



# MOUNTEVANS, MAYOR

## COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

14th January 2016  
MEMBERS PRESENT

### ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee  
Sheriff Charles Bowman  
Peter Estlin  
Sir Roger Gifford  
Alison Gowman  
David Andrew Graves

Timothy Russell Hailes JP  
Gordon Warwick Haines  
Vincent Thomas Keaveny  
Ian David Luder JP  
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli  
Julian Henry Malins QC

The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, The Lord  
Mountevans, Jeffrey Evans  
Matthew Richardson  
William Anthony Bowater Russell  
Sir David Wootton

### COMMONERS

John David Absalom, Deputy  
Randall Keith Anderson  
Alex Bain-Stewart JP  
John Alfred Barker, OBE, Deputy  
Douglas Barrow, Deputy  
John Bennett, Deputy  
Christopher Paul Boden  
Mark Boleat  
Keith David Forbes Bottomley  
David John Bradshaw  
Revd Dr William Goodacre  
Campbell-Taylor  
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,  
Deputy  
Nigel Kenneth Challis  
John Douglas Chapman, Deputy  
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
Dennis Cotgrove  
Alexander John Cameron Deane,  
Deputy  
Karina Dostalova  
William Harry Dove OBE, Deputy  
(Chief Commoner)  
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE,  
DL

The Revd Dr Martin Raymond  
Dudley  
Peter Gerard Dunphy  
Emma Edhem  
Anthony Noel Eskenzi, CBE,  
Deputy  
Sophie Anne Fernandes  
John William Fletcher  
William Barrie Fraser, OBE,  
Deputy  
Stuart John Fraser, CBE  
George Marr Flemington Gillon  
Stanley Ginsburg, JP, Deputy  
The Revd Stephen Decatur  
Haines, Deputy  
Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy  
Graeme Harrower  
Christopher Michael Hayward  
Tom Hoffman  
Ann Holmes  
Michael Hudson  
Wendy Hyde  
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy  
Clare James

Alastair John Naisbitt King,  
Deputy  
Gregory Alfred Lawrence  
Vivienne Littlechild JP  
Edward Lord, OBE, JP  
Professor John Stuart Penton  
Lumley  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy  
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP  
Wendy Mead, OBE  
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy  
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney  
Gareth Wynford Moore  
Hugh Fenton Morris  
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy  
Sylvia Doreen Moys  
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE,  
Deputy  
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE  
Dhruv Patel  
James Henry George Pollard,  
Deputy

Stephen Douglas Quilter  
Richard David Regan, OBE,  
Deputy  
Elizabeth Rogula  
Virginia Rounding  
James de Sausmarez  
John George Stewart Scott, JP  
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton  
Jeremy Lewis Simons  
Tom Sleigh  
Graeme Martyn Smith  
Sir Michael Snyder  
Angela Mary Starling  
Patrick Thomas Streeter  
David James Thompson  
John Tomlinson, Deputy  
James Richard Tumbridge  
Michael Welbank, MBE  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley  
Philip Woodhouse

1. Apologies      The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations    No declarations were made.
3. Minutes        *Resolved* - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

## 4. Resolutions

*Dove, W.H.,  
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy.;  
Chadwick,  
R.A.H., Deputy*

*Resolved unanimously* – that the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to Alderman Sir Alan Yarrow on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Knight Bachelor in recognition of his services to international business inclusion and the City of London.

*Dove, W.H.,  
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy.;  
Chadwick,  
R.A.H., Deputy*

*Resolved unanimously* – that the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to Ian Christopher Dyson QPM, newly appointed Commissioner of the City of London Police, on his recent award of the Queen's Police Medal by Her Majesty the Queen.

*Dove, W.H.,  
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy.;  
Chadwick,  
R.A.H., Deputy*

*Resolved unanimously* – that the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to Peter Adams MBE, one of the Verderers of Epping Forest and a longstanding member of the Corporation's Epping Forest and Commons Committee, on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in recognition of his services to conservation and the environment in South West Essex and East London.

*Dove, W.H.,  
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy.;  
Chadwick,  
R.A.H., Deputy*

*Resolved unanimously* – that the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to Charles Frederick Andrews and Sean McCarthy, both members of the City's cleansing team, on their recent award by Her Majesty the Queen of the British Empire Medal, in recognition of their voluntary service to the Poppy Appeal in London.

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

*Chadwick,  
R.A.H., Deputy;  
Dove, W.H.,  
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy*

Gerald Albert George Pulman, JP

its sincere gratitude for his much valued service as a Member and Deputy for the Ward of Tower. Gerald has been a stalwart of the Court, dedicating himself to the citizens of this City for some 32 years since he was first elected.

Elected as a Common Councilman in 1983 and appointed Ward Deputy in 1994, Gerald has served with distinction on a large number of Corporation Committees, including the Barbican Residential, Port Health and Environmental Services, Markets, and Finance Committees. Gerald's civic dedication was not limited to the City however, as he also served as a County Councillor for Hertfordshire from 1997 to 2001, and as a Justice of the Peace for some 25 years.

During his term as Chief Commoner he played an important role in the successful celebrations in the Mansion House to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 80th Birthday, accompanied the Lord Mayor on his official visit to Ghana and was subsequently closely involved in the important State Banquet for His Excellency the President of Ghana in Guildhall. I know Gerald will look back with fondness on these memories in particular as he takes his leave of us.

The Members of this Honourable Court would therefore wish to take this opportunity to express their heartfelt appreciation for the significant efforts that Gerald has made in his 32 years and extend their very best wishes to him, his wife June and his family, for their future good health and happiness.

5. Hospital Seal There were no documents to be sealed.

6. Freedoms The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned, persons who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City by Redemption:-

<b>Sarah Mary Hughes</b>	an Office Manager	Haddenham, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire
<i>Alan Roy Willis</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
<i>Flora Ann Reed</i>	<i>Citizen and Glass Seller</i>	
<b>Gerald Vivian Stimson</b>	a Professor, retired	Richmond, Surrey
<i>Hugh Fenton Morris, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	
<i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
<b>Patricia Louise Fitzsimons</b>	a Chief Executive	Waltham Forest
<i>John Eric Gilbert</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<b>Terry Stewart Meek</b>	a Head of Sustainability & Estates Compliance	Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire
<i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	
<i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i>	
<b>Andrew Kenneth Bartles</b>	an Investment Management Company Director	Ecclesall, Sheffield, Yorkshire
<i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	
<i>Richard Howard Coombe</i>	<i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	
<b>Sheryn Kim Ross</b>	an Information Compliance Officer	Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire
<i>Anthony Ben Charlwood</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
<i>Simon Victor Langton</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
<b>Giles Rackley Orpen-Smellie</b>	an Army Officer, retired	Wood Norton, Norfolk
<i>Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<i>Douglas Gordon Fleming Barrow, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	
<b>Victoria Jane Owen</b>	a Secretary	Brentwood , Essex
<i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i>	
<i>Geoffrey Douglas Ellis</i>	<i>Citizen and Joiner</i>	
<b>Alison Julia Thomas</b>	a Civil Servant	Loughton, Essex
<i>Anthony Ben Charlwood</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
<i>Simon Victor Langton</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
<b>Dawn Brook</b>	a Financial Services Head	Birch Hill, Croydon, Surrey
<i>Virginia Rounding, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	
<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Andrew John Bowen</b>	a Head of Global Markets	Tonbridge, Kent
<i>Joyce Nash, OBE, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	
<i>Wendy Marilyn Hyde, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	

<b>Jessica Harriet Rachel Parry</b> <i>Kevin Joseph McNicholas</i> <i>Malcolm Brooks</i>	an Event Co-ordinator <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Wandsworth
<b>Lord Michael Maurice Cashman, CBE</b> <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald., JP</i> <i>Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, CC</i>	a Life Peer/actor <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	Limehouse
<b>Fraser William Easton</b> <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i>  <i>Jeremy Nigel Fortescue Norman</i>	a Company Secretary <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Lenham, Kent
<b>Jennifer Ann Williams</b>  <i>Christopher Maxwell Woolley</i> <i>William Standish O'grady Haly</i>	a Managing Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	Wynyard, Billingham, Cleveland
<b>Garry Lee Pain</b> <i>Alan Robert Brumwell</i> <i>Mark Kennedy Wheeler</i>	a Television Cameraman <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Romford, Essex
<b>Michael Barry Heathcote</b> <i>Patricia Agnes Campfield</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Arundel, West Sussex
<b>Oliver George Hall</b> <i>Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald.</i> <i>Sir Roger Gifford, Kt., Ald.</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Guildford, Surrey
<b>Angus Duncan Pierpoint Watts</b> <i>Mark Anthony Grove</i> <i>Anthony John Keith Woodhead</i>	a Security Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i>	Basildon, Essex
<b>Michael Keith Seigel</b> <i>Patricia Agnes Campfield</i> <i>Joseph Charles Felix Byllam</i> <i>Byllam-Barnes</i>	a Headmaster, retired <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Upholder</i>	Kingston Upon Thames
<b>John David Perkins</b>  <i>Vincent Keaveny, Ald.</i> <i>Christopher Paul Boden</i>	a Telecommunications Manager <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Bexleyheath, Kent
<b>John Merlin Hinton Hutchings</b> <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i>  <i>David Anthony Bickmore</i>	a Lawyer <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	Westminster
<b>Alun Thomas-Evans</b>  <i>Lorna Zaitzeff</i> <i>Antony John Zaitzeff</i>	a Director of Education <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Arbitrator</i>	Tynewydd, Treorchy, Rhondda Cynon Taff
<b>Edward Joseph Galgano</b> <i>Anthony John Keith Woodhead</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Billericay, Essex

<p><b>Anthony Gorman</b> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i> <i>Anthony John Keith Woodhead</i></p>	<p>a Telecommunications Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i></p>	Ickenham, Middlesex
<p><b>John Michael Halligan</b> <i>Leslie Ralph Jackson</i> <i>Spencer Howard Kerven Williams</i></p>	<p>a Printing Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Joiner</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i></p>	Hayes, Kent
<p><b>John Alan Schofield</b> <i>Jeremy Penn</i> <i>Douglas Gordon Fleming Barrow,</i> <i>Deputy</i></p>	<p>a Maritime Arbitrator <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i></p>	Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent
<p><b>Ronald Sidney Archibald Storer</b> <i>Malcolm Brooks</i> <i>Wesley Val Hollands</i></p>	<p>a Shop Operative, retired  <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i></p>	Minster On Sea, Sheerness, Kent
<p><b>David Victor Hagger</b> <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>Gordon Mark Gentry</i></p>	<p>a Solicitor, retired <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	Cropston, Leicester
<p><b>Charles Jonathan Whitburn Bailey</b> <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i>  <i>David Anthony Bickmore</i></p>	<p>an Account Director  <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i></p>	Weston Colley, Hants
<p><b>David Martin James Hickey</b> <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i> <i>Richard Stuart Goddard</i></p>	<p>a Financial Service Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i></p>	Wimbledon
<p><b>Michael Frederick Warner</b> <i>James William Lane</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i></p>	<p>a Publican, retired <i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i></p>	Bromley, Kent
<p><b>Anthony Stocker</b>  <i>James William Lane</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i></p>	<p>a Heating and Ventilation Company Director <i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i></p>	Kingswood, Surrey
<p><b>Peter James Ashley</b>  <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>David Robert Attwood</i></p>	<p>a Retail Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i></p>	Bexley
<p><b>Ankita Patel</b>  <i>Angus MacLennan</i> <i>John Elder</i></p>	<p>a Livery Company Finance Manager <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i></p>	Chingford, Essex
<p><b>Nicola Anne Foster</b> <i>Thomas Roger Cloke</i> <i>Jeanette Clements Ayre</i></p>	<p>a Banker <i>Citizen and Fueller</i> <i>Citizen and Fueller</i></p>	Dulwich

<p><b>Christopher John Birch</b> <i>David Michael Bole</i></p> <p><i>Lawrence John Day</i></p>	<p>a Design Consultant <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i></p>	<p>Surbiton, Surrey</p>
<p><b>Andrew Philip Beaumont</b> <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i></p>	<p>an Information Technologist Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i></p>	<p>Norton St. Philip, Bath</p>
<p><b>Linda Mei Harlow</b> <i>His Hon. Judge Nicholas Richard Maybury Hilliard, QC</i> <i>Charles Edward Beck Bowman, Ald.</i></p>	<p>a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Grocer</i></p>	<p>Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire</p>
<p><b>Guy Alexander Oxley</b> <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i> <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i></p>	<p>a Hearing Aid Audiologist <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Loriner</i></p>	<p>Bromley, Kent</p>
<p><b>Arabella Boxer</b> <i>David Robert Stanley Pearson</i></p> <p><i>Vivienne Littlechild, CC, JP</i></p>	<p>a Food Writer, retired <i>Citizen and Stationer &amp; Newspaper Maker</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i></p>	<p>Chelsea</p>
<p><b>Francis John Paszyk</b> <i>Douglas William Abbott</i> <i>Ivor Cook</i></p>	<p>a London Market Broker <i>Citizen and Poulter</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Poulter</i></p>	<p>Chelsea</p>
<p><b>John Black</b> <i>Andrew John Gillett</i> <i>Clive Tudor Shaw Allport</i></p>	<p>a Surgeon, retired <i>Citizen and Founder</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Founder</i></p>	<p>Malvern, Worcestershire</p>
<p><b>George Bizos</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Patricia Janet Scotland Baroness Scotland of Asthal, PC, QC</i></p>	<p>a Lawyer <i>Citizen and Alderman</i></p>	<p>Johannesburg, South Africa</p>
<p><b>Ahmed Mohamed Kathrada</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Patricia Janet Scotland Baroness Scotland of Asthal, PC, QC</i></p>	<p>a Politician, retired <i>Citizen and Alderman</i></p>	<p>Houghton, South Africa</p>
<p><b>Andrew Mlangeni</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Patricia Janet Scotland Baroness Scotland of Asthal, PC, QC</i></p>	<p>a Politician <i>Citizen and Alderman</i></p>	<p>Soweto, Gauteng, South Africa</p>
<p><b>Denis Theodore Goldberg</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Patricia Janet Scotland Baroness Scotland of Asthal, PC, QC</i></p>	<p>a Government Special Adviser, retired <i>Citizen and Alderman</i></p>	<p>Cape Town, South Africa</p>
<p><b>Lord Joffe Joel Goodman Joffe</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Patricia Janet Scotland Baroness Scotland of Asthal, PC, QC</i></p>	<p>a Member of the House of Lords, retired <i>Citizen and Alderman</i></p>	<p>Liddington, Swindon, Wiltshire</p>

<p><b>His Excellency, Dr Gordon Muir Campbell</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Mark John Boleat, CC</i></p>	<p>The High Commissioner of Canada  <i>Citizen and Insurer</i></p>	<p>Westminster</p>
<p><b>His Grace, The Duke of Wellington, Arthur Charles Valerian Wellesley, OBE DL</b>  <i>Alan Colin Drake Yarrow, Ald.</i>  <i>Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, Ald.</i></p>	<p>a Peer of the Realm  <i>Citizen and Fishmonger</i>  <i>Citizen and Woolman</i></p>	<p>Piccadilly, London</p>
<p><b>The Rt Hon John Simon Bercow, MP</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Mark John Boleat, CC</i></p>	<p>The Speaker of the House of Commons  <i>Citizen and Insurer</i></p>	<p>House of Commons, Westminster</p>

*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.

#### 7. 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:-

#### **Subordinate Legislation**

<b>Title</b>	<b>with effect from</b>
The NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements (Amendment) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 1940	1 April 2016
The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 1980	31 December 2015
The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 2033	7 January 2016
The Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 2039	16 December 2015

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

#### 8. Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the Board of Governors of the City of London School, the Castle Baynard Educational Foundation & Samuel Wilson Fund, the City Arts Trust, and Christ's Hospital.

- a) **Board of Governors of the City of London School** (one vacancy for the balance of a term expiring June 2017).

#### **Nominations received:-**

Keith David Forbes Bottomley  
 The Revd. Dr Martin Raymond Dudley  
 Michael Hudson

Read.

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

The Lord Mayor appointed the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or their representatives, to be the scrutineers of the ballot.

*Resolved* – That the votes be counted at the conclusion of the Court and the result printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

b) **Castle Baynard Educational Foundation & Alderman Samuel Wilson Fund** (three vacancies for three year terms expiring in March 2019).

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

**Nominations received:-**

- \*Nigel Kenneth Challis
- \*Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
- \*Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Nigel Challis, Deputy Catherine McGuinness and Jeremy Simons to be appointed to the Castle Baynard Educational Foundation & Alderman Samuel Wilson Fund .

c) **City Arts Trust** (one vacancy for a four year term expiring in January 2020).

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

**Nominations received:-**

- \*Jeremy Mayhew

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Mayhew to be appointed to the City Arts Trust.

d) **Christ's Hospital** (seven vacancies for four year terms expiring in January 2020).

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

**Nominations received:-**

- \*Dennis Cotgrove
- \*Lucy Frew
- \*Ian Christopher Norman Seaton

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Dennis Cotgrove, Lucy Frew and Ian Seaton to be appointed to Christ's Hospital.



## 9. Questions

**Photo opportunities involving the Mayoralty**

Deputy Alex Deane asked a question of the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen regarding the procedures in place concerning media and photographic opportunities involving the Lord Mayor. In response, the Chairman outlined the process by which prospective meetings and visits were assessed with a view to ensuring that the Lord Mayor was not exposed to any undue risk of negative publicity.

Responding to a supplementary question from Deputy Deane concerning a photograph of the Lord Mayor taken at a recent event in Northern Ireland, the Chairman confirmed that this had been entirely appropriate and in line with procedures.

**Operational Property Review**

Alderman Tim Hailes asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee seeking clarity as to the strategy in place to maintain the City Corporation's operational property. The Chairman outlined the work that had been undertaken to date as part of the Operational Property Review, including the identification of potential assets for disposal and the allocation of additional resource for maintenance purposes.

In response to a supplementary question from Alderman Hailes, the Chairman agreed that it would be timely for a report to be brought back to the Court later in the year on the progress that has been made to date.

**Markets Review**

Patrick Streeter asked a question of the Chairman of the Markets Committee concerning the possibility of a review into the future of Billingsgate and Smithfield markets. In response, the Chairman advised that a strategic review of the City's three wholesale markets had already been initiated; this would need to be a comprehensive review involving consultation with all interested parties.

In response to a supplementary question from Mr Streeter, the Chairman made clear that any review would need to be undertaken in a thorough and considered manner and would not be rushed. Officers would conduct the review as swiftly as prudently possible and he was hopeful that an initial report would be available for the Markets Committee by the end of the year.

**Voter Registration**

Tom Sleigh asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee seeking clarity as to the progress of the annual canvas of voters for Ward Lists, including the number of voters in comparison to the previous year and the proportion of the eligible pool of potential voters. In reply, the Chairman set out the latest provisional figures and compared them to previous years, advising that the Policy and Resources Committee would be considering at its next meeting what steps could be taken to increase registration levels ahead of the 2017 elections.

Responding to supplementary questions from Tom Sleigh and James Tumbridge, the Chairman agreed to circulate the figures referred to in his response once they had been confirmed in February. He also noted the previous agreement whereby

electoral services officers, at the appropriate stage during the annual canvas, should be contacting those prospective voters who had previously expressed an interest in registering.

In replying to an additional supplementary question from John Fletcher, the Chairman reiterated that the Policy and Resources Committee would be looking at what could be done to increase registration and that thought would need to be given to producing guidance around appropriate methods by which the electorate could be engaged by Members.

In response to a further supplementary question from Keith Bottomley, the Chairman advised that he had only recently become aware of an issue concerning multi-occupied premises, whereby qualifying bodies were not able to register at the same premise as sole traders and partnerships. He noted that identifying the businesses that were located within shared workspaces could also be challenging, advising that the Town Clerk's Electoral Services and the City Occupier's Database teams were aware of the issues around registering voters in these types of premises and would continue to attempt to maximise registration at them through good intelligence on which businesses were in occupation, and providing clear advice and guidance to the businesses on the registration process. In addition, the Policy and Resources Committee would also be exploring what more could be done to ensure these new vital businesses had the opportunity to play their part in the democratic process.

#### 10. Motions

*Chadwick,  
R.A.H., Deputy;  
Dove, W.H.,  
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy*

*Motion* – “That James Tumbridge be appointed to the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee and that Marianne Fredericks be appointed to the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, both for the Ward of Tower, in the room of Gerald Pulman?”

*Resolved* - That the Motion be agreed.

#### 11. Awards and Prizes

There was no report.

#### 12.

### **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

#### **(Mark Boleat)**

19 November 2015

#### **(A) Election of Chief Commoner**

The annual election of a Chief Commoner is conducted in accordance with Standing Order No. 18, as agreed following the 2011 Governance Review Process and as amended following the Post Implementation review in 2012. Whilst the election process had worked well to date, Members had identified a number of potential opportunities to enhance and further refine the parts of the process relating to the nomination of candidates for election.

The Policy and Resources Committee had considered these proposals, namely the introduction of an official “campaign period” and the introduction of an upper limit to

the number of nominations candidates can receive, and **recommended** that the Court of Common Council approve the introduction of an official start date of 1<sup>st</sup> September for prospective candidates to begin canvassing for support; the introduction of an upper limit to the number of nominations a candidate could receive, such that once ten nominations have been obtained the candidate would be considered to be validly nominated and no further names in support of their nomination would be accepted; and the requirement for candidates to submit the signatures of each of the ten Members nominating them to the Town Clerk in order to be considered validly nominated.

A number of Members queried the practicalities of the restriction on canvassing, seeking clarity as to what would be considered to constitute such an activity and how any transgressions would be adjudged and dealt with. It was suggested that a protocol would need to be produced to appropriately define this and that this would be a more suitable approach to dealing with this matter. It was felt therefore that the proposed amendment to Standing Order 18(6) should be removed from the recommendation.

Following debate the following amendment was considered:-

Hudson, M.;  
Boleat, M

*Amendment* – That the recommendation concerning the introduction of an official start date of 1<sup>st</sup> September for prospective candidates to begin canvassing for support, along with the subsequent proposed amendment to Standing Order 18(6), be withdrawn from the Motion being put.

Upon the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the amendment to be carried.

The original Motion, as amended, being before the Court.

*Resolved* – That approval be given to:-

- The introduction of an upper limit to the number of nominations a candidate can receive, such that once ten nominations have been obtained the candidate is considered to be validly nominated and no further names in support of their nomination will be accepted;
- The requirement for candidates to submit the signatures of each of the ten Members nominating them to the Town Clerk in order to be considered validly nominated; and
- The consequent amendments to Standing Order 18(5) as set out in the report.

19 November 2015

### **(B) Elections to Single Vacancies**

Following the various ballots for places on Committees undertaken at the 23 April meeting of the Court of Common Council, the suggestion was made at a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee that alternative voting arrangements should be explored. This was with a view to achieving a fairer and more open democratic process and one that would ensure that those elected had a significant proportion of support from the full Court.

The Policy and Resources Committee had since considered a number of potential systems and was minded that the introduction of an Alternative Vote (AV) system for electing to single vacancies on committees would increase the fairness of the process. This report provided an explanation as to the practicalities and advantages of an AV electoral method and detailed how such a system would work and **recommended** its adoption for elections to single vacancies.

*Resolved* – That the implementation of an Alternative Vote system be agreed for Court of Common Council elections to single vacancies, with the requisite amendments to Standing Orders approved as set out at Appendix 2

10 December 2015

### **(C) Governance of City Sole Sponsored Academies**

The City of London Corporation is the sole sponsor for one secondary academy and one primary academy (Redriff, affiliated to Southwark Academy), and had been approved to progress to the 'Pre-opening Phase' for two new primary academies, for which the City Corporation would also be sole sponsor. The Corporation also co-sponsors Hackney Academy (with KPMG) and the City of London Academy Islington (with City University). The current structure reflected the organic development of the City of London Corporation academy offer over the last decade. Overall it lacked coherence and did not reflect best practice in academy governance as recommended by the Department for Education.

The Policy and Resources Committee and Education Board **recommended** that to address this lack of coherence and deliver best practice in the governance of the City of London academies, the existing Southwark Multi Academy Trust (MAT) be 'scaled up' into the new corporate governing body for all of the City of London Corporation's existing and future sole sponsored academies, with an associated change of name to become the "City of London Academies".

Responding to queries raised Deputy Bill Fraser, the Chairman provided reassurance that there was no intention to appropriate any reserves or funds set aside by the City of London Academy Southwark (CoLAS) to pay for any other school's activities. He added that he would expect the sixth form expansion plans at CoLAS to continue, but noted that this would ultimately be a matter for the Multi-Academy Trust's Board of Trustees to decide upon. Similarly, the character of each of the individual schools would also be a matter for the Board of Trustees, but each should of course have their own characters reflecting the roles they play in their local communities. The Chairman clarified that the proposals being made were not intended in any way to threaten what the Academies had achieved to date but were simply concerned with putting in place strong governance arrangements.

*Resolved* – That:

- i) The City of London Corporation have one legal entity to continue to deliver the academies for which it is sole-sponsor and that this entity should be the City of London Academies (Southwark) ("Southwark MAT");
- ii) The City of London Primary Academy Islington (COLPAI) undertaking should be transferred to Southwark MAT and the COLPAI company be wound up and this

- recommendation be made to the members of that company who are all City Corporation officers and elected Members;
- iii) Consistent with (1) above the City Corporation recommend to the Southwark MAT that the company change its name to the “City of London Academies” and that the registered office be transferred to the Guildhall;
  - iv) The City Corporation as sponsor exercises its rights to make the following changes to the Southwark MAT’s company members –
    - a. by replacing the current members (whether by resignation or removal); and
    - b. to appoint up to four new members of the company, to be the Chairman and a Deputy Chairman of the Policy Committee, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Education Board.
  - v) It be recommended to the members of the company, once appointed under 4 (b) above, that they adopt new Articles of Association effective on a named date (“the transition date”) which reflect the current Department for Education (DfE) model multi-academy trust (MAT) Articles of Association and which provide for a smaller Board of Directors/Trustees which will be responsible for the strategic direction of the company (and which provide the City Corporation as sponsor with the right to appoint and to remove up to six Directors/Trustees, the City Corporation having majority appointment rights), which Board will hold the ultimate legal accountability for the educational outcomes of the company’s academies, the management of its finances and all regulatory compliance;
  - vi) Subject to the company members adopting new Articles of Association as proposed, that at the transition date –
    - a. the City Corporation agree to be appointed as a corporate member of the company and to appoint the Town Clerk (and his representatives appointed under the City Corporation’s Officer Scheme of Delegations) to be its authorised representative(s) for that purpose;
    - b. the existing Board of Directors be removed; and
    - c. the City Corporation appoint up to six Directors/Trustees to consist of two Directors/Trustees nominated by the Policy Committee, two Directors/Trustees nominated by the Education Board, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Education Board;
  - vii) The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Education Board be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Director of Community and Children’s Services and the Comptroller and City Solicitor, to take any other decisions relating to the above (including any negotiations with the Department for Education) necessary to implement the proposal that the City have one academy trust company to deliver its sole-sponsored academies.

19 November 2015

#### **(D) Review of Grant Giving Activity**

As part of the Service Based Review (SBR) process, a review of the grant giving activities of the City of London Corporation under City Fund and City’s Cash was commissioned. This review excluded the activities of the City Bridge Trust. The objective was to analyse the grants programmes offered by the Corporation to

make a more consistent approach to grant giving, improve value for money and increase impact.

The review was conducted by officers and proposals were presented to the Policy and Resources Committee in May 2015, which agreed the overall approach. The report provided information of the review of the proposals by each of the relevant Service Committees. The broad outcome of this was that a new process for the making of grants would come into effect, which would be:

- The Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee identifies various priorities for grant giving activities for the coming year.
- The relevant Service Committee considers the applications related to priorities within their area of responsibilities.
- The Finance Grants (Sub) Committee provides monitoring of the grants which have been awarded, and reports annually to Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee on the effectiveness of the scheme.

The changes to the process for the awarding of grants would require the amendment to the Terms of Reference of various Committees. Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference were set out within the report and would be submitted to the Court for approval within the White Paper in April 2016.

It was **recommended** that the Court receive this report for information.

*Resolved* – That the report be received.

13.

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

**(Billy Dove, O.B.E., J.P., Deputy, Chief Commoner)**

11 December 2015

### **(A) Applications for the Use of Guildhall**

In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Court on 21 June 2001 for the approval of applications for the use of Guildhall, the Court was informed of the following applications which had been agreed to:-

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Function</u></b>
Institute of Fiscal Studies	Monday 8 February 2016	Conference
Global Capital	Wednesday 25 May 2016	Dinner
E-Act	Friday 8 July 2016	Lunch
ifs School of Finance	Friday 9 September 2016	Graduation
Emunah	Monday 12 September 2016	Dinner
City of London Pensioners' Reunion Committee	Monday 7 November 2016	Lunch
Mulberry	Thursday 18 February 2016 to Monday 22 February	Fashion Show and set-up

*Resolved* – That the various applications be noted.

11 December 2015

### **100 Years of Anglo-Irish Relations: Lecture and Reception**

In March, the Government of Ireland announced the launch of a national and international programme of events to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Easter Rising. To mark the occasion, it was proposed that the President of Ireland be invited to deliver a lecture on the significance of the centenary and the future of Anglo-Irish relations. This would provide an opportunity for the City to develop and strengthen links and relationships formed during the State Visit in 2015. The lecture would be followed by reception and high level dinner.

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

This was to be a Committee event.

In response to a question from Edward Lord, the Chief Commoner gave assurances that the Governor, Deputy Governor and Assistants of The Honourable The Irish Society would form part of the host element for the event.

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

14.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy)**

15 December 2015

### **(A) Council Tax Reduction Scheme**

Until 2013 there was a national Council Tax Benefit scheme to assist people on low incomes with their council tax bills. This was replaced by a locally determined Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) from the financial year 2013/14. The Government defined a default scheme which was almost identical to the old Council Tax Benefit scheme. To protect residents on low incomes, the City of London Corporation adopted the Government's default scheme and subsequently has kept the CTRS in line with Government increases of benefits generally.

However, changes having been made to national benefits in the July 2015 budget meant that the Scheme would no longer be compliant with legislation. Changes would therefore be required from 2016/17. As this would be a change to the Council Tax scheme, approval would be required from the Court of Common Council. It is obligatory to consult on any changes to the scheme and hence consultation was undertaken with all council tax payers on two options.

Option One was to introduce revised applicable amounts, personal allowances, backdating and non-dependant deductions, keeping these in line with Housing Benefit. This would protect existing claimants from possibly being worse off, although it would also limit backdating in future for new claimants and it would keep

the administration of CTRS in line with Housing Benefit. This was the option recommended to Council Tax payers.

Option Two was to make technical adjustments to allow the current scheme to continue broadly as at present, including the current rates of applicable amounts, personal allowances and non-dependant deductions. This would potentially make some claimants worse off and would cause the CTRS to be less aligned with Housing Benefit and other national benefits, but would continue to allow longer backdating for new claimants.

Consultation letters had been sent to 5,800 council tax payers, from whom there were 178 responses. 140 of these responses favoured Option One, 34 favoured Option Two and four stated no preference. Option One was therefore recommended as it would help protect the most vulnerable City residents, and was the preferred option from the consultation. Your Finance Committee agreed that this was the most appropriate option and **recommended** its adoption to the Court accordingly.

*Resolved* – That the introduction of a new Council Tax Reduction Scheme, with applicable amounts, personal allowances, backdating and non-dependent deductions in line with the Housing Benefit Scheme (Option One as set out in the report) be approved.

15 December 2015

### **(B) City of London Corporation Pension Fund Deficit**

At the Court of Common Council meeting on 15 October 2015, Honourable Members asked questions regarding the Pension Fund deficit. It was agreed that the Finance Committee would provide a report on this matter to the Court to clarify the position; this paper had consequently been submitted to explain the position.

It was **recommended** that the Court receive the report.

*Resolved* – That the report be received.

17 November 2015

### **(C) City's Cash Financial Statements 2014/15**

On 23 May 1996, the Court authorised the Finance Committee to approve, amongst other things, the Annual Report and Financial Statements for City's Cash. The Committee had duly considered and approved the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2015.

Copies of the Statement had been placed in the Members' Reading Room and were available on the City's website. The management letter from Moore Stephens on its audit of the funds had been circulated for the information of the Court. In addition, the Annual Report and Financial Statements and Moore Stephens' management letter had also been published on the City's website.

It was accordingly **recommended** that the Court receive the 2014/15 City's Cash Statement of Accounts.



In response to a question from the Reverend William Campbell-Taylor, it was also confirmed that an accessible summary document would be produced as in previous years.

*Resolved* – That the 2014/15 City's Cash Statement of Accounts be received.

15.

## **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**(Michael Welbank, M.B.E.)**

17 November 2015

### **Surplus Arising for On-Street Parking 2014/15 and Utilisation of Accrued Surplus**

The City of London in common with other London authorities is required to report to the Mayor for London on action taken in respect of any deficit or surplus in its On-Street Parking Account for a particular financial year.

Member were advised that:

- the surplus arising from on-street parking activities in 2014/15 was £5.786m;
- a total of £6.452m, was applied in 2014/15 to fund approved projects; and
- the surplus remaining on the On-Street Parking Reserve at 31st March 2015 was £14.987m, which would be wholly allocated towards the funding of various highway improvements and other projects over the medium term.

The Court was recommended to note the contents of the report and approve its submission to the Mayor of London.

*Resolved* – That the report be approved for submission to the Mayor of London.

16.

## **THE CITY BRIDGE TRUST COMMITTEE**

**(Jeremy Mayhew)**

26 November 2015

### **Proactive Grants for Strategic Initiatives**

In the light of changes to the City Bridge Trust's operating environment, in particular, the reduction of approximately 40% in London Boroughs' budgets and the reduction in grant funding available at a time when many organisations faced increased demand, greater calls upon the Trust's resources from charitable organisations was anticipated. In response, the Trust had decided to make a shift in the balance in its funding – from its reactive grant-making (i.e. grants made in response to applications to its 'Investing in Londoners' grants programme) to more proactive grant making – from a circa 90:10 ratio to 80:20. This was intended to allow for more strategic responses, informed by the reactive work. At the same time, the Trust would be improving the transparency and processes of its proactive grant-making.

The City Bridge Trust Committee **recommended** that the Court of Common Council note its recent decisions, namely, that:

- up to 20% of the City Bridge Trust Committee's total annual grants budget would now be committed through proactive grant-making (not including the £1m

strategic grant to the Prince's Trust);

- up to one-quarter of this 20% (i.e. 5% of the annual proactive grants budget) would be ring-fenced for the consideration of grant proposals that fall outside of the reactive grants programme criteria, but which were informed by those criteria, and/or the broader evidence of need; and
- a number of improvements, filters and prioritisation guidance for proactive grants, as summarised in the report and attached appendix, had been agreed.

The proposed increase in the budget for strategic grants would not affect the monies available for the regular grants programme, nor the allocation to the Prince's Trust.

*Resolved* – That the amendments to the City Bridge Trust's grant-making approach be noted.

## 17. LICENSING COMMITTEE

**(Marianne Bernadette Fredericks)**

21 October 2015

### **Gambling Act 2005 – Review of Statement of Licensing Principles**

The Gambling Act 2005 requires all licensing authorities to produce and publish a Statement of Licensing Principles ('policy'). As prescribed by the statutory timetable the City Corporation produced its first such statement at the time the Act came into force in January 2007. The legislation requires that all authorities review their policy at three yearly intervals. The Policy was last reviewed in January 2013 and therefore was required to be reviewed by January 2016.

The Licensing Committee had recently reviewed the City's policy and undertaken consultation on a proposed new policy, with the intention of publishing the new document by the end of January 2016. The new policy contained minor administrative amendments to reflect some of the latest guidance issued by the Gambling Commission and, as such, was intended to be an interim policy until a more substantial policy fully reflecting the government's changes to published guidance could be brought before Members for approval before the end of 2016.

The Deputy Chairman advised that the consultation period for the policy being proposed had concluded on 13 January 2016 and advised the Court that no substantial comments had been received to alter the policy as recommended.

It was therefore **recommended** that the draft Statement of Licensing Principles, as set out in the Appendix, be approved as the text of the City of London Statement of Licensing Principles.

*Resolved* – that the draft Statement of Licensing Principles, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved as the text of the City of London Statement of Licensing Principles.

18. *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, or which fall under paragraph 100A(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to confidential information that would be disclosed in breach of an obligation of confidence by a department of Her Majesty's Government.

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

19. *Resolved* – That the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

**Application for Hospitality**

20. The Court agreed the provision of hospitality to coincide with the forthcoming State Visit of His Majesty the King of Spain and approved the terms of an Address of Welcome.

**The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.20 pm**

**BARRADELL.**