



RUSSELL, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

5th March 2020
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee
Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman
Emma Edhem
Prem Goyal
Timothy Russell Hailes
Robert Picton Seymour Howard

Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Vincent Thomas Keaveny
Susan Langley
Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons
Sheriff Prof. Michael Raymond Mainelli
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley

The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, William Anthony
Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams
John David Absalom
Munsur Ali
Randall Keith Anderson
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Douglas Barrow
Adrian Mark Bastow
Peter Gordon Bennett
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith
Mark Bostock
Deputy Keith David Forbes
Bottomley
Tijs Broeke
Deputy Michael Cassidy
John Douglas Chapman
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Graeme Doshi-Smith
Karina Dostalova
Simon D'Olier Duckworth
Peter Gerard Dunphy
Mary Durcan

John Ernest Edwards
Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett
Anne Helen Fairweather
Helen Lesley Fentime
Sophie Anne Fernandes
John William Fletcher
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Tracey Graham
Caroline Wilma Haines
Deputy The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines
Graeme Harrower
Sheriff Christopher Michael
Hayward
Deputy Tom Hoffman
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Deputy Wendy Hyde
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Shravan Jashvantraï Joshi
Angus Knowles-Cutler
Gregory Alfred Lawrence

Tim Levene
Vivienne Littlechild
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge
Deputy Edward Lord
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Jeremy Mayhew
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Wendy Mead
Andrew Paul Mayer
Robert Allan Merrett
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers
Deputy Brian Desmond Francis
Mooney
Deputy Alastair Michael Moss
Sylvia Doreen Moys
Deputy Joyce Carruthers Nash
Barbara Patricia Newman
Graham Packham
Dhruv Patel
Susan Jane Pearson
John Petrie

William Pimlott
Deputy James Henry George
Pollard
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Jason Paul Pritchard
Stephen Douglas Quilter
James de Sausmarez
Ruby Sayed
John George Stewart Scott
Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn
Shilson
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Deputy Tom Sleight
Deputy John Tomlinson
James Richard Tumbridge
William Upton QC
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Philip Woodhouse
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations There were no additional declarations.
3. Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded, subject to Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark being recorded as present.
4. Resolutions There were no resolutions.

5. Mayoral Visits The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to the Gulf, Switzerland and the World Economic Forum at Davos, Durham and Newcastle, and Scotland.
6. Policy Statement The Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee provided an update on COVID19 and some of the business contingency plans that were being put in place in case the outbreak continued to worsen.
7. Hospital Seal There were no docquets for the seal.
8. Freedoms The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned, persons who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City by Redemption:-

Mohammed Parvez Ahmed <i>Munsur Ali, CC</i> <i>Rehana Banu Ameer, CC</i>	a Councillor <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Brent, London
Adam Akar <i>Lin Jane Luder</i> <i>Ald. Ian David Luder, JP</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Cooper</i>	East Sussex
Yuiko Jenifer Andersen <i>Elisabeth Mainelli</i> <i>Sheriff Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	a Manager <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Putney, London
Paul Charles Barry <i>David Robert Attwood</i> <i>David John Chapman</i>	a Telecommunications Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler</i>	Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
Cdr Andrew Paul Basson, RN <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i> <i>Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP</i>	a Royal Navy Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	Norwich, Norfolk
Nicholas John Beavon <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i> <i>Simon Phillip Bannister</i>	a Pharmacist <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Wandsworth, London
William Andrew James Benton <i>Daniel Mark Heath</i> <i>Phillip John Davis</i>	a Royal Naval Officer <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i> <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	Cornwall
His Honour Judge Jeffrey Blackett <i>Malcolm Alastair Craig</i> <i>Mark Sutherland Johnson</i>	a Judge <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	Epsom, Surrey
Christopher John Bower <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a TV Producer <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Buckinghamshire
Simon Keith Bickley Bright <i>Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, CC</i> <i>Michael Alan Rutherford</i>	a Reinsurance Broker <i>Citizen and Fueller</i> <i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	Bermondsey, London

Leendert Leonard Buurman <i>Peter Hubert William Ruddy</i> <i>Melvyn Stuart Davis</i>	a Software Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Hampshire
Joan Lilian Cooksley <i>William Barrie Fraser, OBE</i> <i>Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley</i>	an Underwriter, retired <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Ridgewood, East Sussex
Alison Helen Cork <i>Eric Alford</i> <i>Margaret Joan Alford</i>	a Writer, Broadcaster & Entrepreneur <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Westminster, London
His Honour Judge Keith Charles Cutler, CBE <i>Graham Leslie Flight</i> <i>Lt. Col. John Craven Chambers</i>	a Judge <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	Salisbury, Wiltshire
Tara Kerry Czogalik <i>Jonathan Martin Avern</i> <i>Jeremy Lewis Simons, CC</i>	a Port Health Business Manager <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i>	Canvey Island, Essex
John Alfred Deadman <i>Brian Wheatley</i> <i>Peter Howard Allen</i>	a Taxi Driver, retired <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	Rochester, Kent
Geoffrey St John David Howard Douglas-Hiley <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	a Chelsea Pensioner <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Chelsea, London
Dr Irena Edwards <i>Mark Raymond Peter Wheatley</i> <i>Deputy James Henry George Pollard</i>	a Solicitor, retired <i>Citizen and Draper</i> <i>Citizen and Skinner</i>	Brent, London
Professor Sir Richard John Evans <i>Ald. & Sheriff Prof. Michael Raymond Mainelli</i> <i>John Christopher Carrington</i>	The Provost of Gresham College <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Royston, Hertfordshire
Anthony William Fordham <i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC</i> <i>Deputy Robert James Ingham Clark</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Reach, Cambridgeshire
Joel John William Garabedian <i>Valerie Anne Boakes</i> <i>Lynn Walters</i>	an Airline Captain <i>Citizen and Marketer</i> <i>Citizen and Horner</i>	Horsham, West Sussex
Alexander Garty <i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	a Transport Manager <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Westminster, London
Samuel Edward Gervaise-Jones <i>Andrien Meyers, CC</i>	an Investment Consultant <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Chorleywood, Hertfordshire

Rehana Banu Ameer, CC

Citizen and Common Councillor

James Thomas Gilbert

Iain Reid

Richard Leslie Springford

a Piers Manager

Citizen and Educator

Citizen and Carman

Bexleyheath, Kent

David Grey, MBE

Ald. Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin

Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley

an Executive Chairman

Citizen and International Banker

Citizen and Musician

Fulwood, Yorkshire

Jake Lewis Harper

Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC

Deputy Robert James Ingham Clark

an Investment Manager

Citizen and Loriner

Citizen and Clothworker

Clapham, London

Robert Brinley Joseph Harris, OBE

a Broadcaster and Writer

Mark Raymond Peter Wheatley

Deputy James Henry George Pollard

Citizen and Draper

Citizen and Skinner

Steventon,
Oxfordshire

Andrew Harston

a University Director

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Hilary Ann Russell

Citizen and Farmer

Billingham,
County Durham

Danielle Lillian Harte

a Tourist Guide

Guy Fairbank

David Harry

Citizen and Vintner

*Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper
Maker*

Bounds Green,
London

Caroline Rachel Elizabeth Harvey

a Trainee Solicitor

Antony David George Harvey

Lord Baden-Powell

Citizen and Educator

Citizen and Mercer

Nottingham,
Nottinghamshire

Thomas Patrick Vincent Hayes, MBE

Eric Charles Nash

Maureen Angela Bonanno-Smith

a Theatre Director

Citizen and Baker

Citizen and Baker

Silvertown, London

Douglas John Herbert

Anne Elizabeth Holden

Ann-Marie Jefferys

a Television Journalist

Citizen and Basketmaker

Citizen and Glover

Paris, France

Thomas Hicks, OBE

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Hilary Ann Russell

a Musician and Actor, retired

Citizen and Farmer

London

Roy Hodgson

Ald. Gregory Percy Jones , QC

Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.,

a Football Manager

Citizen and Leatherseller

Citizen and Fletcher

Twickenham, London

Ondrej Hovadek

Mark Anthony Grove

Karina Dostalova, CC

a Diplomat

Citizen and Cook

Citizen and Marketor

Kensington, London

Graeme Barry Howell

Michael Steele Keith Grant

Patrick John Marsland-Roberts, TD

a Project Management Trainer

Citizen and Information Technologist

Citizen and Carman

Brentwood, Essex

Nicola Jane Hughes

a Civil Servant

Bounds Green,

<i>Guy Fairbank</i> <i>David Harry</i>	<i>Citizen and Vintner</i> <i>Citizen and Stationers & Newspaper Makers</i>	London
Robert Wood Johnson IV <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	a Diplomat <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Regent's Park, London
Mark Peter Rhydderch Jones <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i> <i>Iain Reid</i>	a Waterman <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Westminster, London
Brenda Dorothy Kendrick <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i> <i>Anne Helen Fairweather, CC</i>	a Foster Carer <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Swanley, Kent
Timothy Edward Walter King <i>Edward Frederic Colin Donaldson</i> <i>Nicholas Herbert</i>	a Musician <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Bath, Somerset
Anne Charlotte Begor Lancashire <i>Nigel Reginald Pullman</i> <i>The Hon. Emmeline Veronica Louise Winterbotham</i>	a University Professor, retired <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i> <i>Citizen and Skinner</i>	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Michael Lindsay Landau <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i> <i>Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP</i>	a Finance Director <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	Radlett, Hertfordshire
Daren Anthony Legg, JP <i>Peter Ronald Elliott</i> <i>Michael Gerald Whyte</i>	an Equity Trader, retired <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Benfleet, Essex
Jason Leonard <i>Malcolm Alastair Craig</i> <i>Mark Jonathan Napier Winston</i>	an Event Company Director <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	Barnes, London
Gavin Gregory Lewis <i>Andrien Meyers, CC</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	an Investment Sales Director <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Finchley, London
Paul Gregory Kieran Little <i>Brian Lawrence Williamson</i> <i>Anthony Alexander Vlasto</i>	a College Principal <i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Portrush, Co Antrim, N. Ireland
Dr Mary Clare Loughlin-Chow <i>Ald. & Sheriff Prof. Michael Raymond Mainelli</i> <i>John Christopher Carrington</i>	an Academic Registrar <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Twickenham, London
Deborah Catherine McCormack <i>Peter Cheesman</i> <i>John Anthony Norman Lockyer</i>	an Early Years Practitioner <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Coulsdon, Surrey
Simon John Wyndham Monkhouse	a Consultant Surgeon	Westcott, Dorking

Lord Lingfield
Nigel Anthony Chimmo Branson, JP

Citizen and Goldsmith
Citizen and Haberdasher

Christopher John Orr
Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC
Deputy Brian David Francis Mooney

an Artist
Citizen and Loriner
Citizen and Common Councillor

Battersea, London

Martin Pluhar
Mark Anthony Grove
Karina Dostalova, CC

a Diplomat
Citizen and Cook
Citizen and Marketor

Kensington, London

Claire Louise Popplewell

a Creative Director

Hammersmith,
 London

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
Hilary Ann Russell

Citizen and Farmer

Diana Elizabeth Powell

a Fire Brigade Control Officer, retired

Harpenden,
 Hertfordshire

William Barrie Fraser, OBE
Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley

Citizen and Gardener
Citizen and Musician

Feeza Begum Ramjean
Mark Anthony Grove
Jean Deillon

a Club Chef
Citizen and Cook
Citizen and Distiller

Tottenham, London

Anthony Neil Rawlinson
Sara Ann Muggeridge
Richard David Williams

a Fundmanager and Private Equity
Citizen and Marketor
Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer

Westminster, London

David Alan Robertson
Alan Robert Brumwell
Christopher James Caine

a Police Officer, retired
Citizen and Plumber
Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards

Colchester, Essex

Jonathan Squirrel

a Consultant

Thames Ditton,
 Surrey

Donald Howard Coombe, MBE
Martin Robinson

Citizen and Poulter
Citizen and Poulter

Hannah Starkey
Deputy Thomas Dieter Dirk Hoffman, MBE
Graham David Packham, CC

an Artist
Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer
Citizen and Upholder

Hackney, London

Andrew Michael Thomas
Harry Andrew Crook
Sheldon Barry Shapiro

a Consultancy Business Director
Citizen and Apothecaries
Citizen and Blacksmith

Wrexham, Wales

Jacqueline Lesley Thomas
Harry Andrew Crook
Sheldon Barry Shapiro

a Dental Nurse, retired
Citizen and Apothecaries
Citizen and Blacksmith

Wrexham, Wales

Jonathan Edward Treasure
Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett
Elizabeth Rogula, CC

a Managing Director, retired
Citizen and Fletcher
Citizen and Common Councillor

Grays, Essex

Dawn Suzanne Turner

an Executive Director

Monmouthshire,
 Wales

Andrien Meyers, CC
Ald. Sir Roger Gifford, Kt.

Citizen and Common Councillor
Citizen and Musician

Rehan Ul-Haq <i>Ald. & Sheriff Prof. Michael Raymond Mainelli</i> <i>Robert Cripps McDowall</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Tin Plate Worker</i>	Worcestershire
Viviane Marie Paule Vayssieres <i>William Horsman</i> <i>Cdr Ian Richard Wellesley-Harding</i>	a Marketing Consultant <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Luton, Bedfordshire
Timothy Mark Wainwright <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Private Secretary <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Hampshire
Michael John Ward <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin</i>	a Diplomatic Services Officer <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Greenwich, New South Wales, Australia
Ashley Sebastian Daudi Christopher Waters <i>Gerald Dawson Clarkson, CBE, QFSM</i> <i>Alan Roy Willis</i>	a Business Development Manager <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Tower Hamlets, London
Matthew Stephen Whisman <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>David Robert Boston</i>	a University Employee <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Louisville, Kentucky, United States of America

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:-

Bills

Telecommunications Infrastructure (Leasehold Property) Bill

The Bill would introduce powers for telecoms providers to gain access to multiple-dwelling buildings on the request of a tenant where the landlord has repeatedly failed to respond to formal notices requesting access.

Statutory Instruments

The Food Information (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2019 S.I. No. 1218

The Regulations introduce a requirement for food businesses to label food, which is prepacked on the same premises from which it is sold to consumers, with a full list of ingredients with allergens emphasised. The Regulations are enforced by the Common Council acting in its capacity as a food authority.

Date in force
1st October 2021

The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 21

5th February 2020

The Regulations require proscribed information relating to the adult social care percept to be included in council tax demand notices. The Regulations apply to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority.

The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 83

1st April 2020

The Regulations set parameters on how funding is to be applied when determining maintained schools' budgets and how funding for early years education is to be allocated. The Regulations apply to the Court of Common Council in its capacity as a local authority.

The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment) Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 109

24th February 2020

The Regulations amend provisions which relate to the seizure of non-compliant animals and products of animal origin. The Regulations ensure that an importer's representative is liable for the cost of enforcement measures where consignments fail entry checks. Additionally, it clarifies the remit of Official Fish Inspectors. The regulations apply to the Court of Common Council in its capacities as a local authority and as a port health authority. Additionally, the Common Council is the enforcement authority for the whole of greater London.

The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Central Counterparties, Investment Exchanges, Prospectus and Benchmarks) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 117

28th February 2020

The Regulations make amendments to FSMA as a consequence of newly enacted EU legislation. This includes amendments to consequential to Regulation (EU) 2019/2099 ("EMIR 2.2"), which introduces a third-country central counterparty supervisory regime. Other provisions include a clarification to the SME Growth Market Regulation, which provides that the FCA is the supervisory authority for the purpose of determining an exemption from the requirement to publish a prospectus and approve exempt documents in lieu of a prospectus.

Read.

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

10. Ballot
Results

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

Where appropriate:-

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

★ denotes appointed.

Two Members to the **Trust for London**.

	Votes
Rehana Banu Ameer	69 ★
*Alderman Alison Gowman	61 ★
*Deputy Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.	42

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Rehana Ameer and Alderman Alison Gowman to be appointed to the Trust for London.

11.
Appointments

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

* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment

- (A) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**, for the balance of a term expiring in July 2020.

Nominations received:-

Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Shravan Joshi to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls.

- (B) Three Members on **Christ's Hospital**, for four-year terms expiring in March 2024.

Nominations received:-

Randall Keith Anderson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Anderson to be appointed to Christ's Hospital.

- (C) Two Members on the **City of London Reserve Forces and Cadets Association**, for three-year terms expiring in March 2023.

Nominations received:-

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

*Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Simon Duckworth and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark to be appointed to the City of London Reserve Forces and Cadets Association.

- (D) Three Members on the **Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry** for one-year terms expiring in March 2021.

Nominations received:-

- *Deputy Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, O.B.E.
- *Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.
- *Alderman Gregory Percy Jones, Q.C.

Read.

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

- (E) Two Members on the **Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation**, for five-year terms expiring in March 2025.

Nominations received:-

- *Ian Christopher Norman Seaton

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ian Seaton to be appointed to the Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation.

12. Irish (A) The Court proceeded to consider the appointment of six Common Councillors to The Honourable The Irish Society, for terms of three years.
Society **denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

Nominations received:-

- *Deputy John David Absalom
- *Peter Gerard Dunphy
- *Deputy Wendy Hyde
- *Vivienne Littlechild, M.B.E., J.P.
- *Deputy Hugh Fenton Morris
- *Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy John Absalom, Peter Dunphy, Deputy Wendy Hyde, Vivienne Littlechild, Deputy Hugh Morris, and Jeremy Simons to be appointed to The Honourable The Irish Society.

- (B) The Court endorsed the appointment of Alderman Gregory Jones as one of the two Aldermen on The Honourable the Irish Society, for a three-year term expiring in March 2023, in the room of Alderman Vincent Keaveny.
- (C) The Court noted that Alderman Nicholas Lyons would continue to serve as one of the Aldermanic representatives on The Honourable The Irish Society, having previously been appointed for term expiring in March 2022.

- (D) The Court noted that Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley would continue to serve as Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society for a three-year term expiring in 2021, with a Deputy Governor to be appointed by the Court of The Honourable The Irish Society.

13.
Lodge, O.A.W.,
to the Chair of
Policy &
Resources

Sustaining the growing business population

Oliver Lodge asked a question of the Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the rapid expansion of the City's business population and the measures the Corporation would be taking to prevent unsustainable growth.

Responding, the Chair referenced the Corporation's Transport Strategy and the draft City Plan 2036, both of which aimed to ensure that the City of London remained a sustainable and attractive place to work, live and visit. The Chair agreed that forecasts predicted an increase in employment within the City over the coming years and explained that an office floorspace growth target of two million square metres had been set to accommodate these increasing numbers. The Chair stressed that it would be important to continue to protect and maintain an acceptable standard of working environment and sustainability in the City, but also not to impede the growing success of this area. She added that the changing circumstances within the City would be monitored and fed back into the planning policy review process and advised there would be multiple opportunities for consideration of employment projections, growth targets, land use, and numerous other policies appropriate to the City.

Oliver Lodge asked a supplementary question in which he highlighted the seemingly disparate policies across the City Corporation and asked for the development of a coherent, integrated and public strategy to ensure the City business population remained stable and well-managed in the future.

Responding, the Chair of Policy and Resources set out how the plans and policies being taken forward were combined and interlinked. She praised the pioneering steps and policies being developed and noted that the aforementioned Transport Strategy and City Plan contained significant plans within them to support a thriving population. The Chair added that the Planning and Transportation Committee would keep sight of this overall objective as they took the strategies forward.

Postcodes

John Fletcher asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the postcode of some residents within the Ward of Portsoken, who fell within the E1 area. He highlighted the disadvantages experienced by residents as a result and asked whether the City Corporation could engage with Royal Mail to amend this to an EC postcode to align with the rest of the City.

In response, the Chair of Policy and Resources explained that City Corporation had previously engaged with Royal Mail on this issue but that these efforts had been to no avail. During those discussions, it had been made clear that the Royal Mail's robust policy was that they did not change postcodes unless there is a pressing operational reason to do so. However, the Chair noted that some 14 years had

since passed since engaging with Royal Mail on this matter and she would ask officers to take up discussions once more to see what might be done.

John Fletcher asked a supplementary question concerning the impact the E1 postcode had on policing responses and the confusion that often arose around 999 calls being passed to the Metropolitan Police, rather than the City Police. The Chair agreed to discuss this with the Chair of the Police Authority Board to see what could be done.

14. Motions There were no Motions.

15. Awards & Prizes The Chairman of the Markets Committee informed the Court that the Great British Market Awards had recently bestowed the accolade of Wholesale Market of the Year to Billingsgate Market. The Chairman advised that the judges had praised the resilience of the Market's workers during the climate change protests and the Chairman thanked all officers who had contributed to the Market receiving this award.

16. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)

18 February 2020

(A) City Fund 2020/21 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy

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

The Chairman spoke to introduce the budget and clarified a number of elements.

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

1. That for the 2020/21 financial year the Court of Common Council approves:
 - the Premium multiplier on the Non-Domestic Rate and Small Business Rate multipliers be set at 0.008 (an increase of 0.002 on the present multiplier) to enable the City to continue to support the City of London Police, security and contingency planning activity within the Square Mile at an enhanced level;
 - an increase of 3.99% in the 'relevant basic amount' of Council Tax to £927.25 which includes a 2% increase for Adult Social Care for a Band D property (excluding the GLA precept);
 - the overall financial framework and the revised Medium-Term Financial Strategy for the City Fund; and
 - the City Fund Net Budget Requirement of £160,814,308

Council Tax

2. It be noted that in 2012 the Finance Committee delegated the calculation of the Council Tax Base to the Chamberlain and the Chamberlain has calculated the following amounts for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Section 31B of the

Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) 8,149.17 being the amount calculated by the Chamberlain (as delegated by the Finance Committee), in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as the City's Council Tax Base for the year; this amount includes a calculation of the amount of council tax reduction; and

(b) Parts of Common Council's Area

Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excl. Temples (special expense area)
86.51	62.11	8,000.55

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

3. For the year 2020/21 the Common Council determines, in accordance with Section 35(2)(d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, that any expenses incurred by the Common Council in performing in a part of its area a function performed elsewhere in its area by the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple and the Under Treasurer of the Middle Temple shall not be treated as special expenses, apart from the amount of £20,682,000 being the expenses incurred by the Common Council in performing in the area of the Common Council of the City of London the City highways, street cleansing, waste collection and disposal, road safety, drains and sewer functions.
4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Common Council for the year 2020/21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

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| (a) £469,154,000 | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Common Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act, including the local precepts issued by the Inner and Middle Temples |
| (b) £461,597,682 | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Common Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act; |
| (c) 7,556,318 | Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by |

the Common Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year;

(d) £927.25

Being the amount of 4(c) above, divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;

(e) £21,066,193.09

Being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, including the local precepts issued by the Inner and Middle Temples;

(f) £1,657.82

Being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(g) Parts of Common Council's Area

Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excl. Temples (special expense area)
£	£	£
927.25	927.25	927.25

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

(h) Council Tax Valuation Bands

Valuation Bands	Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excluding Temples (special expense area)
	£	£	£
A	618.17	618.17	618.17
B	721.20	721.20	721.20
C	824.22	824.22	824.22
D	927.25	927.25	927.25
E	1,133.31	1,133.31	1,133.31
F	1,339.36	1,339.36	1,339.36
G	1,545.42	1,545.42	1,545.42
H	1,854.50	1,854.50	1,854.50

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

5. It be noted that for the year 2020/21 the Greater London Authority has proposed the following amounts in precepts issued to the Common Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	<u>Precepting Authority</u>
	Greater London Authority
	£
A	53.29
B	62.17
C	71.06
D	79.94
E	97.70
F	115.47
G	133.23
H	159.88

6. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(h) and 5 above, the Common Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby proposes the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwelling as shown below:

Council Tax Valuation Bands Inclusive of GLA Precept

Valuation Bands	Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excluding Temples (special expense)
	£	£	£
A	671.46	671.46	671.46
B	783.37	783.37	783.37
C	895.28	895.28	895.28
D	1,007.19	1,007.19	1,007.19
E	1,231.01	1,231.01	1,231.01
F	1,454.83	1,454.83	1,454.83
G	1,678.65	1,678.65	1,678.65
H	2,014.38	2,014.38	2,014.38

7. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that the following amounts of discount be awarded:
- i. dwellings in Class B as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 should be nil;
 - ii. dwellings in Class C as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) in the case of a vacant dwelling that has been such for a continuous period of less than 6 months ending immediately before the day in question: should be nil;
 - (b) in the case of a vacant dwelling that has been such for a continuous period of 6 months or more: should be nil;
 - iii. dwellings in Class D as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 should be nil;
 - iv. care leavers within the City up to the age of 25, under Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 subject to liability considerations should be 100%; and
 - v. discretionary discounts up to 100% under Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to provide council tax support in exceptional circumstances as agreed by the Finance Committee at its meeting in November 2017.

8. The Common Council of the City of London determines that for 2020/21 a long-term empty property premium is levied under the provisions of Section 11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 at the maximum rate in accordance with legislation. (For 2020/21 this will result in an additional levy of 100% i.e. a council tax charge of 200% for applicable vacant dwellings empty over 2 years but empty less than 5 years. An additional levy of 200% i.e. a council tax charge of 300% will be applicable for dwellings empty over 5 years).
9. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2020/21, calculated in accordance with Section 52ZX of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 is not excessive in accordance with the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2020/21.

Council Tax Reduction (formerly Council Tax Benefit)

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

Effectively, therefore, the City's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/21 will remain the same as was administered in 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 subject to the annual uprating of non-dependent income and deductions, and income levels relating to Alternative Council Tax Reduction, or any other uprating as it applies to working age claimants, adjusted in line with inflation levels by reference to relevant annual uprating in the Housing Benefit Scheme or The Prescribed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for Pensioners.

Non Domestic Rates

11. The Common Council of the City of London being a special authority in accordance with Section 144(6) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 hereby sets for the chargeable financial year beginning with 1st April 2020, a Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.520 and a Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.507 in accordance with Part II of the Schedule 7 of the said Act. (Both multipliers are inclusive of the City business rate premium of 0.008).
12. In addition, the levying by the Greater London Authority of a Business Rate Supplement in 2020/21 of 0.020 (i.e. 2.0p in the £) on hereditaments with a rateable value greater than £70,000, to finance its contribution to Crossrail, be noted.
13. A copy of the said Council Taxes and the Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers, signed by the Town Clerk, be deposited in the offices of the Town Clerk in the said City, and advertised within 21 days from the date of the Court's decision, in at least one newspaper circulating in the area of the Common Council.

Capital Expenditure and Financing for the Year 2020/21

Further resolved – That the Court passes a resolution in the following terms: -

14. The City Fund capital budget is approved, and its final financing be determined by the Chamberlain, apart from in regard to any possible borrowing options.
15. For the purpose of Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial years 2020/21 to 2022/23, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that at this stage the amount of money (referred to as the “Authorised Limit”), which is the maximum amount which the City may have outstanding by way of external borrowing, shall be £455,339,000.
16. For the purpose of Section 21(A) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial year 2020/21, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that the prudent amount of Minimum Revenue Provision is £979,000 using the asset life method over the useful economic life of the relevant assets and which equals the amount of deferred income released from the premiums received for the sale of long leases in accordance with the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy at Appendix F.
17. Any potential external borrowing requirement and associated implications will be subject to a further report to Finance Committee and the Court of Common Council.
18. The Chamberlain be authorised to lend surplus monies on the basis set out in the Annual Investment Strategy, with an absolute limit of £500m for maturities in excess of 365 days.
19. The following Prudential Indicators be set:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Estimates of the ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream:			
HRA	0.66	0.43	0.46
Non-HRA	(0.41)	(0.42)	(0.36)
Total	(0.39)	(0.41)	(0.35)
Estimates of Capital Expenditure & External Debt	£m	£m	£m
HRA	16.219	48.741	44.510
Non-HRA	74.824	102.026	288.742
Total	91.043	150.767	333.252
Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement – underlying need to borrow	£m	£m	£m
HRA	0.000	22.000	26.560
Non-HRA	38.355	56.458	225.897

Total	38.355	78.458	252.457
Gross Debt	Period 2019/20 to 2022/23 £m 153.200		
Capital Financing Requirement – underlying need to borrow	355.339		

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

TREASURY INDICATORS	MANAGEMENT	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
		actual	probable outturn	estimate	estimate
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Authorised Limit for external debt -					
Borrowing		143,592	138,355	178,458	338,921
other long-term liabilities		13,888	13,770	13,653	13,536
TOTAL		157,480	152,125	192,111	352,457
Operational Boundary for external debt -					
Borrowing		43,592	38,355	78,458	238,921
other long-term liabilities		13,888	13,770	13,653	13,536
TOTAL		57,480	52,125	92,111	252,457
Actual external debt*		£0	£0	-	-
Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 365 days (per maturity date)		£300m	£300m	£500m	£500m

Maturity structure of borrowing during 2020/21	upper limit	lower limit
- under 12 months	50%	0%
- 12 months and within 24 months	50%	0%
- 24 months and within 5 years	50%	0%
- 5 years and within 10 years	75%	0%
- 10 years and above	100%	0%

Local Indicator focusing on revenue reserves:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Times cover on unencumbered revenue reserves	(1.8)	6.2	5.0	2.6
<i>At this time last year</i>	(3.8)	0.1	N/a	-

Other Recommendations

20. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2020/21 be endorsed.
21. The Chamberlain's assessment of the robustness of budgets and the adequacy of reserves and contingencies be endorsed.

18 February 2020

(B) Revenue and Capital Budgets 2019/20 and 2020/21: City's Cash and Bridge House Estates

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

The Court was **recommended** to approve the revenue and capital budgets for City's Cash, Bridge House Estates and Guildhall Administration for the financial year 2020/21 (the budgets for City Fund having already been considered under part A above).

Resolved – That:-

1. The latest revenue budgets for 2019/20 (paragraphs 19 and 26) be noted.
2. The 2020/21 revenue budgets be approved, including the following measure;
 - City's Cash: Efficiency Savings: Maintain the 2% efficiency saving across all Corporation departments, which together with a pay and inflation uplift of 2%, subject to the outcome of the Pay Review, would result in flat cash budgets (paragraph 2).
3. City's Cash: additional resource requests for City's Cash of £0.7m (paragraph 16) be approved.
4. Bridge House Estates: That the following be approved;
 - a. a resource request for £25m further charitable funding in the three years from 2020 to underpin the celebration of 25 years of CBT (paragraph 17).

- b. additional funding of £0.17m for an enhanced Charities Team (paragraph 18).
5. The 2020/21 Capital and Supplementary Revenue Project Budgets for City's Cash and Bridge House Estates amounting to £27.2m and £7.1m, respectively (paragraph 33) be approved.
6. The allocation of central funding of up to £18.6m for City's Cash and £0.9m for Bridge House Estates be approved to meet the cost of the 2020/21 new bids, together with central funding of up to £3.5m for the remaining City's Cash projects previously agreed for progression outside of the fundamental review. Release of such funding being subject to approval at the relevant gateway and specific agreement of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee at Gateway 4(a) (paragraph 35).
7. The allocation of central funding to provide an internal loan facility of up to £10.6m for the City of London School to progress its masterplan be approved; the release of such funding being subject to approval at the relevant gateway and separate approval of the loan terms and conditions (paragraph 36).
8. Authority be delegated to the Chamberlain to determine the final financing of capital and supplementary revenue project expenditure.

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

17.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)

7 February 2020

(A) Public Space Protection Order: London Marathon Related Disorder

Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides local authorities with the power to make Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs). PSPOs are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in a specific area that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing certain conditions or prohibitions.

In recent years, problems had arisen in the City in relation to visitors during the day of the London Marathon, with notable amounts of anti-social behaviour and violent disorder. Despite significant efforts to address this through other means, the problems had remained and, consequently, following a request from the City of London Police the Safer City Partnership (the Community Safety Partnership for the City of London) had begun the process of seeking a PSPO for an area encompassing the London Marathon route in the City, to be active only for the day of that event.

The PSPO would provide the City Police with additional powers to prevent public drinking and intoxication in specific areas, by refusing entry to designated areas to those carrying alcohol or nitrous oxide, or by confiscation of these within the area.

Following the approval by the Policy & Resources Committee of the proposal to seek a PSPO in November 2019, a process of public consultation was undertaken, through which no significant objections were expressed. The Court of Common Council was now recommended to authorise the making of a PSPO in accordance with Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, on the day of the London Marathon along the route of that event, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2.

Resolved – That approval be granted to the making of a PSPO as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, in accordance with Section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, along the route of the London Marathon as shown in Appendix 2 and affecting the streets indicated in the circulated addendum.

(B) Report of Action Taken: London Councils Grant Scheme

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures regarding the issue of annual levies for subscriptions to the constituent councils of the London Councils Grant Scheme. Having received confirmation from London Councils that the budget had been agreed by over two thirds of the constituent councils, the approval of the Court was required under urgency procedures to issue the levies before the statutory deadline of 15 February 2020.

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

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

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

(A) Fusion Prize Award Ceremony and Early Evening Reception

It was proposed that the City of London Corporation host the Fusion Prize Award Ceremony followed by an early evening reception at Guildhall on Thursday 7 May 2020. The Fusion Prize is a prize for new ideas demonstrating how engagement with creativity and culture can help young people develop modern workplace skills. The Prize has been developed by the Culture Mile Learning team in partnership with Foundation for Future London.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for the Fusion Prize Award Ceremony and an early evening reception.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for the Fusion Prize Award Ceremony and an early evening reception, that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(B) Finale of the Lord Mayor's Cadet Music Competition

It was proposed that the City Corporation host the finale of the Lord Mayor's Cadet Music Competition in Guildhall Yard followed by a buffet lunch in the Crypts on Saturday 16 May 2020. The competition, for cadet units in London, has been held

annually since 2017.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for the City Corporation to host the finale of the Lord Mayor's Cadet Music Competition and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(C) High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales Reception

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception in the Grand Hall of the Old Bailey for the High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales on Wednesday 27 May 2020. The reception, held for the last two years at the Old Bailey, aims to further relations between the Sheriffs of the City of London and the High Sheriffs across the Country.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception for the High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales at the Old Bailey.

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

(D) Centre of Young Musicians 50th anniversary reception and gala concert

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception prior to the Centre for Young Musicians' 50th anniversary gala concert at the Barbican Centre on Wednesday 10 June 2020. The Centre for Young Musicians, a division of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, offers young people weekend programmes and summer courses. The gala concert will help raise funds for bursaries.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception prior to the Centre for Young Musicians' 50th anniversary gala concert.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception prior to the Centre for Young Musicians' 50th anniversary gala concert and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama; costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(E) Central London Bench

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception in the Grand Hall at the Old Bailey for the Central London Bench on Monday 29 June 2020. The City Corporation previously hosted similar receptions in 2018 and 2019.

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

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

(F) Youth Interfaith Iftar

It was proposed that the City Corporation support the hosting of a Youth Interfaith Iftar, in partnership with Historic Royal Palaces, at the Tower of London on Monday 4 May 2020. Last year a similar event, organised by the Naz Legacy Foundation, was held at St Paul's Cathedral and Guildhall. The event would provide an opportunity for young adults to come together to discuss their faith and how to bring different communities in London together.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted to support a Youth Interfaith Iftar.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted to support a Youth Interfaith Iftar and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party, costs be met from City's Cash withing agreed parameters.

(G) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Australia Bush Fire Relief Dinner

The Court noted action taken in accordance with Standing Order No.19 in relation to authority granted under urgency procedures to support the holding of a dinner at Mansion House on Thursday 12 March in aid of the Australian Bush Fire relief effort.

As referenced at the Court of Common Council on 16 January, it was agreed that the City Corporation would facilitate a fund-raising dinner in aid of the Australian Bush Fires relief effort in partnership with the Australian High Commission. Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party in January, it was evident that waiting for the next formal meeting of Court of Common Council on 5 March would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place and invitations issued. Approval was therefore sought and obtained under urgency procedures.

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

(H) Report of Urgent Action Taken: London Tourism Awards

The Court noted action taken in accordance with Standing Order No.19 in relation to authority granted under urgency procedures to host an evening reception following the London Tourism Awards taking place at Guildhall on Wednesday 11 March. The event would help promote the City, London and the UK as attractive and accessible places to live, learn, work and visit.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party in January, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 5 March 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.

(I) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Reception, address of welcome and State

Banquet in honour of their Majesties The Emperor and The Empress of Japan

The Court noted action taken in accordance with Standing Order No.19 in relation to authority granted under urgency procedures to host an address of welcome and State Banquet in honour of Their Majesties The Emperor and The Empress of Japan in Spring 2020.

At the invitation of Her Majesty the Queen, Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan will pay a visit to the United Kingdom in May 2020. It is proposed that the City of London Corporation hosts a reception, address of welcome and State Banquet in honour of the visit of the Emperor and Empress under the auspices of a Ward Reception Committee, appointed in accordance with the previously agreed rota, with the Town Clerk authorised to make any amendments to the membership as required.

Once formal notification of the visit had been received in January, it became evident that waiting for the next formal Court of Common Council meeting on 5 March would not allow sufficient time for a Ward Reception Committee to be appointed and for all the necessary arrangements to be made. Approval was therefore sought and obtained under urgency procedures.

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

19.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(Deputy Alastair Moss)

Annual On-Street Parking Accounts 2018/19 and Related Funding of Highway Improvements and Schemes

The Court received a report advising of action taken in respect of any deficit or surplus in its On-Street Parking Account for 2018/19. This information was required to be reported to the Mayor of London.

The report informed Members that:

- the surplus arising from on-street parking activities in 201/19 was £13.681m;
- a total of £6.833m, was applied in 2018/19 to fund approved projects; and
- the surplus remaining on the On-Street Parking Reserve at 31st March 2019 was £36.828m, which will be wholly allocated towards the funding of various highway improvements and other projects over the medium term.

Resolved – That the report be noted and its submission to the Mayor of London be approved.

20.

PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Jeremy Lewis Simons)

Animal Reception Centre – Heathrow Airport: Annual Review of Charges

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

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

The Chairman spoke to advise of a small number of numerical errors within the appendix which had unfortunately been put to the Committee and, consequently, were now before the Court. The errors having been spotted, he sought the Court's support to correct the position, proposing the following amendments:-

*Simons, J.L.;
Bottomley,
K.D.F., Deputy*

Amendment – That the following adjustments be made to Appendix A:-

- On page 169, the reference to “processing and handling fee for all shipments that terminate at Heathrow: £15 (£15)” to be amended to read “processing and handling fee for all shipments £20 (£20).”
- On page 170, the reference under paragraph three relating to fees for Birds, the figure £185 be changed to £186, such that the relevant sentences therein read “Birds £65 (£64) per box per day £186 (£182) minimum charge” and “Birds of prey £18 per bird for up to 24 hours, £186 (£182) minimum charge.”

Upon the Amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

Upon the substantive Motion as amended being put, the Lord Mayor declared that to be also carried.

Resolved – That the Byelaws, as set out in Appendix A with the amendments proposed by the Chairman, be approved and the Comptroller and City Solicitor be instructed to seal the Byelaws accordingly.

21.

ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

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

Draft Pay Policy Statement

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

The statement, having been updated for 2020/21 and approved by both the Establishment Committee and Policy and Resources Committee, was therefore presented to the Court of Common Council with the **recommendation** that it be approved.

Resolved – that the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2020/21, as set out in the Appendix to the report, to ensure that the City Corporation meets its requirements under the Localism Act 2011 be approved.

22.

BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD

(Deputy Tom Sleight)

Proposed Amendment to Terms of Reference and Term Limits

In April 2009, the Barbican Centre Board reviewed its governance arrangements.

As part of this process, it was agreed to introduce term limits, whereby an individual would be restricted to a maximum continuous service term limit of three terms of three years. An unanticipated consequence of the introduction of a term limit had now arisen.

Pursuant to Standing Order 30(3)(a), it is customary on City Corporation Committees for the outgoing Chair/Chairman to serve as Deputy Chair/Chairman in the year immediately following their term as Chairman, in order to use their experience and knowledge to assist the new Chair/Chairman in their role.

Unfortunately, the incumbent Chairman, who was now in the final year of his Chairmanship, was also due to complete his ninth and final year on the Board in April 2020. This would prevent him from exercising his rights under Standing Order 30(3)(a) for the year 2020/21. The Board had decided, therefore, to temporarily alter its constitution to allow for the incumbent Chairman to be eligible for a tenth year on the Board, so as to enable him to serve as Deputy Chairman for one year to support the new Chair/Chairman.

The endorsement of the Policy & Resources Committee had been sought and obtained in respect of this proposed change and the Court was now **recommended** to approve the amendment to the Barbican Centre Board's Constitution and Terms of Reference, waiving the nine-year maximum service rule on a temporary basis as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Resolved – That proposed amendment to the Barbican Centre Board's Constitution and Terms of Reference, waiving the nine-year maximum service rule on a temporary basis in respect of Deputy Dr Giles Shilson, to allow for the possibility of his extending his term on the Board for one additional year, be approved.

23. **FREEDOMS APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

(Alderman Sir David Wootton)

The Honorary Freedom

The Court considered a report of the Freedoms Applications Committee providing an update on action taken thus far in relation to the Honorary Freedom awarded to Aung San Suu Kyi in 2017.

On the basis of recent developments, the Committee had reconsidered its position and **recommended** that the Honorary Freedom should now be revoked.

Resolved – That the Honorary Freedom awarded to Aung San Suu Kyi in May 2017 be revoked with immediate effect.

24. **STANDARDS APPEALS COMMITTEE**

(Alderman Timothy Russell Hailes)

Recommendation of the Standards Appeals Sub Committee

The Court considered a report which set out the outcome of an Appeal made by

Common Councilman John Chapman against the findings of a Hearing Sub Committee that he had breached the Code of Conduct. The report asked the Court to note the sanction and determine whether or not they felt it appropriate to discharge John Chapman from membership of the Standards Appeals Committee for a period of twelve months.

Members proceeded to debate the proposals. During the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- A number of Members suggested that the process through which Mr Chapman's case and appeal had been handled, together with the sanction imposed, was excessive and had caused unnecessary distress to those involved.
- Some Members also expressed the view that matters of this nature should be dealt with by the Chief Commoner and not the Court, at least in the first instance. It was observed that it was felt inappropriate for Members to stand in judgement over other Members, particularly in instances such as these where the Court did not have all of the facts of the case before it.
- In this particular case, several Members articulated the concern that the rationale and process which had resulted the proposed sanction was insufficiently clear to enable a decision.
- A Member highlighted that the Court had a statutory duty to maintain and promote Members' standards of conduct. They cited the 2018 staff survey which demonstrated how only 41% of staff felt inappropriate behaviour was dealt with effectively by the Corporation, which included Members' behaviour. Several examples of inappropriate behaviour by Members were cited, with it observed that the Corporation had a duty of care to its staff who did not necessarily feel empowered to challenge Members' behaviour in such instances. They articulated how this was particularly relevant in this instance, observing that the Hearing Sub Committee and the Appeal Sub Committee had deliberated and recommended the measures set out in the report.
- Mr Chapman spoke to outline his view that the proposed recommendation and sanction was disproportionate. He also commented on the process which had been followed, which he considered to be unjust. Finally, he noted there had been various instances recently where concern had been expressed in relation to the standards process and, irrespective of the current case, urged that Members be unified going forward in respect of a new coherent and consistent approach.
- With reference to the overall governance relating to the Standards Committee, a Member suggested that a Working Party be convened to look at the overall Standards process, whilst others commented that the processes surrounding the Standards Committee should be looked at in further detail during the governance review.
- It was clarified that it was not the choice of the Standards Committee as to where complaints were dealt with; rather, it was a matter for the complainant to determine and, should the Standards Committee be the selected route, it had a resulting duty to investigate such complaints made. It was also noted that the City Corporation was legally obliged to have a process in place where complaints against Members could be investigated and appropriate action decided.

- Some Members raised the point that, regardless of individual feelings about the current processes relating to the Standards regime, the formal processes that had been approved by the Court and were currently in place were those that had been followed. They suggested that, in view of this, the recommendation of the report should therefore be accepted.
- Returning to the recommendation before the Court, Members observed that the current decision should focus on whether the sanction before Members was proportionate and the subsequent action taken should be made on the evidence provided.
- A Member suggested that the discussion which had taken place thus far demonstrated that the report did not provide sufficient information to allow the court to take a decision on this matter. An amendment was subsequently moved to refer the report back for review and re-submission.

Lord, C.E. O.B.E.,
J.P., Deputy;
Shilson, G.R.E.,
Deputy

Amendment – That the report be referred back to the Standards Appeal Sub-Committee, to consider and provide further content for the report for re-submission to a future meeting of the Court.

The Chairman of the Standards Appeal Sub-Committee advised that he would support the proposal to refer the report back and added that fuller information pertaining to this case was available to all Members on request. He reiterated that the Sub-Committee had acted in complete accordance with the formal processes put in place by the Court.

Upon the Amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared the amendment to be lost.

Upon the substantive Motion being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be lost.

Resolved – That the proposed sanction be noted and rejected.

25. *Resolved* – that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

Summary of exempt items considered whilst the public were excluded:-

26. *Resolved* – That the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
27. **Finance Committee**
The Court approved proposals relating to the reserves policy for Bridge House Estates.
28. **Finance Committee and Policy and Resources Committee**
The Court approved proposals relating to the allocation of funds from Bridge House Estates.
29. **Policy and Resources Committee**
The Court approved proposals relating to the Centre for Music and London Wall

Site Masterplanning.

30. **Property Investment Board**

The Court:-

- (A) Approved proposals concerning the restructure of an existing lease in return for a capital premium and the acquisition of a property; and
- (B) received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the grant of a long-term lease.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.55 pm

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