



## Court of Common Council Addendum

**Date:** THURSDAY, 15 JANUARY 2026

**Time:** 1.00 pm

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOMS, 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

### 12. QUESTIONS

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## **COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **QUESTIONS SUMMARY**

1. **Leyla Boulton to ask a question of the Chair of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee concerning measures taken against idling vehicles:-**

*“Despite the City’s anti-idling policy, not a day goes by without seeing vehicles idling around Guildhall, usually with no intervention by civil enforcement officers against stationary vehicles running with their engines on. What measures can the City of London Corporation take to lead by example and ensure consistent enforcement of its own rules to tackle this offence and reduce the scourge of air pollution?”*

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2. **Alderman & Sheriff Robert Hughes-Penney to ask a question of the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee concerning security and defence:-**

*“Last Spring I invited the Chair to address the City’s security, defence and resilience preparedness mindful of the changing nature of geo-politics. Please can I ask that he now updates this Court on whether any additional engagement has been taken in support of the “Armed forces the aerospace and defence industries” above and beyond BAU given the nature of the threat has if anything increased. I am also aware that the government’s Defence Investment Plan that was due out before Christmas has now been postponed until the Spring; what opportunities are there for the City in this and what is our part in that? Similarly, I note that the nascent supranational Defence Security & Resilience Bank which was looking for a base, and held an intergovernmental round table at Mansion House last year, looks likely to be based in Canada, which is surely a great missed opportunity by the City.”*

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3. **John Foley to ask a question of the Chairman of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen’s Park Committee concerning catering contracts:-**

*“In view of the recent reports in the Press over the Corporation’s decision to award new catering contracts for the cafes in Golders Hill Park, Parliament Hill Lido, Parliament Hill Fields and Queen’s Park, and the concern by some cafe customers that this is purely for financial reasons, could the Chair enlighten me on the criteria for deciding the award; why the current leaseholders been given so little time to vacate the premises, and was it really necessary to notify them just a few days before Christmas?”*

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**4. Deputy Jaspreet Hodgson to ask a question of the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee concerning support for the City's hospitality sector:-**

*"As a representative of the great ward of Vintry, which is the spiritual home of the wine trade and - in modern times - also home to the British Beer and Pub Association, I am more aware than most of the positive impact that hospitality plays in lubricating the wheels of the Financial and Professional Services sectors as well as supporting the social fabric of our City.*

*Sadly hospitality businesses – from pubs to restaurants to hotels – face mounting cost pressures from increasing business rates to a new tourist tax.*

*Will the Chair of Policy & Resources make representations to Government in defence of our much-loved and vital hospitality businesses, which play such an important role in the City?"*

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