



RUSSELL, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

16th January 2020
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee
Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman
Emma Edhem
John Garbutt
Sir Roger Gifford
Alison Gowman

Prem Goyal
David Andrew Graves
Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Gregory Jones QC
Vincent Thomas Keaveny
Alastair John Naisbitt King

Ian David Luder
Bronek Masojada
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman
William Anthony Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

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Deputy John David Absalom
Caroline Kordai Addy
Munsur Ali
Rehana Banu Ameer
Randall Keith Anderson
Douglas Barrow
Adrian Mark Bastow
John Bennett
Peter Gordon Bennett
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith
Mark Bostock
Deputy Keith David Forbes
Bottomley
Deputy David John Bradshaw
Tijs Broeke
Deputy Michael John Cassidy
Deputy Roger Arthur Holden
Chadwick
John Douglas Chapman
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Graeme Doshi-Smith

Karina Dostalova
Simon D'Olier Duckworth
Mary Durcan
John Ernest Edwards
Anne Helen Fairweather
Helen Lesley Fentimen
Sophie Anne Fernandes
John William Fletcher
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Deputy The Revd Stephen
Decatur Haines
Graeme Harrower
Sheriff Christopher Michael
Hayward
Christopher Hill
Deputy Tom Hoffman,
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Deputy Wendy Hyde
Deputy Clare James
Deputy Henry Llewellyn Michael
Jones

Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi
Tim Levene
Vivienne Littlechild
Deputy Edward Lord
Andrew Paul Mayer
Jeremy Mayhew
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Wendy Mead
Deputy Robert Allan Merrett
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers
Deputy Brian Desmond Francis
Mooney
Deputy Alastair Michael Moss
Deputy Joyce Carruthers Nash
Barbara Patricia Newman
Susan Jane Pearson
John Petrie
William Pimlott
Judith Pleasance

Deputy James Henry George
Pollard
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Jason Paul Pritchard
Deputy Elizabeth Rogula
James de Sausmarez
John George Stewart Scott
Oliver Sells QC
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Deputy Tom Sleight
Sir Michael Snyder
Deputy James Michael Douglas
Thomson
Deputy John Tomlinson
William Upton QC
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations Alderman Alison Gowman declared an interest in respect of Item 14(C) as a Trustee of the London Road Safety Council charity.

Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Deputy Tom Hoffman and John Scott also took the opportunity to highlight their previously-declared appointments as Directors of Gresham College, with reference to Item 21.

3. Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
4. Resolutions *Resolved unanimously* – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to:-
Alderman Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin
on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Knight Bachelor, in recognition of services to International Business, Inclusion and Skills.
Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to:-
Geoffrey Michael Boyd Pick, OBE
Director of the London Metropolitan Archives, on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of services to Management of Records and Archives in London.
Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to:-
Carol Boswarthack, MBE
the City Corporation's Head of Barbican and Community Libraries, on her recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of her services to libraries.
5. Mayoral Visits The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to Birmingham, the United Arab Emirates, Mexico and the United States of America.
6. Policy Statement The Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee spoke to update the Court on the latest position in respect of the major projects being undertaken by the City Corporation, the Fundamental Review, the Governance Review, and support for the financial and professional services sector in the lead-up to Brexit and beyond.
7. Hospital Seal There were no docquets to be sealed.
8. Freedoms The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned, persons who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City by Redemption:-
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| Tessy Antony De Nassau
<i>Paul Barrow-Longain</i>
<i>William Alfred Hackett</i> | a Consultancy Company Director
<i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>
<i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> | Kensington, London |
| Valerie Ann Barber
<i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i>
<i>Cdre David Andrew Harry</i>
<i>McGregor Smith, CBE (RN)</i> | a Teaching Assistant
<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>
<i>Citizen and Cook</i> | Stotfold, Hertfordshire |
| Dr Surjit Singh Bhalla
<i>Jasdev Singh Rehncy</i> | a Financial Adviser
<i>Citizen and Mason</i> | Hounslow, London |

<i>Brian Roy Jones</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
Christopher Thomas Bonner <i>Cdre David Andrew Harry</i> <i>McGregor Smith, CBE (RN)</i> <i>Lt Col Marcus Richard Appleton</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	North Finchley, London
Ewan James Graham Bramhall <i>Deputy Roger Arthur Holden</i> <i>Chadwick, OBE</i> <i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Bookham, Surrey
Richard James Alexander Bridgwood <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	an Entertainment Company Director <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Ruth Olive Buckmaster <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i> <i>Diane Irene Warman</i>	a Teacher, retired <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i>	Hertfordshire
Revd. Canon Stephen Martin Burdett <i>Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	a Clerk in Holy Orders, retired <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Essex
Cdre Michael Edward Deeks <i>Neil Graham Morgan Redcliffe</i> <i>Paul Theodore Orchart</i>	The Western Australian Agent General <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Chelsea, London
Oliver Max Dee-Shapland <i>George Niblett</i> <i>Martin Victor Edwards</i>	a Chartered Surveyor <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Deptford, London
Patrick Richard Doran <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i> <i>Gregory Alfred Lawrence, CC</i>	a Caterer, retired <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Norfolk
Anna Louise Dunne <i>Cdre David Andrew Harry</i> <i>McGregor Smith, CBE (RN)</i> <i>Lt Col Marcus Richard Appleton</i>	a Property Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Leintwardine, Herefordshire
Ian Edmed <i>Peter Rupert David Wood</i> <i>Trevor George Lord</i>	a Chartered Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Peacehaven, East Sussex
Christopher Field <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	an Investment Manager <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Bartlow, Cambridgeshire
Wendy Sue Fullerton <i>Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	a Music Teacher <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Poplar, London

The Right Rev'd Robert Todd Giffin <i>Michele McCarthy</i> <i>John A Welch</i>	an Anglican Bishop <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	San Antonio, Texas, United States of America
Dennis Allan Gimes <i>John James Tunesi of Liongam, The Younger</i> <i>Barry John Frederick Theobald-Hicks</i>	a Personal Security Officer <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	West Kensington, London
Claire Rebecca Harris <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i> <i>Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP</i>	a Market Research Consultant <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	Hammersmith, London
Kjell Hatteland <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i> <i>Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	Chelsea, London
Vincent Patrick Hawkes <i>Robert David Tunks</i> <i>Julian James Clark</i>	a Police Officer <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire
Anthony Raymond Hourigan <i>Cdre David Andrew Harry McGregor Smith, CBE (RN)</i> <i>Lt Col Marcus Richard Appleton</i>	a Logistics Consultant <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Robert Kenneth Hutton <i>Richard John Hopkinson-Woolley</i> <i>David Anthony Bianco</i>	a Chartered Surveyor <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Surveyor</i>	Raynes Park, London
Keith Stuart Johnson <i>Jon Richard Leech</i> <i>Timothy John Macandrews, TD JP FCA</i>	a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wire Drawer</i>	Raynes Park, London
Paul Anthony Johnson <i>Hilary Miller</i> <i>Colin Trevor Gurnett</i>	a Military Musician <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Victoria, London
Dr Anthony Thomas Juniper, CBE <i>Jeremy Lewis Simons, CC</i> <i>Carolyn Foreman Dwyer</i>	an Environmentalist <i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Mandy Judith Kidd <i>William Barrie Fraser, OBE</i> <i>Paula Shea Tomlinson</i>	a Secretary, retired <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	New Barnet, Hertfordshire

Rebecca Judith Lawes <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Hilary Ann Russell</i>	an Administrator <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
William Patrick Lagan Lawes <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Hilary Ann Russell</i>	an Investment Banker <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Karl Lawton <i>Paul Holmes Mark Douglas Estaugh</i>	a Lighting Director <i>Citizen and Security Professional Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Sidcup, Kent
Richard William Lincoln <i>Paul Bernard Cohen Robert Whittingham</i>	a Carpentry Company Director <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Benfleet, Essex
Andrew John Lorenz <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Basketmaker Citizen and Glover</i>	Romford, Essex
Laurence Ralph Marchant <i>Jeremy Andrew Batchelor, JP Michael Barley</i>	a Police Constable, retired <i>Citizen and Security Professional Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Brentwood, Essex
Terence George Marlow <i>Alan Leslie Warman Norman Edward Chapman</i>	a Hackney Carriage Driver <i>Citizen and Clockmaker Citizen and Glover</i>	Woodford Green, Essex
Ellen McCarthy <i>John Alexander Smail Cdre David Andrew Harry McGregor Smith, CBE (RN)</i>	an Oil Company Executive, retired <i>Citizen and Distiller Citizen and Cook</i>	Bloomsbury
Aidan Thomas Edward McDonald <i>Wesley Val Hollands Roger Keys</i>	an Electronic Engineer <i>Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Chartered Surveyor</i>	Co. Cork, Ireland
Margot Claudia McDonnell <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Pewterer Citizen and Broderer</i>	Chelsea
Edward Allan McNabb <i>John A Welch Michele McCarthy</i>	a Barrister & Solicitor <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker Citizen and Scrivener</i>	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
David Richard Meacher-Jones <i>Harry Andrew Crook Paul Quellyn-Roberts</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Apothecaries Citizen and Distiller</i>	Chester, Cheshire
Susan Elizabeth Meacher-Jones <i>Harry Andrew Crook Paul Quellyn-Roberts</i>	a Practice Manager <i>Citizen and Apothecaries Citizen and Distiller</i>	Chester, Cheshire

John Mothersole <i>Ald. Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin</i> <i>Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley</i>	a City Council Chief Executive <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Rodger Newman <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>Martin Robinson</i>	a Lloyd's Broker, retired <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Battersea, London
Osman Fethi Osman <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	a Tax Law Director <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	West Wickham, Kent
Dr Ghanshyam Maganbhai Patel <i>Derek Martin Morley</i> <i>Ovlan Clement Redmond</i>	a Medical General Practitioner, retired <i>Citizen and Furniture Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	Oadby, Leicester
Jonathan Spencer Perry <i>Colin James Bridgen</i> <i>Jeffrey Charles Williams</i>	a Sales Manager <i>Citizen and Carmen</i> <i>Citizen and Carmen</i>	Bristol
Darius Rahimi-Laridjani <i>Sean Padraig Belton</i> <i>Graham Frederick Jones</i>	a Diplomat and Minister Counsellor <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	East Sheen, Richmond
Benjamin Alexander Ramsay <i>Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett</i> <i>Richard Evans</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Dagenham, Essex
Jeannette Lesley Ramsay <i>Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett</i> <i>Richard Evans</i>	a Caseworker <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Barking, Essex
Dawn Elaine Sayers <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Emma Sue Redcliffe</i>	a Medical Secretary <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	St. Albans, Hertfordshire
Peter James Sayers <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Emma Sue Redcliffe</i>	a Plant Sales Managing Director, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	St. Albans, Hertfordshire
Melanie Ann Meader Simpson <i>Iain Reid</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	a Company Director <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Blackheath, London
Richard Thomas Smithson <i>Ivor Macklin</i> <i>Erick Roberton</i>	an Electrical Engineer <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	Westerham, Kent
Robert Graham Smithson, JP <i>Ivor Macklin</i> <i>Erick Roberton</i>	an Electrical Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	Keston, Kent
Daniel James Staples <i>Neil Graham Morgan Redcliffe</i>	an Army Officer <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Ipswich, Suffolk

<i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
David Stringer <i>Hilary Miller</i> <i>Colin Trevor Gurnett</i>	a Risk Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Eastbourne, East Sussex
Samuel James Tomkinson <i>Alan Roy Willis</i> <i>Paul Christian Jensen</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Camden, London
David Leslie Watson <i>Neil Graham Morgan Redcliffe</i> <i>Emma Sue Redcliffe</i>	an Australian Trade Diplomat <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Westminster, London
Geoffrey Howard Watson <i>Ivor Macklin</i> <i>Charles Dragoslav Lazarevic</i>	a Shipping Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	Gravesend, Kent
David John Alexander Whitten <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Christopher William Sprague</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Barber</i>	Thames Ditton, Surrey
Paul Anthony Wright <i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i> <i>Cdre David Andrew Harry</i> <i>McGregor Smith, CBE (RN)</i>	a General Manager <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Overstone, Northamptonshire

Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons to the Freedom of this City by Redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

9. Legislation

The Court received a report on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

Statutory Instruments

The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health Fees Etc.) Regulations 2019 S.I. No. 1488

This Regulation gives effect to EU legislation (Official Controls Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/625)). It introduces a risk-based approach to official controls and simplifies current rules extends the application of the rules to the entire agri-food chain. These controls on products of animal and non-animal origin are carried out by the City of London Corporation in its capacity as a port health authority

The Official Feed and Food Controls (England) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019 S.I. No. 1476

This Regulation gives effect to EU legislation (Official Controls Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/625)) and enables a proper functioning system of food and

feed safety controls by amending and updating UK legislation to remove references to now repealed EU legislation.

Bills

The following Bills were included in the Queen's Speech, but at the time of writing this report, only the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill has received a First Reading in Parliament.

European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill

The Bill will implement in domestic law the Withdrawal Agreement which has been agreed between the UK and the EU. It will ensure that the UK leaves the EU with a deal on 31 January, provide for an implementation period ending on 31 December 2020, protect the rights of EU, EEA and Swiss citizens in UK law, and implement the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland. The Bill now also provides that the UK may not agree to an extension of the implementation period.

Agriculture Bill

The Bill will replace the Common Agricultural Policy with a system based on 'public money for public goods', rewarding farmers for work to enhance the environment, improve animal welfare and produce high quality food in a more sustainable way.

Trade Bill

The Bill will create powers so that the UK can transition trade agreements it is party to through its membership of the EU, ensuring continuity for businesses. It will establish an independent body to protect UK firms against injury caused by unfair trade practices and unforeseen surges in imports, create powers for the UK to implement the WTP Agreement on Government Procurement, and ensure the UK government has legal powers to gather and share trade information as evidence to support UK firms against surges in imports and unfair practices.

Financial Services Legislation

This will build on secondary legislation brought forward under the EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018 to ensure the effective operation of retained EU law. It will aim to deliver long-term market access between the UK and Gibraltar for financial services firms and simplify the process which allows overseas investment funds to be sold in the UK. It will also provide for the implementation of the Basel standards to strengthen regulation of global banks. Further measures to ensure the UK maintains its world-leading regulatory standards and remains open to international markets after the UK leaves the EU will be set out in due course.

Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill

The Bill is intended to make it easier for UK individuals and families who become involved in international legal disputes to access justice by implementing key international agreements to ensure that after Brexit the UK continues to have clear and effective legal rules agreed with other countries. The Bill will provide the Government with powers to implement further agreements on Private International Law, allowing the UK to remain at the forefront of delivering legal certainty and access to justice internationally.

Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill

The Bill will bring an end to free movement in UK law, allowing the Government to deliver an Australian-style points-based immigration system from 2021. From 2021 EU citizens arriving in the UK will be subject to the same controls as non-EU citizens. It will provide powers to change the current rules for access to benefits and social security coordination.

Employment Bill

The Bill will create a new enforcement body for workers' rights, introduce a right for workers to request a more predictable contract, extend redundancy protections to prevent pregnancy and maternity discrimination, allow parents to take extended leave for neonatal care, and, subject to consultation, make flexible working the default.

Pension Schemes Bill

The Bill will create a legislative framework for the introduction of pensions dashboards, strengthen the Pensions Regulator's powers and sanctions regime, provide a framework for the establishment of collective defined contribution schemes, and amend legislation relating to the Pension Protection Fund compensation regime.

Renters' Reform Bill

The Bill will introduce reforms intended to deliver a fairer and more effective rental market, abolish the use of 'no fault' evictions, introduce a new lifetime deposit, give landlords more rights to gain possession of their property through the courts where there is legitimate need, and widen access to and expand the scope of the database of rogue landlords.

Fire Safety Bill

The Bill will implement the relevant legislative recommendations of the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry Phase 1 Report. It will clarify that the scope of the Fire Safety Order includes the external walls of a building and strengthen enforcement powers to hold building owners and managers to account.

Building Safety Bill

The Bill will put in place new and enhanced regulatory regimes for building safety and construction products, and ensure residents have a stronger voice in the system.

Online Harms Bill

The Bill is intended to improve internet safety, protect children and other vulnerable users, and ensure there are no safe spaces for terrorists online. It will build on proposals set out in the Online Harms White Paper, with legislation developed in response to the consultation on the White Paper. Ahead of this legislation, the Government will publish interim codes of practice on tackling the use of the internet by terrorists and those engaged in child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Counter Terrorism (Sentencing and Release) Bill

The Bill will provide for tougher sentences for the most serious terrorist offences.

Sentencing Bill

The Bill will change the automatic release on licence for adults convicted of serious violence or sexual offences from halfway to the two-thirds point.

Serious Violence Bill

The Bill will implement a multi-agency approach to tackling the root causes of violent crime. New duties on specified agencies, including local government, will ensure collaborative working and data sharing to reduce serious violence.

Police Powers and Protections Bill

The Bill will establish a Police Covenant on a statutory footing; strengthen the powers available to police to tackle unauthorised encampments, and provide police drivers with additional legal protections.

Domestic Abuse Bill

The Bill will create a statutory definition of domestic abuse, establish in law the Domestic Abuse Commissioner, provide for new Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Orders, and place a duty on tier one local authorities, such as the GLA, to provide support to victims of domestic violence and their children in refuges.

National Security and Investment Bill

The Bill will strengthen the Government's powers to scrutinise and intervene in business transactions (takeovers and mergers) to protect national security.

Environment Bill

The Bill will put environmental principles into law; introduce legally binding targets; and establish a new Office for Environmental Protection. It will increase local powers to tackle sources of air pollution, and extend producer responsibility for waste materials. Deposit return schemes and charges for specified single use plastic items will also be introduced.

Read.

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

10.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Outside Bodies:-

Where appropriate:-

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

- (A) One Member on the **Cripplegate Foundation**, for a term expiring in December 2024.

Nominations received:-

Susan Jane Pearson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Susan Pearson to be appointed to the Cripplegate Foundation.

- (B) One Member on the **Dr Johnson's House Trust**, for a term expiring in December 2021.

Nominations received:-

*Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Simons to be appointed to the Dr Johnson's House Trust.

- (C) Three Members on **Christ's Hospital**, for terms expiring in January 2024.

Nominations received:-

*Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Nicholas Bensted-Smith to be appointed to Christ's Hospital.

- (D) Two Members on the **Trust for London**, for terms commencing April 2020 and expiring in April 2025.

Nominations received:-

Rehana Banu Ameer

*Alderman Alison Gowman

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

Read.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on 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.

11. Questions

*Pimlott, W. to the
Chair of the
Planning and
Transportation
Committee*

Tree Planting and City Greening

William Pimlott asked a question of the Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the City's commitments to greening and tree planting in the Square Mile in the coming period.

Responding, the Chair advised that the emerging City of London Local Plan 2036 had ambitious targets to increase greening and tree planting across the City, noting the positive correlation between urban greening and good mental and physical health. Given that the provision of large green spaces in the City's high-density urban environment was difficult to achieve, he observed that small areas of soft landscaping, together with green walls and green roofs associated with buildings and the public realm would, therefore, play a vital role.

In relation to trees and canopy cover, the Chair advised that there were currently over 2,650 trees in the City, an increase from 2,400 in 2012, providing a canopy cover of 2.4%. Whilst this is below the canopy cover in our neighbouring boroughs, the City's size, density of development and, importantly, the extensive network of services below ground, limited the scope for significant increases in tree cover. Nevertheless, the City Corporation's Tree Strategy was currently being reviewed with a view to implementing more ambitious targets.

*Pearson, S.J. to
the Chair of the
Planning and
Transportation
Committee*

Beech Street

Sue Pearson asked a question of the Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning plans to make the Beech Street tunnel the first zero emission street in London.

In reply, the Chair observed that Beech Street suffered from some of the worst air pollution levels in the Square Mile as, due to the enclosed nature of the street, pollution was effectively trapped and could not easily disperse. This scheme was intended to address the immediate need to bring air quality on Beech Street within legal limits, as well as serving as a pathfinder for wider ambitions to encourage and enable greater use of zero-emission vehicles across the City.

The Chair apologised for any confusion or alarm arising from media reporting on the scheme in late 2019, advising that the engagement plan for residents and businesses, including those in the Golden Lane area, was to be undertaken in the New Year. He agreed that it was not acceptable for residents and business to have first learned of the scheme in this manner and added that, with greater certainty about the start date for the scheme now in place, communications with local communities and businesses would commence imminently. Relevant Members would also have received an information note and a plan of the scheme.

With reference to specific queries concerning the scheme's objectives, the Chair outlined the desire to bring a significant improvement in air quality and health benefits for users and to bring nitrogen dioxide levels on Beech Street and at the entrances to Richard Cloudesley School and Prior Weston Primary School within the limits set out by the European Union and World Health Organisation. He also outlined the various options that had been considered, resulting in a decision to progress with a two-way zero emission street. The scheme was being implemented under an experimental traffic order and the consultation period would coincide with the first six months of the restriction. This, together with comprehensive monitoring, would allow for adaptations to be made as the scheme progressed, allowing the City Corporation to respond to any issues, whilst also informing a final decision.

Sue Pearson asked a supplementary question in which she highlighted the unavoidable detrimental impact of the proposed scheme on residents of the Golden Lane and adjacent areas, particularly in respect of the displacement of traffic and associated air pollution, noise and road safety compared with the minimal benefits to cyclists and pedestrians who would be using the tunnel by choice and only for short periods of time. Given this, she suggested that it appeared the project constituted a vanity project that would enable the City to boast of creating the first zero emission zone in the country, irrespective of the impact on residents. The Chair reminded Members that this was an experimental scheme and the impacts would be monitored closely. It was intended that the effects of this scheme, if successful, could be promulgated across the City, presenting an opportunity to change the tone and method of travel across the area, to the benefit of all in the Square Mile and beyond. Beech Street suffered from the worst air quality in the City and it was, therefore, an appropriate starting point for this new approach.

Responding to further supplementary questions, the Chair agreed with the importance of ensuring effective communication with residents and undertook to ensure that consultation with residents and local Ward Members was in place before the scheme began. He also noted the importance of working with neighbouring boroughs and Transport for London to ensure that plans were joined-up in the wider area and the impacts were fully understood.

12. Motions There were no Motions.

13. Awards & Prizes There was no report.

14. **HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Tom Hoffman, M.B.E., Chief Commoner)

17 December 2019

Applications for Hospitality

(a) International Council on Archives reception

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception at the conclusion of the International Council on Archives Executive Board Meeting in London on Monday 20th April 2020. The Council is the principal international body in the archives sector and the City Corporation, through London Metropolitan Archives, had worked closely with the Council in showcasing its own work as one of the world's leading archives, and in developing partnerships with other institutions to improve its own services.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception at the conclusion of the International Council on Archives Executive Board Meeting in London, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception at the conclusion of the International Council on Archives Executive Board Meeting in London, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

(b) Pride Flag Raising 2020

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception following the Pride Flag Raising at Guildhall on Monday 22 June 2020 to mark the Pride in London Festival. Pride in London is the UK's largest LGBT+ event. In 2020 the Pride in London Parade was to take place on Saturday 27 June.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following the Pride Flag raising and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Establishment Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following the Pride Flag raising and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Establishment Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

(c) London Road Safety Council reception

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception to coincide with the 2020 AGM and conference of the London Road Safety Council at Guildhall on Friday 17th July 2020. The London Road Safety Council is a cross party organisation committed to improving the safety of all road users and reducing casualties on London's roads.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for conference refreshments and an early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Planning & Transportation Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for conference refreshments and an early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Planning & Transportation Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

(d) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Mark Field retirement dinner

The Court noted action taken in accordance with Standing Order No. 19, in relation to authority granted under urgency procedures to host a dinner in honour of the Rt Hon Mark Field. Mark Field was first elected as MP for the Cities of London and Westminster in 2001. During his 18 years in Parliament, he was a tireless advocate for the City of London and spoke frequently on matters of keen interest to the City Corporation.

Arrangements were to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party on 17 December 2019, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 16 January 2020 would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place and for invitations to be issued. Approval was therefore sought and obtained under urgency procedures.

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

(e) Charity Fundraising Dinner: Australian Bushfires Relief Effort

The opportunity was taken to advise Members that the City of London Corporation and the Australian High Commission would be hosting a charity fundraising dinner for the Australian bushfires relief effort on 12 March. The proposal had been considered and approved under urgency procedures after the publication of papers for the current meeting and the action taken would be the subject of a formal report to the March meeting of the Court.

15.

FINANCE COMMITTEE**(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)****Capital Funding Requests**

7 January 2020

In April 2019, the annual capital prioritisation approach was approved, which identified projects to be progressed outside of the Fundamental Review and the resources that would be required to be allocated to them. Subsequent to this, funding approvals were considered in May, July and October to allow the progression of a number of those projects that it had been agreed could be advanced outside of the Fundamental Review and which addressed risks on the corporate risk register, had sound business cases that clearly demonstrated the negative impact of deferring the scheme, or met certain defined criteria (e.g. health and safety compliance requirements, statutory compliance requirements, and so on).

The release of £2.625m was now proposed to fund two of the previously identified schemes which met the criteria for progression outside of the Fundamental Review. A contribution of up to £1.375m from City's Cash reserves was required to progress repair works to the earth embankment dams of Baldwins and Birch Hall Park ponds at Epping, to prevent further deterioration from leakage and internal erosion and also overtopping and dam failure during extreme storm events. Up to £1.25m from City Fund reserves was also required for replacement of the end of life airwave radio police communication system.

Following approval by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and Policy & Resources Committee, the Finance Committee now **recommended** to the Court the requisite in-year budget adjustments to allow for the release of the funds and for these two projects to progress.

Resolved – That the allocation of central funding of up to £2.625m, together with the associated in-year budget adjustments, be approved to allow two schemes to progress (subject to the requisite Gateway approvals), viz:-

1. Up to £1.375m from City's Cash reserves as a contribution to the cost of the Baldwins and Birch Hall Park pond works.
2. Up to £1.250m from City Fund reserves to meet the cost of a replacement airwave radio communication system.

16. **COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE**

(Randall Keith Anderson)

13 December 2019

Fire Door Replacement Programme

Following the tragedy at Grenfell Tower in 2017, the City of London Corporation began an extensive review of the fire safety of its social housing estates. Early on it was determined that the front doors of many units did not meet present standards and were a significant risk to the compartmentation of the units. Therefore, the City of London Corporation made a public commitment to embark on an enhanced front door replacement programme. The vast majority of front entrance doors in the City's residential blocks were as originally installed and had reached the end of their useful life. This project proposed a programme of works to provide replacement doors which will give up to 60 minutes fire resistance; with 30 minutes as an absolute minimum if 60 minutes was not achievable or appropriate.

The quickest route to getting the fire doors up to standard simultaneously, across multiple sites, was to procure the works on an estate-by-estate basis. The cost difference between this and procuring a single contractor was believed to be negligible. The cost of the fire door replacement programme was expected to be £8,954,000 (comprising of £7,964,000 works costs and £990,000 for fees and staff costs) to be funded by the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Court was **recommended** to approve the progression of the project. The works would also include the replacement of front doors to long leaseholders' flats, which were also the City Corporation's responsibility.

Resolved – That the progression of the HRA Estates Fire Door Replacement Programme to 'Gateway 5' of the City of London Corporation's Projects Procedure (Authority to Start Work) be approved, at a cost of £8.954m (comprising £7,964,000 works costs and £990,000 for fees and staff costs), funded by the HRA.

17. *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:-

18. *Resolved* – That the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
19. **Policy and Resources Committee**
The Court approved proposals relating to the Markets Consolidation Programme.
20. **Finance Committee**
The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the award of a Framework Agreement
21. **Gresham Committee (City Side)**
The Court approved funding proposals associated with Gresham College.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.05 pm

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