

## Members' Supporting Statements

To be considered in conjunction with Items 13 (a), (b), (e), (h), (q), (s) and (w)

Candidates were invited to provide information in support of their application to join the various bodies and the following were received:-

*Where appropriate:*

*\* Denotes a Member standing for re-appointment by the Court of Common Council.*

*^ Denotes a Member who currently serves on the Committee in either an ex-officio capacity or as a representative of another Committee with appointment rights.*

### **Item 13 (a) FIVE Members on the Policy and Resources Committee**

#### **Deputy David Bradshaw**

I have had considerable experience working on strategies and agreeing company policies with board members both at Whitbread where I was responsible for helping to evolve redevelopment proposals for the 7 acre Brewery site in Chiswell Street in the City and also with the John Lewis Board, as a John Lewis Councillor, in helping to determine policies in respect of online versus in-store branch activity.

This, coupled with my long standing service on various Corporation Committees would, I believe, stand me in good stead to provide a valuable contribution to the Policy & Resources Committee.

#### **\*Henry Colthurst**

I have served 4 years on the committee to date and hope that I have played a part to add energy, objective judgment and strategic vision towards the shaping of the Corporation's policy, tempered by 39 years of past and current experience in the London insurance market.

I have also served 7 years on the Education Board which I currently chair. Support for investment and commercial growth lies at the heart of the Corporation's remit whilst excellence in education is critical for its long term health and integrity

#### **Karina Dostalova**

Having served six years on the Court, and two years as Chairman of Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park, I feel I have shown much commitment and dedication to The City and its values. I have sat on a breadth of committees and working parties, and now hold the experience to best understand the issues for discussion on P&R. I hold a global management role, and previously a senior consulting role, and this allows me to contribute my business strategy and communications expertise to the important work of P&R, and provide context from the business community in having a fresh understanding of our city stakeholders.

**Deputy Kevin Everett**

In asking the Honourable Members for their support, I believe that my long service as member and my 'corporate memory' would be an advantage to work of the Committee particularly in these difficult times ahead. I also understand the difficulties facing the Corporation in future years, not just Brexit!, but also that of Government funding and the setting of priorities that will face us in our Capital and Revenue spending. I also believe that I would bring a balanced view to the work of the Committee taking into consideration the views of all members of the Court.

**Anne Fairweather**

Having contributed to the work of Projects and the PR and Economic Development sub committees of Policy and Resources, along with serving on Audit and Risk, I have a strong overview of the work of the City and I am keen to input into our strategy further. My day job in a financial institution managing political risk means I bring a professional approach to managing the fluid political environment and how we respond for the City. As deputy Chair of Hampstead Heath I will ensure that front line services are fully considered in the review of our resources.

**Shravan Joshi**

Although I'm a new Member, I've learnt a lot in my time at the Corporation. I've actively engaged in the committees I'm on, worked collaboratively with Members on numerous, far-reaching matters and feel I've made a difference, from a position of knowledge and experience. As a business owner, I'm acutely aware of the impact that any policy can have on commerce. My work is truly international, with direct experience in over thirty countries and I've made sure my views and concerns have been heard, where I've seen policies developing. I hope I can add further perspective to this important committee.

**Angus Knowles-Cutler**

Angus is Vice Chairman of Deloitte and also its London office Managing Partner. Deloitte employs 14000 people in the City. He is also chair of Deloitte's China practice and is a member of City UK's China board.

Angus is business chair of the London Local Enterprise Partnership. As such, he is a member of the Prime Minister's national LEP council. For the Mayor of London he chairs the Outcomes for Londoners board- setting and funding skills priorities across London.

He is visiting professor at the University of Surrey and widely consulted on future skills needs and also advises Government on this.

**\*Deputy Edward Lord**

I was first elected to Policy in 2009 and ever since I have been an assiduous attender (98% 2015-2019) and participant at its meetings. I have provided constructive challenge where required and try to always make positive contributions to the policy making process. I have served on almost all of Policy's sub-committees and working parties again as an active and vocal member. If re-elected, I would hope to continue to contribute my strong knowledge of Westminster, Whitehall, and Local Government in London and across the UK, as well as my unparalleled knowledge of the Corporation's governance structures and procedures.

**Wendy Mead**

I have served on very many Corporation Committees and chaired 3 so I have a wide knowledge of how the City works and its parameters. I am, though best known for leading the Campaign that prevented the closure of Bart's Hospital. Experience gained at a high political level during those years, in strategy, lobbying and networking has been brought to the benefit of the Corporation in particular Policy and Resources Committee. I have an exemplary attendance record, especially for the outward facing fringe events so important for the City's relationships.

**Ruby Sayed**

My motivation and commitment to the wider City is reflected in the Committees upon which I serve. As a business entrepreneur, barrister, NED and Charity Trustee, I have extensive business, legal, analytical and advocacy skills. I am a results orientated strategist with the ability to provide practical solutions. Exercising good corporate governance and developing long and short term higher level policy in commercial and charitable sectors is a daily part of my professional life. I welcome your support to help me use my skills and experience to make a positive contribution to this important Committee.

**Deputy James Thomson**

I am seeking your support for election onto Policy & Resources. My passions are policing, housing and education. Currently these areas offer both significant opportunity and challenge for the Corporation. I have been Deputy Chairman of Police, Chairman of City of London School and sit on the Housing Working Group, Capital Building Committee and Finance. I believe this, coupled with my external experience in finance, banking, property and most recently as CEO of a large builder of affordable housing, would make a strong addition and contribution to P&R at this time.

**\*Deputy John Tomlinson**

I seek re-election to your Policy and Resources Committee.

Committee Members must thoroughly scrutinise and constructively challenge major proposals. Especially now when the Fundamental Review may suggest radical changes to what we do and how we do it.

I offer energy, common sense, commitment and analytical skills. Reinforced by experience of:

- Chairing two major committees.
- Working constructively with Members and Officers in launching the City's Air Quality drive and transforming the Barbican Centre's finances.
- Board roles in major businesses and a national charity.

With your support I am keen to contribute to the City's policy and strategy at this important time.

**James Tumbridge**

Fellow Members it's a pleasure to serve with you all, and I hope you support me joining policy and resources. There are many projects on our agenda, one of which is the markets consolidation and as I enter my final year as the markets committee chairman, I ask you to let me continue my contribution to its future from the policy committee.

My job involves technology industries globally, and I believe my understanding of where tomorrow's opportunities lie can help the committee's policy planning. In addition as we adjust our relationships with Europe I hope my connections to parliamentarians can help the work of our policy committee.

**Item 13 (b) ONE Member on the Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee****\*Karina Dostalova**

I put myself forward for the Hospitality and Working Party when there was a vacancy 4 months ago, in order to be able to contribute to the decision making around the events that we host and better understand the processes for deciding the format, invitation methods and composition for our city funded events. I would like to continue serving and commit to seeking to canvass as many of your views as possible prior to each meeting on approving large scale events in order to gather as much opinion from the court as possible.

**Jeremy Lewis Simons**

Vote Jeremy!

**Item 13 (e) FOUR Members on the Investment Committee****^Christopher Boden**

I've played an active part on PIB - the Investment Committee's Property Investment Board - for five years. The Corporation's continued financial prosperity largely depends upon the professional acquisition, management and disposal of its investment property portfolio; it would be a false economy to squeeze staff costs/numbers in the City Surveyor's department and thereby threaten that performance. I continue constructively to challenge our systemic medium-term under-forecasting of income and am pleased to have successfully persuaded Officers to take the first steps towards a less over-prudent approach in this area. If re-appointed to PIB I'd continue to provide constructive and supportive challenge.

**\*Henry Colthurst**

With almost 40 years experience in the specialist insurance market I have been directly involved for many years in the oversight of Treasury functions and strategic matching of assets to liabilities, both in terms of currency and duration. I sit on the Pension Board of another London Council and Finance committee of a senior Livery Company. I would much like to continue my role on the Financial Investment Board, on which I have sat since 2013, as the Corporation approaches a time when prudent, timely and creative management of its financial assets becomes even more important.

**^Alderman Alison Gowman**

I have served on the Investment Committee, SIB and PIB bringing my expertise on property investment and social investment to all. My career as a property lawyer acting in the commercial and City property market gives me a deep understanding of the investment issues and I have been able to contribute to the debate and strategy. My role on the City Bridge Trust has allowed me to serve on SIB and so link this closely to the social investment aims. As Deputy Chair of the Green Finance Initiative I want to build on our membership of the UN Principles of Responsible Investment aligning with the City's responsible business strategy.

**^Michael Hudson**

I seek election to the Investment Committee to which I am currently appointed by Policy & Resources. I have a good understanding of the City Corporation's property portfolio.

My father was a chartered surveyor and I have, and have had from my early days, an interest in property. I am a solicitor in private practice in the City. I understand investment risks. As a trustee of several trusts I have experience of investing other people's money and accounting for decisions taken.

I believe I can make a useful and effective contribution to the work of the Committee and the Property Investment Board.

**Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney**

Robert is an Investment Director at Rathbones and has 25 years' experience running portfolios of stocks and shares. He would like to use this experience to benefit the Corporation by serving on the Investment Committee.

Robert is also a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment and a Non-Executive Director of the impact investment company Investing for Good.

Previously, as a Common Councilman, Robert had the privilege of being the inaugural Chairman of the Investment Committee and following his return to the Court would value the opportunity to reconnect with the Committee.

**\*James de Sausmarez**

I am an experienced City investment professional who heads Janus Henderson Investors' investment trust and investment company business, having been involved in investment trusts for over 30 years. As Director and Head of Investment Trusts I am responsible for all aspects of the business including the relationship between Janus Henderson and the independent boards of the investment trusts, and being the primary product specialist for the investment trust business. I have served on the Investment Committees of schools, charities, Livery Companies and the London Diocese and have served on the Investment Committee for the last four years.

**\*Deputy Philip Woodhouse**

I'm grateful to all Members for their support since being elected and hope your faith in me lasts a bit longer.

I have a close working relationship with the City, actively involved in financial markets and trading Commodities since 1979. I have served over four years on this committee

and my commercial experience provides the skills and knowledge to advise proficiently at meetings. My knowledge of markets and access to leaders in finance may be useful for another term. My financial experience might be helpful with uncertain times ahead. I'm confident I have ideas that could help the committee and benefit our City.

### **Item 13 (h) THREE Members on the Police Committee / Police Authority Board**

#### **\*Doug Barrow**

Police in the UK are facing significant challenges including from counter terrorism and cyber- crime as well as an increase in crime and a decrease in funding. Our Force is no different. Additionally, it is undergoing a Transform process making it more efficient and fit for the future. The Force and Police Authority are developing plans for a new HQ building and there are also significant budgetary challenges. I have the time, commitment and experience to provide appropriate oversight, guidance and advice to our Force and Authority and request your support to provide stability at this time of change.

#### **Deputy Kevin Everett**

As a candidate for the Police Committee I am aware of the issues faced by our Constabulary for the City, as an experienced member of the Court and a past Chairman of Licensing I have gained an understanding of the night time economy and the problems and advantages this brings to the City, particularly our Police Service. I am of course aware that the City Police lead the fight against economic crime and would wish to support this vital work going forward. Our Police Service is important to both our residents, businesses and the people that work in the City. I would be honoured to serve.

#### **\*Deputy Henry Pollard**

Henry is a long-standing member of the Police Committee, having served as its Chairman having also chaired the sub committees, the City's Safer City Partnership and also served as Patron of the CoL Crime Prevention Association. He currently serves on the Economic Crime Board, integral to the oversight of the force as national lead for Economic Crime. He is passionate about the success of the force in counter terrorism and other areas but with the necessary oversight, which he hopes to continue if re-elected.

#### **\*Deputy James Thomson**

I am seeking your support for re-election for a second term on the Police Authority Board/Committee.

I have served as Deputy Chairman for two years and have chaired its Performance & Resource Management Sub-Committee during that time. The City Police is experiencing unprecedented transformation internally whilst facing increased risk, threat and demand externally combined with financial pressures.

I have significant experience for this: An accountant by training, I have successfully turned around two businesses in the last 10 years – latterly as CEO. I previously served as a special constable for 12 years.

### **Item 13 (g) TWO Members on the Barbican Centre Board**

#### **George Abrahams**

As Members may know as well as being a lover of the arts in most if not all of its forms, I also bring my business and commercial experience to the table.

I have hands on experience in business Start Ups, turn around and managed shutdowns.

I tick at least 6 of the 8 bullet points on the criteria requested by the Barbican Centre as well as the GSMD. I am commercially minded and believe in pushing the boundaries of art forms but not at the total expense of benefactors and self funding should play its part.

I would hope my experience would be beneficial to both committees.

#### **Deputy Kevin Everett**

In asking for Members' support, I would like to outline my experience which will be of assistance to the work of the Board. I served as Chairman of the Development Board of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) during the Chairmanship of the Academy of Lord Richard Attenborough. Also as a member of the Appeals Committee of the Unicorn Children's Theatre which raised in excess of £14m to build the new theatre in Tooley Street in London. As an experienced member of the Court, I wish to support the work of the Board to the benefit of the Corporation and City.

#### **Ann Holmes**

Education is my passion. A key strand of our educational strategy is cultural and creative learning. As Deputy Chairman of the Education Board, I am committed to ensuring we optimise the City's wide ranging cultural offering, to deliver this. I am a member of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee, and a governor of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, where I take a particular interest in outreach activities and work with under eighteens. As a member of the Barbican Centre's governing body, I think I could make a positive contribution, especially to enhancing the Centre's educational offering.

#### **\*Vivienne Littlechild**

I am the Chair of the Guildhall School and we partner with the Barbican Centre in many areas, not least the Culture Mile, our outreach work and particularly our appointment to Islington Music. I have served and been a very active member of the board of the Barbican Centre for the past three years and would be grateful if you would support me to continue my role on that board and to ensure that Guildhall School and Barbican continue to work together in a sincere partnership across many areas of our work supporting the Arts offer of the Corporation.

**Alderman William Russell**

With my experience at the Royal Court Theatre where I was Chairman of the Development Board for five years helping to oversee the 50th Anniversary and raise funds; I have the relevant experience. I have been on the Board of the GSMD for 5 years sitting on the Finance and Remuneration Committees. Culture and Arts are behind London being the greatest City in the world, we need to maintain that position. It is my intention to make Culture a key theme next year and shine a light on how the Barbican is a critical part of the City's and the United Kingdom's cultural offering.

**Item 13 (s) EIGHT Members on the Standards Committee****Randall Anderson**

I am running for the Standards Committee because I would like to assist the committee to achieve the correct balance between strong adherence to standards and democratic representation of the people of the City. The standards regime brought into effect by the Localism Act 2011 provides extensive authority for local governments to provide dispensations tailored to their unique circumstances. The City has a unique democratic structure and therefore needs a unique set of dispensations. These should certainly continue to uphold our values on conflict of interest, but they must also ensure representation.

**\*Christopher Boden**

The City Corporation is an anachronistic anomaly in Local Government. We survive and prosper by making ourselves useful and relevant, to the City and beyond. Transparent maintenance of the highest standards of Member behaviour is crucial if we are to fend off those who'd be only too keen to see the Corporation abolished. I trust that I've served on the Standards Committee with honesty, with fairness and without prejudice. I'm also the Standards Committee Vice-Chairman for the District Council where I live, providing the Corporation's Standards Committee with a helpful if different perspective when dealing with matters of Member conduct.

**Mark Bostock**

We all know about the Standards Committee's problems, which have been entirely of its own making. I believe that a fresh approach is needed to the work of this committee. If elected to it, I am willing to spend the time needed to get things right.

**Henry Colthurst**

Conflicts must be managed transparently. Illegal behaviour should be appropriately sanctioned. But whatever our individual views on any topic, it is critically important that elected representatives should feel able to exercise the fundamental right of free speech for which many of our fathers and grandfathers gave their lives. I would like to bring independence of judgment, pragmatism of approach and hopefully a chunk of common sense to workings of the Standards Committee.



**Mary Durcan**

I've been a Member for two years and now believe it is time to widen my horizons and become involved with the workings and policies of the Corporation. I was a senior manager in a large NHS institution with responsibility for budgets and staff. I was also a magistrate for 30 years. I am sure that my experience will assist in my understanding of the high standards of conduct required by Members. I believe in working collegiately and challenging decisions and ideas where necessary. I am enthusiastic about making a constructive contribution to the work of the Standards Committee and would welcome your support.

**\*Michael Hudson**

In common with the Chairman and several other members of the Standards Committee I am resigning and seeking re-election. There have been criticisms of the Standards Committee in the Court and this step gives the Court an opportunity to express confidence in Committee members or elect others in whom they do have confidence.

I hope I have the confidence of the Court and that you will re-elect me.

I have experience hearing complaints against Members and of representing clients before Disciplinary panels. I have also used my knowledge of the standards regime (which is based on statute) drafting dispensation applications.

**\*Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark**

I have served the Standards Committee for the last three years with a 100% attendance record, despite the unusually busy time for the committee. During my career as a compliance officer I have been very cognisant of the need to interpret the applicable laws, rules and regulations in an unbiased way and to apply them fairly. In that time, I have also recognised the need to be scrupulous in following due process. This experience I have applied in your Standards Committee and I now seek a renewed term of office to exercise the Court's terms of reference for that Committee.

**Vivienne Littlechild**

I have served on the Court for 17 years. I was a Magistrate for 12 years. I worked in law for 30+ years, mostly in criminal law but managed other matters such as family issues. I have also been a Samaritan. I currently Chair the Guildhall School of Music & Drama and previously chaired Culture, Heritage & Libraries. I believe I would be able to contribute appropriately on Standards and my experience would serve me well on Standards.

**Natasha Lloyd-Owen**

I am seeking election because I believe the activities of the Standards Committee over the next four years present a crucial opportunity to reduce the anxiety and uncertainty that many members feel around the dispensation policy and to secure the confidence of residents, who expect that their elected representatives will be able to speak and vote on local issues.

I would relish the opportunity to use my skills and experience as a barrister (interpreting legislation, and representing the interests of others whilst operating within a code of conduct) to contribute to and reform the committee's work at this pivotal time.

**\*Oliver Lodge**

In the light of widely-circulated and persistent criticism of the Standards Committee and of me personally, along with many other members of the Committee, I have decided to stand down and offer myself for re-election. I am confident that most Members recognise that the difficult decisions which must be made by the Committee, and which directly affect Members, must be taken with great care and independence. I hope that, in re-electing me and other Committee members, the Court will give its full backing and support to the Committee and reject the slurs and innuendos that have been levelled at it.

**\*Deputy Edward Lord**

Serving on the Standards Committee does not always make you popular, but in seeking re-election for two final years, I hope that colleagues will recognise that I bring significant personal integrity to the role as well as detailed knowledge of the Corporation's procedures and the general law on ethical standards in local government. As a former Chair of the Committee, I hope that my experience and continuity of knowledge will be of benefit, as will my pragmatism and understanding as a longstanding City resident of the need to hear local voices, in setting future policy and guidance. (Attendance Rate 96%).

**Andrew Mayer**

The purpose of an effective standards regime is to deal effectively with issues of alleged misconduct, ensure fair treatment for all involved, and to uphold the reputation of the City as an organisation that acts properly, without prejudice to its own. Evidently this has been a difficult year, and we can do better. With some 20 years of experience in disciplinary roles in voluntary and private sector bodies, most recently handling sensitive regulatory complaints, managing and improving conduct policy, I hope to contribute positively to that improvement.

**Barbara Newman**

During my year as Chief I had experience of dealing with Members in connection with disputes. I understand completely the need for the public to be reassured we all observe our Code of Conduct and the law and, in my 30 years as a Common Councilman, have not heard of an allegation of self-interest being made against any one of our Members. However, in the City's North-West I'm hearing residents feel disenfranchised by the way applications for dispensations made by their representatives have been dealt with. We must take note of these concerns. CoCo has asked Standards to act more permissively when considering applications to speak and vote and I would bear this in mind without losing sight of our Code and the legal position.

**William Pimlott**

The Standards Committee ought to aid members to clarify their interests in relation to the business of the court, not impede their activities and attempts to represent their constituents. I am standing for the Standards Committee to try and bring simplicity, clarity and common sense to the Standards process.

### **Item 13 (w) THREE Members on the Livery Committee**

#### **Henry Colthurst**

One of the three key strands of the City's Education strategy covers promotion of employability. The Corporation can only achieve all of what it hopes to achieve, in collaboration with partners from business and Livery. As a past Master Grocer I hope to encourage the Livery Committee to expand its remit beyond a largely ceremonial role towards using its network of links to create genuine and long term partnerships which create and grow opportunities for young people of all ages to gain training and learn skills which fit so neatly into the Livery's historic and current areas of interest.

#### **\*Christopher Hayward**

As a Liveryman of twenty-two years and a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, together with being a Livery candidate for Sheriff of London this year I am passionate about the Livery and have enjoyed contributing to the Livery Committee during my first term.

I fully support the great history and traditions of the Livery but also believe that as the modern Livery we need to be more inclusive and to promote the great work we do in education and skills as well as our more traditional philanthropic contribution. I hope you will re-elect me to continue these reforms.

#### **Shravan Joshi**

I'm an active Liveryman, as the incumbent Master Fueller (a modern company) and a Liveryman of the Blacksmiths (an older company). I've been involved with the livery movement for nearly 15 years and have been vocal about the need for maintaining relevance and inclusion within its ranks. To my mind, these Companies represent the finest traditions and customs of the City, as well as having an active role in Common Hall. I've seen the value of links to modern industry and the extensive charitable works the livery movement undertakes and hope that I can add further perspective to this committee.

#### **Dhruv Patel**

My current Livery involvement is as follows:

- Liveryman of Clothworkers' Company and Member of their Property Committee;
- Member of City Livery Club and Treasurer of their Under 40s Section;
- Court Member of the Guild of Young Freemen.

I hope given my background and experience that you will be able to support me as I believe I can make a positive contribution to the work of the Committee.

**\*Judith Pleasance**

Liveryman Clockmaker; Upholder (Membership Committee); Court Assistant Woolman (Charity Committee). Past experience includes: Assistant Clerk, World Traders; Clerk, Security Professionals; Interim Clerk, PR Practitioners and HR Professionals. Member, Fellowship of Clerks and Ironbridge London Committee.

Introduced annual charity Sheep Drive idea to The Woolmen, now coordinating their concurrent Livery Fair, promoting a core objective of the Livery Committee: raising awareness of the work of Livery Companies among the Livery and public, as in recent Livery Briefing.

An engaged member of the Committee, I enjoy liaising with my group of Companies, promoting Committee courses and am keen to continue to serve.

**Deputy Henry Pollard**

Henry became involved with the Skinners' Company when leaving one of their schools in the 1980s and then became a Freeman and Liveryman; he served on their Court having served on various committees. In addition to being an active Skinner, he is a founding member of the youngest guild; The Guild of Investment Managers and is an Assistant on the Court. He supports the Livery where he can and has contributed to inter-livery sporting events and has a wide range of friends across the Livery. He would like to further his involvement and promote their relationship with the City, with their charitable and educational endeavours key in that relationship.

**John Scott**

One of the greatest disappointments of my year as Chief Commoner has been the apparent lack of connection between the Civic City and many Livery Companies. I believe that the Livery Committee could do much more to encourage Masters and Clerks to join up the dots so that we all work together in a more constructive way and thus enable future Chief Commoners to share more of the workload with the Mayoral team. I would welcome your support in this endeavour.