

RESOLUTION: COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND CONSEQUENTIAL MATTERS**

RESOLVED: That:-

1. In light of the current Coronavirus Pandemic, the meeting of the Court of Common Council scheduled for Thursday 23 April 2020 be abandoned.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 21, the annual appointment of committees of the City of London Corporation due to take place at the meeting of the Court of Common Council originally scheduled for Thursday 23 April 2020 will instead take place at the meeting of the Court scheduled for Thursday 15 April 2021.
3. The Membership of all Committees and their Terms of Reference will remain as at the date of this resolution.
4. A Member who would otherwise, due to the expiry of their term of office in accordance with Standing Order 24(1)(a), retire from a Committee at the meeting of the Court originally scheduled for 23 April 2020, will instead retire at the meeting of the Court scheduled for 15 April 2021; and the Member's term of office on the relevant Committee is extended accordingly.
5. A Member who would otherwise, due to expiry of their term of office in accordance with Standing Order 24(1)(a), retire from a Committee at the meeting of the Court scheduled for 15 April 2021 will instead retire at the meeting of the Court scheduled for April 2022; and the Member's term of office on the relevant Committee is extended accordingly. The same shall apply *pari passu* for Members due to retire from Committees in 2022 and 2023 respectively.
6. Service on Ward Committees during the 2020/21 municipal year shall not count for the purposes of Standing Order 23(5).
7. In view of there being no appointment of Committees in 2020, the provisions of Standing Orders 29(4) and 30(5) will not apply and Committees will therefore not elect Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen in 2020. The Members holding office as Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen in 2019-2020 will continue to hold those offices until the first meeting of the Committee after the appointment of Committees in 2021.
8. Should a Chairman notify the Town Clerk of their resignation from that office prior to the appointment of Committees in 2021, then the Deputy Chairman will act with full power and authority as Chairman until the next regular election in 2021, and the provisions of Standing Order 29(2) will not apply. The late Chairman will, providing they remain in Common Council and a member of the Committee, become the de-facto Deputy Chairman as would normally be the case under Standing Order 30(3)(a). In the absence of the late Chairman, the most recent past Chairman on the Committee still serving shall act in this fashion; in the absence of any past Chairman, this shall be the most senior Member on the Committee.
9. For the purposes of Standing Order 29(2) the period from the appointment of Committees in 2019 to the appointment of Committees in 2021 shall count as one year.
10. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 18(3), Deputy Brian Mooney will assume the office of Chief Commoner at one minute past midnight on 23 April 2020 and serve until the meeting of the Court scheduled for 15 April 2021, with that Standing Order suspended for the 2020-21 municipal year.
11. The provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, governing meetings which concern local authority meetings, shall be adopted and applied to all City Corporation Committees and Sub-Committees.