2019-2023.

## 24. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSIONS BOARD

(James Richard Tumbridge)

7 February 2019

### **Insurance and Indemnities**

Members of Local Government Pensions Board (LGPB) and Police Pensions Board (PPB) had recognised that there would be certain circumstances where the City Corporation's various insurance policies would not offer appropriate personal liability insurance cover for them in the event of breaches of data protection legislation. It was therefore **recommended** the Court approve indemnifying Members of the Boards against any such personal liability as defined in the report.

Alderman Ian David Luder declared an interest at this item and recused himself from the meeting.

*Resolved* – That the Court approve, utilising powers in the Local Authorities (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order 2004 and in the Localism Act 2011, and utilising City's Cash where necessary, and that the City Corporation resolves to indemnify Members and officers, including former officers, and serving and former police officers, who sit as members of the Boards against any personal liability that may arise to pay a civil penalty under the Data Protection Act 2018, to the extent that the City Corporation's insurance policies do not fully cover such liability, and subject to the exclusions and restrictions contained in the 2004 Order.

25.  
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:-**

26. *Resolved* – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
- 27a. **Policy and Resources Committee**  
The Court considered and approved report relative to the budget and oversight of a collection of critical projects.
- 27b. **Policy and Resources Committee**  
The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the Green Finance Institute.
- 28a. **Finance Committee**  
The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the procurement of minor works contracts
- 28b. **Finance Committee**  
The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the procurement of major works contracts.
29. **Markets Committee**  
The Court considered and approved a report seeking approval for funding in

relation to the Markets Consolidation Programme.

30. **Property Investment Board**

The Court:-

- a) considered and approved report relative to a long-term lease agreement;  
and
- b) received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the refurbishment of a property.

**The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.29 pm**

**BARRADELL.**