

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU

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The Lord Mayor will take the Chair at ONE
of the clock in the afternoon precisely.



COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on
THURSDAY next, the **5th day of March, 2015**.

JOHN BARRADELL,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

*Guildhall,
Wednesday 25th February 2015*

Ian David Luder, B.Sc. (Econ.)

Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

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Aldermen on the Rota

- 1 Question - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded?
- 2 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials.
- 3 The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor's report on overseas visits.
- 4 Statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 5 Docquets for the Hospital Seal.
- 6 List of applicants for the Freedom of the City:
(A list of names, together with those of the nominators, has been separately circulated).
- 7 The Remembrancer's report of measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation.

Subordinate Legislation

Title	with effect from
The Housing Benefit and Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) (Income from earnings) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 6	9 February 2015
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 20	9 February 2015
The Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 57	20 February 2015
The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 102	26 February 2015
The Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Rate Relief) (England) (Amendment) Order 2015, S.I. No. 106	2 March 2015
The Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Order 2015, S.I. 135	1 April 2015
The Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 192	10 February 2015
The Control of Noise (Code of Practice for Construction and Open Sites) (England) Order 2015, S.I. 227	6 April 2015
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, S.I. No. 234	1 April 2015

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

- 8 To appoint Members to The Honourable The Irish Society
- (A) To appoint three Aldermen for terms of up to three years

Nominations of the Court of Aldermen:-

Alison Jane Gowman
William Anthony Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton

- (B) To appoint four Common Councilmen for terms of three years

Nominations received:-

**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

*Brian Harris
 Christopher Michael Hayward
 Vivienne Littlechild, J.P.
 Gregory Percy Jones QC
 * Richard David Regan, O.B.E., Deputy
 *Ian Christopher Normal Seaton
 Jeremy Lewis Simons, MSC
 Patrick Thomas Streeter

- (C) To appoint the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Honourable The Irish Society

- 9 To appoint the following:-

- (A) Trust for London (two vacancies for five year terms expiring in April 2020)

**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

Nominations received:-

Kevin Malcom Everett, DSc
 *Sophie Anne Fernandes
 Edward Lord, OBE, JP

- (B) City and Metropolitan Welfare Charity (one vacancy for the balance of a term expiring in March 2017)

Nominations received:-

Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley
 Edward Lord, OBE, JP

- (C) City Arts Trust (one vacancy for a four year term expiring in March 2019)

**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*John Douglas Chapman, Deputy

- (D) City of London Archaeological Trust (four vacancies for four year terms expiring in May 2019)

**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Paul Nicholas Martinelli
 *Hugh Fenton Morris
 *John George Stewart Scott, JP, BA(Hons), FRPSL
 *Jeremy Lewis Simons, MSc

- (E) Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry (three vacancies for one year terms expiring in March 2016)
**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*
 (No contest)

Nominations received:-

- *Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick
- *Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL
- *Gregory Percy Jones, QC

- (F) Mitchell City of London Charity & Educational Foundation (three vacancies for five year terms expiring March 2020)
**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*
 (No contest)

Nominations received:-

- *John Alfred Barker, OBE, Deputy

- (G) St Luke's Parochial Trust (one vacancy for a four year term expiring in March 2019)
**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*
 (No contest)

Nominations received:-

- *John Alfred Barker, OBE, Deputy

10 **QUESTIONS**

11 **MOTIONS**

12 **AWARDS AND PRIZES**

13 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick)

17 February 2015

(A) City Fund 2015/16 Budget Reports and Medium Term Financial Strategy including Non Domestic Rates and Council Taxes for the Year 2015/16

We have considered as to the Non-Domestic Rates and Council Taxes to be levied to meet the City Fund budget requirement during the year ensuing including the proposal to levy:

- an unchanged premium multiplier of 0.004 on the Non-Domestic Rate and Small Business Rate multipliers to enable the City to continue to support the City of London Police, security and contingency planning activity within the Square Mile at an enhanced level; and
- an unchanged Council tax of £857.31 for a Band D property (excluding the GLA precept).

We submit a printed and circulated report thereon: City Fund – 2015/16 Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy.

We **recommend** that the report be agreed to and that the Court do pass a Resolution

in the following terms:-

Overall Financial Framework - Revenue

1. Approve the overall financial framework and the revised Medium Term Financial Strategy for the City Fund noting, in particular, that the forecasts include the Service Based Review savings/increased incomes agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee; and that the achievement of these savings/increased incomes are anticipated to offset the impact of assumed reductions in Government Grants, to leave the fund with small surpluses (effectively break-even) across the period.
2. Approve the City Fund Revenue Budgets.
3. Other major assumptions are:
 - an allowance of 2% has been included in 2015/16 for pay and prices which then reduces year on year until 2018/19 when a freeze is assumed, reflecting public sector finance constraints;
 - a neutral position with regard to the Government's system of Business Rates Retention – i.e. no speculation as to growth or reduction; any changes will therefore be an addition or reduction to balances;
 - anticipated earnings from cash balances have been reduced to 0.5% for 2015/16 and 2016/17 after which a marginal increase to 0.75% is assumed; and
 - the annual provisions included for additional revenue works projects reflect detailed programmes for 2014/15 and 2015/16. For the years 2016/17 to 2018/19 an assumption has been included of £2.5m a year. This is a reduction of 19% on the provisions included for 2015/16

City Police

4. Note that continuing significant cuts in Government Grants for both core policing and dedicated capital city security responsibilities would, if left unchecked, result in deficits across the financial forecast period with the Police Reserve being exhausted early in 2017/18. This position is not sustainable and options for balancing the budget with a minimum balance on the general reserve of £4m across the period are to be presented to the Police Committee before the summer recess in July.

Council Tax

5. From April 2013, council tax reduction replaced council tax benefit and in accordance with Section 10 of the Local Government Finance Act 2012 which amended Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, local authorities have to make their own local schemes if not applying the Government default scheme. The City adopted the default scheme for 2013/14 and amended the scheme for 2014/15 by applying the annual uprating of applicable amounts. There is no intention to amend the scheme for 2015/16 other than to apply the annual uprating of applicable amounts.
6. The Common Council of the City of London hereby agrees, therefore, that the annual uprating of applicable amounts, premiums, disregarded income, or capital in relation to the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2015-2016 as it applies to working age claimants, be in accordance with the uprating to be

applied under the Housing Benefit Regulations which take effect from 1 April each year and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014; and 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, shall be 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.

7. 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 2015/16 in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) 6239.59 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)
84.61	69.98	6085.00

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.

8. For the year 2015/16 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 £13,238,000 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 disposal, transportation planning and road safety, street lighting, drains and sewer functions.
9. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Common Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- (a) £372,800,000 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) £367,450,737 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) £5,349,263 Being the amount by which the aggregate at 9(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 9(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 9(c) above, divided by the amount at 7(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) £13,574,312.09 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) £1,318.20 CR Being the amount at 9(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 9(e) above by the amount at 7(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 9(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 7(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 excl 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 9(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.

10. It be noted that for the year 2015/16 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	57.42
B	66.99
C	76.56
D	86.13
E	105.27
F	124.41
G	143.55
H	172.26

11. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 9(h) and 10 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 2015/16 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 excl Temples (special expense)
	£	£	£
A	628.96	628.96	628.96
B	733.79	733.79	733.79
C	838.61	838.61	838.61
D	943.44	943.44	943.44
E	1,153.09	1,153.09	1,153.09
F	1,362.75	1,362.75	1,362.75
G	1,572.40	1,572.40	1,572.40
H	1,886.88	1,886.88	1,886.88

12. 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 2015:
 - 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 2015;
 - (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 2015.(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 2015.

13. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2015/16, 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 2015/16.

Non Domestic Rates

14. 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 2015, a Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.497 and a Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.484 in accordance with Part II of the Schedule 7 of the said Act. (Both multipliers are inclusive of the City business rate premium of 0.004 which is unchanged from the current year.)
15. In addition, the levying by the Greater London Authority of a Business Rate Supplement in 2015/16 of 0.020 (i.e. 2.0p in the £) on hereditaments with a rateable value greater than £55,000, to finance its contribution to Crossrail, be noted.
16. 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 2015/16

Having considered the circulated report, we further **recommend** that your Honourable Court do pass a resolution in the following terms:-

17. 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.
18. The continued pursuit of the approved financing methodology for the Corporation's funding commitment towards the cost of Crossrail be noted, particularly that each future year's budget report will give a detailed update on funding progress.
19. For the purpose of Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial years 2015/16 to 2017/18, 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 borrowing, shall be £0.
20. For the purpose of Section 21(A) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the

financial year 2015/16, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that the prudent amount of Minimum Revenue Provision is £0, apart from any specific requirement arising from any property leases which have to be treated as finance leases.

21. Any potential borrowing requirement and associated implications will be subject to a further report to Finance Committee and the Court of Common Council.
22. The Chamberlain be authorised to lend surplus monies on the basis set out in the Annual Investment Strategy, with an absolute limit of £200m for maturities in excess of 364 days.
23. The following Prudential Indicators be set:

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

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Estimates of the ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream:			
HRA	0.50	0.25	0.25
Non-HRA	(0.39)	(0.40)	(0.40)
Total	(0.30)	(0.33)	(0.33)
Estimate of the incremental impact of capital investment decisions on the Council Tax - compared to 2014/15 estimates and expressed as a Band D equivalent	£ 19	£ (189)	£ (242)
Estimate of the incremental impact on average weekly rent of capital investment decisions on housing rents	£ 2.84	£ 4.04	£ 4.10
Estimates of Capital Expenditure	£m	£m	£m
HRA	22.532	5.056	0.200
Non-HRA	246.682	32.204	26.324
Total	269.214	37.260	26.524

Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement – underlying need to borrow	£m	£m	£m
HRA	10.492	10.282	10.076
Non-HRA	(12.434)	(12.224)	(12.018)
Total	(1.942)	(1.942)	(1.942)
Net borrowing/(Net investments)	Period 2014/15 to 2017/18 £m (75.658)		
Capital financing requirement – underlying need to borrow	(1.942)		

Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Operational Boundary for External Debt	£m	£m	£m
Borrowing	0	0	0
Other Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
Authorised Limit	£m	£m	£m
Borrowing	0	0	0
Other Long Term Liabilities	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
Upper Limit - Fixed Interest Rate Exposure	100%	100%	100%
Upper Limit-Variable Interest Rate Exposure	100%	100%	100%
Upper limit for Principal Sums Invested for > 364 days	£200m	£200m	£200m
Maturity Structure of New Fixed Rate Borrowing During 2015/16	Upper Limit %	Lower Limit %	
Under 12 months	0	0	

<i>12 months and within 24 months</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>24 months and within 5 years</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>5 years and within 10 years</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>10 years and above</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Local Indicator focusing on revenue reserves:

	<i>2015/16</i>	<i>2016/17</i>	<i>2017/18</i>
	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>
<i>Times cover by dividing unencumbered revenue reserves by annual revenue deficit/(surplus) - bracketed figures denote annual surpluses</i>	<i>(30.2)</i>	<i>(16.2)</i>	<i>(5.5)</i>

Other Recommendations

24. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16 are endorsed.
25. The Chamberlain's assessment of the robustness of budgets and the adequacy of reserves be endorsed.

17 February 2015

(B) Revenue and Capital Budgets 2014/15 and 2015/16

We submit a printed and circulated report which summarises 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 accompanies the Summary Budget Book which includes all the City's budgets at a summary level in a single document. The Summary Budget Book is available in the Members' Reading Room, and on the City Corporation's website. Further copies can be provided on request.

We therefore **recommend** approval of the revenue and capital budgets for City's Cash, Bridge House Estates and Guildhall Administration for the financial year 2015/16 (the budgets for City Fund having already been considered under part A above).

14 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Mark John Boleat)

22 January 2015

(A) Public Sector Pensions Reform - Establishing a Local Pensions Board (Local Government Pension Scheme)

In March 2011, the Independent Public Service Pensions Commission published its

final report of the review of public service pensions. The report made clear that change is needed to “make public service pension schemes simpler and more transparent, fairer to those on low and moderate earnings”.

In order to meet the requirements of the Public Services Pensions Act 2013, the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) was reformed, effective from 1st April 2014. The Act also made legislation as to the overall governance of pension schemes, in particular that a local Pensions Board be established by 1st April 2015; the Board need not be operational at this point. The Pensions Board must include employer and scheme member representatives in equal numbers.

We submit a printed and circulated report thereon **recommending** that the Court agree the to the creation of a Pensions Board to ensure that the City of London Corporation complies with the requirements of the Public Services Pensions Act 2013.

2 February 2015

(B) Report of Urgent Action Taken: London Councils Grants Scheme 2015/16 Levy

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

Having received confirmation from London Councils that the budget and contributions had been agreed by over two thirds of the Constituent Councils, the approval of the Court was sought under the urgency procedures to allow the levies to be issued before the statutory deadline of 15 February 2015.

We **therefore** submit a printed and circulated report advising that on 2 February 2015 approval was given, in accordance with Standing Order No. 19, to issue the levies.

15 HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy John Bennett, Chief Commoner)

27 January 2015

(A) Applications for the Use of Guildhall

In accordance with the arrangements approved by the Court on 21 June 2001 for the approval of applications for the use of Guildhall, we now inform the Court of the following applications which have been agreed to:-

Name	Date	Function
Advertising Week Europe	Monday 23 March 2015	Reception
AE3 Media	Friday 19 June 2015	Lunch
BASE London	Monday 29 June 2015 Tuesday 30 June 2015	Set up day Conference

City of London Pensioners' Reunion Committee	Friday 4 September 2015	Lunch
London School of Economics	Saturday 5 September 2015	Graduation
Cass Business School	Monday 14 September 2015	Dinner
Government of Gibraltar	Monday 12 October 2015	Reception
Standard Chartered Bank Pensioners' Association	Friday 16 October 2015	Lunch
UK Theatre	Sunday 18 October 2015	Lunch
City of London School for Boys	Monday 2 November 2015	Prize Giving
Brook Green UK	Saturday 7 November 2015	Dinner
City of London School for Girls	Tuesday 10 November 2015	Prize Giving
London Councils Summit	Saturday 21 November 2015	Conference
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	Wednesday 2 December 2015	Dinner
Staff Christmas Lunches	Wednesday 16 December 2015 Thursday 17 December 2015 Friday 18 December 2015	Lunch
City Property Association	Thursday 10 March 2016	Lunch
Royal Aeronautical Society	Wednesday 18 May 2016	Dinner
Weizmann UK	Sunday 5 June 2016	Dinner

27 January 2015

(B) Armed Forces Flag Day

It is proposed that the City of London Corporation hosts a flag raising ceremony followed by light refreshments at Guildhall on the afternoon of Wednesday 24 June 2015 to mark the seventh annual Armed Forces Flag Day.

This event responds to an established national initiative and will provide an opportunity for the City to show its support for the Armed Forces and to raise awareness of the contribution made to our country by those who are currently serving, as well as veterans. Guests will include serving and retired personnel, cadets, City residents who are veterans, Masters and Clerks of Livery Companies, city workers, school children from the City's schools, and members of the general public.

We recommend that appropriate hospitality therefore be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the cost to be met from City's Cash and within the approved cost parameters.

This would be a Full Court event.

27 January 2015

(C) Battle of Britain

It is proposed that the City of London Corporation hosts a lunchtime reception on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at Guildhall following the Service of Thanksgiving to be

held in St Paul's Cathedral, to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

The Service of Thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral will be attended by guests including senior officers of the Royal Air Force, representatives from the Royal Air Forces Association, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, veterans and serving RAF personnel, cadets and representatives from foreign forces.

We **recommend** that appropriate hospitality be granted for a reception at the Guildhall and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the cost to be met from City's Cash and within the approved cost parameters.

This will be a Full Court event.

27 January 2015

(D) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Event to mark the end of UK Operations in Afghanistan

We report action taken as a matter of urgency, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19, in approving arrangements for a lunchtime reception at Guildhall following a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral on Friday 13 March 2015 to mark the end of UK combat operations in Afghanistan.

Due to the public announcement of the Service not being made until late January, the Court's approval was sought and obtained for the event in accordance with urgency procedures. We hereby report the action taken.

This will be a Full Court event.

16 PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Wendy Mead, O.B.E.)

20 January 2015

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 2015/2016.

The Byelaws, incorporating a new schedule of charges for the services provided, can be found in Appendix A to a separately printed and circulated report and we **recommend** approval thereof; the Comptroller and City Solicitor being instructed to seal the Byelaws accordingly.

17 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA

(David Andrew Graves, Alderman)

17 November 2014

Amendment to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama's Governance Arrangements

The Guildhall School of Music & Drama was awarded Taught Degree Awarding Powers in April 2014. One of the conditions for exercising and retaining such powers is that an Academic Board be established.

The purpose of this report is to propose the creation of an Academic Board which will

replace the current Teaching and Learning Board. This Academic Board will act as the locus of responsibility for the exercise of taught degree awarding powers. Subject to the approval of the Court of Common Council, this proposal will be submitted to the Privy Council for formal approval. A printed and circulated report is now submitted for your consideration and we **recommend** that the Court agree the recommendations set out therein.

18 ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

(John Alfred Barker, OBE Deputy)

5 February 2015

Pay Policy Statement 2015/16

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

The Court approved the Corporation's first Pay Policy Statement in January 2012 and the current version was approved this time last year. This was published by 31st March 2014. A draft Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16, which has been separately circulated, has been approved by both the Establishment and the Policy and Resources Committees and, with your agreement, will be published by 31st March 2015.

We submit a printed and circulated report thereon **recommending** that the Court agree the separately circulated draft Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16 to ensure that the City Corporation meets its requirements under the Localism Act 2011.

19 HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD & QUEEN'S PARK COMMITTEE

(Jeremy Lewis Simons)

20 January 2015

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Hampstead Heath Ponds Project – Authority to Start Work

We report action taken as a matter of urgency, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19, in approving the allocation of funds to the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project and the signature of a commencement agreement with BAM Nuttall, Atkins and Capital to allow works to start on site in February 2015.

We therefore submit a printed and circulated report advising that in January 2015 approval was given, in accordance with Standing Order No. 19, to allocate funds to the Hampstead Heath Ponds Project to allow its commencement.

20 CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

(Vivienne Littlechild, J.P.)

26 January 2015

Appointment of Chairman to the Benefices Sub Committee

Standing Order 18 (6) precludes the Chief Commoner from chairing, amongst others, the Benefices Sub Committee. The current Chairman of the Sub Committee is Deputy William Harry Dove, OBE, JP, who is the Chief Commoner elect. Deputy Dove has served this Sub Committee well for a number of years and is willing to stand again as Chairman in 2015/16.

We submit a separately printed and circulated report thereon **recommending** that you agree to waive Standing Order 18 (6) (c) in this instance, so that the Chief Commoner Elect could be considered for re-election as Chairman of the Benefices Sub Committee in 2015/16

21 EDUCATION BOARD

(Catherine McGuinness, Deputy)

16 February 2015

Appointment of Company Member to City of London Academies (Southwark)

The City of London Corporation appoints Members to the City of London Academies (Southwark), the legal entity overseeing the City of London Academy Southwark and Redriff Primary School. Under the Academies' articles of association, the number of Company Members must not fall below three. The City of London Corporation has received notice from one of the current three members, the Reverend Dr Martin Dudley, that he intends to resign as Company Member subject to the appointment of a replacement.

The purpose of this report is to note the resignation and removal of Dr Dudley as a Member, and to seek approval to the appointment of Andrew McMurtrie CC to fill the resulting vacancy. Mr McMurtrie is both an existing director of the City of London Academies (Southwark) and the Board of Governors' recommended candidate. A printed and circulated report is now submitted for your consideration and we **recommend** that the Court agree the recommendations set out therein.

MOTION

22 By the Chief Commoner

"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:-

- A) recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the Freedom of the City of London; and
- B) action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the Property Investment Board concerning the purchase of a property?"