



BOWMAN, MAYOR

WOOLF, LOCUM TENENS

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

8th March 2018
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee
Peter Estlin
Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal, OBE JP
David Andrew Graves
Sheriff Timothy Russell Hailes, JP
Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, JP

Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Gregory Jones, QC
Vincent Thomas Keaveny
Alastair John Naisbitt King
Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
The Lord Mountevans, Jeffrey Evans

William Anthony Bowater Russell
Dame Fiona Woolf
Sir David Hugh Wootton
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

COMMONERS

John David Absalom, Deputy
Caroline Kordai Addy
Munsur Ali
Rehana Banu Ameer
Randall Keith Anderson
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Douglas Barrow, Deputy
Matthew Bell
John Bennett, Deputy
Peter Gordon Bennett
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, JP
Mark Bostock
Keith David Forbes Bottomley,
Deputy
David John Bradshaw, Deputy
Tijs Broeke
Michael John Cassidy, CBE,
Deputy
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,
OBE, Deputy
Dominic Gerard Christian
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

Richard Peter Crossan
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL
Peter Gerard Dunphy
Mary Durcan
Emma Edhem
Anne Helen Fairweather
Sophie Anne Fernandes
Stuart John Fraser, CBE
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines, Deputy
Graeme Harrower
Christopher Michael Hayward
Christopher Hill
Tom Hoffman, Deputy
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde, Deputy
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy
Clare James, Deputy
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones,
Deputy

Tim Levene
Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy
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
Sylvia Doreen Moys, MBE
Benjamin Daniel Murphy
Joyce Carruthers Nash, OBE,
Deputy
Graham David Packham
Susan Jane Pearson
William Pimlott
Judith Pleasance
Jason Paul Pritchard

Stephen Douglas Quilter
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy
James de Sausmarez
Ruby Sayed
John George Stewart Scott, JP
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Oliver Sells, QC
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilton,
Deputy
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Tom Sleigh, Deputy
Graeme Martyn Smith
Sir Michael Snyder
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
John Tomlinson, Deputy
James Richard Tumbridge
William Upton
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy

Locum Tenens

The Town Clerk reported that the Lord Mayor was unable to preside over this meeting of the Court. Accordingly, this day was produced and read in Court a Warrant, signed by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, appointing Alderman Dame Fiona Woolf as Locum Tenens to transact all the business appertaining to the Office of Mayoralty of this City during his absence.

Introduction of
Newly Elected
Alderman

The Chief Commoner welcomed the new Alderman for the Ward of Portsoken, Prem Goyal OBE JP, to his first meeting of the Court of Common Council. Alderman Goyal was heard in reply.

1. Apologies

The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.

2. Declarations

Deputy John Absalom reminded the Court of his registered pecuniary interest in respect of Item 26, advising that he would be withdrawing from discussion during consideration of that Item.

3. Minutes

Resolved – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded, subject to the resolution of congratulations to Rosamund Sweet being amended to congratulate her on her appointment as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

4. Resolutions

Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark spoke to introduce a resolution of thanks to Michael Welbank, who had recently retired from the Court. Prior to delivering the formal resolution, he spoke informally to reference some of Mr Welbank's personal and professional achievements, including those elements of his career which had taken place outside of the United Kingdom.

*Ingham Clark,
R.J., Deputy;
Mead, W., O.B.E.*

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

John Michael Welbank, M.B.E.

his dedication to the work of the City Corporation since his election in 2005.

Over the past 13 years, Michael has served on more than 20 committees and contributed an enormous amount of time to our activities. Foremost amongst his achievements are his incredibly successful chairmanships, including of the Hampstead Heath Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee, where he skilfully guided the City Corporation through the murky waters of the Hampstead Heath ponds project. Thanks to his valiant efforts, the only floods we need fear now are the floods of tears from disappointed officers and Members, who will miss his sage counsel.

It would be remiss of me not to also mention his Chairmanship of the Planning & Transportation Committee, during which time he championed the issue of road danger reduction – and he will leave a real and lasting legacy in the City through the Bank Junction safety scheme, of which he was a passionate advocate.

Michael's civic career culminated in his becoming Chief Commoner in 2016 and those of us on this Court owe him a debt of gratitude for the charismatic, approachable, and above all good-humoured way in which he led us during his term of office. He was also honoured to be awarded an MBE, for which this Court has already congratulated him.

In taking their leave of Michael, Members wish to thank him for his exceptional

service to this Court: his passion, dedication and jovial spirit will be sorely missed. We wish Michael a long and happy retirement and send our best wishes to him in his future adventures.

5. Mayoral
Visits

There was no report.

6. Policy
Statement

There was no statement.

7. Hospital Seal

There were no docquets for the seal.

8. Freedoms

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

Count Giuseppe Rizzani <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>David Robert Boston</i>	a Property Manager <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	Como, Italy
Anthony Joseph Codd <i>Robert James Ingham Clark,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	an Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Enfield, London
Kwabena Nkansa Agyei <i>Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald.</i> <i>Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, JP,CC</i>	an Optician <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Salter</i>	Penge, London
Karen Rose Knapp <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i> <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i>	a Financial Controller <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i>	Reigate, Surrey
Oliver James Jianoran <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>James William Lane</i>	a Security Company Contracts Manager <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Plaistow, London
Hamish Macleod <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>Elizabeth A Thornborough</i>	a Tooling Technician <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Upholder</i>	Stevenage, Hertfordshire
Mark Simon Ferguson <i>Michael Stuart Gilham</i> <i>Winifred Gilham</i>	a Surgeon <i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Upholder</i>	Wandsworth, London
Ian Richard Wood <i>Leslie Findley, TD</i> <i>Michael John Willett</i>	a Prison Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i> <i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i>	Hornsea, East Yorkshire
Ingela Stigemar <i>Steven John Turner</i> <i>Ian Wilson Tough</i>	a Dentist <i>Citizen and Framework Knitter</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Zug, Switzerland

Richard Hollier <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>Mark Richard Cooper</i>	a Builder, retired <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Basildon, Essex
Danielle Sollof <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i> <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i>	a Project Manager <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire
Paul Damian Swarbrick <i>Derek Franklin Oliver</i> <i>Jason Vincent McCreaney</i>	a Cyber Security Consultancy Director <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Worthing, West Sussex
Dr Maria Loredana Pinotti <i>Douglas Meager Wallace</i> <i>Wagland</i> <i>Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston</i>	a Consul <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Serravalle, Republic of San Marino
Dr Pierfelice Degli Uberti <i>Douglas Meager Wallace Wagland</i> <i>Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston</i>	a Bank Director <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Bologna, Italy
Evangelos Kokkalis <i>George Pipon Francis</i> <i>Matthew Damian Hampson</i>	a Philosopher <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i>	Abbey Wood, London
Antonio Pischetola <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i> <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i>	a Financial Consultant <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Milan, Italy
Hraczja Bojadzjan <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i> <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i>	a Social Committee President <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i>	Zabrze, Poland
Peter Clements <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>Peter Ronald Elliott</i>	a Head of Property Services, retired <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Hayes, Middlesex
Malcolm Howard Bilmen <i>Colin Barrow, CBE</i> <i>Gary Cornwell Morley</i>	an Information Technology Training Director <i>Citizen and Carmen</i> <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	Harlow, Essex
Robert John Humphrey <i>Geoffrey Hill Abraham</i> <i>Mark Hill Abraham</i>	an Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Orpington, Kent
Paul Michael Barwick <i>Philip Splett</i> <i>Robert Adrian Joseph</i> <i>Waddingham, CBE</i>	an Electrical Contracting Company Director <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Actuary</i>	Fobbing, Essex

Stephen John Parrett <i>Ian Alexander Mason</i> <i>Michael John Parrett</i>	a Garage Director, retired <i>Citizen and Constructor</i> <i>Citizen and Constructor</i>	Chislehurst, Kent
Jon Malcolm Davis <i>Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy</i> <i>Richard Evans</i>	a Lecturer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Peckham Rye, London
Alan Paul Frankland <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i> <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i>	a Coachbuilder, retired <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex
John Vincent Canning <i>Barry Charles Gasper</i> <i>Audrey Ann Canning</i>	a Chartered Engineer <i>Citizen and Engineer</i> <i>Citizen and Engineer</i>	Reigate, Surrey
David Bartlett <i>George Henry Capon</i> <i>Peter Ronald Elliott</i>	a Customer Support Technical Inspector <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Hackney, London
Jeffrey Richard Thomas <i>David James Sales</i> <i>Nicholas Edward Smith</i>	an Insurance Broker Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	Shenfield, Essex
Brendan Sugrue <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i> <i>Stanley Ginsburg, JP</i>	a Construction Company Head of Operations <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Bromley, Kent
Brian Keith Pascoe <i>John Burke</i> <i>Michael Anthony Cave</i>	an Electrical Engineer <i>Citizen and Lightmonger</i> <i>Citizen and Lightmonger</i>	Theydon Bois, Essex
Dr Michael Charles Cassidy-Hogg <i>Denise Deroy-Parker</i> <i>John Alexander Smail</i>	a Chiropractor <i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	Brighton, Sussex
Lucy Victoria Cassidy <i>Denise Deroy-Parker</i> <i>John Alexander Smail</i>	a Digital Transformation Consultant <i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	Brighton, Sussex
John James Dowell <i>James Hayward Neale Horne</i> <i>Stephen Braithwaite Murray</i>	a Gun Engraver <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Gunmaker</i>	Palmers Green, London
Lesley Jefford <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Tony Robert Pattison</i>	an Administrative Manager <i>Citizen and Chartered</i> <i>Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i>	Beckenham, Kent
John William Mason <i>George John Andrews</i> <i>Derek Alan Harrington</i>	a Senior Estimator <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Hayes, Kent

<p>Christopher Glenn Reynolds <i>Ian Burrell Haig Woolley</i> <i>Ian Brooker</i></p>	<p>a Chartered Accountant, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Upholder</i></p>	<p>Littlestone, Kent</p>
<p>Dr Richard James Rowley Dunstan <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i></p>	<p>a Doctor of Medicine, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>	<p>Forest Row, Sussex</p>
<p>Patrick Gallagher <i>Gerald Dawson Clarkson, CBE, QFSM</i> <i>Michael John Curtis</i></p>	<p>a Construction Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i></p>	<p>Maidstone, Kent</p>
<p>Elizabeth Obertelli <i>Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy</i> <i>Richard Evans</i></p>	<p>a Deputy Director <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i></p>	<p>Chislehurst, Kent</p>
<p>Edwin Wilhelmus Johannes Velterop <i>Keith John Ebsworth</i> <i>Stephen Joseph Michael Marsh</i></p>	<p>an Artisan Model Maker <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i></p>	<p>Gidea Park, Essex</p>
<p>Kenneth Henry James Milton <i>Iain Reid</i> <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i></p>	<p>a Hotel Manager <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Sidcup, Kent</p>
<p>Bitia Rezaee <i>Abdul Latif</i> <i>Ali Reza Latif</i></p>	<p>a Legal Advisor <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i></p>	<p>Wembley, London</p>
<p>Anthony Lui <i>James Samuel Blake</i> <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i></p>	<p>an Accountant <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i></p>	<p>Walthamstow, London</p>
<p>Keith Alan Horsman <i>Judy Senta Tayler-Smith</i> <i>Adele Loraine Thorpe</i></p>	<p>a Videographer <i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary & Administrator</i></p>	<p>Canvey Island, Essex</p>
<p>Edward Michael Jakins <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Brian John Coombe</i></p>	<p>a Project Manager <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i></p>	<p>Midsomer Norton, Somerset</p>
<p>Abdul Hafiz <i>Hilary Miller</i> <i>Alan Wiseman</i></p>	<p>a Catering Company Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i></p>	<p>Maldon, Essex</p>
<p>Michael John Dunn <i>Issa Tahhan</i> <i>Nicholas Michael Harris</i></p>	<p>a Senior Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Environmental Cleaner</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i></p>	<p>Loughton, Essex</p>
<p>Walter Joseph Maynard <i>Alan William Cornwell</i> <i>Patrick William Thomas Wilkins</i></p>	<p>a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Banstead, Surrey</p>

Alan Brooker <i>Ian Brooker</i> <i>Michael John Goddard</i>	a Waste Management Supervisor <i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Upholder</i>	Strood, Kent
Geoffrey Declan Kavanagh <i>David James Sales</i> <i>Robert Michael John Benham</i>	a Brewery Area Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Kneesworth, Hertfordshire
Jonathon Mark Hopkins <i>William Barrie Fraser, OBE</i> <i>Peter York Bartlett</i>	a Financial Journalist <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Bromley, Kent
Jaco-Albert Van Gass <i>Geoffrey Douglas Ellis</i> <i>Wesley Val Hollands</i>	an Athlete <i>Citizen and Joiner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Wokingham, Berkshire
Grahame William Mark Howett <i>Richard J Muir</i> <i>George Henry Capon</i>	a Sales Manager <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	South Benfleet, Essex
Bernd Gunter Heinze <i>Malcolm Alastair Craig</i> <i>Timothy Luke Fitzgerald-O'Connor</i>	an Attorney At Law <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	North Wales, Pennsylvania, United States of America
Michael Sidney Stafford <i>Phillip Arthur Dean</i> <i>Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE</i>	a Councillor <i>Citizen and Coachmaker & Coach Harness Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Southend On Sea, Essex
John Vincent Hughes <i>Wesley Val Hollands</i> <i>Geoffrey Douglas Ellis</i>	a Property Developer <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner</i>	Hutton Mount, Essex
Philip Gould <i>Wyndham Seymour-Hamilton</i> <i>Antony David George Harvey</i>	a Technical Consultant <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Thamesmead, London
Lindsay Vyvyan Melvin <i>Elizabeth Macdonald-Buchanan</i> <i>Michael Berriman Tippetts</i>	a Charity Trustee <i>Citizen and Fishmonger</i> <i>Citizen and Armourer & Brasier</i>	Solihull, West Midlands
Ashley Saltman <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	a Mechanical Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Ilford, Essex
Robert John Flew <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	an Insurance Broker, retired <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Epsom, Surrey

Haramrita Kaur Glazebrook	a Barrister	Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire
<i>Neville John Watson</i> <i>Peter Francis Clark</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	
Surgeon Rear Admiral Lionel John Jarvis, CBE, DL	a Prior of the Order of St. John	Droxford, Hampshire
<i>Ruby Sayed, CC</i> <i>Gregory Percy Jones, QC, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i>	
Janet Marie Munro	an Administrator	Stevenage, Hertfordshire
<i>Judy Senta Tayler-Smith</i> <i>Adele Loraine Thorpe</i>	<i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary & Administrator</i>	
Douglas Bainbridge	an Investigator	Stevenage, Hertfordshire
<i>Judy Senta Tayler-Smith</i> <i>Adele Loraine Thorpe</i>	<i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen & Chartered Secretary & Administrator</i>	
Sally Anne McCarthy	a Counselling Manager	Blackheath, London
<i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Iain Reid</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
Hugh Gavin Matthew Love	a Chartered Tax Advisor, retired	Hitchin, Hertfordshire
<i>Susan Mary Harrison</i> <i>Basil Roy Hodgson</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i>	
John Francis James	an Accountant	Edmonton, London
<i>Sara Pink</i> <i>Jonathan Martin Averns</i>	<i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
Jonathan Anthony James Wilson	an Information Technology Technician	Tooting, London
<i>Judy Senta Tayler-Smith</i> <i>Adele Loraine Thorpe</i>	<i>Citizen and Upholder</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary & Administrator</i>	
John Ross Griffiths	a Management Consultant	Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia
<i>Paul Malcolm Kennerley, RD</i> <i>Richard Worth, OBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Coachmaker & Coach and Harness Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	
Paul Michael Medlycott	a Business Consultant	Northwood, Middlesex
<i>Peter John Child</i> <i>Geoffrey Selwyn</i>	<i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i> <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i>	
David Clive Mitchell	a Litho Printing Company Director, retired	Petts Wood, Kent
<i>Michael Richard Adkins</i> <i>Stanley Brown, QGM, TD</i>	<i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	

<p>Martin Andrew Overman <i>Daniel Richard Caspi</i> <i>Robert Picton Seymour Howard,</i> <i>Ald.</i></p>	<p>a Transport Managing Director <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i></p>	<p>Swaffham, Norfolk</p>
<p>Andrew John Roan <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i></p>	<p>a Clockmaker <i>Citizen and Chartered</i> <i>Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i></p>	<p>Melksham, Wiltshire</p>
<p>Jonathan David Cordell <i>Sophie Anne Fernandes, CC</i> <i>Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP,</i> <i>Deputy</i></p>	<p>a Strategy Director <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i></p>	<p>Brixton, London</p>
<p>Brandy Anne Dowdall <i>Michele McCarthy</i> <i>Neil Frederick Purcell</i></p>	<p>a Lawyer <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i></p>	<p>Toronto, Ontario, Canada</p>
<p>Derwin Mak <i>Michele McCarthy</i> <i>Neil Frederick Purcell</i></p>	<p>an Accountant <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i></p>	<p>Toronto, Ontario, Canada</p>
<p>Gary Colin Wright <i>Colin Trevor Gurnett</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i></p>	<p>a Senior Barristers' Clerk <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i></p>	<p>Aveley, Essex</p>
<p>Theresa Clare Magdalen Rodgers <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i></p>	<p>an Aromatherapist & Relexologist, retired <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i></p>	<p>High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire</p>
<p>Mark Stephen Nexsen <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i></p>	<p>The Mayor of Lake Havasu City <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i></p>	<p>Lake Havasu City, Arizona, United States of America</p>
<p>John Harold Parrott <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i></p>	<p>an Investment Specialist <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i></p>	<p>Lake Havasu City, Arizona, United States of America</p>

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:-

Statutory Instruments**Date in Force****The Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 140**

9 February 2018

The Regulations enable the Secretary of State to request the Institute for Apprenticeships to provide advice and assistance in relation to other education or training as well as in relation to apprenticeships. The Institute for Apprenticeships will be renamed the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.

The Novel Foods (England) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 154

8 March 2018

The Regulations provide for the enforcement of EU Regulation 2015/2283 by food authorities including the City Corporation. It gives powers to issue stop notices, compliance notices and fixed monetary penalties for offences.

The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 (Commencement and Transitional and Savings Provisions) Regulations 2018, S.I. No. 167

3 April 2018

The Regulations bring the provisions of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 into force on 3 April 2018. The Act creates new duties for local authorities to reduce homelessness.

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:-

Five Members to the **Capital Buildings Committee.**

	Votes
Randall Keith Anderson	14
Peter Gordon Bennett	35
John Douglas Chapman	11
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst	29
Alison Jane Gowman, Alderman	39
Timothy Russell Hailes, JP, Alderman & Sheriff	38
Christopher Michael Hayward	62
Michael Hudson	7
Ian David Luder, JP, Alderman	39
Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy	42
Susan Jane Pearson	27
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy	17
John George Stewart Scott, JP	13
Oliver Sells, QC	15

Sir Michael Snyder	56
James Richard Tumbridge	19

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Alison Gowman, Christopher Hayward, Deputy Edward Lord, Alderman Ian Luder and Sir Michael Snyder to be appointed to the Capital Buildings Committee

11.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Committees and outside bodies:-

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

- (A) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**, for the balance of a term expiring July 2018.

Nominations received:-

Tijs Broeke

Read.

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

- (B) Five Members on the **Barbican Residential Committee**, for varying terms.

Nominations received:-

Matthew Bell

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Matthew Bell to be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee.

- (C) One Member on the **Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**, for a three-year term expiring in March 2021.

Nominations received:-

Jeremy Paul Mayhew

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Mayhew to be appointed to the Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

- (D) Three Members on the **Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry**, for one-year terms expiring in March 2019.

Nominations received:-

*Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy

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

*Gregory Percy Jones, Q.C., Alderman

Read.

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

12. The
Honourable The
Irish Society

- (A) The Court proceeded to consider the appointment of three Common Councilmen to The Honourable The Irish Society, for terms of three years.

**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

Nominations received:-

*Christopher Michael Hayward

*Richard David Regan, OBE, Deputy

*Ian Christopher Norman Seaton

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Christopher Hayward, Deputy Richard Regan and Ian Seaton to be appointed to The Honourable The Irish Society.

- (B) The Court noted that Alderman Vincent Keaveny and Alderman William Russell would continue to serve as the Aldermanic representatives on The Honourable The Irish Society, having previously been appointed for terms of three years.
- (C) The Court endorsed the appointment of Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley as Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society for a three-year term expiring in 2021, with a Deputy Governor to be appointed by the Court of The Honourable The Irish Society.

13. Questions

*Hoffman, T.D.D.,
Deputy to the
Chairman of the
Policy and
Resources
Committee*

Affordable Housing

Deputy Tom Hoffman asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the City Corporation's commitment to the provision of affordable housing through the construction of 3,700 new homes. The Member emphasised the importance of such housing being available for key workers required to maintain vital services.

In response, the Chairman reiterated the details of the City Corporation's commitment, outlining the planned housing products and confirming that new social rented homes would be let in accordance with the Housing Act 1996. She explained that, although specific job roles would not be targeted, priority would be given those with specific housing needs and those on low incomes. She also advised that the newly established Housing Delivery Programme Working Party would oversee these developments, working with the Social Investment Board where appropriate.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy Hoffman regarding collaboration with NHS Foundation Trusts to identify land they might be able to

release for affordable housing developments for nurses, the Chairman advised that she would welcome the opportunity to explore collaboration with health partners on developments at suitable sites in due course.

Deputy James Thomson asked a further supplementary question in the context of the nine-month anniversary of the Grenfell Fire, asking if more could be done to accelerate the slow progress to date by asking officers to explore partnerships with the NHS, GLA, Homes England and other London Boroughs. He suggested that a detailed report on the latest position, as well as the potential for the City Corporation to support a housing delivery vehicle, be brought to the next meeting.

Replying, the Chairman agreed that an update report should come to the Court but cautioned that the next meeting would likely be too soon for a sufficiently detailed report to be produced. She added that support for a housing delivery vehicle would likely be considered as one of the many options being pursued by the Housing Delivery Working Party.

*Broke, T., to the
Chairman of the
Policy and
Resources
Committee*

Immigration and City Workforce Post-Brexit

Tijs Broeke asked the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee what measures the City of London Corporation was taking to ensure that London was able to retain and attract the talent it required after Britain's exit from the European Union, stressing the importance of a productive immigration policy.

The Chairman illustrated her agreement with the Member's comments around attracting talent, referencing the 41% of City workers born outside of the United Kingdom. She noted that the City Corporation's newly published report "The City as a Place for People" echoed these sentiments and also advised that, being acutely aware of the uncertainty of EU citizens based in the City over their rights since the referendum result, the City Corporation had made consistent calls for clarity from both the UK government and the EU27. The Chairman also reiterated the City Corporation's three key requests relating to Brexit - a transition agreement, a trade agreement that included financial services, and continued access to the best talent available.

The Chairman outlined the significant body of work being undertaken by the City Corporation and in collaboration with others in this regard, all of which made the case to Government of the importance of attracting international talent, and of the continued recognition of qualifications between the UK and EU27. She concluded that the correct immigration regime was essential, but also that development of the skills and employability of the domestic workforce should remain a vital goal.

Citing a recent speech by the Foreign Secretary which had called for unity around an "outward-looking" vision for the future, Mr Broeke asked a supplementary question highlighting his concerns that current political pressures would mean there was a risk that this could not be achieved. Given this, he asked if the Chairman agreed that greater clarity was needed from the UK Government over implementation of an immigration system. The Chairman agreed with the Member's statement and confirmed that she had made this point in meetings with Government Ministers. She added that she would continue to argue this point to Government in the coming period.

Responding to a further supplementary question from Deputy Brian Mooney, which sought her view as to whether the Government was giving sufficient attention to the requirements of the financial services sector, the Chairman confirmed her belief that the UK Government was now giving the sector appropriate consideration. She noted however that there was of course more work to be done in ensuring the sector's needs continued to be represented to Government.

Drinking Fountains

*Scott, J.G.S., J.P.
to the Chairman
of the Port
Health and
Environmental
Services
Committee*

John Scott asked a question of the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee concerning the number of drinking fountains in the City of London and potential participation in a pilot scheme to install new fountains, so as to diminish the use of plastic bottles.

Responding, the Chairman advised that there were currently six working fountains within the City of London. He confirmed that there were plans to introduce ten new public water bottle refill points across the City of London over the next two years, with discussions currently underway with the Greater London Authority around the possibility of obtaining partial funding for the project. He added that encouragement was being given to local businesses, such as bars and cafes, to register as free public refill points.

Alderman Alistair King spoke to advise that he was the Treasurer of the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain & Cattle Trough Association, which was currently engaged in a programme of its own with a similar aim. He explained that there was a "Find-a-Fountain" application available through their website which allowed people to locate water supplies that were free of charge, asking the Chairman if there might be some merit to the Association working with the City Corporation on this matter. The Chairman welcomed the Alderman's comments and agreed that collaboration should be explored.

Bank Junction

*Hailes, T.R., Ald.
& Sheriff to the
Chairman of the
Planning and
Transportation
Committee*

Alderman and Sheriff Tim Hailes asked the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the success of the Bank Junction Safety Scheme and the impact on the disabled community.

The Chairman provided background information concerning certain recent road closures and the decision to partially re-open Bank Junction in an eastbound direction, primarily due to significant emergency gas works required at Gracechurch Street. The Chairman noted that this was entirely outside of the City Corporation's control and observed that this had been an effective reaction in view of the unprecedented situation the City Corporation had been presented with. He added that the Scheme had been designed to facilitate significant and unanticipated issues such as this and noted that the emerging increased complexities of these gas works could well lead to works taking longer than anticipated. With regard to the needs of the disabled community, he shared the Member's concern that any final decision on the Scheme recognised the needs of that community and confirmed that a full Equalities Impact Assessment was being undertaken, so as to enable a fully informed consideration by Members when the future of the Scheme was determined in July.

With reference to the access rights of Hackney Carriages, the Chairman observed that permitting their continued access to Bank Junction was previously found to have a detrimental effect both on safety and on journey times in the surrounding area. However, given the importance of ensuring the correct decision for the future of the Junction, he had requested for officers to model the impact of journey times should access for black cabs be introduced on two or four of the arms of the Junction. The findings would be presented to Members at a series of future briefing sessions and he urged interested Members to attend these in advance of formal proposals coming for consideration, again to ensure that any decision was fully informed.

Alderman and Sheriff Hailes thanked the Chairman for his response and asked that any final proposals around restrictions on feeder and adjacent roads be reviewed by the Court. He also asked that, in order to ensure equality of access for all, measures be taken to ensure that either London Hackney Carriages were permitted to access as authorised vehicles, or equivalent permissions are granted to achieve the same outcome. Lastly, he requested that officers ensure that timely and flexible adjustments were made to account for road closures when they occurred so as to avoid repeated disruption in the future. The Chairman endorsed all three of the Member's comments but observed that the final decision would ultimately be one for Members, not for him personally.

Replying to a supplementary question from Deputy Edward Lord concerning the length of a recent journey, the Chairman explained that the negative consequences of closures were regrettable but were an unfortunate and unintentional consequence of necessary works, largely outside of the City Corporation's control. He added that there were often challenging decisions to be made in respect of managing the flow of traffic through the City's streets, but making these decisions and keeping the City moving was imperative.

Responding to a further supplementary question from Ruby Sayed, the Chairman noted that pick-up and drop-off rights had not previously been in existence at the Junction for those with Blue Badges, but sympathised with concerns in respect of ensuring access for those with mobility issues. He reiterated the importance of the Equalities Impact Assessment, which would be presented to Members in due course, in informing a final decision.

In response to a final supplementary question from Deputy Brian Mooney, the Chairman observed that there may well have been improvements to air quality in the vicinity since the introduction of the Scheme, although it was somewhat early to say with any certainty, and early figures also suggested that the number of accidents recorded had also decreased. He added that it would always be a balance to be struck in respect of conflicting requirements and aspirations, whatever the decision in respect of the future of the Junction might be.

Pursuant to Standing Order 13(10), the Lord Mayor directed that the outstanding question, submitted by Andrew McMurtrie, be deferred until the next meeting of the Court.

14. Motions There were no motions.

15. Awards & Prizes The Court received reports of the Chairman of the Markets Committee and the Chairman of the Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee, advising of the recent receipt of several awards.

16. **STANDARDS REGIME REVIEW WORKING PARTY**

(Emma Edhem)

21 February 2018

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 regarding the Corporation's current Standards Framework, in particular the Complaints Procedure (alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct). The report outlined the consideration given to a review undertaken by Mr Charles Bourne QC and his report ("the 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 set out in the Report, along with 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 and thanked those Members who had served on the Working Party and those who had participated in the various consultation exercises for their input.

James Tumbridge spoke to express a concern in relation to the possibility that not attending training on the Code of Conduct might be considered an aggravating feature when considering the imposition of sanctions. The Chairman, responding, explained that this was intended to incentivise Members to participate in the training and clarified that multiple opportunities would be provided to undertake it. She further clarified that there was only the possibility that it might be considered an aggravating factor, such decision to be taken by the Panel. This would be in cases where there were, for example, repeated refusals to undertake training.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council approve the responses proposed in respect of the recommendations set out in the Report, along with the revised Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure and Guidance to Members on the Code of Conduct as appended.

17. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)

18 January 2018

(A) Corporate Plan

The Policy and Resources Committee had considered and approved a refreshed Corporate Plan for 2018-23, which was to be used as a strategic framework to guide the City Corporation's thinking and decision-making over the next five years.

It was also intended to help to ensure that everything the City Corporation did took it closer to achieving its stated aims and objectives.

It was **recommended** that the refreshed Corporate Plan, 2018-23, be approved as set out in Appendix 1.

Resolved – That that the refreshed Corporate Plan, 2018-23, be approved as set out in Appendix 1.

25 January 2018

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

The City of London Corporation is responsible for issuing the annual levies for subscriptions to all the constituent councils of the London Councils Grants Scheme (LCGS). The Court of Common Council can only consider the levies 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 Grants Scheme.

Having received confirmation from London Councils that the budget had been agreed by over two thirds of the Constituent Councils, the approval of the Court was sought under the urgency procedures to issue the levies before the statutory deadline of 15 February 2017.

The Court of Common Council was therefore **recommended** to note that on 25 January 2018, approval was given in accordance with Standing Order No. 19 to issue the levies as set out in the appendix to the report.

Resolved – That the report be received.

18. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)

20 February 2018

(A) City Fund 2018/19 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy

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 Council Tax for 2018/19 remains unchanged from 2017/18; and
- The Business Rate Premium is unchanged.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the budget and clarify a number of elements, following which a number of Members took the opportunity to ask questions. In response, the Chairman observed that specific funding requirements relating to the City Police's budget would be considered as part of the overall budget setting process, prior to any decision as to an increase to the Business Rate Premium. This was by no means ruling out any increase; indeed, notice had been provided to ratepayers at this year's annual meeting that such an increase might be forthcoming. However, the Chairman was clear that any decision should only be made once the budgetary position was confirmed and it was then possible to ascertain whether an increase to the premium was necessary.

Resolved – That that the report be agreed to and that the Court do pass a Resolution

in the following terms:-

1. that for the 2018/19 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, to enable the City to continue to support the City of London Police and 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 £148.6m.

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 2018/19 in accordance with section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) 7210.97 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)
85.58	68.74	7,056.65

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 2018/19 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 £16,899,000 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 2018/19 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) £388,467,000 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) £382,284,963 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) **£6,182,037** 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) **£17,268,559.36** 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) £1,537.45 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 2018/19 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	50.73
B	59.19

C	67.64
D	76.10
E	93.01
F	109.92
G	126.83
H	152.20

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 2018/19 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	622.27	622.27	622.27
B	725.99	725.99	725.99
C	829.69	829.69	829.69
D	933.41	933.41	933.41
E	1,140.83	1,140.83	1,140.83
F	1,348.26	1,348.26	1,348.26
G	1,555.68	1,555.68	1,555.68
H	1,866.82	1,866.82	1,866.82

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 2018;
 - 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 2018;
 - (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 2018 (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 2018;
 - iv. to care leavers within the City up to the age of 25, 100% under Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 subject to liability considerations for the financial year beginning on 1st April 2018; and
 - v. discretionary discounts up to 100% under Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to provide council tax support in exceptional circumstances as agreed by the Finance Committee at its meeting in November 2017.
8. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2018/19, 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 (2018/19).

Council Tax Reduction

9. It be noted that at the Court of Common Council meeting in January 2017 Members approved the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017/18 and future years to be the same as the scheme for 2016/17 There were no proposals to make any specific amendments to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for that or future years, beyond keeping the scheme in line with Housing Benefit.
- Effectively, therefore, the City's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2018/19 will remain the same as was administered in 2016/17 and 2017/18 subject to the annual uprating of non-dependent income and deductions, and income levels relating to Alternative Council Tax Reduction, or any other uprating as it applies to working age claimants, adjusted in line with inflation levels by reference to relevant annual uprating in the Housing Benefit Scheme or The Prescribed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for Pensioners.

Non-Domestic Rates

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 2018, a Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.498 and a Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.485 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.

11. In addition, the levying by the Greater London Authority of a Business Rate Supplement in 2018/19 of 0.020 (i.e. 2.0p in the £) on hereditaments with a rateable value greater than £70,000, to finance its contribution to Crossrail, be noted.
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 2018/19

Further resolved – That:

13. The City Fund capital budget be 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 2018/19 to 2020/21, 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 2018/19, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that the prudent amount of Minimum Revenue Provision is £975,000 which equals the amount of deferred income released from the premiums received for the sale of long leases in accordance with the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy at Appendix 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:

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Estimates of the ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream:			
HRA	0.72	0.84	0.71
Non-HRA	(0.23)	(0.23)	(0.11)
Total	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.05)

Estimates of Capital Expenditure	£m	£m	£m
HRA	16.686	35.957	18.652
Non-HRA	76.003	116.594	142.595
Total	92.689	152.551	161.247
Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement – underlying need to borrow	£m	£m	£m
HRA	0.000	9.500	9.310
Non-HRA Total	49.095	68.104	155.682
	49.095	77.604	124.992
Net borrowing/(Net investments)	Period 2017/18 to 2020/21 £m 28.875		
Capital financing requirement – underlying need to borrow	184.582		

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

TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	probable	estimate	estimate	estimate
	outturn			
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Authorised Limit for external debt -				
Borrowing	£0	£0	£0	£0
other long-term liabilities	£14,006	£13,888	£13,770	£13,653
TOTAL	£14,006	£13,888	£13,770	£13,653
Operational Boundary for external debt -				
Borrowing	£0	£0	£0	£0
other long-term liabilities	£14,006	£13,888	£13,770	£13,653
TOTAL	£14,006	£13,888	£13,770	£13,653
Actual external debt	£0	£0	£0	£0

TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Upper limit for fixed interest rate exposure Expressed as either:- Net principal re fixed rate borrowing / investments OR:- Net interest re fixed rate borrowing / investments	100%	100%	100%	100%
Upper limit for variable rate exposure Expressed as either:- Net principal re variable rate borrowing / investments OR:- Net interest re variable rate borrowing / investments	100%	100%	100%	100%
Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 364 days (per maturity date)	£300m	£300m	£300m	£300m

Maturity structure of fixed rate borrowing during 2017/18	upper limit	lower limit
- 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:

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Times cover on unencumbered revenue reserves	(9.8)	(4.3)	15.2	0.1
<i>At this time last year</i>	(5.5)	26.0	1.1	-

19. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/19 be endorsed and come into effect once as of 8th March 2018.
20. The Chamberlain's assessment of the robustness of budgets and the adequacy of reserves be endorsed.

20 February 2018

(B) Revenue and Capital Budgets 2017/18 and 2018/19

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

The Court was **recommended** to approve the revenue and capital budgets for City's Cash, Bridge House Estates and Guildhall Administration for the financial year 2018/19 (the budgets for City Fund having already been considered under part A above).

Resolved – That:-

- the latest revenue budgets for 2017/18 be noted;
- the 2018/19 revenue budgets be agreed, subject to any amendments on the City Fund that may be agreed in relation to the report on 'City Fund – 2018/19 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy';
- the capital budgets be agreed; and
- authority be delegated to the Chamberlain to determine the financing of the capital budgets.

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.

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

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

23 January 2018

Applications for Hospitality**(A) Afternoon reception following the Installation of the Bishop of London**

It was announced in December 2017 that the Bishop of Crediton, the Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally, DBE had been appointed as the 133rd Bishop of London. It was the first time a woman would have been appointed to the position.

The City Corporation had a longstanding relationship with the Diocese of London. Previous holders of the position having been regular participants at many events in the City and, in both 1991 and 1996 following the installation of previous Bishops of London, the City Corporation hosted receptions for the newly appointed Bishop.

It was therefore proposed that the City Corporation host an afternoon reception at Guildhall following the installation service at St Paul's Cathedral. This occasion

would provide the City with an opportunity to welcome the new Bishop and to build on the City's relationship with the Diocese of London. Guests would include senior representatives from the Church, Government, City institutions, faith organisations, Livery Companies and representatives from the Diocese of London.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an afternoon 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 would be a full Court event.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an afternoon 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.

(B) Doggett's Coat and Badge Race Exhibition in Guildhall Yard

The Doggett's Coat and Badge Race is the oldest rowing race in the world. Every year, since 1715, up to six apprentice watermen compete in the race on the River Thames, beginning at London Bridge and ending at Cadogan Pier, Chelsea.

To coincide with the Totally Thames festival, the Thames Festival Trust had developed a project focusing on the Doggett's Race and its significance to the life of those who work on the River Thames. A public outdoor exhibition detailing the history of the Doggett's Race would form part of this programme and be on display in the Guildhall Yard from 6 - 23 September 2018. The exhibition was to feature contemporary photographs, archive material, and excerpts from oral history interviews that had been specially produced for this project.

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to mark the exhibition, which would promote the history of the City and its long-standing traditions. Guests attending the reception would include exhibition organisers, race participants and contributors, young training apprentices, relevant Livery Companies, City of London cultural and heritage providers, artists, historians and volunteers connected to the exhibition.

It was therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

(C) Reception for the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust - Vision for the Commonwealth Campaign

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust is a charity established in 2012 to

celebrate The Queen's contribution to the Commonwealth. It has two specific goals: to empower a new generation of young leaders and the prevention of avoidable blindness. To this end, the Trust had joined forces with five leading eye health organisations to tackle the issue of avoidable blindness. The campaign would seek to bring the issue to the attention of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting taking place in London in April.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception on Tower Bridge for the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust to raise awareness of the campaign. The reception would support the City Corporation and City Bridge Trust's aim to promote London as a global centre for effective philanthropy.

Those attending the reception would include the Vice-Patron, High Commissioners, Trustees, sponsors and partners of the campaign, representatives from City businesses with a strong link to the philanthropic sector, politicians and Members with relevant interests.

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

This would be a Committee event.

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

(D) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Reception for launch of Crossrail Art Foundation exhibition

In December 2013, the City Corporation agreed to support the Crossrail Art Strategy for the funding of artworks in seven Elizabeth Line stations in central London, and a registered charity was established by the City Corporation and Crossrail Limited for the purposes of delivering this programme. The programme was moving into its final stages with artworks being installed in stations in time for the opening of the line in December 2018.

An exhibition, "Art Capital: Art for the Elizabeth Line", had been organised to celebrate the building of Crossrail and the associated art programme. It was to run from 13 March until 6 May 2018 and was expected to attract over 30,000 visitors. The City Corporation, as a major sponsor and founding partner of the charity, was to be recognised at the exhibition, demonstrating its support for the Crossrail project and its role as a major supporter of the arts in London.

It was proposed that the City Corporation provide funding for refreshments at a Private View to launch the exhibition. With the event scheduled to take place close to the next meeting of the Court and the requirement to make the necessary arrangements, approval was sought and obtained under urgency procedures.

Resolved – That the report be received.

(E) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Commonwealth Business Forum Banquet and Commonwealth Parliamentarians' Forum

At various meetings of the Hospitality Working Party and the Policy and Resources Committee from September to December 2017, Members received reports concerning the City Corporation's potential involvement with the Commonwealth Business Forum. As part of this, Members approved in principle the commitment of City Corporation resources to the holding of the Commonwealth Business Forum at Guildhall and Mansion House and to the hosting of a banquet at Guildhall.

With arrangements having been confirmed, formal approval was consequently sought for the funding for the banquet, which would provide an opportunity to enhance the City Corporation's engagement with the Commonwealth and provide a high-level occasion for dialogue between business and cultural leaders in the UK and other Commonwealth countries. Additionally, as part of the wider programme of engagement with the Commonwealth, the City Corporation was also to provide the venue for the final day of the Commonwealth Parliamentarians' Forum and host an early evening reception at its conclusion.

Approval was sought and obtained under urgency procedures to allow sufficient time for invitations to be issued and the requisite arrangements to be made.

Resolved – That the report be received.

(F) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Government Advisory Board on Social Investment – Early Evening Reception

During the 2017/18 Christmas break, the City Corporation was approached with a request to host an early evening reception in mid-January 2018, to recognise the work of the Government's Advisory Board on Social Investment. The reception was intended to provide an opportunity to learn about the report recommendations and how these would be taken forward, alongside the Government's strategy to enhance the UK's position as a centre for asset management and progress social impact investing in the UK.

Due to the late receipt of the request and the short window in which to make requisite arrangements, approval was sought and obtained under urgency procedures.

Resolved – That the report be received.

20. **PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

(Jeremy Lewis Simons)

16 January 2018

(A) 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.

Resolved – That the Byelaws, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved and the Comptroller and City Solicitor being instructed to seal the Byelaws accordingly.

23 February 2018

(B) Illegal Street Trading

At the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee of 21 November 2017, Members agreed that the City Corporation should enter a Section 101 (s.101) Agreement with the London Borough of Southwark, which would allow City Corporation officers to take enforcement action against illegal street traders on the area of Millennium Bridge that falls within the London Borough of Southwark. It was further agreed that, if officers were to negotiate a similar agreement with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, they had the Committee's permission to enter into a s.101 Agreement with the Borough.

Subsequent to this meeting, the Comptroller and City Solicitor had advised that the entering into of s.101 agreements should be authorised by the Court of Common Council and that the Scheme of Delegations would need to be amended, delegating the new enforcement functions to Port Health and Environmental Services Committee and specified chief officers. Those delegations would be subject to the s.101 agreement(s) being entered into.

The Court was therefore **recommended** to grant these requisite authorities and approve the necessary amendments to the Scheme of Delegations.

Resolved – That:-

- Authority be granted for the City of London Corporation to enter into agreement(s) with the London Borough of Southwark under s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972, to enable each authority to discharge the other's street trading enforcement powers in defined areas;
- Authority be granted for the City of London Corporation to enter into an agreement with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets under s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972, to enable the City of London Corporation to discharge Tower Hamlet's street trading enforcement powers on the northern half of Tower Bridge once a suitable arrangement has been reached; and,
- Subject to the agreement(s) being entered into:
 - (i) the street trading enforcement functions in sections 34, 38, 38A, 38B and 38C of the London Local Authorities Act 1990 as amended (LLAA 1990) be delegated to be discharged by the City of London Corporation to the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, including any decision as to whether the s.101 arrangements should be discontinued;
 - (ii) the Director of Markets and Consumer Protection be delegated power to
 - (a) institute proceedings and other enforcement remedies in sections 34, 38, 38A, 38B and 38C in respect of street trading offences under the

LLAA 1990 as amended, and (b) authorise duly appointed officers to act under that enactment; and

(iii) the Director of the Built Environment be delegated powers to (a) institute proceedings and other enforcement remedies in sections 34, 38, 38A, 38B and 38C in respect of street trading offences under the London Local Authorities Act 1990 as amended, and (b) authorise duly appointed officers to act under that enactment.

- The requisite amendments to the Scheme of Delegations be approved, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.

21. ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

(The Revd. Stephen Decatur Haines, Deputy)

20 February 2018

DRAFT PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018/19

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

The statement, having been updated for 2018/19 and approved by both the Establishment Committee and Policy and Resources Committee, was therefore presented to the Court of Common Council with the **recommendation** that it be approved.

Resolved – that the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2018/19, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved.

22. STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge)

12 January 2018

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Reappointment of Co-opted Member

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the appointment of Judith Barnes as a co-opted Member of the Standards Committee. This decision was taken in view of the pressing need to ensure that an adequate number of co-opted Members were available to be present at meetings of the Standards Committee and its sub-committees. This matter was particularly relevant given the requirement to schedule two Assessment Sub-Committee meetings, both of which required a co-opted Member to make them quorate.

The Town Clerk had consequently approved the Standards Committee's request for an urgent decision in relation to the formal re-appointment of Judith Barnes as a co-opted member of the Standards Committee for a second and final four-year term of office (expiring February 2022) under Standing Order No. 19.

Resolved – That the report be received.

23. **SOCIAL INVESTMENT BOARD****(Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt, Alderman)**

28 February 2018

Social Investment Fund: The First Five Years

The City of London Corporation's Social Investment Fund was established in May 2012 in order to produce a positive social impact, whilst also helping to develop the social investment market through the influence of the Corporation and by demonstrating that social investment could be a financially viable model. £20million was allocated to this Fund from the assets of the Bridge House Estates charity, of which the City of London Corporation is the sole Trustee.

The Social Investment Board, at the time of its creation, undertook to provide regular updates on its progress. In its first five years it achieved an IRR of 4.7% (gross), which is 2% in excess of the initial target. This demonstrated that, by making socially responsible investments, it was possible to have a positive social impact without compromising on financial returns. This was the City Corporation's original intention in establishing the Fund, namely to demonstrate that social investment was a credible investment medium.

The Court therefore received a report updating it on the activities of the Social Investment Fund during its first five years, including details of the Fund's financial performance, areas of investment, the Fund's investment commitments to date and plans for the Fund for the next five years.

Resolved – That the progress made on the work of the Fund since it was established be noted.

24. *Mead, W., O.B.E.; Mayhew, 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:-

25. *Resolved* – that the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
26. **Markets Committee**
The Court approved proposals concerning a strategic review of the City Corporation's markets.
27. **Establishment Committee and The City Bridge Trust Committee**
The Court approved proposals concerning a staffing matter.
28. **Police Committee**
The Court:-
(A) received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to a lease; and,

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

29.

Property Investment Board

The Court:-

- (A) received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the major refurbishment and renovation of a property; and
- (B) received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the purchase of a leasehold.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.45 pm

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