



MOUNTEVANS, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

3rd March 2016
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee
Sir Michael David Bear
Sheriff Charles Bowman
Peter Estlin
John Garbutt
Sir Roger Gifford
Alison Gowman
Timothy Russell Hailes, JP
Gordon Warwick Haines

Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, JP
Sir Paul Judge
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

Dr Andrew Charles Parmley
William Anthony Bowater Russell
The Rt Hon the Baroness Patricia Scotland of
Asthall, QC
Dame Fiona Woolf
Sir David Wootton

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams
John David Absalom, Deputy
Randall Keith Anderson
Alex Bain-Stewart JP
John Alfred Barker, OBE, Deputy
Douglas Barrow, Deputy
John Bennett, Deputy
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP
Christopher Paul Boden
Mark Boleat
Keith David Forbes Bottomley
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
William Harry Dove OBE, Deputy
(Chief Commoner)
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
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Lucy Frew
George Marr Flemington Gillon
Stanley Ginsburg, JP, Deputy
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines MA, Deputy
Brian Nicholas Harris, Deputy
Graeme Harrower
Tom Hoffman
Ann Holmes
Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde
Clare James
Gregory Percy Jones QC
Alastair John Naisbitt King,
Deputy

Gregory Alfred Lawrence
Vivienne Littlechild JP
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge, TD
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
Hugh Fenton Morris
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
Sylvia Doreen Moys
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE,
Deputy
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE
Graham David Packham
Dhruv Patel
Ann Marjorie Francescia
Pembroke
Judith Lindsay Pleasance
James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy

Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Chris Punter
Delis Regis
Adam Fox McCloud
Richardson
Elizabeth Rogula
Virginia Rounding
James de Sausmarez
John George Stewart Scott, JP
Ian Christopher Norman
Seaton
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,
Deputy
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Graeme Martyn Smith
Angela Mary Starling
Patrick Thomas Streeter
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
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. It was noted that a number of Members had received dispensation from the Standards Committee to speak and vote in respect of Item

17(A) and the proposed increase to the Business Rate Premium.

3. Minutes *Resolved* - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
4. Resolutions There were no resolutions.
5. Mayoral Visits The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent overseas visits to the Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Angola, Mauritius, and Zambia.
6. Hospital Seal There were no documents to be sealed.
7. Freedoms The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned, persons who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City by Redemption:-
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| Squadron Leader Michael John Daly, MBE
<i>Professor Sir Arnold Wolfendale</i>
<i>Clinton Eliot Leeks</i> | a University Bursar

<i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i>
<i>Citizen and Constructor</i> | Durham |
| Richard Stephen Kelly
<i>Scott Marcus Longman</i>
<i>John Alexander Smail</i> | a Researcher
<i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>
<i>Citizen and Distiller</i> | Bristol |
| Anthony Frederic Cordonnier
<i>Edward Archer Windsor Clive</i>
<i>Alfred Bain</i> | a Reinsurance Underwriter
<i>Citizen and Turner</i>
<i>Citizen and Turner</i> | South Woodford, Redbridge |
| Teresa Mary Waller-Bridge
<i>George Alexander Bastin</i>
<i>Colonel Hamon Patrick Dunham</i>
<i>Massey</i> | an Assistant Clerk
<i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i>
<i>Citizen and Loriner</i> | Battersea |
| Paul Flowerday
<i>Mark Douglas Estaugh</i>
<i>Christopher Roberts</i> | a Bursar
<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>
<i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> | Rudgwick, West Sussex |
| Daniel Oliver Lewis Winkworth
<i>Anthony John Keith Woodhead</i>
<i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i> | a Railway-Signalling Installer
<i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i>
<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> | Barnet, Hertfordshire |
| Jacqueline Anne Gibbons
<i>George Raymond Gibson</i>
<i>Neil Frederick Purcell</i> | a Professor Emeritus
<i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i>
<i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> | Toronto, Ontario, Canada |
| Timothy James Lewis

<i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i>
<i>David Peter Coombe</i> | a Travel Consultant

<i>Citizen and Poulter</i>
<i>Citizen and Poulter</i> | Blackheath, Royal Borough of Greenwich |
| Anne Christiansen
<i>Richard David Regan, OBE, Deputy</i>
<i>John Michael Pocock</i> | an Operations Director
<i>Citizen and Cutler</i>
<i>Citizen and Cutler</i> | Lewisham |

Anne-Marie Craven <i>Ronald Gulliver</i> <i>David Henry Clifton Griffiths</i>	a Tour Guide <i>Citizen and Farrier</i> <i>Citizen and Farrier</i>	Camden
Robert Michael Tilbury <i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>Stanley Ginsburg, JP, Deputy</i>	a Senior Fraud Investigator <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Upminster, Essex
James Kenneth Emery <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>Geoffrey Douglas Ellis</i>	a Police Officer <i>Citizen and Tyler and Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner</i>	Billericay, Essex
James Grigsby Smith <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	a Garden Maintenance Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Snodland, Kent
Anthony Robert Wilson <i>James Edward Pullum</i> <i>Gary Mankelow</i>	a Transport Planning Manager <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage</i> <i>Driver</i> <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage</i> <i>Driver</i>	Southwark
Stephen Ernest John Raven <i>Terry Kenneth Morris</i> <i>David Roger Anthony John Formosa</i>	a Member of the London Stock Exchange, retired <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Esher, Surrey
Simon Philip Shalgosky <i>Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC</i> <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Television Company Head of Development <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Ashtead, Surrey
Jodi-Lynne Shalgosky <i>Stuart John Fraser, CBE, CC</i> <i>Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	an Admissions Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Ashtead, Surrey
Colin Richard Watts <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i> <i>Richard Stuart Goddard</i>	a Marine Consultant <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Huntham, North Curry, Taunton, Somerset
Janet Alison Smith <i>Anthony Sharp</i> <i>Keith Cledwyn Williams</i>	a Human Resources Consultant <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Framework Knitter</i>	Snitterfield, Warwickshire
Stewart William Bell <i>Anthony Sharp</i> <i>Keith Cledwyn Williams</i>	a Finance Director, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Framework Knitter</i>	Snitterfield, Warwickshire
Brian Robert Lewis <i>Anthony Ben Charlwood</i> <i>Donald Newell</i>	a Pharmacist <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Westerham, Kent
Massimo Antoci	a Business Executive (retired)	Rome, Italy

<i>Michael Alan Rutherford</i>	<i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	
<i>Shravan Joshi</i>	<i>Citizen and Fueller</i>	
Nicole Michele Straker	an Executive Assistant	Woolwich Arsenal
<i>Anthony Sharp</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Keith Cledwyn Williams</i>	<i>Citizen and Framework Knitter</i>	
Mark Hugh Nunns	a Banker	Twickenham, Middlesex
<i>Robert George Williams</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
<i>Christopher Punter, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
Raymond William Clement	a Civil Engineer, retired	Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent
<i>John Edmund Maccabe</i>	<i>Citizen and Horner</i>	
<i>Catherina Anastasia Leonis Maccabe</i>	<i>Citizen and Farrier</i>	
Josephine Alison Crabb	a Solicitor	Cookham, Maidenhead, Berkshire
<i>Squadron Leader Antony Christopher Harley Farnath</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
<i>Virginia Susan Farnath</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
James Edward Cracknell	an Olympic Athlete	Chiswick
<i>Alison Jane Gowman, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
Lyndon Michael Jones	a Police Officer, retired	Faversham, Kent
<i>Thomas Anthony Denne</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
<i>John William Arthur Reuther</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
Richard John Feather	an Insurance Operations Director, retired	Rayleigh, Essex
<i>John Edmund Maccabe</i>	<i>Citizen and Horner</i>	
<i>Catherina Anastasia Leonis Maccabe</i>	<i>Citizen and Farrier</i>	
Francis Matthew Haggerty, MBE	a United National Operative, retired	Erimi, Limassol, Cyprus
<i>David Robert Boston</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
<i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
George William Helon, JP	an Historian, retired	Kearneys Spring, Queensland, Australia
<i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>David Robert Boston</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
Sarah Nevin Locker	a Police Officer, retired	Woodford Green, Essex
<i>David Andrew Harry McGregor Smith, CBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Cook</i>	
<i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
Pamela Kay Anson	a Financial Services Company Director	Chiswick
<i>Anthony Ben Charwood</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
<i>Aileen Elizabeth Wells-Martin</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
Ryan John Dignam	a Stockbroker	Mottingham
<i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	

<i>Stanley Ginsburg, JP, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
Richard John Woodgate <i>Peter Ronald Elliott</i> <i>Michael Gerald Whyte</i>	a Delivery Driver <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Orpington, Kent
Philippa Tamsin Watmough <i>Daniel Edward Doherty</i> <i>Steven Howard Rowe</i>	a Property Investment Director <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and Marketor</i>	Chelsea
Scott Paul Gouldsbrough <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>John Alexander Smail</i>	an IT Consultant <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	Easton, Bristol
Xohan Duran <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>Peter Ronald Elliott</i>	a Heating Company Director <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Borehamwood, Hertfordshire
Jeremy Withers Green <i>Timothy John Delano Cunis</i> <i>Richard Cawton Cunis</i>	an Investment Banker, retired <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Mercer</i>	Hammersmith
Artur Przemyslaw Gajewski <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>George Henry Capon</i>	an Information Technology Consultant <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Walthamstow
Angelo Musa <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>David Robert Boston</i>	a Carabinieri <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	Ferentino, Italy
Lesley Margaret Parker <i>Sir David Brewer, Kt., CMG, CVO</i> <i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i>	a Senior Social Services Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Hornsea, East Yorkshire
Professor Dame Henrietta Louise Moore, DBE <i>Paula Shea Tomlinson</i> <i>John Tomlinson, Deputy</i>	a University Professor <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Bloomsbury
Charles Richard Goulden <i>Sir Roger Gifford, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Carl Geoffrey Eriksson</i>	a Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Gunmaker</i>	York, Yorkshire
Dean Travis Smith <i>George Raymond Gibson</i> <i>Neil Frederick Purcell</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i> <i>Citizen and Painter-Stainer</i>	Wainfleet, Ontario, Canada
William Dermot O'Grady <i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>Stanley Ginsburg, JP, Deputy</i>	a Construction Company Director <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Killorglin, County Kerry, Ireland
Richard Andrew Hearn <i>Stephen Decatur Haines, Deputy</i>	The Dean of St George's Cathedral <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Southwark

<i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
Michael Patrick Fosberry <i>Gerald Albert George Pulman, JP Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	a Financial Services Director <i>Citizen and Basketmaker Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Denham, Middlesex
Jennifer Cooke <i>His Hon. Judge Nicholas Richard Maybury Hilliard, QC Alderman & Sheriff Charles Edward Beck Bowman</i>	a Crown Court Usher <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler Citizen and Grocer</i>	Village Way, Dulwich
Sally Anne Bromley <i>Neville John Watson Peter Francis Clark</i>	a College Principal <i>Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Mason</i>	Worthing, West Sussex
His Excellency Khalid Alwaleed Al-Hail <i>Mervyn Doreen Redding Lawrence John Day</i>	an Entrepreneur <i>Citizen and Basketmaker Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	Royal Arsenal Riverside, Woolwich, London
His Excellency Enrique Austria Manalo <i>Alan Buchan Michael Alan Rutherford</i>	a Diplomat <i>Citizen and Management Consultant Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	Chiswick, London
Professor Denis Jean-Marie Kessler <i>Andrew John Hubbard Gerard Graham Dickinson</i>	an Insurer <i>Citizen and Insurer Citizen and Insurer</i>	Paris
Sir Thomas Boaz Allen, CBE <i>Sir Roger Gifford, Kt., Ald. Andrew Charles Parmley, Ald.</i>	a Singer <i>Citizen and Musician Citizen and Musician</i>	Parsons Green
Jane Victoria Barker, CBE <i>Mark John Boleat, CC Hugh Fenton Morris, CC</i>	an Insurance and Consulting Company Director <i>Citizen and Insurer Citizen and Maker of Playing Card</i>	Southwark
Her Excellency Chi Hsia Foo <i>Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow, Kt., Ald. Mark John Boleat, CC</i>	The High Commissioner of Singapore <i>Citizen and Fishmonger Citizen and Insurer</i>	Belgravia
Ludovic Bizouard De Montille <i>Mark John Boleat, CC Sir Roger Gifford, Kt., Ald.</i>	an International Banking Chairman <i>Citizen and Insurer Citizen and Musician</i>	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Julian Benjamin Pipe, CBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Mark John Boleat, CC</i>	a London Borough Mayor <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	Hackney

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.

8. 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

Title	with effect from
The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 2041	14 January 2016
The London Underground (Bank Station Capacity Upgrade) Order 2015, S.I. No. 2044	12 January 2016
The Greater London Authority Elections (Amendment) Rules 2016, S.I. No. 24	1 May 2016
The Public Service Pensions Revaluation (Earnings) Order 2016, S.I. No. 95	1 April 2016
The Self-build and Custom Housebuilding (Register) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 105	1 April 2016
The Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Rate Relief) (England) (Amendment) Order 2016, S.I. No. 143	1 April 2016
The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 149	13 May 2016

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

9. Ballot Result

The Town Clerk reported the results of a ballot taken at the last Court as follows:-

Board of Governors of the City of London School (one vacancy for the balance of a term expiring in April 2017).

	Votes
Keith David Forbes Bottomley	56
The Revd. Dr Martin Raymond Dudley	27
Michael Hudson	10

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Keith Bottomley to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School.

10. Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the Guild Church of St Lawrence Jewry, Christ's Hospital and the Thames Festival Trust.

a) **Guild Church of St Lawrence Jewry** (three vacancies for one year terms expiring in March 2017).

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

Nominations received:-

*Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy

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

*Gregory Percy Jones, Q.C.

Read.

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

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

Nominations received:-

Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, J.P.

Read.

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

- c) **Thames Festival Trust** (one vacancy for a three year term expiring in March 2019).

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

Nominations received:-

*John Alfred Barker, O.B.E., Deputy

John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

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.

- a) The Court proceeded to appoint four Common Councilmen on the Honourable The Irish Society for terms of three years.

**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

Nominations received:-

*Douglas Barrow, Deputy

*Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy.

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

*James Henry George Pollard, Deputy
Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

The Court agreed a request from Jeremy Simons to withdraw his nomination.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Doug Barrow, Deputy Roger Chadwick, Simon Duckworth and Deputy Henry Pollard to be appointed to The Honourable The Irish Society.

- b) The Court proceeded to endorse the Court of Aldermen's nomination for the Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society.

*Luder, I.D., J.P.;
Dove, W.H.,
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy*

Resolved – That Sir David Hugh Wootton, Alderman and Fletcher, be appointed as Governor of the Honourable the Irish Society, it being noted that the Deputy Governor would be appointed by the Court of the Irish Society.

12. Questions

Rough Sleeping

Patrick Streeter asked a question of the Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee concerning rough sleeping in the City and the possible steps that might be taken to address the issue.

In response, the Chairman stressed the importance of distinguishing between rough sleeping and begging and set out the work that the Community & Children's Services department was doing to address rough sleeping. He made reference to the significant collaboration with the City of London Police, homelessness charities, City churches and other City Corporation departments to tackle the issue.

Sir John Cass Foundation School

William Campbell-Taylor sought and obtained the leave of the Court to defer his question, to be asked of the Chairman of the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Bus Stop Relocation: Blackfriars Bridge

Wendy Mead asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the proposed relocation of a bus stop as part of the cycle superhighway plans.

The Chairman set out the rationale behind Transport for London's (TfL) decision, noting the anticipated negative impact on road users were the bus stop to instead be relocated to the north end of Blackfriars Bridge. Responding to a supplementary question from Wendy Mead regarding the consultation process and the decision to relocate a bus stop in Tower Ward in the face of similar objections, the Chairman clarified that the proposals had been subject to TfL consultation in November 2014 and that no objections had been received; further, the proposals had only been approved on a trial basis to allow for their efficacy to be ascertained. He also added that the relocation of a bus stop in Tower Ward had not yet been formally agreed as it was contingent upon additional financial resources which had not yet been identified.

In reply to a further supplementary question from Gregory Jones, in which it was suggested that flaws in TfL's consultation process and plans merited the proposals being reconsidered by the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee, the Chairman

reiterated that the current proposals had been approved only on a temporary basis as what were known as 'experimental orders'. These experimental orders had been approved in response to the concerns which had been raised about the changes to streets, traffic flow and the impact on residents and occupiers in area, and would provide an opportunity for the plans to be reconsidered should they prove inappropriate.

13. Motions There were no motions.

14. Awards
and Prizes

Local Authority Awards

Report of the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.

"I am delighted to announce that the City of London Corporation received Gold in the Small Local Authority category and the Overall Winner award at the Chartered Institution of Waste Management Clean Britain Awards 2015. The Clean Britain Awards recognise the work of local authority street scene teams in keeping our public places and spaces clean and safe, for everyone to enjoy. The Gold Award for Small Local Authority and the Overall Winner Award are both the highest levels achievable and demonstrate the City Corporation's ability to provide service innovation and deliver new campaigns, initiatives, and prevention measures.

I am also delighted to announce that in February 2016 the City of London Corporation was named Local Authority of the Year by Keep Britain Tidy. This award rewards the City Corporation's excellence and innovation in improving local environmental quality and enables us to share our good practices with other Keep Britain Tidy Network members.

I commend this achievement to the Court."

Resolved – That the report be received.

15. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Mark Boleat)

25 February 2016

(A) European Union Referendum

Following the conclusion of HM Government's negotiations on reforms to the UK's membership of the European Union (EU), it was announced that a referendum on whether the UK should remain in the EU will take place on Thursday 23 June 2016. Voters would be asked to decide on the following question: "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?"

Given the importance of this matter to City stakeholders, including residents and businesses, a special meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee was convened on 25 February 2016 to consider whether the City Corporation should adopt a position on the UK's membership of the EU and, if so, what that position should be. Taking into account the City Corporation's role in representing the

interests of its stakeholders, and after giving the matter very careful and detailed consideration, it was agreed that the City Corporation should adopt an official position on the vote.

During discussion at the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee, different views had been expressed on the question of the City Corporation's position on the matter, including that of neutrality. It was, however, the view of the majority of Members of the Committee that, acknowledging the breadth of opinion in the City and taking into account the views expressed by stakeholders, support should be given to the UK remaining in the EU.

It was therefore **recommended** to the Court of Common Council that approval be given to the City Corporation adopting a position on the UK's membership of the EU in the following terms:-

“Taking into account the views of City stakeholders and businesses, the City of London Corporation supports the United Kingdom remaining a member of the European Union.”

The Chairman introduced the item, explaining the rationale behind the Policy and Resources Committee's decision and expressing his firm belief that it was in the best interests of the City Corporation to adopt the position proposed. He reminded Members that there was precedent for the City Corporation adopting official views on important matters on behalf of stakeholders, such as on the issue of immigration or airport expansion. He noted that this was not a party political issue and that the proposed position was in support of the Government and main opposition parties' stance. The Policy and Resources Committee had felt that stakeholders expected the City Corporation to adopt a position and that the strong view of those stakeholders who had declared a position to date was that the UK should remain in the EU.

He also took the opportunity to clarify that there was no intention to spend any money on campaigning in respect of this position, with the Committee not having considered any proposed expenditure and there being no intention to commit any funds. He also confirmed that there was no intent to move away from the City Corporation's traditional role in facilitating debate and that the City Corporation would continue to act as a forum for both sides to engage in full and informative exchange throughout the period. He made clear that any corporate position would also have no impact on individual Members' ability to speak or campaign according to their own beliefs.

Following the Chairman's introduction to the item, Deputy Alex Deane moved an amendment to split the Motion in to two sections, to facilitate more constructive debate.

Deane, A.C.,
Deputy;
Wheatley,
M.R.P.H.D.

Amendment – That the recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee be divided into two parts, thereby enabling each to be debated separately, in the following terms:

- a) that the Court of Common Council approves the City of London Corporation adopting a position on the UK's Membership of the EU.

- b) consequent upon the outcome of part a), the position be in the following terms:
- “Taking into account the views of City stakeholders and businesses, the City of London Corporation supports the United Kingdom remaining a member of the European Union.”*

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

The Court proceeded to debate part a) of the amended Motion.

During lengthy debate on the issue, a number of Members spoke both in support and in opposition to the proposition that the City Corporation adopt a corporate position. The following arguments were made in support of the City Corporation taking a neutral stance:

- The City Corporation was widely known to be a neutral entity which did not engage in party political issues. On such an emotionally and highly charged issue as this, to adopt a position would be akin to adopting a party political stance and the City Corporation would therefore be best served to remain independent. The fact that several established political parties had already declared positions on the matter would *de facto* make it a party political issue; having built a reputation for neutrality over several centuries, to risk it now would be misguided.
- Whilst the City Corporation might have previously adopted a corporate stance on some political matters, such as airport expansion at Heathrow, these had not been of the same magnitude.
- Further, those occasions when a stance had been adopted were in respect of issues where the general public had had no ability to vote directly on the matter. In matters of plebiscite, it was normal for the Court to remain neutral as all voters had the right to express their own views and did not need nor expect the City Corporation to act as an intermediary, any more than they would in the case of a General or Mayoral Election.
- With opinion across the nation divided on the issue and with there being a need to work with advocates of both sides of the argument whatever the outcome, passing this Motion would inevitably antagonize key stakeholders and could damage long-term relationships. It was also clear that opinion within the City itself was divided on the issue, with reference made to recent letters signed by prominent business figures urging neutrality or that the UK leave the EU.
- The mandate of the City Corporation to adopt any position was questioned with it argued that electors had not been canvassed as to their views in any meaningful way. To adopt a stance would therefore invite a direct challenge as to the validity of the City Corporation legitimately claiming to speak on anyone's behalf.
- Should a position be adopted in this instance, it was feared that a precedent would be set and there would be an expectation for the City Corporation to take a position on other matters in future.
- The importance of the politically independent nature of the Court of Common Council was emphasised, with it argued that the potential risks and disbenefits of adopting a position had not been adequately assessed. It was urged that the promotion of any position be left to other bodies such as

TheCityUK who, as advocacy bodies, had legitimate roles in the debate.

- It was also argued that with the vote some months away taking a position now would be precipitate, as changing circumstances or new information emerging in the interim might make any position taken now unrepresentative of stakeholder views come the referendum.
- Concern was expressed with regard to the legitimacy and inaccuracy of the statistics provided in the report before the Court. It was noted that the British Chambers of Commerce had declared they were retaining a neutral corporate position on the referendum, with it therefore suggested that to take their polling and draw a different conclusion would be disingenuous. The validity of the TheCityUK Ipsos-MORI poll was also challenged, with it noted that the report erroneously stated that the polling was conducted in 2015, when it was in fact 2013. Given the small and limited sample size, as well as the fact that views could change significantly in a three year period, disquiet was expressed that the data had skewed the view of stakeholder opinion in the City and might misrepresent the true position. As a matter of integrity, the City Corporation should, therefore, not consider making such a decision on the basis of inaccurate information.
- The City Corporation's established role as a convener and facilitator of debate was emphasised, with it observed that the City Corporation had a responsibility to ensure full and equal debate, promoting accurate information and allowing others to take their own informed positions. It was argued that the City Corporation should be proactive in inviting all sides to debate at Guildhall and that this would be made easier by remaining neutral, standing above partisan debate and ensuring it remained respected and trusted by all sides as a facilitator of discussion.
- A Member also questioned the Electoral Commission's guidance and interpretation of the legislation concerning campaigning. It was argued that the legislation made clear that the City Corporation's normal convening activities would not be captured by the legislation and therefore the City Corporation would be eligible to remain neutral and not register as a participant, whilst maintaining its traditional convening role, if it so wished.

The following points were advanced in support of the view that the City Corporation should adopt a corporate position:

- With the question of continued EU membership being of such fundamental importance, it was argued that there was an expectation from the electorate and other stakeholders that the City Corporation take a view on the issue and demonstrate it was relevant on the strategic issues of day.
- The wisdom of staying silent on the issue was questioned with it suggested that neutrality could potentially invite greater disrespect than advocating for one side. The City Corporation would not be the only organisation adopting a position which would need to work with all sides after the referendum; divisions and disagreements on issues were common and responsible organisations and individuals would continue to work together regardless of the outcome.
- The distinction between independence and neutrality was also commented on, with some Members also suggesting that seeking to remain neutral in this instance would be interpreted as tacit support for the UK withdrawing from the EU.

- It was noted that Members were elected as representatives, not as delegates, and were therefore fully entitled to take a view on the issue. Having been elected to express their views and act according to what they felt was best for the City, it would be unthinkable to remain silent on such a vital issue. Indeed, should the decision be taken not to adopt a view, electors might reasonably ask what Members and the City Corporation were there for. Three Members, having conducted informal canvassing in their own Wards, advised that there had been support amongst their electorate for the City Corporation adopting a corporate stance.
- Several Members challenged the statement that the City Corporation had been historically neutral, pointing to instances such as the Court's support for William Beckford, Oliver Cromwell and the Earl of Warwick as occasions where the City Corporation had taken a political and potentially divisive position on matters of great importance, often contrary to the position of the government or the monarch.
- The proposition that the City Corporation was neutral in the current era was also disputed, with the Heathrow position noted as being contrary to the stated position of the elected Mayor of London and the two leading candidates to succeed him. It was also observed that the City Corporation often advocated or attempted to intercede on behalf of the interests of the City, which arguably did not constitute neutrality.
- It was suggested that it would be irresponsible for an elected body whose primary function was to support and promote the City on a global basis not to have a view on this issue. The suggestion that advocacy be left to TheCityUK and others was referenced, with it put forward that this would simply marginalise the City Corporation in an area where it is used to having a leading position.
- Several Members observed that, with the City a major trading and financial centre, what the City Corporation did or failed to do to support the interests of business could materially impact thousands of people who relied on the City for their livelihoods. Businesses in the City were primarily of the opinion that continued EU membership was of importance to jobs and growth; if the City Corporation wished to claim to represent the financial and professional services industries, taking a position was essential and it was incumbent on the Court to speak out on an issue which would affect its stakeholders fundamentally.
- With reference to the issue of a mandate, a Member stated that it would be important to set out what this was and what capacity the City Corporation claimed to speak on peoples' behalves. Whilst there may be no mandate to speak for individual electors, the City Corporation could and should speak in the capacity which it had held for hundreds of years as representing the City as a global centre for trade. If anyone could claim to run the City, it was the City Corporation, and in that capacity it would want to facilitate market activity and participants to the greatest possible extent. Therefore, adopting a position would be representative of commercial, not political, interest.

Motion – That, in accordance with Standing Order 11(9), the Question be now put.

Dudley, Revd.
Dr. M.R.

There being no Member wishing to second the Motion, the Lord Mayor declared the Motion to fall.

Discussion recommenced, with Members making the following comments:

- Several Members expressed the view that it was vital that the City Corporation demonstrate strategic leadership on such an important issue, arguing that it was both a privilege and obligation of Members elected to lead to show these qualities. Leaders were expected not to shy away from difficult decisions, but to step forward and articulate a clear position. As politicians, Members were expected to take views and act in the best interests of the stakeholders they were elected to represent and to whom democratically accountable.
- Other Members countered that nobody had comprehensively surveyed residents or workers and thus it was not defensible to claim to be speaking on behalf of stakeholders; the historical examples provided as evidence of precedent for the City Corporation having taken controversial positions were also argued to be moot as they related to non-comparable events at a time when the City Corporation's role was not the same. The key role of the City Corporation in the modern era was as a convening body and facilitator of debate; this was what should be upheld foremost.
- It was also argued that neutrality was not the preserve of the euro-sceptic; large numbers of people were genuinely conflicted on the issue or felt it was not appropriate for the City Corporation to take a stance, regardless of their personal views.

Motion – That, in accordance with Standing Order 11(9), the Question be now put.

Lord, C.E.,
O.B.E., J.P.;
Dudley, Revd.
Dr. M.R.

Upon the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the Motion not to be carried.

Further debate was interrupted by the sounding of the fire alarm, which necessitated a forced adjournment at 2.55pm. The Court subsequently reconvened at 3.05pm.

At the conclusion of the Court's deliberations, Deputy Alex Deane and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee summed up the arguments on either side of the debate.

Upon the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared part a) of the Motion as amended to be carried.

A division being demanded and granted, there appeared:-

For the Affirmative 58

ALDERMEN

Anstee, N.J.
Bear, Sir Michael
Bowman, C.E.B., Sheriff
Estlin, P.
Gifford, Sir Roger

Gowman, A.J.
Hailes, T.R.
Haines, G.W.
Howard, R.P.S
Judge, Sir Paul

Keaveny, V.T.
Mainelli, Professor M.R.
Russell, W.A.B
Wootton, Sir David
Woolf, Dame Fiona

COMMONERS

Anderson, R.K.	Fraser, S.J., C.B.E.	McMurtrie, A.S., J.P.
Barrow, D., Deputy	Fraser, W.B., O.B.E., Deputy	Merrett, R.A., Deputy
Bennett, J.A., Deputy	Fredericks, M.B.	Morris, H.F.
Bensted-Smith, N.M., J.P.	Gillon, G.M.F.	Patel, D.
Boleat, M.J.	Haines, Revd. S.D., Deputy	Pleasance, J.L.
Bottomley, K.D.F.	Harris, B.N., Deputy	Pollard, J.H.G., Deputy
Campbell-Taylor, W.G.	Hoffman, T.	Rounding, V.
Chadwick, R.A.H., Deputy	Hyde, W.M.	de Sausmarez, H.J.
Challis, N.K.	Jones, G.P., Q.C.	Scott, J.G.S., J.P.
Chapman, J.D., Deputy	King, A.J.N., Deputy	Simons, J.L.
Dudley, Revd. Dr. M.R.	Littlechild, V., J.P.	Thomson, J.M.D., Deputy
Dunphy, P.G.	Lord, C.E., O.B.E., J.P.	Tomlinson, J., Deputy
Edhem, E.	Martinelli, P.N.	Welbank, M., M.B.E.
Eskenzi, A.N., C.B.E., Deputy	McGuinness, C., Deputy	

Tellers for the affirmative – (Affirmative) Graeme Martyn Smith and Deputy Alex Deane (Negative).

For the Negative 37

ALDERMEN

Malins, J.H., Q.C.

COMMONERS

Abrahams, G.C.	Holmes, A.	Priest, H.J.S.
Absalom, J.D., Deputy	Hudson, M.	Punter, C.
Bain-Stewart, A., J.P.	Lawrence, G.A.	Richardson, A.F.M.
Barker, J.A., O.B.E., Deputy	Lodge, O.A.W., T.D.	Rogula, E.
Boden, C.P.	Lumley, Professor J.S.P.	Seaton, I.C.N.
Colthurst, H.N.A.	Mayhew, J.P.	Shilson, Dr. G.R.E., Deputy
Cotgrove, D.	Mead, W., O.B.E.	Starling, A.M.
Dove, W.H., O.B.E., J.P.	Moys, S.D.	Streeter, P.T.
Fernandes, S.A.	Nash, J.C., O.B.E., Deputy	Tumbridge, J.R.
Fletcher, J.W.	Newman, B.P., C.B.E.	Woodhouse, P.
Ginsburg, S., J.P., Deputy	Packham, G.D.	
Harrower, G.G.	Pembroke, A.M.F.	

Tellers for the negative – (Negative) Mark Wheatley and Deputy Alastair Moss (Affirmative).

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared the Motion to be carried.

The Court then proceeded to consider part b) of the Motion as amended.

Motion – That, in accordance with Standing Order 11(9), the Question be now put.

Upon the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the Motion to be carried. Part b) of the Motion as amended was therefore put forthwith.

Upon the question being put, the Lord Mayor declared part b) of the Motion as amended to be carried.

Resolved – That:-

- a) approval be given to the City of London Corporation adopting a position on the UK's Membership of the EU; and,
- b) said position be in the following terms:

“Taking into account the views of City stakeholders and businesses, the City of

*Wheatley,
M.R.P.H.D;
Dove, W.H.,
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy*

London Corporation supports the United Kingdom remaining a member of the European Union.”

21 January 2016

(B) Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee

In light of the impact of national developments on the way local authorities exercise their health overview and scrutiny function, the Policy and Resources Committee had considered the health and social care scrutiny functions of the City Corporation’s Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee’s and the associated governance implications. This followed a review overseen by the Sub-Committee itself. The review highlighted the need to scrutinise not just the social care provided by external organisations but by the City Corporation itself and organisations it has commissioned.

As a result of this the Policy and Resources Committee agreed in principle to set up a new stand-alone Committee with the combined responsibility for scrutiny of health and social care and to dissolve the existing Sub-Committee. The Court was therefore **recommended** to approve the creation of a Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee with terms of reference and constitution as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Resolved - That a new Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee be established with terms of reference and constitution as attached at Appendix 1 to the report and that Standing Order 29 (3) be amended to enable the Chairman of the Committee to also be the Chairman of another Committee at the same time.

2 February 2016

(C) Report of Urgent Action Taken: London Councils Grants Scheme 2016/17 Levy

The budget for the London Councils Grants Scheme (LCGS) and the City of London Corporation’s contribution to the Scheme is considered on an annual basis by the Policy and Resources Committee. The City of London Corporation is also responsible for issuing the annual levies for contributions to all the constituent councils of the LCGS. This element of the Grants Scheme can only be considered and approved by the Court of Common Council if at least two-thirds of the constituent councils (i.e. 22 out of 33 of the London local authorities) have approved the total expenditure to be incurred under the Scheme.

Having received confirmation from London Councils that the budget and contributions had been agreed by over two thirds of the Constituent Councils, the approval of the Court was sought under the urgency procedures to allow the levies to be issued before the statutory deadline of 15 February 2016.

The Court of Common Council was therefore **recommended** to note that on 2 February 2016 approval was given, in accordance with Standing Order No. 19, to issue the levies.

Resolved – That the report be received.

COMMITTEE**(William Harry Dove, O.B.E., J.P., Deputy, Chief Commoner)**

28 January 2016

(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:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>
Goodacre UK	12 April 2016	Dinner
Seatrade	6 May 2016	Dinner
Premier Public Relations Ltd.	2 June 2016	Dinner
AE3 Media	3 June 2016	Lunch
Pipers Projects Ltd.	7 July 2016	Lunch
Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors	21 June 2016	Dinner
The Climate Group	28 June 2016 29 June 2016	Conference
Advertising Producers Association	1 September 2016	Reception
In2Global Ltd.	10 September 2016	Dinner
Holocaust Educational Trust	14 September 2016	Dinner
Lord Mayor's Appeal	23 September 2016 2 November 2016	Dinner
Royal Life Saving Society UK	8 October 2016	Awards Ceremony
UK Theatre	9 October 2016	Lunch
Standard Chartered Bank Pensioners' Association	28 October 2016	Lunch
Financial Services Forum	1 December 2016	Dinner
Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London	29 June 2017	Dinner

Resolved – That the several applications be noted.

28 January 2016

(B) Applications for Hospitality**(i) Armed Forces Flag Day 2016**

The annual Armed Forces Flag Day forms part of a week of activities across the country to raise public awareness of the contribution made by the Armed Forces. The day was established to provide an opportunity to show support for members of the Armed Forces and Service families. To mark this occasion, and in line with previous years, it was proposed that the City Corporation host a flag-raising ceremony in Guildhall Yard during the afternoon of Friday 24th June, followed by light refreshments in the Old Library.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a Flag Raising Ceremony and Reception at Guildhall and that the arrangements be made under the auspices of

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

This was to be a Full Court event.

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

(ii) Reception to mark Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday

In June a National Service of Thanksgiving will take place at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. The City Corporation had been invited to host a reception at the Guildhall following the service.

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

This was to be a Full Court event.

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

*Chadwick,
R.A.H., Deputy;
Lord, C.E., O.B.E.,
J.P.*

Motion – That Standing Order No. 16 be suspended to allow the Court to conclude the business before it.

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

17. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy)

16 February 2016

(A) City Fund 2016/17 Budget Reports and Medium Term Financial Strategy including Non-Domestic Rates and Council Taxes

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

- the Business Rates Premium be increased by 0.1p to 0.5p in the £ from April 2016 with the additional income, estimated at £1.6m a year, being allocated to the City of London Police to cover recently identified costs pressures relating to security; and
- the Council Tax for 2016/17 remains unchanged from 2015/16.

*Streeter, P.T.;
Ginsburg, S.,
J.P., Deputy*

Amendment – That this Court agrees to make provision in the budget for £240,000 which will provide for the reinstatement of the public conveniences in Bishopsgate and near Smithfield.

Upon the Question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the amendment not to be carried.

The original Motion being before the Court, it was:

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

1. That for the 2016/17 financial year the Court of Common Council approves:
 - the Premium multiplier on the Non-Domestic Rate and Small Business Rate multipliers be set at 0.005 (an increase of 0.001 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 unchanged Council Tax of £857.31 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 £107m.

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 2016/17 in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - (a) 7041.95 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)
81.99	66.82	6893.14

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 2016/17 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 £15,806,000 being the

expenses incurred by the Common Council in performing in the area of the Common Council of the City of London the City open spaces, highways, waste collection and disposal, transportation planning and road safety, street lighting, drains and sewer functions.

4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Common Council for the year 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) £349,000,000 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) £342,962,866 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) £6,037,134 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) £857.31 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) £16,147,221.33 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) £1,435.69 CR 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)
£	£	£
857.31	857.31	857.31

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	571.54	571.54	571.54
B	666.80	666.80	666.80
C	762.05	762.05	762.05
D	857.31	857.31	857.31
E	1,047.82	1,047.82	1,047.82
F	1,238.34	1,238.34	1,238.34
G	1,428.85	1,428.85	1,428.85
H	1,714.62	1,714.62	1,714.62

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 2016/17 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	49.26
B	57.47
C	65.68
D	73.89
E	90.31
F	106.73
G	123.15
H	147.78

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 2016/17 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 area)
	£	£	£
A	620.80	620.80	620.80
B	724.27	724.27	724.27
C	827.73	827.73	827.73
D	931.20	931.20	931.20
E	1,138.13	1,138.13	1,138.13
F	1,345.07	1,345.07	1,345.07
G	1,552.00	1,552.00	1,552.00
H	1,862.40	1,862.40	1,862.40

7. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that the following amounts of discount be awarded:
- i. to 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 (i.e. second homes) - Nil for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2016;
 - ii. to 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: 100% for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2016;
 - (b) in the case of a vacant dwelling that has been such for a continuous period of 6 months or more: nil for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2016 (i.e. a dwelling that is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished will qualify for a discount from the date the dwelling became vacant of 100% for the first six months (less one day) and nil thereafter)
- iii. to 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 (i.e. vacant uninhabitable dwellings or vacant dwellings undergoing major works to make them habitable or vacant dwellings where major repair works have taken place): 100% for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2016.
8. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2016/17, 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 2016/17.

Council Tax Reduction (formerly Council Tax Benefit)

9. It be noted that at the Court of Common Council meeting in January 2016 Members approved a new Council Tax Reduction Scheme as it applies to working age claimants, which will reflect changes and uprating to be applied under the Housing Benefit Regulations, effective from 1 April each year and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014. Effectively, the City's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2016/17 will have 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

10. 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 2016, a Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.502 and a Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.489 in accordance with Part II of the Schedule 7 of the said Act. (Both multipliers are inclusive of the City business rate premium of

0.005, an increase of 0.001 on the present multiplier.)

11. In addition, the levying by the Greater London Authority of a Business Rate Supplement in 2016/17 of 0.020 (i.e. 2.0p in the £) on hereditaments with a rateable value greater than £55,000, to finance its contribution to Crossrail, be noted.
12. 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 2016/17

Having considered the circulated report, we further recommend that the Court passes a resolution in the following terms:-

13. 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.
14. For the purpose of Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial years 2016/17 to 2018/19, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that at this stage the amount of money (referred to as the "Affordable Borrowing Limit"), which is the maximum amount which the City may have outstanding by way of external borrowing, shall be £0.
15. For the purpose of Section 21(A) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial year 2016/17, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that the prudent amount of Minimum Revenue Provision is £0. For subsequent years, Minimum Revenue Provision will equal 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 E.
16. Any potential external borrowing requirement and associated implications will be subject to a further report to Finance Committee and the Court of Common Council.
17. The Chamberlain be authorised to lend surplus monies on the basis set out in the Annual Investment Strategy, with an absolute limit of £300m for maturities in excess of 364 days.
18. The following Prudential Indicators be set:

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

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Estimates of the ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream:			
HRA	0.74	0.42	0.42
Non-HRA	(0.43)	(0.40)	(0.48)
Total	(0.31)	(0.32)	(0.38)
Estimate of the incremental impact of capital investment decisions on the Council Tax - compared to 2014/15 estimates and expressed as a Band D equivalent	£ 1,546	£ 1,455	£ 1,335
Estimate of the incremental impact on average weekly rent of capital investment decisions on housing rents	£ 1.58	£ 9.18	£ 11.67
Estimates of Capital Expenditure	£m	£m	£m
HRA	33.268	30.943	6.609
Non-HRA	271.181	42.637	50.542
Total	304.809	73.580	57.151
Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement – underlying need to borrow	£m	£m	£m
HRA	2.226	2.172	2.119
Non-HRA	97.341	116.285	156.067
Total	99.567	118.457	158.186
Net borrowing/(Net investments)	Period 2015/16 to 2018/19 £m (215.910)		
Capital financing requirement – underlying need to borrow	158.186		

Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management:

	<i>2016/17</i>	<i>2017/18</i>	<i>2018/19</i>
Operational Boundary for External Debt	£m	£m	£m
Borrowing	0	0	0
Other Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
Authorised Limit	£m	£m	£m
Borrowing	0	0	0
Other Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
<i>Upper Limit - Fixed Interest Rate Exposure</i>	100%	100%	100%
<i>Upper Limit-Variable Interest Rate Exposure</i>	100%	100%	100%
<i>Upper limit for Principal Sums Invested for > 364 days</i>	£300m	£300m	£300m
<i>Maturity Structure of New Fixed Rate Borrowing During 2015/16</i>	<i>Upper Limit</i>	<i>Lower Limit</i>	
	%	%	
Under 12 months	0	0	
12 months and within 24 months	0	0	
24 months and within 5 years	0	0	
5 years and within 10 years	0	0	
10 years and above	0	0	

Local Indicator focusing on revenue reserves:

	2016/17 <i>Estimate</i>	2017/18 <i>Estimate</i>	2018/19 <i>Estimate</i>
<i>Times cover by dividing unencumbered revenue reserves by annual revenue deficit/(surplus) - bracketed figures denote annual surpluses</i>	(10.0)	32.8	11.1

Other Recommendations

19. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2016/17 are endorsed.
20. The Chamberlain's assessment of the robustness of budgets and the adequacy of reserves is endorsed.

16 February 2016

(B) Revenue and Capital Budgets 2015/16 and 2016/17

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 includes 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 2016/17 (the budgets for City Fund having already been considered under part A above).

Resolved - That:-

- the latest revenue budgets for 2015/16 be noted;
- the 2016/17 revenue budgets be approved;
- the capital budgets be approved; and
- authority be delegated to the Chamberlain to determine the financing of the capital budgets.

*Dove, W.H.,
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy;
Welbank, M.,
M.B.E*

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.

18. **PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE****(Wendy Mead, O.B.E.)****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.

*Mead, W., O.B.E.;
Simons, J.L.*

Amendment – That, owing to an error in the report, the report be withdrawn and re-submitted for consideration in due course.

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

The Motion as amended being before the Court, it was:

Resolved – That the report be withdrawn.

19. **ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE****(The Revd. Stephen Decatur Haines, Deputy)**

4 February 2016

Draft Pay Policy Statement 2016/17

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 pay policy statement for 2016/17, having been considered and approved by the Establishment Committee on 4 February 2016 and Policy and Resources Committee on 18 February 2016, was therefore presented to the Court of Common Council with the **recommendation** that it be approved.

Resolved – That the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17 as set out in the Appendix to the report be approved.

20.

*Dove, W.H.,
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy;
Lord, C.E.,
O.B.E., J.P.*

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:-

21. *Resolved* – That the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
22. **Finance Committee**
The Court approved recommendations of the Finance Committee concerning the procurement of energy.
23. **Property Investment Board**
The Court approved recommendations of the Property Investment Board concerning a property transaction intended to facilitate development in the Leadenhall area.
24. **Education Board**
The Court approved recommendations of the Education Board concerning the progression of a project associated with the City of London Primary Academy Southwark to Gateway 4c.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 4.15 pm

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