



## ESTLIN, MAYOR

# COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

**25th April 2019**  
**MEMBERS PRESENT**

### ALDERMEN

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

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

Ian David Luder, JP  
Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons  
Bronek Masojada  
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley  
William Anthony Bowater Russell  
Sir David Hugh Wootton  
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

### COMMONERS

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

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
Richard Peter Crossan  
Karina Dostalova  
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL  
Peter Gerard Dunphy  
Mary Durcan  
Anne Helen Fairweather  
Sophie Anne Fernandes  
John William Fletcher  
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks  
Caroline Wilma Haines  
The Revd Stephen Decatur Haines, Deputy  
Graeme Harrower  
Christopher Michael Hayward  
Tom Hoffman, Deputy, MBE  
Ann Holmes  
Michael Hudson  
Wendy Hyde, Deputy  
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy  
Clare James, Deputy  
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Deputy  
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi

Angus Knowles-Cutler  
Gregory Alfred Lawrence  
Tim Levene  
Vivienne Littlechild, MBE, JP  
Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen  
Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Andrew Paul Mayer  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP  
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy  
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy  
Hugh Fenton Morris, Deputy  
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy  
Sylvia Doreen Moys, MBE  
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy  
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE  
Graham Packham  
Dhruv Patel, OBE  
Susan Pearson  
John Petrie  
Judith Pleasance

Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest  
Stephen Douglas Quilter  
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  
Jeremy Lewis Simons  
Tom Sleigh, Deputy  
Graeme Martyn Smith  
Sir Michael Snyder  
James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy  
John Tomlinson, Deputy  
James Richard Tumbridge  
William Upton, QC  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley  
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy

1. Newly-elected Alderman

The Chief Commoner welcomed the newly-elected Alderman for the Ward of Billingsgate, Bronek Masojada, to his first meeting of the Court of Common Council.

Alderman Masojada was heard in reply.

2. Chief

Pursuant to the decision of the Court of 18 October 2019, the Lord Mayor invited

Commoner

Deputy Tom Hoffman M.B.E. to take up the office of Chief Commoner for the ensuing year.

The new Chief Commoner outlined his priorities for the forthcoming year, including assistance and support in respect of Members' mental health and wellbeing, a focus on Members' facilities, and outreach activities with the City's family of schools.

*Resolved unanimously* – That this Honourable Court wishes to extend to

John George Stewart Scott JP

Its sincere gratitude for the manner in which he has undertaken the role of Chief Commoner over the past year.

As Chief Commoner, John's year has been particularly distinguished by the efforts he has taken to engage with departments and stakeholders beyond the Guildhall Complex, both within and external to the City Corporation. His visits to the Cemetery and Crematorium, London Gateway, and the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre in particular formed part of a key initiative to ensure staff across the organisation were given the opportunity to meet with senior Members and feel connected.

John also celebrated the crucial work of our volunteers, hosting a reception in the Great Hall to thank 450 or so individuals for their invaluable efforts. This extremely popular and successful initiative will become an annual City event and is an example of the lasting legacy John's year will have.

The work of the Chief Commoner is never ending, yet despite all the varied calls on his time, John has extremely ably and effectively represented Members' interests during the year. He took a particular interest in the works required to the Guildhall Complex, engaging with officers on a regular basis with a view to remedying defects across the site, as well as giving much time to the improvement project to the cloakrooms and Members' changing areas. We thank him for this consideration and sound judgement in these areas.

His work tirelessly promoting the role of the City of London Corporation and that of the Chief Commoner must also be recognised and appreciated. From hosting a breakfast prior to the UK-Netherlands Innovation Showcase on the occasion of the State Visit of the King and Queen of the Netherlands; to a reception following the installation of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, DBE; or a lunchtime reception to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; John has been an unfailingly energetic and charismatic host at so many high-profile events which will be remembered fondly by all who attended.

In taking leave of the Chief Commoner and in thanking him formally and sincerely, his colleagues wish to express their appreciation not only to him, but also to Claire, who ably supported John over this past year. We thank them both for their hospitality, good humour and courtesy, and wish them both continued good health and happiness for many decades in the future.

John Scott was heard in reply, thanking colleagues for their support throughout the year and wishing his successor well in the year ahead.

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

4. Declarations    There were none.

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

6. Resolutions    *Resolved unanimously* – That the gratitude of this Court be extended to:-

*Snyder, Sir  
Michael;  
Hoffman, T.,  
M.B.E., Deputy*

Sir Mark John Boleat

him for his tireless dedication and outstanding service to the Ward of Cordwainer, the City Corporation, and the City of London over the past seventeen years.

Elected to the Court of Common Council in 2002, Mark quickly became a prominent Member of the Court. His background working for major national, European, and international trade associations proved immeasurably valuable to the City Corporation over the years and the City benefited greatly from his wealth of knowledge and experience.

Mark will be particularly remembered for his time as Chairman of Markets, during which he successfully led the difficult negotiations associated with working practices at Billingsgate markets, and of course for his Chairmanship of the Policy and Resources Committee. It's difficult to overstate the dedication and energy he committed to the organisation, managing what is, in practice, a full-time role with good humour and enthusiasm, whilst also bringing a real clarity of direction and purpose to the City of London Corporation and its strategic and policy direction.

Mark's achievements during his time at the City Corporation will have long-lasting effects for London and the country. From the commitment to build 3,700 new homes for Londoners by 2025, to the creation of the Cultural Hub in the west of the City, his prominent focus on social mobility, and the work to diversify London's financial and business offering – there is much for both Mark and the Court to look back on and celebrate, and for us to be thankful to him for. The many ways in which Mark contributed were rightly recognised when he was awarded a knighthood in 2017, for services to the financial services industry and local government in London.

Given the changing position in which London is currently finding itself, we are particularly indebted to him for his work over the years in building links with policy makers and politicians in Europe, the United States and the Far East to promote the City and ensure it continues to be the pre-eminent global city for financial and professional services and for business generally. His influence also found expression in the initiative to establish London as the leading offshore hub for

Renminbi trading, which led to the growing presence of Chinese banks and other financial institutions in London, as well as London's emergence as the leading centre of Fintech, facilitated by support he led for Innovate Finance.

In taking its leave of him, this Honourable Court therefore extends to Sir Mark its sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation for his hard work and many achievements over the past seventeen years, as well as its very best wishes for the future.

7. Mayoral  
Visits

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to China, Qatar and Turkey.

8. Policy  
Statement

There was no statement.

9. Hospital Seal

There were no docquets to be sealed.

10. 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>Vanessa Ann Silcock</b> <i>Brigadier David Robert Chaundler, OBE</i> <i>Roger William Sanders, OBE</i>	a Tourist Guide <i>Citizen and Broderer</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	Hambledon, Hampshire
<b>Christopher John Cheetham</b> <i>Peter Leonard Spalding</i> <i>Edward Clarence Newman</i>	a Head of Marketing <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Warwick, Warwickshire
<b>Gareth Edward Davis</b> <i>Mark John Herbage</i> <i>Alan Roy Willis</i>	a Regular Army Warrant Officer <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Aldershot, Hampshire
<b>Gillian Anklesaria</b> <i>Terry Withers</i> <i>Evelyn Elizabeth Guest</i>	a Personal Assistant <i>Citizen and Constructor</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Epsom, Surrey
<b>Heroise Ratan Anklesaria</b> <i>Evelyn Elizabeth Guest</i> <i>Terry Withers</i>	an Architects Company Director <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Constructor</i>	Epsom, Surrey
<b>Jason Theo George Charalambous</b> <i>Sir Michael Bear, Kt.</i> <i>Lady Barbara Anne Bear</i>	a Solicitor-Advocate <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Barnet, Hertfordshire
<b>Bridgett Bardwell</b> <i>David Andrew Harry McGregor Smith, CBE</i> <i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Poplar, London
<b>Stephen Reginald Owen Ashby</b> <i>Jasdev Singh Rehncy</i> <i>Hilary Miller</i>	a Toastmaster <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Westcliff On Sea, Essex
<b>Birthe King</b> <i>John George Stewart Scott, JP, CC</i> <i>Margaret Claire Scott</i>	an Office Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Arts Scholar</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer &amp;</i>	Finchley, London

*Newspapermaker*

<b>Nargis Khanum Khan, OBE</b> <i>Anne Helen Fairweather, CC</i> <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	a Charity Director <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Hackney, London
<b>Frazer Charles Lewis</b> <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>David Robert Boston</i>	an Insurance Company Director <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Gold &amp; Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	Worcester, Worcestershire
<b>Claire Louise Catling</b> <i>William Smith</i> <i>Charles Corry Gotto</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Actuary</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	Weybridge, Surrey
<b>Alan Ford Gilbertson</b> <i>Colin James Bridgen</i> <i>Jeffrey Charles Williams</i>	an Asset Manager <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Portishead, Bristol
<b>Caroline Frecknall</b> <i>Harold Ebenezer Piggott</i> <i>Paul Stephen Hollebhone</i>	a Rest Home Proprietor, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Worthing, West Sussex
<b>Dr Emma Louise Trehane</b> <i>Andrew Richard Lamb</i>  <i>Jonathan Michael Soar</i>	an Editor <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i>	Chelsea, London
<b>Andrew Christopher Barton</b> <i>Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP, CC</i> <i>Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Salter</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	East Molesey, Surrey
<b>Ryan Ashley Neill</b> <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Ald.</i> <i>John Garbutt, JP, Ald.</i>	a Businessman <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Weaver</i>	Bayswater, London
<b>James Borbor Allie</b> <i>William Harry Dove, OBE,</i> <i>Martin Raymond Dudley</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i> <i>Citizen and Farrier</i>	Brent, London
<b>Donald John McKillop</b>  <i>Stephen James Osborne</i>  <i>John Alexander Smail</i>	a Chartered Civil Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Chartered Secretaries</i> <i>and Administrator</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	Chelmsford, Essex
<b>Robert Ian Craik</b> <i>William Anthony Bowater Russell,</i> <i>Ald.</i> <i>Lucy Sharma</i>	an Investment Banker <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>  <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire
<b>Steven Olive</b> <i>Kerri Kirsten Elizabeth Fieldgate</i> <i>Mansfield</i> <i>Captain Howard Skidmore</i>	a Driving Instructor <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i>	Woolwich, London
<b>Lisa Riva</b> <i>Alistair Patrick Subba Row</i> <i>Simon Michael Leach</i>	a Chartered Surveyor <i>Citizen and Chartered Surveyor</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Charlton, London
<b>John Edward Jones</b>	a Chartered Surveyor	Beckenham, Kent

*Alistair Patrick Subba Row*  
*Simon Michael Leach*

*Citizen and Chartered Surveyor*  
*Citizen and Bowyer*

**Martin Ronald Avis**  
*Peter John Neal*  
*Richard Charles Grove*

a Writer  
*Citizen and Plaisterer*  
*Citizen and Plaisterer*

Sidcup, Kent

**Dr Ian Richard Hunt**

*Donald Howard Coombe, MBE*  
*David Peter Coombe*

an Asset Management  
 Consultant  
*Citizen and Poulter*  
*Citizen and Poulter*

East Sussex

**Vernon Garvin Matthews**  
*Gerald Albert George Pulman, JP*  
*Glynn Humphreys*

a Planning Engineer, retired  
*Citizen and Basketmaker*  
*Citizen and Carman*

North Greenwich, London

**Ian Liddell Stevenson**  
*John Alexander Smail*  
*Anne Elizabeth Holden*

a Civil Servant, retired  
*Citizen and Distiller*  
*Citizen and Basketmaker*

Basildon, Essex

**Richard George Henry Riley**  
*Graham John Peacock*  
*Richard Eaglesfield Floyd*

a Facilities Services Director  
*Citizen and Loriner*  
*Citizen and Basketmaker*

Sutton, Surrey

**Neal Owen Hounsell**

*Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy*  
*John Douglas Chapman, CC*

a Housing Assistant Director,  
 retired  
*Citizen and Common Councilman*  
*Citizen and Common Councilman*

Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire

**Anthony Reuben Dellow**  
*David Albert Charles Ayres*  
*Patricia Ann Ayres*

a Jeweller  
*Citizen and Upholder*  
*Citizen and Upholder*

Borehamwood, Hertfordshire

**Peter Edward Ball**

*Susan Mary Harrison*  
*Basil Roy Hodgson*

a Decorating and Maintenance  
 Manager  
*Citizen and Educator*  
*Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper  
 Maker*

Bedford, Bedfordshire

**Jennifer Beatrice Williamson**

*Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston*  
*Ann-Marie Jefferys*

a Planning and Engineering  
 Company Director  
*Citizen and Basketmaker*  
*Citizen and Glover*

Walthamstow, London

**Martin Graham Stephenson**

*Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP,  
 Deputy*  
*Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.*

*Citizen and Broderer*  
  
*Citizen and Fletcher*

Great Stukeley,  
 Cambridgeshire

**Siddharth Shankar**

*Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Ald.*  
*Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP,  
 Deputy*

an Entrepreneur  
*Citizen and International Banker*  
*Citizen and Broderer*

Newham, London

**Edward Gordon Ungar**

*Hillier Bernard Alexander Wise*  
*Lt Col Andrew Young*

a Pharmacy Company Director  
*Citizen and Painter Stainer*  
*Citizen and Farrier*

Camden, London

**Claudia Colia**

*Clwyd Whieldon Roberts*  
*Guy Fairbank*

an Art Historian  
*Citizen and Chartered Surveyor*  
*Citizen and Vintner*

Brockley, London

<b>Robin Philip Murray</b> <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>John Garbutt, JP, Ald.</i>	a HGV Driver, retired <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Weaver</i>	Rothbury, Northumberland
<b>Gary Kim Peacock</b> <i>Robert Brian Linton</i> <i>George Henry Capon</i>	a Project Manager <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Hillingdon, Middlesex
<b>Paul Richard Aubery</b> <i>Robert Brian Linton</i> <i>George Henry Capon</i>	a Real Estate Investment Company Director <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Chiswick, London
<b>Alexander Cornelius Reinke</b> <i>Russell Chweidan</i> <i>Calogero Alu</i>	a Book Publisher/artist <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Islington, London
<b>Clare Louise Haggarty</b> <i>Harold Ebenezer Piggott</i> <i>Paul Stephen Hollebone</i>	a Client Services Director <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Taplow, Berkshire
<b>Rofikul Islam</b> <i>Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy</i> <i>Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE, CC</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Turner</i>	Poplar, London
<b>Justine Ruth Taylor</b> <i>David Henry Clifton Griffiths</i> <i>Ronald Gulliver</i>	an Archivist <i>Citizen and Farrier</i> <i>Citizen and Farrier</i>	Greenwich, London
<b>Martin Bevan</b> <i>Keith Clark Brown</i> <i>Paul Herbert King</i>	a Chartered Accountant, retired <i>Citizen and Cooper</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer &amp; Newspaper Maker</i>	Coggeshall, Essex
<b>Peter Timothy Fortune</b> <i>Prem Babu Goyal, OBE, JP, Ald.</i> <i>Dhruv Patel, OBE, CC</i>	a Management Consultancy Company Director <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Bromley, Kent
<b>Martin Clark</b> <i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Deputy</i> <i>Vincent Dignam</i>	a Street Cleansing Company Director <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>  <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Southwark, London
<b>Cheryl Mary Enever</b> <i>Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, Ald.</i> <i>Jonathan Patterson Shiels</i>	an Opera Singer <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner</i>	Rotherhithe, London
<b>Elizabeth Amanda Ferguson</b> <i>Michael Corig Roberts</i> <i>Stuart Jonathon Holmes, MVO</i>	a Deputy Manager of a Ballet Company <i>Citizen and Gold &amp; Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold &amp; Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Westminster, London
<b>Mark Andrew Logsdon</b> <i>Alison Jane Gowman, Ald.</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	an IT Risk & Security Professional <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Allextion, Rutland

<b>Julie Caroline Butler</b> <i>Michael John Bradly Russell</i> <i>Jayne Bradly Russell</i>	a Personal Assistant <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i> <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i>	Benfleet, Essex
<b>Morag Jones</b> <i>Mark Anthony Grove</i> <i>Modesta Visockiene</i>	a Tea Company Director <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	Truro, Cornwall
<b>Jonathon Glyn Jones</b> <i>Mark Anthony Grove</i> <i>Modesta Visockiene</i>	a Trading Company Director <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	Truro, Cornwall
<b>The Revd. Gavin Ashley-Cooper</b> <i>Gordon Mark Gentry</i> <i>John Alexander Smail</i>	a Clerk in Holy Order <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	Stamford, Lincolnshire
<b>Leonard Sands</b>  <i>Gordon Mark Gentry</i> <i>John Alexander Smail</i>	a Health and Wellness Company Director <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	Los Angeles, California, United States of America
<b>His Excellency Tadej Rupel</b> <i>Gordon Mark Gentry</i> <i>John Alexander Smail</i>	a Diplomat <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	St. John's Wood, London
<b>Valentina Prevolnik Rupel</b> <i>Gordon Mark Gentry</i> <i>John Alexander Smail</i>	an Economics Professor <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	St John's Wood, London
<b>Abbey King Khawaja</b>  <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Ald.</i> <i>John Garbutt, JP, Ald.</i>	a Government Relations Director <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Weaver</i>	Fulham, London
<b>Sadhna Paresh Patel</b>  <i>Dr David Peter Best</i> <i>Raymond Frederick Hatchard</i>	a Finance Director/Company Secretary <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Surveyor</i>	Wapping, London
<b>Peter Sawyer</b>  <i>Richard Charles Grove</i> <i>Peter John Neal</i>	an Investment Management Director, retired <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i> <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	Beckenham, Kent
<b>Justin Edward Purcell</b> <i>David Ian Allan</i>  <i>Michael John Cumper</i>	a Banking Director <i>Citizen and Stationer &amp; Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Lightmonger</i>	Northwood, Middlesex
<b>Steven Reynolds</b> <i>Christopher Nigel Bilsland</i> <i>Robert James Ingham Clark, Deputy</i>	a Cinema Company Director <i>Citizen and Farrier</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Croespenmaen, Gwent
<b>Jack Djanie Kojo Walters</b>  <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Brian John Coombe</i>	an Insurance/pensions Administrator, retired <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Mitcham, Surrey
<b>Andrew Leighton Craig Bell</b>  <i>Mark Ian Henderson</i> <i>James Henry George Pollard, Deputy</i>	an Investment Trust Company Director <i>Citizen and Currier</i> <i>Citizen and Skinner</i>	Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire



<b>Brian Selwyn Spevack</b> <i>Terry Kenneth Morris</i> <i>Col. Anthony William King-Harman,</i> <i>CBE</i>	an Insurance Broker <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	Broxbourne, Hertfordshire
<b>Kevin John Reid</b> <i>John Howard</i> <i>Keith David Forbes Bottomley,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	an Investment Manager <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Finchley, London
<b>Joe Sao Apea</b> <i>Ovlan Clement Redmond</i> <i>Derek Martin Morley</i>	a Strategic Commissioner <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Furniture Maker</i>	Northampton
<b>Peter Geoffrey Harmer</b>  <i>Terence Rodney Masters</i> <i>Rosemary Beaver</i>	an Insurer  <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	Hunters Hill, New South Wales, Australia
<b>John Arthur Deeks</b>  <i>Sir Roger Gifford, Kt, Ald.</i> <i>William Anthony Bowater Russell,</i> <i>Ald.</i>	a Police Officer, retired  <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Boonah, Queensland, Australia
<b>The Rt. Hon., Dr. Liam Fox, MP</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Member of Parliament  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Tickenham, Somerset

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.

#### 11. 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 Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention and Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) and (Levy Account: Basis of Distribution) Regulations 2019 S.I. No. 709**

**28 March 2019**

The Regulations make changes to the operation of the business rates retention scheme to provide for the retention of 75% of business rates. The Regulations apply to the Court of Common Council in its capacity as a local authority.

A considerable number of statutory instruments have been made which relate to the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. These SIs make technical changes to update English law as a consequence of the UK's withdrawal from the EU. Subject matters include financial services, data protection, agriculture, animal products, food and customs.

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

Read.

12. Ballot  
Result

The Town Clerk reported the result of the ballot taken at the last Court, as follows:-

Three Members to **The Honourable The Irish Society.**

	<b>Votes</b>
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, O.B.E., Deputy	- 45
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.	- 65 ★
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy	- 79 ★
Philip John Woodhouse, Deputy	- 63 ★

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Simon Duckworth, Deputy Henry Pollard and Deputy Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to The Honourable The Irish Society.

13. White Paper:  
Appointment of  
Committees

The Court proceeded to make the annual appointment of Committees. Members received an addendum to the report, highlighting those amendments required to the White Paper since its publication with the agenda.

The Chairman of the Markets Committee, James Tumbridge, spoke to express his concern in respect of the proposed amendment to the Markets Committee's terms of reference, where the Policy and Resources Committee was recommending the deletion of the words "provision and" under section 4, sub-section (b). He suggested that the proposed deletion would remove the Markets Committee's direct engagement with the Markets Consolidation Programme and argued that the change was unnecessary in ensuring that the Policy and Resources Committee retained primacy in respect of decision-making on this matter.

*Tumbridge,  
J.R; Hudson,  
M.*

**Amendment** – That the proposed deletion of the words "provision and" from the terms of reference of the Markets Committee be omitted and that the terms of reference remain, therefore, unchanged from the previous year.

Michael Hudson spoke in support of James Tumbridge's proposed amendment, suggesting that the change as proposed in the White Paper would have the unintended consequence of removing responsibility for the provision of the existing markets from the Markets Committee. Whilst accepting that an amendment of some sort to the terms of reference was likely required, he argued that time should be taken to consider drafting and revised ones put forward next year.

Members proceeded to debate the proposed amendment, with a number of Members speaking in support and a number speaking in opposition.

The Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources clarified the genesis of the proposed change, which had emerged from some concerns expressed in relation to a lack of clarity on the role of the Markets Committee in respect of the Markets Consolidation Programme. He observed that the proposed amendment was to delete two words which had been inserted only last year and which had been

unhelpful in causing some confusion to officers in terms of reporting lines for this consolidation programme; this had then led to the Markets Committee being asked to make decisions on matters outside its remit. Given the strategic significance of the programme, involving a wide range of complexities, it would be of the utmost importance to ensure clear and direct lines of accountability and oversight. He reiterated that this was simply a minor amendment representing a reversion to the previous long-standing terms of reference, intended solely to provide clarity, which should not be misconstrued as anything further.

Closing the debate, the Chairman of the Markets Committee suggested that the intent behind the insertion of the words in question the previous year had been to provide the very clarity being sought here. He advised that he remained unsighted and unconvinced as to what the suggested confusion or concerns were, suggesting that the problems outlined could be resolved through greater communication, rather than a change to the terms of reference.

Upon the Amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried. Upon a second show of hands, the Lord Mayor declared the Amendment to be lost. It was agreed that a Division, for the purposes of clarification, would be beneficial.

A division, therefore, being demanded and granted, there appeared:-

*For the Affirmative 31*

## ALDERMEN

Anstee, N.J.

Lyons, N.S.L.

Masojada, B.

## COMMONERS

Bell, M.

Bennett, J.A., Deputy

Bennett, P.G.

Bostock, M.

Chapman, J.D.

Crossan, R.P.

Durcan, J.M.

Fernandes, S.A.

Harrower, G.G.

Hudson, M.

Hyde, W.M., Deputy

James, C., Deputy

Knowles-Cutler, A.

Littlechild, V., M.B.E., J.P.

Lloyd-Owen, N.M.C.

Mayer, A.P.

Merrett, R.A., Deputy

Pearson, S.J.

Priest, H.J.S.

Quilter, S.D.

de Sausmarez, H.J.

Seaton, I.C.N.

Simons, J.L.

Thomson, J.M.D., Deputy

Tumbridge, J.R.

Wheatley, M.R.P.H.D.

Tellers for the affirmative – (Affirmative) John Petrie and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark (Negative).

*For the Negative 71*

## ALDERMEN

Edhem, E.

Garbutt, J.

Gifford, Sir Roger

Gowman, A.J.

Goyal, P.G., O.B.E., J.P.

Graves, D.A.

Hailes, T.R., J.P.

Howard, R.P.S.

Hughes-Penney, R.C.

Jones, G.P., Q.C.

Keaveny, V.T., Sheriff

King, A.J.N.

Langley, S., O.B.E.

Luder, I.D., J.P.

Parnley, Sir Andrew

Russell, W.A.B.

Wootton, Sir David

Yarrow, Sir Alan

## COMMONERS

Abrahams, G.C.

Absalom, J.D., Deputy

Addy, C.K.

Ali, M.

Ameer, R.B.

Anderson, R.K.

Anderson, T.A.

Barr, A.R.M.

Barrow, D.

Bensted-Smith, N.M., J.P.

Bottomley, K.D.F., Deputy

Bradshaw, D.J.

Brooke, T.

Cassidy, M.J., C.B.E., Deputy

Chadwick, R.A.H., O.B.E., Deputy

Christian, D.G.

Colthurst, H.N.A.

Dostalova, K.

Duckworth, S.D., O.B.E., D.L.

Dunphy, P.G.

Fairweather, A.H.

Fletcher, J.W.

Fredericks, M.B.

Haines, the Revd. S.D., Deputy

Hoffman, T., M.B.E., Deputy

Holmes, A.

Joshi, S.J.

Lawrence, G.A.

Levene, T.

Lord, C.E., O.B.E., J.P., Deputy

Martinelli, P.N.

McMurtrie, A.S., J.P.

Mead, W., O.B.E.

Mooney, B.D.F., Deputy

Moss, A.M., Deputy

Moys, S.D.

Nash, J.C., O.B.E., Deputy

Newman, B.P., C.B.E.

Packham, G.D.

Patel, D., O.B.E.

Pleasance, J.L.

Regan, R.D., O.B.E., Deputy

Sayed, R.

Sells, O., Q.C.

Shilson, Dr. G.R.E., Deputy

Sleigh, T., Deputy

Smith, G.M.

Snyder, Sir Michael

Tomlinson, J., Deputy

Upton, W., Q.C.

Woodhouse, P.J., Deputy

Tellers for the negative – John Scott (Negative) and Deputy Elizabeth Rogula (Affirmative).

Upon the result of the division being announced, the Lord Mayor declared the Amendment to be lost.

*Resolved* – That the several Committees as set out in the White Paper be appointed until the first meeting of the Court in April 2019, and that the terms of reference and constitutions be also approved, subject to the circulated amendments.

The Court subsequently proceeded to make the following appointments, in respect

of which the Town Clerk reported that the following nominations had been received:-

Nominations received for vacancies of varying terms:-

*Where appropriate:-*

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

*# denotes a Member with fewer than five years' service on the Court;*

*^ 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.*

**(A) Policy and Resources Committee (five vacancies).**

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

David John Bradshaw, Deputy

\*Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

Karina Dostalova

Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy

Anne Helen Fairweather

Shravan Jashvantraï Joshi

Angus Knowles-Cutler

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

Wendy Mead, O.B.E.

Ruby Sayed

James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy

\*John Tomlinson, Deputy

James Richard Tumbridge

Read.

**(B) Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee (one vacancy).**

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Karina Dostalova

Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

**(C) Outside Bodies Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee (one vacancy).**

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Simons to be appointed to the Outside Bodies Sub-Committee.

**(D) Capital Buildings Committee (one vacancy).**

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Ian David Luder, J.P., Alderman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Ian Luder to be appointed to the Capital Buildings Committee.

- (E) **Investment Committee** (four vacancies).  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

^Christopher Paul Boden

\*Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

^Alison Jane Gowman, Alderman

^Michael Hudson

Robert Charles Hughes-Penney, Alderman

\*James de Sausmarez

\*Philip John Woodhouse, Deputy

Read.

- (F) **Social Investment Board** (three vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

^Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

Bronek Masojada, Alderman

^Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Henry Colthurst, Alderman Bronek Masojada and Andrien Meyers to be appointed to the Social Investment Board.

- (G) **Audit and Risk Management Committee** (two vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Alexander Robertson Martin Barr

\*Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alexander Barr and Andrien Meyers to be appointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

- (H) **Police Authority Board** (three vacancies).  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Douglas Barrow

Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy

\*James Henry George Pollard, Deputy

\*James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy

Read.

- (I) **Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama** (four vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

George Christopher Abrahams

\*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

\*Jeremy Paul Mayhew

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared George Abrahams, Marianne Fredericks and Jeremy Mayhew to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

- (J) **Gresham (City Side) Committee** (two vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

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

\*Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Simon Duckworth and Deputy Giles Shilson to be appointed to the Gresham (City Side) Committee.

- (K) **Establishment Committee** (six vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Randall Keith Anderson

\*Richard David Regan, O.B.E., Deputy

\*Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy

\*Ruby Sayed

\*Philip John Woodhouse, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Anderson, Deputy Richard Regan, Deputy Elizabeth Rogula, Ruby Sayed and Deputy Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Establishment Committee.

- (L) **Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees** (two vacancies on each Committee).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Caroline Wilma Haines

\*Wendy Mead, O.B.E.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Caroline Haines and Wendy Mead to be appointed to the Open Spaces & City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees.

- (M) **Epping Forest & Commons Committee** (one vacancy).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Philip John Woodhouse, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Epping Forest & Commons Committee.

- (N) **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee** (three vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Prem Goyal, O.B.E., J.P., Alderman

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

\*John Tomlinson, Deputy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Prem Goyal, Alderman Gregory Jones and Deputy John Tomlinson to be appointed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee.

- (O) **Freedom Applications Committee** (two vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

#Tijs Broeke

#Dominic Christian

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Tijs Broeke and Dominic Christian to be appointed to the Freedom Applications Committee.

- (P) **Barbican Residential Committee**, in the category of non-resident (five vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Jeremy Paul Mayhew

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Mayhew to be appointed to the



Barbican Residential Committee.

(Q) **Barbican Centre Board** (two vacancies).

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

George Christopher Abrahams

Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy

Ann Holmes

\*Vivienne Littlechild, M.B.E., J.P.

William Anthony Bowater Russell, Alderman

Read.

(R) **The City Bridge Trust Committee** (three vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Karina Dostalova

\*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

\*Jeremy Paul Mayhew

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Karina Dostalova, Marianne Fredericks and Jeremy Mayhew to be appointed to The City Bridge Trust Committee.

(S) **Standards Committee** (eight vacancies).

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Randall Keith Anderson

\*Christopher Paul Boden

Mark Bostock

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

Mary Durcan

\*Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy

\*Michael Hudson

\*Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy

Vivienne Littlechild, M.B.E., J.P.

Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen

\*Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge

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

Andrew Paul Mayer

Barbara Patricia Newman, C.B.E.

William Pimlott

\*Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

(T) **Standards Appeals Committee** (ten vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy  
\*John Douglas Chapman  
\*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks  
David Andrew Graves, Alderman  
Timothy Russell Hailes, J.P., Alderman  
\*John Petrie  
John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Keith Bottomley, John Chapman, Marianne Fredericks, Alderman David Graves, Alderman Tim Hailes, John Petrie, and John Scott to be appointed to the Standards Appeals Committee.

- (U) **Licensing Committee** (four vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy  
\*Sophie Anne Fernandes  
\*James Richard Tumbridge

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Kevin Everett, Sophie Fernandes, and James Tumbridge to be appointed to the Licensing Committee.

- (V) **Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee** (two vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

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

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Edward Lord to be appointed to the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

- (W) **Livery Committee** (three vacancies).  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
\*Christopher Michael Hayward  
Shravan Jashvantraï Joshi  
Dhruv Patel, O.B.E.  
\*Judith Lindsay Pleasance  
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy  
John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

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.

14.  
Appointments to  
Vacancies on  
Ward  
Committees

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to vacancies on Ward Committees.

(A) **Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Mary Durcan

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan to be appointed to the Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee.

(B) **Community & Children's Services Committee** (ten vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Mary Durcan

\*David Andrew Graves, Alderman

\*Catherine McGuinness, Deputy

\*Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest

\*Barbara Patricia Newman, C.B.E.

\*Jason Paul Pritchard

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan, Alderman David Graves, Deputy Catherine McGuinness, Henrika Priest, Barbara Newman, and Jason Pritchard.

15. Questions

**Drug Use in the City**

Dhruv Patel asked a question of the Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the City Corporation's efforts to address the demand side of the drug use in the City.

Responding, the Deputy Chairman noted that this activity necessarily involved co-ordinated activity with a number of different bodies, both internally and externally, across the areas of outreach, engagement with City businesses, education, public and mental health, grants and commissioning.

In particular, he outlined the significant volume of targeted work in partnership with businesses to challenge, prevent and address substance misuse amongst the City's diverse worker population. The aim of this activity was to establish models of

intervention that could assist businesses and employees across London and the United Kingdom facing similar complex challenges. Specific reference was made to the “Business Healthy” initiative, which provided City employers with free support to promote better health and wellbeing for their staff. Businesses were also encouraged to share best practice with each other on a range of issues including emotional wellbeing, mental health, alcohol and substance misuse. As part of the City’s ongoing commitment, from 1 May 2019 it would also be funding a new Public Health project to develop additional programmes to support employers in identifying and tackling substance misuse within their firms.

Significant activity with the City of London Police, through the drug risk reduction strategy, was also outlined; as were services being funded through The City Bridge Trust.

In closing, the Deputy Chairman recognised the cross-cutting nature of drug crime and expressed his hope that the response provided a flavour of the wide range of activities the City Corporation was pursuing to tackle this very serious, but also very complex issue.

Responding to a supplementary question from John Fletcher regarding importance of drug users being made aware of the impact of the drug trade, the Deputy Chairman thanked him for his comments and noted that officers would give them consideration.

### **Mental Health Strategy**

Rehana Ameer asked a question of the Chairman of the Community and Children’s Services Committee in relation to the outcomes and achievements of the City Corporation’s Mental Health Strategy 2015-2018.

Replying, the Chairman advised that the 2015-18 document had driven a range of achievements and improvements in services. This included improved access to talking treatments, such as counselling, which had enabled 90% of those living in the City and experiencing anxiety and depression to receive treatments within six weeks of referral. The Chairman also outlined the investment in mental health services for children and young people, which had increased by nearly £3million since 2014-15, enabling more children and young people to be seen than any other London area in 2017-18.

Reference was made to a number of other initiatives that helped prevent or tackle mental ill health, such as those to tackle loneliness, to support carers, to encourage and reward volunteering, or to improve the wellbeing of City workers.

The Chairman noted that the Strategy was currently being renewed for the forthcoming period and would come to the Community & Children’s Services Committee for consideration at its 7 June 2019 meeting.

Responding to a supplementary question from Rehana Ameer, the Chairman provided a summary of some of the investments made by the City in mental health initiatives and care and the quantifiable outcomes achieved.

This included investment in a new Mental Health Centre that would make longer term psychotherapeutic interventions available at low cost to those on low incomes; help in the home, specialist accommodation and other support for those with mental ill health; and seven day a week delivery of the Street Triage service, which had has delivered a near 50% reduction in people taken under Mental Health Act Section to either police stations or hospitals.

16. Motions      There were no Motions.

17. Petitions      The Court received a petition submitted by Graeme Harrower relative to the City Corporation's standards regime.

*Resolved* – That the petition be referred to the Standards Committee for consideration.

18. Awards & Prizes      There was no report.

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

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

26 March 2019

### **Applications for Hospitality**

#### **(A) Pride Flag Raising**

The 2019 Pride in London Parade was to take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. As in previous years, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport's advice to Government Departments was for the Rainbow Flag to be flown for a week, this year from 1<sup>st</sup> July until sundown on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

It was proposed that the Pride Flag fly at Guildhall in line with Government advice and that the City Corporation host a flag raising in Guildhall Yard followed by an early evening reception in the Crypts. The event would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to show its commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion both internally and more widely across the City.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

The host element would be Hospitality Working Party, Establishment Committee and Members with relevant interests.

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

#### **(B) 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of Singapore**

In June 2019, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, was due in the UK for an official visit to mark the 200<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of the founding of Singapore by Sir Stamford Raffles.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a business conference followed by a lunchtime reception to mark this anniversary, with the Deputy Prime Minister to be awarded the Freedom of the City.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lunchtime reception for attendees at the business conference and a small lunch following the Deputy Prime Minister's Freedom, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

The host element would be Policy and Resources Committee and Members with relevant business interests.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for a lunchtime reception for attendees at the business conference and a small lunch following the Deputy Prime Minister's Freedom, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

#### **(C) 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tower Bridge**

2019 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tower Bridge, one of five Thames bridges maintained and supported by Bridge House Estates and of particular importance given its status as a world-famous landmark.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception at Tower Bridge to mark the anniversary. The reception would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to promoting London's heritage, as well as raising awareness of the work of Bridge House Estates and City Bridge Trust.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

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

#### **(D) Illuminated River Project**

Illuminated River is a project to light fifteen of central London's bridges, from Albert Bridge to Tower Bridge. The project was to be launched in July 2019 with the lighting of the first four bridges – London Bridge, Southwark Bridge, Cannon Street Railway Bridge and Millennium Bridge. The Illuminated River project has more than twenty partners and stakeholders, including the City Corporation which had provided a contribution towards initial funding of the project.

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an evening reception prior to the launch of the project and **recommended** that hospitality be granted accordingly,

with arrangements made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

#### **(E) Industry and Parliament Trust Programme 2019**

Engagement with parliamentarians within the Palace of Westminster is a valuable means of highlighting matters of interest to the City and its stakeholders.

It was proposed that, in 2019, the City Corporation collaborate with the Industry and Parliament Trust on a series of six meetings. Guests and speakers would include a City representative such as the Lord Mayor or Policy Chair, parliamentarians, policy makers and prominent business, academic and industry representatives.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

#### **(F) Greenwich+Docklands International Festival early evening reception**

The Greenwich+Docklands International Festival is a free outdoor performing arts and theatre festival which takes place every June in Greenwich, Docklands and Tower Hamlets.

Forming part of the "Fantastic Feats: the Building of London" programme, this year the festival was to feature its first outdoor performance in Guildhall Yard. It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception ahead of the performance in Guildhall Yard. The reception would provide an opportunity to highlight the City Corporation's involvement in the festival and showcase the City's contribution to London's cultural activities.

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

#### **(G) Iftar following an interfaith group discussion at St Paul's Cathedral**

The Naz Legacy Foundation, a not for profit organisation that aims to promote excellence in education and positive integration, was planning an interfaith group

discussion to take place at St Paul's Cathedral on the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> May. The aim of the discussion would be to focus on London as a dynamic and multi-faith city. The event was planned to take place during Ramadan and to conclude with an Iftar, the evening meal with which Muslims end the daily Ramadan fast.

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an Iftar in partnership with the Naz Legacy Foundation following the interfaith group discussion.

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an Iftar following an interfaith group discussion at St Paul's Cathedral and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for an Iftar following an interfaith group discussion at St Paul's Cathedral and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

#### **(H) National Houses in Multiple Occupation Network Reception**

The Department of Markets and Consumer Protection would be hosting a conference on 16<sup>th</sup> May in collaboration with the National Houses in Multiple Occupation Network in the Livery Hall. The conference was to focus on new legislation, guidance and good practice affecting Houses in Multiple Occupation.

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception at the conclusion of the conference. The reception would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to engage with representatives from across the UK and to highlight the work of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

#### **(I) Social Impact Investment Implementation Taskforce**

In March 2018, the Prime Minister commissioned an industry taskforce, the Social Impact Investment Implementation Taskforce, to take forward proposals on social impact investing. It was proposed that the City Corporation host a panel discussion followed by a reception to mark the closing of the Social Impact Investment Implementation Taskforce.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a panel discussion followed by a reception, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.



*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for a panel discussion followed by a reception, and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

**(J) 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bar Council**

The General Council of the Bar was founded in 1894 to represent barristers in England and Wales. It aims to promote the Bar's specialist advocacy and advisory services, fair access to justice and high standards of ethics, equality and diversity across the profession.

2019 additionally marks 100 years since the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919. The Act removed disqualification from any public office or any civil profession, including the legal profession, by reason of sex or marriage.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a lecture and question and answer session to mark the anniversary of the foundation of the Bar Council, followed by an early evening reception and a small private dinner. The lecture would be given by Lady Justice Heather Hallett, who was appointed the first female Chairman of the Bar Council in 1998 and was currently Vice President of the Court of Appeal Criminal Division. The event would present an opportunity to build on the relationship between the City Corporation and the legal profession.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture, early evening reception and small dinner, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for a lecture, early evening reception and small dinner, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

**(K) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women by the Church of England**

2019 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first women being ordained as priests by the Church of England. Many events were to be held across the country to mark the anniversary of the ordination of women, including a reception at Lambeth Palace hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and a service at St Paul's Cathedral due to take place in June.

It was proposed that, to mark this anniversary, the City Corporation hosts a keynote address and question and answer session with the Bishop of London, followed by an early evening reception and a small private dinner. The event would present an opportunity further to develop the City's relationship with the Diocese of London and demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to promoting equality and diversity.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a keynote address, early evening reception and small dinner, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of

the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for a keynote address, early evening reception and small dinner, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the agreed parameters.

**(L) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Let's Talk exhibition and early evening reception**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, urgent authority was sought to host an early evening reception to launch the Let's Talk exhibition in Guildhall Yard. The exhibition was intended to encourage people to talk more openly about mental health through a combination of photography and illustration.

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to launch the exhibition, providing an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to promoting positive mental wellbeing, as well as raising awareness of factors affecting mental health.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party on 28<sup>th</sup> February, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 25<sup>th</sup> April 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 be noted.

**(M) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Fantastic Feats and the London Festival of Architecture launch and early evening reception**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19 urgent authority was sought for the City Corporation to co-host an early evening reception to launch "Fantastic Feats: the building of London" public events programme and the London Festival of Architecture.

This year the City Corporation will launch s entitled "Fantastic Feats: the Building of London". The launch of Fantastic Feats coincides with the London Festival of Architecture, an annual month-long architectural festival taking place in June. The Festival is the world's largest annual architectural event.

It was proposed that the City Corporation co-host, with the London Festival of Architecture, a reception to launch Fantastic Feats - a major six-month programme of outdoor events – as well as the London Festival of Architecture, with which it would coincide.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 25<sup>th</sup> April 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 be noted.

**(N) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Private view for the launch of the Architecture in London exhibition**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19 urgent authority was sought to host a private view in Guildhall Art Gallery to mark the launch of the Architecture in London exhibition.

Guildhall Art Gallery's main exhibition in 2019, Architecture in London, was intended to explore the depiction of London's buildings in art, and how they served as a source of inspiration to artists over the centuries.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a private view, to provide an opportunity to promote the exhibition and thank supporters and contributors, as well as showcase the City Corporation's contribution to London's cultural life.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party on 28<sup>th</sup> February, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 25<sup>th</sup> April 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 be noted.

**(O) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Early evening reception to mark the transfer of the 'AIDS since the 80s' archive to the London Metropolitan Archives**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, urgent authority was sought to host an early evening reception to mark the transfer of the 'AIDS in the 80s' archive, a digital collection of over 100 film interviews with individuals affected by the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s and 1990s.

The City Corporation hosted an early evening reception on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to mark the transfer of the archive. The reception provided an opportunity to recognise the importance of the project and to highlight the collection as a resource for the public.

Following the decision of Policy and Resources Committee to endorse the application, it became evident that waiting for Court of Common Council approval on 7<sup>th</sup> March would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place. Approval was therefore sought and obtained under urgency procedures and it was **recommended** that this urgent action be noted.

*Resolved* – That the action taken be noted.

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

26 February 2019

**Amendment to Protocol on Member/Officer Relations**

At its meeting of 25 January 2019, the Standards Committee recommended amending the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations to clarify dispute procedures available to an Officer who might be dissatisfied with the conduct or behaviour of a Member. The revised wording also acknowledged that the Aldermanic Chairmen perform a similar role to the Chief Commoner in relation to the welfare and conduct of Aldermen.

The Establishment Committee subsequently considered these amendments at its meeting of 26 February 2019 and agreed to the proposed changes for subsequent approval by Members of the Court of Common Council.

*Resolved* – That the amendments to the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations be approved as set out in the report.

21. **EDUCATION BOARD****(Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst)**

14 March 2019

**Appointment of Governor to Prior Weston Primary School**

The City of London Corporation holds responsibility for the appointment of a number of Governors to the several City Academies, as well as a number of other schools and educational institutions.

Consideration had recently been given to one of these vacancies and the Education Board accordingly **recommended** that the Court of Common Council grant approval to the reappointment of Jeremy Mayhew to the Board of Governors of Prior Weston Primary School.

*Resolved* – That Jeremy Mayhew be appointed to the Board of Governors of Prior Weston Primary School for a term of four years, expiring on 24 April 2023.

22. *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:-**

23. *Resolved* – that the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

24. **Policy and Resources Committee**

The Court approved proposals relating to the Markets Consolidation Programme.

25. **Capital Buildings and Policy and Resources Committees**

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the police accommodation strategy and associated budgets.

26. **Finance Committee**

The Court:-

- (a) approved the annual pay award to Museum of London staff; and,
- (b) noted action taken under urgency procedures in relation to borrowing arrangements.

27. **Police and Finance Committees**

The Court approved proposals relating to the award of a contract.

28. **Community and Children's Services Committee**

The Court approved proposals relative to a major refurbishment project.

29. **Property Investment Board**

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the refurbishment of a property.

**The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.35 pm**

**BARRADELL.**