



BOWMAN, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

11th January 2018
MEMBERS PRESENT

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The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Charles Edward Beck Bowman
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Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, JP
Robert Picton Seymour Howard
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Vincent Thomas Keaveny
Alastair John Naisbitt King
Ian David Luder, JP

Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
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Dame Fiona Woolf
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

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John Bennett, Deputy
Peter Gordon Bennett
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Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy
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Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, OBE, Deputy
John Douglas Chapman
Dominic Gerard Christian
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Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

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Christopher Hill
Tom Hoffman, Deputy
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde, Deputy
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Deputy

Angus Knowles-Cutler
Tim Levene
Vivienne Littlechild JP
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge, TD
Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Andrew Paul Mayer
Jeremy Mayhew
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP
Wendy Mead, OBE
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy
Hugh Fenton Morris
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Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE, Deputy
Barbara Patricia Newman, CBE
Graham David Packham
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Susan Jane Pearson

Judith Pleasance
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Richard David Regan, OBE, Deputy
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy
James de Sausmarez
Ruby Sayed
John George Stewart Scott, JP
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Oliver Sells QC
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Tom Sleigh, Deputy
Graeme Martyn Smith
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
James Richard Tumbridge
Michael Welbank, MBE
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations There were none.
3. Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

4. Resolutions

Resolved unanimously – That, on his retirement from this Honourable Court, Members wish to place on record their most sincere thanks to:-

Jones, H.L.M.,
Deputy.; Mead, W.,
O.B.E.

Sir Michael David Bear, Kt.

for the service that he has given to the City of London Corporation and to the City – as a Common Councilman for the Ward of Portsoken, as Alderman for that Ward, as Sheriff, and also of course as the City's 683rd Lord Mayor.

It has been an exemplary record of service, spanning some fifteen years, and the knighthood he received in the 2012 New Year Honours List for services to Regeneration, Charity and the City of London reflects this.

Sir Michael's specialist knowledge as a civil engineer and the work that he undertook to help regenerate the Spitalfields area on the City fringes gave him a unique perspective on the importance of the City in creating wealth, jobs and prosperity. He has used this expertise to benefit the City – not just through his civic roles and through the many City Corporation Committees on which he has served, but also on the international stage, including as the UK Special Envoy for Sustainable Urbanisation in China. Through all he has done, he has truly been a stalwart supporter of the City and its pre-eminence as a global hub for financial and professional services.

Having now stepped down from Office, Sir Michael, so well supported throughout by Lady Bear, can take with him the very best wishes of all his colleagues on this Court for a long, happy and healthy retirement from civic life in the City.

Mead, W., O.B.E.;
Mayhew, J.P.

Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to

Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, Kt.

on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Knight Bachelor, in recognition of his services to for services to Music, Education and Civic Engagement.

Mead, W., O.B.E.;
Mayhew, J.P.

Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to

Willimina Ann Beauchamp Hampson, OBE

the City Corporation's Chief Planning Officer and Development Director, on her recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for services to Planning in London.

Mead, W., O.B.E.;
Mayhew, J.P.

Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to

Sylvia Doreen Moys, MBE

on her recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of service to the City of London Corporation and to education in Croydon.

*Mead, W., O.B.E.;
Mayhew, J.P.*

Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to

Matt Hone, QPM

a Police Constable with the City of London Police, on the recent award of the Queen's Policing Medal by Her Majesty the Queen.

*Mead, W., O.B.E.;
Mayhew, J.P.*

Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to

Ann Francesca Marjorie Pembroke, BEM

Until recently a Member of this Court, on the recent award of the British Empire Medal by Her Majesty the Queen, in recognition of her services to the cultural history of the City of London.

Resolved unanimously – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to

Rosamund Anne Sweet, BEM

a Community Support Officer with the City of London Police, on the recent award of the British Empire Medal by Her Majesty the Queen, in recognition of her services to policing and the community in the City of London.

5. Mayoral
Visits

The Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

6. Policy
Statement

There was no statement.

7. Hospital Seal

There were no docquets to be sealed.

8. Freedoms

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

Sister Caroline Campbell <i>Suzanne Margarete Peppitt</i> <i>Matthew John Edward Peppitt</i>	a Religious Sister <i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i> <i>Citizen and Tax Adviser</i>	North Cheam, Surrey
Julia Vivienne Galgano <i>Peter Reginald Allcard</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Private Medical Secretary, retired <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Billericay, Essex
Adrian De Villiers <i>Richard George Clerk Thornton, TD</i> <i>Patrick John Marsland-Roberts, TD</i>	a Police Officer <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Sydenham, London
Michael Andrew Abelson <i>Martin John Davies</i> <i>Dame Heather Steel, DBE</i>	a Judge, retired <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Spital, Wirral
Andrew Donald Anthony Johnson <i>Brian Warburton</i>	an Insurance Company Chief Executive, retired <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	Calpe, Alicante, Spain

<i>Reverend Richard Horner</i>	<i>Citizen and Draper</i>	
Robert Manus O'Donel Alexander, OBE <i>John George Stewart Scott, JP, CC</i> <i>Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	The Head of Government Hospitality <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	Oval, London
Claire Rachel Chitty <i>David Mark Spofforth, OBE</i> <i>David Chitty</i>	a Registered Nurse <i>Citizen and Horner</i> <i>Citizen and Horner</i>	Oxted, Surrey
Alice Ann Chadd <i>Anjola Adeniyi</i> <i>Mark John Herbage</i>	an Auditor <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Stewkley, Buckinghamshire
Andrew Ryan Lonas <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>James William Lane</i>	an Investigator <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Lambeth, London
Robert Stanley Dearing <i>James John Madden</i> <i>Lawrence John Day</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing</i> <i>Cards</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing</i> <i>Cards</i>	Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire
Ian Andrew Hall <i>Peter Richard John York</i> <i>Eric Royston Gill</i>	a Services Supervisor, retired <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i> <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	Uffington, Lincolnshire
Robert John Cottrell <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i> <i>Iain Reid</i>	an Author and Genealogist <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Longfield, Kent
Alan Reginald Froom <i>Harold Ebenezer Piggott</i> <i>Paul Stephen Hollebhone</i>	a Toolmaking Company Proprietor, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Chichester, West Sussex
Sir Angus McFarlane McLeod Grossart, QC CBE DL <i>Sir Roger Gifford, Kt, Ald.</i> <i>Carolyn Foreman Dwyer</i>	a Merchant Banker <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	Edinburgh, Scotland
Edmund Bonaparte Andrew Sokolowski <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>John Donald Lunn</i>	an Operations Officer <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Fan Maker</i>	Upper Tooting, London
Kessick John Jones <i>Graham Leslie Flight</i> <i>Lt. Col. John Craven Chambers</i>	a Chief Superintendent, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	Orpington, Kent
Stephen Charles Galpin, JP <i>Alan Elias, JP</i> <i>Dr Stephen J Perkins, JP</i>	a Property Company Director <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Canary Wharf, London
Toby Bernard Roseman <i>Antony William Mullee</i> <i>Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Marketer</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Carterton, Oxfordshire
Rommel Ariman Romato	a Diplomat	Notting Hill, London

<i>Michael Alan Rutherford</i>	<i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	
<i>Ian Bonny</i>	<i>Citizen and Management Consultar</i>	
Frederick Wilbert Russell-Rivoallan	a Diplomat	Paris, France
<i>Michele McCarthy</i>	<i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	
<i>Neil Frederick Purcell</i>	<i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	
Barbara Jill Seamark	a Farmer	Wilstead, Bedford
<i>William John Hudson Clark</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<i>Richard Michael Excell</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
David James Seamark	a Farmer	Wilstead, Bedford
<i>William John Hudson Clark</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<i>Richard Michael Excell</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
Charles Resar Jalali-Farhani	a Student	Chiswick, London
<i>Neville John Watson</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Peter Francis Clark</i>	<i>Citizen and Mason</i>	
Michael Thomas Smyth, CBE	a Lawyer	Pimlico, London
<i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Robert James Ingham Clark, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	
Andrew McNab, CBE, DCM, MM	a Writer	Marylebone, London
<i>Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley</i>	<i>Citizen and Draper</i>	
<i>James Henry George Pollard, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Skinner</i>	
Ian Ronald Weatherley	a British Army Engagement Officer	South Hornchurch, Essex
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
Keiron Mark Francis, VR	a Sales Manager	Eastbourne, East Sussex
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
Col. Andrew Charles Wood	a Regular Army Officer	Rainham, Kent
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
Richard Mark Gardiner Steele	an Information Manager	Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
Martin John Cannon	a Royal Navy Officer	Pinner, Middlesex
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
Paul Patrick Keherly	a Systems Analyst	Tower Hamlets, London
<i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
<i>Brian Sidney Lamden</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Surveyor</i>	
Maj. Michael Patrick Blake	a Service Manager	Barkingside, Essex
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
Karen Chambers	a Local Government Officer	Trimley St Martin, Suffolk
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	

Maj. William Nigel Charles Hale <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Financial Risk Manager <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Canary Wharf, London
Elizabeth Church <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Royal Navy Officer <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Hutton, Essex
David John Cooper <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Royal Navy Officer <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Long Ditton, Surrey
Lt. Col. Mark Stephen Judge <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Chief Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Forest Hill, London
Larry Brian Davis <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Deputy Headteacher <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Walthamstow, London
Peter Pequignot Gracey <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Royal Navy Officer <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Clapton, London
Andrew David Poe <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Regular Army Officer <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Llandefalle, Powys
Brian Paul Ramsay <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Project Manager <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Kings Cross, London
Fraser John Lyttleton Smith <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	an Accountant <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Battersea, London
Lt. Col. Neil Gareth Watkinson <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Gomshall, Surrey
Sarah-Jane Abigail Lancashire, OBE <i>John Alfred Bennett, Deputy Vivienne Littlechild, JP, CC</i>	an Actress <i>Citizen and International Banker Citizen and Glover</i>	Richmond Lock, Twickenham
John Henry Ernest Taverner <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a General Manager <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Redhill, Surrey
Cdr. Gregory Christian Young, VR RNR <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Dominic Reid</i>	a Marketing Director <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Epsom, Surrey
Pamela Valentine Nash <i>Mark Anthony Grove Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Cook Citizen and Baker</i>	Durfold Wood, West Sussex
Roderick William Urquhart	a Marketing Consultant	Witley, Surrey

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
John Dominic Reid*

Citizen and Grocer

**Cdr. John Christopher
Anderson, VRSM**

a Banker

Warsash, Hampshire

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
John Dominic Reid*

Citizen and Grocer

**Lt. Col. Steven Rupert Bruce
Lowe, TD**

a Client Portfolio Manager

Brixton, London

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
John Dominic Reid*

Citizen and Grocer

**Wg. Cdr, Christopher Martin
Owen**

a Software Company Vice
President

Bracknell, Berkshire

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
John Dominic Reid*

Citizen and Grocer

Lt. Howard San, RD, RNR

a Royal Navy Officer

Esher, Surrey

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
John Dominic Reid*

Citizen and Grocer

**Lt. Cdr. Anthony John Scott,
VR, RNR**

a Chief Information Officer

Tonbridge, Kent

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
John Dominic Reid*

Citizen and Grocer

Read.

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

9. Legislation

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

Bill

Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Bill

The Bill paves the way for the UK to establish a stand-alone customs regime. It will allow the UK to charge customs duty on goods, including those imported from the EU. It will allow the Government to set out how and in what form customs declarations should be made.

Statutory Instrument

Date in force

Administrative Forfeiture of Terrorist Cash and Terrorist Money Held in Bank and Building Society Accounts (Cash and Account Forfeiture Notices) Regulations 2017

31st January 2018

The Regulation makes technical changes to provide that a cash forfeiture notice must be given to persons known to be affected

by an order. This relates to the period of detention of seized cash. The Regulation makes similar provision in relation to account forfeiture notices and informing persons known to be affected by an order freezing the money in an account.

Read.

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

10. Ballot Results

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

Four Members to the **Board of Governors of the Museum of London.**

	Votes
*Vivienne Littlechild, J.P.	62
Paul Nicholas Martinelli	68
*Jeremy Paul Mayhew	44
Judith Lindsay Pleasance	51
*John George Stewart Scott, J.P.	57

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Vivienne Littlechild, Paul Martinelli, Judith Pleasance and John Scott to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London.

15. The Lord Mayor directed that Item 15 be taken in advance of Item 11.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)

12 December 2017

Capital Buildings Committee

Approval was sought for the formation of a new committee to scrutinise and provide detailed oversight and delivery of two major capital projects, namely the upcoming Police Accommodation and City's Courts projects.

*Welbank, M.,
M.B.E.; Simons,
J.L.*

Amendment – That an additional recommendation be added to the effect that the provisions of the relevant part of Standing Order No.30(4)(b) should not apply in respect of this Committee, thereby enabling ex-officio Members to be eligible to serve as Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee. Further, that the Committee be added to the list set out in Standing Order Nos.29(7) and 30(10), thereby enabling ex-officio Members to be able to vote in the election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

Several Members spoke to debate the proposal with it suggested that, whilst the intent of the amendment was to provide the possibility for continuity of leadership, it was partially self-defeating in that Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen serving in an ex-officio capacity were subject to re-election and term limits on their own Committees and would therefore not enjoy any greater longevity on the Capital Buildings Committee than any other Member.

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

*Lord, C.E.L.,
O.B.E., J.P., Deputy;
Tumbridge, J.R.*

Amendment – That the number of Members on the Committee to be appointed by the Court of Common Council be increased from five to seven, and that the number of Members to be appointed by the Policy and Resources Committee be increased from two to four.

Several Members suggested that, should this Amendment be carried, it would be unfair to continue with the ballot this day. This was in view of the fact that a number of additional Members might have decided to stand for appointment, had they been aware that there would be a greater number of vacancies. Following further debate, during which a number of Members spoke to emphasise the urgency of this Committee being established, the Amendment was withdrawn.

Resolved – That:-

- a) the formation of a Capital Buildings Committee be approved, together with the terms of reference and constitution as set out in the report;
- b) the membership of the Committee should not count towards the limit on the number of committees on which a Member may serve contained in Standing Order 22;
- c) that the Committee be added to those Committees listed in Standing Order 29 (3), thereby enabling its Chairman to be eligible to be Chairman of another Committee (Ward or non-Ward) at the same time; and,
- d) the Town Clerk be instructed to amend Standing Orders accordingly.

11.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the Capital Buildings Committee.

Where appropriate:-

denotes a Member with fewer than five years' service on the Court.

Capital Buildings Committee (five vacancies for varying terms).

Nominations received:-

#Randall Keith Anderson

#Peter Gordon Bennett

John Douglas Chapman

#Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

Alison Jane Gowman, Alderman

#Timothy Russell Hailes, J.P., Alderman & Sheriff

#Christopher Michael Hayward

Michael Hudson

Ian David Luder, J.P., Alderman
Charles Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P., Deputy
#Susan Jane Pearson
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy
John George Stewart Scott, J.P.
#Oliver Sells, Q.C.
Sir Michael Snyder
James Richard Tumbridge

Read.

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

12. Questions

Thames Footbridge

Deputy Brian Mooney asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee seeking an update in respect of the future of the pedestrian bridge at Queenhithe, which connected the Ward to the north side of Upper Thames Street.

In reply, the Chairman confirmed that a deed to acquire the bridge had been forwarded by the City Corporation to the lawyers representing the structure's current owners, and it was hoped that legal completion would be achieved by mid-January. Meanwhile, officers were working with consultant engineers to review costings and time allocation for the next stage of investigations into making the bridge safe for long-term usage and it was expected that this work would also be commissioned before the end of this month.

It was anticipated that a report would be presented to Members during Quarter 2 of 2018/19 setting out the works required to enable the opening of the bridge. Provided the bridge was structurally sound, it was expected that it could be brought back into public use before the end of the calendar year, subject to the requisite funding approvals.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy Mooney concerning funding commitments, the Chairman observed that this would be a matter for the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and not something he was personally able to guarantee. He added however that the Planning and Transportation Committee was strongly in support of this proposal and was confident that the Resource Allocation Sub Committee would take this into account when coming to a decision.

Mansion House External Cleansing

Andrew McMurtrie asked a question of the Chairman of the Finance Committee concerning the cleansing of the exterior of Mansion House.

Responding, the Chairman outlined the current schedule for stonework cleaning and maintenance works, noting that in the context of the Bank Junction Scheme and further potential improvements to the environment in the area, the relatively poor current appearance of the Mansion House was increasingly evident. Consequently, he was minded that appearance now needed to influence the timing of the care and maintenance programme for the Mansion House and the existing timescale for cleaning now needed to be re-examined, taking into account the competing demands on repairs and maintenance budgets.

He added that he had asked for a report on this subject to be produced for the next meeting of the Corporate Asset Sub-Committee and thanked Mr McMurtrie for bringing this matter to his attention.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy James Thomson concerning lighting arrangements for the exterior of Mansion House, the Chairman observed that it would be prudent to wait until after such time as cleaning works were undertaken before installing any additional lighting. However, he would ask officers to include consideration of lighting arrangements as part of their report to Corporate Asset Sub-Committee.

Recycling and Plastics

Henry Colthurst asked a question of the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee concerning the City Corporation's progress in respect of recycling and its approach to plastics.

The Chairman, responding, noted that the City Corporation was one of the best performing Authorities in London in respect of recycling; however, in line with national and London trends, overall recycling rates had unfortunately declined in the past three years. He outlined the various national factors which were believed by the industry to be behind this trend, adding that on a local level the relatively small number of residential properties within the City, compared to the high daily footfall resulted in waste collected on street and in litter bins, had a disproportionate impact on household recycling percentage figures, particularly as waste collected on the street had a high level of contamination and thus was often rejected by recycling plants.

The Chairman also outlined the wide range of initiatives employed to increase recycling levels and confirmed that, since October 2011, absolutely no City domestic waste had been sent to landfill and only plastic materials which were not recyclable due to contamination or type were incinerated to produce energy from waste.

Regarding future plans to address the issue of plastic waste, it was intended to launch a "Plastic Free City" campaign during 2018 to work in partnership with businesses and stakeholders across the City to reduce single use plastics by encouraging and facilitating the use of re-usable products, as well as discouraging the provision of single use plastics such as bottles, straws, cutlery and plastic bags. The City Corporation would also continue to seek opportunities to install more drinking fountains which could be used to refill reusable drinking containers and to encourage all local businesses to register as "refill sites" providing free water, as

part of a move to discourage people from using single-use plastic bottles.

Single-use Coffee Cups

Deputy Robert Merrett asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the City Corporation's policy in respect of single-use coffee cups.

Making reference to the Chairman of Port Health and Environmental Services' earlier response, the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that the use of plastics, particularly single-use plastics, was an area of very real importance and one which the City Corporation was taking extremely seriously. On the issue of coffee cups in particular, the Chairman made reference to the Square Mile Challenge which the City Corporation had launched in 2017, installing more than 100 recycling points across the City to facilitate dedicated collection and delivery to specialist recycling plants which could process the plastic lining inside the cup properly. She noted that there were six areas within the Guildhall Complex itself with these dedicated bins and added that she had asked officers to look into placing more around the complex to encourage an increase in coffee cup recycling on-site.

The Chairman observed that a wide range of issues that would need to be borne in mind before considering any wide-scale ban of single-use cups and that the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee would be receiving a report entitled "Plastic Free City" at its next meeting which would begin to look at the wider issue of plastic usage in more detail. Whilst it would be precipitate to commit to any course of action before that Committee took its own views on this matter, she was keen to see the City Corporation take action and so would be referring this matter to that Committee to take a view as part of their wider considerations.

Freedom Applications

Anne Fairweather asked a question of the Chairman of the Freedom Applications Committee about the inclusion of a second parent's name in the Freedom application process.

In the Chairman's absence, the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee responded on his behalf. In doing so, she provided the historical rationale for questions concerning a father's details being asked as part of the process, advising that this practice had been maintained to ascertain whether patrimony was applicable for each application and, more importantly, for the purposes of genealogy and historical research. She confirmed that there was no reason that the mother's details could not be included and advised that they were already often used if the applicant was from a single parent family or if the father had divorced and remarried.

The Chairman was pleased to confirm that the system used for maintaining Freedom records and applications had the facility for entering either a mother or same-sex second parent's details. Consequently, she was able to report that the nomination form would be amended to facilitate this.

In response to a supplementary question from Anne Fairweather concerning the

use of the term “Free Sisters” or equivalent, the Chairman advised that she would pass the suggestion on to the Chairman of the Freedom Applications Committee. The Chairman also agreed with James Tumbridge that it would be important to continue to encourage applicants to share parental details, so as to maintain the utility of Freedom records for genealogical purposes.

13. Motions There were no motions.

14. Awards & Prizes There was no report.

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

(Wendy Mead, O.B.E., Chief Commoner)

13 December 2017

Applications for Hospitality

(i) Lecture and early evening reception to mark the 250th anniversary of the imprisonment of John Wilkes

John Wilkes was an 18th century journalist and radical politician who, following repeated expulsions from Parliament and a period of imprisonment, was elected as an Alderman in 1769. He became a Sheriff of the City of London in 1771, before being elected as Lord Mayor in 1774. He was subsequently elected as City Chamberlain in 1779. 2018 marks the 250th anniversary of his imprisonment for seditious libel and a study of his remarkable life provided an opportunity to examine eighteenth-century British politics, demonstrate the City Corporation’s commitment to education, and provide the opportunity to engage with students from the City Corporation’s associated schools and academies. It would also help illuminate an intriguing element of the City Corporation’s rich history.

It was proposed that the City Corporation invite Professor Jeremy Black to give a lecture on the career of John Wilkes, followed by a reception and a small private dinner. Guests would include historians, students from the City Academies and Schools, representatives from the Livery Companies and the London Metropolitan Archives, past Lord Mayors and parliamentarians.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture and early evening reception, with arrangements 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 for a lecture and early evening reception, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City’s Cash and within the approved parameters.

(ii) Lecture and reception to mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of Sir Thomas Gresham

Sir Thomas Gresham was born in London in 1519 and, in 1565, founded the Royal

Exchange. Sir Thomas left proceeds in his will for the foundation of the college in his name, intended to make 'new learning' freely available to people living and working in London. The College, established in 1597, played a key part in the scientific revolution of the 17th century, with early professors including Sir Christopher Wren, Robert Hooke, and John Taverner, and management of the College is jointly exercised by the City Corporation and the Worshipful Company of Mercers, acting through the Joint Grand Gresham Committee.

The 500th anniversary of Sir Thomas Gresham's birth was to be marked by a new biography by historian John Guy, the introduction of new types of lectures and one-off events focused on the theme of 'new learning'. In addition, it was proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lecture followed by an early evening reception and small dinner to mark the anniversary, with it anticipated that the lecture would be live streamed to maximise the audience it reaches. The event would help to signify the City Corporation's general commitment to the provision of education ranging from Gresham College, the City's oldest institute of higher education, to the recently established group of City Academies.

Guests attending the lecture would include the members of Gresham College, representatives from supporting organisations such as the Royal Society, sponsors of the anniversary year, academics, representatives from the Museum of London, the Royal Exchange and the Mercers' Company.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture and early evening reception in Spring 2019, with arrangements 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 for a lecture and early evening reception in Spring 2019, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

(iii) Guildhall Art Gallery: Private Views 2018

The Guildhall Art Gallery usually hosts private views ahead of major exhibitions opening to the public. Private views provide an opportunity to publicise an exhibition and highlight the City Corporation's contribution to London's cultural landscape to an influential audience of cultural, political, media and other stakeholders. They aim to foster constructive business relationships, draw attention to the City Corporation as a major player in London and the UK's cultural offer and provide an opportunity to develop interest in Guildhall as a venue for private hire.

In 2018 two exhibitions were planned. The first, *Sublime Symmetry*, was to focus on the mathematical devices used in William de Morgan's designs, and was particularly aimed at children and families, linking to Key Stage 2 in the primary school curriculum. The second, *Children in Art*, was to explore how childhood was represented in art over the course of the nineteenth century.

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts a private view to launch the start of each exhibition. Guests attending would include exhibition partners, exhibit lenders and funders, representatives from the media, industry professionals, City and London cultural and heritage providers, artists and historians with a connection to the exhibition.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for early evening private views, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

These were to be a full Court events.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for early evening private views, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

(iv) Industry and Parliament Trust 2018 Programme

Engagement with parliamentarians within the Palace of Westminster is an important aspect of the City Corporation's parliamentary activity to highlight matters of interest to the City and its stakeholders. The significant advantage of holding meetings in the Palace of Westminster is that it offers straightforward and effective access for politicians to attend an event.

The Industry and Parliament Trust (IPT) is an independent, non-partisan organisation that provides a platform for engagement between Parliament and UK business. IPT is supported by cross-party representation of senior parliamentarians. The two presidents of IPT are the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Lord Speaker.

The Remembrancer's Office had previously worked with IPT to provide opportunities to discuss issues relevant to the City. Examples include meetings on financial services, culture and the creative sector, banking standards, and the City's cultural offering; all chaired by relevant City Corporation Members or Officers.

It was proposed that in 2018 the Remembrancer's Office collaborate with IPT on a joint programme of six meetings. This would facilitate discussion on matters of concern to the City between parliamentarians and City businesses and other organisations. Topics covered would relate to a wide range of City interests including Brexit and financial services, trust in business, fintech, green finance, policing, culture and innovation. Typically, the City Corporation would have a chairing or speaking slot and other Members with a relevant interest would be invited. Other participants would include policy makers and prominent business, academic and industry representatives. The hospitality cost would be shared equally with IPT.

The meetings would add to the City Corporation's support for London as a world-leading hub for business and professional services, with it envisaged that most meetings would be breakfast meetings. It was therefore **recommended** that

hospitality be granted for this series of meetings; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for a series of six meetings hosted jointly with the IPT; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

17.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)

12 December 2017

14 December 2017

Pilot Scheme for Business Rates Devolution in London

The Government, the Greater London Authority (GLA) and London Councils had negotiated a pilot scheme for business rates devolution in London for the financial year 2018–19, involving the establishment of a business rates pool.

The scheme would have a financially neutral starting-point but enable any year-on-year growth in rates revenue to be retained in London – a dividend projected to be worth £240 million in 2018–19. Some of this would be used to establish a new strategic investment fund and the rest would be shared among the participating authorities (with the Common Council's projected share £8.2 million). If these projections were not to materialise, the Government would guarantee that no individual authority would be worse off as a result of participating in the pool. The Common Council would therefore not face any risk to its current allocations, including the City Premium and the City Offset. The scheme would carry no commitment beyond 2018–19 but could offer a platform for a further-reaching devolution settlement.

In addition to this the City Corporation had been invited to act as lead authority under the scheme and undertake the main administrative responsibility for operating the pool and the strategic investment fund.

The proposal required the unanimous agreement of the borough councils and the Court of Common Council to proceed and it was **recommended** that the Court grant its approval.

Resolved – That:-

- i) approval be granted for the City Corporation to participate in business rates pool pilot scheme for the 2018-19 financial year, together with the Greater London Authority and the London borough councils;
- ii) the arrangements for the distribution of revenue within the pool should, subject to recommendation (iii), be as described in the body of the report;
- iii) the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, to agree to minor

- variations in the arrangements, if agreed by the other participants in the pool;
- iv) the City of London Corporation act as the lead authority for the pool and for the strategic investment fund to be established under the pooling arrangements;
 - v) the Town Clerk, the Chamberlain or the Comptroller & City Solicitor (as appropriate) should be authorised, in consultation with the Remembrancer on matters of constitutional or legislative relevance, to take all necessary legal and practical steps for the establishment and administration of the pool and the strategic investment fund, in accordance with the preceding recommendations;
 - vi) the Chamberlain be authorised to draw upon the City Fund reserve to meet the additional costs incurred in the administration of the pool and the strategic investment fund, including those arising from the Common Council's role as lead authority, up to one full-time equivalent post, with the amounts drawn down being refunded, and any future costs met, from additional revenue retained under the scheme as it becomes available; and
 - vii) oversight of the City Corporation's work in connection with the pool and the strategic investment fund be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee so far as concerns governance and the distribution and deployment of resources, and to the Finance Committee so far as concerns financial administration.

18. STANDARDS REGIME REVIEW WORKING PARTY

(Emma Edhem)

27 November 2017

Independent Review of the City of London's Standards Regime

This report provided the findings of the review undertaken by the Standards Regime Working Party in respect of the Corporation's current Standards Framework, especially the Complaints Procedure (alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct). Specifically, the report outlined the consideration given to a review undertaken by Mr Charles Bourne QC and his report, who was appointed by the Town Clerk to examine the Standards Framework, and provided both findings and recommendations on how to improve the current arrangements.

It was **recommended** that the Court of Common Council approve the responses proposed in respect of the recommendations as set out in the report, and the revised Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure and Guidance to Members on the Code of Conduct as appended.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the item, reminding Members of the background to this issue and outlining the process through which the Working Party had examined the various items raised by Mr Bourne, thereby coming to the conclusions now being presented to the Court.

Oliver Lodge expressed his gratitude to the Chairman and the Working Party for the significant time and effort expended on this review; however, he expressed a number of reservations as to the proposals in their current format, noting that there remained a small number of areas where he felt that further thought and reflection

was required. In particular he was concerned that recommendation 10, which proposed that the Monitoring Officer make initial assessments in response to complaints against Members, transferred responsibility and ownership of the process away from democratically elected and accountable Members and unfairly placed officers in a difficult position.

Mr Lodge also outlined concerns in relation to the proposed composition of the Standards Appeals Committee. Whilst agreeing that this body should be separate from the Standards Committee, he was unconvinced that it should be comprised of those Members already holding significant offices, noting that this Committee may well be needed to hold those office-holders to account and act as a check on certain actions.

Finally, Mr Lodge noted that a consequence of approving the proposals in their current format would be that ownership of the appended Code of Conduct guidance documents would transfer solely to the Court. He urged that this be left with the Standards Committee, which could make minor amendments such as changing officer names without recourse to the Court of Common Council, rather than adding an additional layer of bureaucracy.

Amendment – That the report be referred back to the Standards Regime Working Party for further consideration.

*Lodge, O.A.W.;
Mayhew, J.P.*

A number of Members spoke in support of Mr Lodge's amendment, with it argued that each stage of the complaints process should be Member-led and Member-owned as a matter of principle, as it was Members who were accountable to the electorate and officers who were accountable to Members; it was therefore unfair to put the onus of making judgements on officers. It was also urged that any revised proposals should be brought back to the full Court on an informal basis, to resolve any final outstanding issues before submitting it for formal consideration.

Further concerns were also raised in respect of recommendation 25 and the proposal that the burden of proof for complaints should rest with the complainant. Whilst it was agreed that the burden should not rest solely with Members to prove their innocence, it was also felt to be unfair to place full responsibility on the complainant and effectively require them to act as the prosecutor. In addition, it was argued that the proposals concerning rights of appeal merited further consideration, as the current suggestion seemed to suggest that appeals would be permitted without the submission of grounds for the said appeal, which was unusual and could result in appeals being lodged automatically as a matter of course.

Observing that all Members would be bound by this new standards regime, a Member of the Working Party agreed that it would be important for the whole Court to be content with the final proposals. Accordingly, it would be sensible to step back and resolve these outstanding concerns before presenting a revised report for formal consideration and adoption. It was also suggested the item should be placed higher on the agenda when re-submitted, to ensure as large a proportion as possible of Members were able to contribute.

As the mover of the amendment, Oliver Lodge spoke to sum up the arguments

presented in favour of his proposal and urged that the report be referred back to the Working Party for further reflection and deliberation.

The Chairman of the Standards Regime spoke to close the debate, adding that she would be content to re-explore the proposals should that be the will of the Court. She also set out what she had identified as the points of contention that Members wished the Working Party to reconsider:

- that elements of Appendices 2 and 3, in relation to guidance, should continue to be owned by the Standards Committee;
- that the composition of the proposed Standards Appeal Committee should be reconsidered;
- that the proposals relating to the burden of proof should be reconsidered;
- that further thought should be given to requiring grounds for appeal; and
- that proposals concerning the role of the Monitoring Officer in the initial assessment of complaints should be re-examined.

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

Resolved – That the report be referred back to the Standards Regime Working Party for further consideration.

19. *Resolved* – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds 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:-

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

21. **Finance Committee**

The Court:-

- (A) approved the extension of an IT contract.; and
- (B) approved the disposal of highway land.

22. **Police Committee**

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the City Police's Action and Know Fraud Centre.

23. **Property Investment Board**

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the grant of a long-term leasehold.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 3.00 pm

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