

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU

1

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, held through **MICROSOFT TEAMS**, on **THURSDAY** next, the **10th day of September, 2020**.

Members of the public can observe this virtual public meeting at the below link:

<https://youtu.be/tmPPkgB5YjA>

This meeting will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take place in a physical location following regulations made under Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020. A recording of the public meeting will be available via the above link following the end of the public meeting for up to one municipal year. Please note: Online meeting recordings do not constitute the formal minutes of the meeting; minutes are written and are available on the City of London Corporation's website. Recordings may be edited, at the discretion of the proper officer, to remove any inappropriate material.

JOHN BARRADELL,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

Guildhall

Robert Charles Hughes-Penney

Susan Langley

}

Aldermen on the Rota

1 **Apologies**2 **Declarations by Members under the Code of Conduct in respect of any items on the agenda**3 **Minutes**

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 16 July 2020.

For Decision
(Pages 1 - 22)

4 **Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials**5 **Mayoral Visits**

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor to report on his recent engagements.

6 **Policy Statement**

To receive a statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

7 **Docquets for the Hospital Seal**8 **The Freedom of the City**

To consider a circulated list of applications for the Freedom of the City.

For Decision
(Pages 23 - 26)

9 **Bill for an Act of Common Council**

To:-

- Provide for the date of next ordinary Common Council elections being postponed from 18 March 2021 until 23 March 2022.

(First and Second Reading).

Together with a report of the Policy and Resources Committee thereon.

For Decision
(Pages 27 - 36)

10 **Legislation**

To receive a report setting out measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation.

For Information
(Pages 37 - 40)

11 **Appointments**

To consider the following appointments:

Where appropriate:-

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment.*

- (A) One Member on the **Education Board**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2022.

Nominations received:-

Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi
Jeremy Lewis Simons

- (B) One Member on the **Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2021.

Nominations received:-

Matthew Bell

- (C) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the Museum of London**, for a term expiring in October 2024.

Nominations received:-

*Alderman Alison Gowman

For Decision

12 **Questions**

13 **Motions**

By Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley

To consider a Motion, submitted by Mark Wheatley, in relation to the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

For Decision
(Pages 41 - 42)

14 **Awards and Prizes**

15 **Policy and Resources Committee**

To note action taken under urgency procedures concerning a minor amendment to Standing Orders, removing the need for the names of all Members to be read orally prior to elections for the Chairmanship or Deputy Chairmanship.

For Information
(Pages 43 - 44)

16 **Finance Committee**

To note action taken under urgency procedures concerning an in-year budget adjustment associated with funding for Heart of the City.

For Information
(Pages 45 - 46)

17 **City of London Police Authority Board**

To receive the City of London Policing Plan for 2020-2023.

For Information
(Pages 47 - 70)

MOTION

18 **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.

For Decision

19 **Non-Public Minutes**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting of the Court held on 16 July 2020.

For Decision
(Pages 71 - 74)

20 **Property Investment Board**

To consider proposals in relation to the grant of a long-term lease.

For Decision
(Pages 75 - 78)



RUSSELL, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

16th July 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman
Emma Edhem
Sir Peter Estlin
John Garbutt
Sir Roger Gifford
Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal
David Andrew Graves

Timothy Russell Hailes
Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Gregory Jones
Vincent Thomas Keaveny
Alastair John Naisbitt King
Susan Langley
Ian David Luder

Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons
Sheriff Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
Bronek Masojada
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, William Anthony Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams
Caroline Kordai Addy
Munsur Ali
Rehana Banu Ameer
Randall Keith Anderson
Douglas Barrow
Matthew Bell
John Bennett
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith
Christopher Paul Boden
Mark Bostock
Deputy Keith David Forbes
Bottomley
Deputy David John Bradshaw
Tijis Broeke
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick
John Douglas Chapman
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Graeme Doshi-Smith
Karina Dostalova
Simon D'Olier Duckworth
Deputy Peter Gerard Dunphy
Mary Durcan

John Ernest Edwards
Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett
Anne Helen Fairweather
Sophie Anne Fernandes
John William Fletcher
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Tracey Graham
Caroline Wilma Haines
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines
Graeme Harrower
Sheriff Christopher Michael
Hayward
Christopher Hill
Tom Hoffman, Deputy
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde, Deputy
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy
Clare James, Deputy
Shravan Jashvantraï Joshi
Angus Knowles-Cutler
Vivienne Littlechild

Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge
Deputy Edward Lord
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Andrew Paul Mayer
Jeremy Mayhew
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Wendy Mead
Deputy Robert Allan Merrett
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers
Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney
Deputy Hugh Fenton Morris
Sylvia Doreen Moys
Benjamin Daniel Murphy
Deputy Joyce Carruthers Nash
Barbara Patricia Newman
Graham Packham
Susan Jane Pearson
John Petrie
William Pimlott

Deputy James Henry George Pollard
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Jason Paul Pritchard
Deputy Elizabeth Rogula
Ruby Sayed
John George Stewart Scott
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Oliver Sells
Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Deputy Tom Sleight
Sir Michael Snyder
Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson
Deputy John Tomlinson
James Richard Tumbridge
William Upton
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations There were no additional declarations.
3. Minutes *Resolved* – That the minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded, subject to the following amendments:-

- page 8, third paragraph, the words “the past twelve months” be deleted and replaced with “2018/19”;
- page 8, third paragraph, the words “officers or other external parties” be deleted and replaced with the words “another local authority”.

4. Resolutions There were no resolutions.
5. Mayoral Visits The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to update the Court on his virtual engagement programme.
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:-

Azad Ayub <i>Mei Sim Lai</i> <i>David Lawrence Byron Stringer-Lamarre</i>	a Civil Engineer <i>Citizen and Horner</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	Winchmore Hill, London
Graham Walter Bailey <i>Wayne Buffett Warlow</i> <i>Philip Gwynfern Edwards</i>	a Professional Golfer <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Tallow Chandler</i>	Doncaster, South Yorkshire
Heather Byers <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	a Critical Care Nurse <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Buckhurst Hill, London
Christopher Andrew Castle <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i> <i>Patrick John Marsland-Roberts, TD</i>	a Shooting Instructor <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Northolt, Middlesex
Christine Janice Hampson <i>Geoffrey Gordon Dearing</i> <i>Nigel Andrew Thomas</i>	an Executive Assistant <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Engineer</i>	Upminster, Essex
Simon Peter Derek Hardy <i>Anthony John Paice</i> <i>Martin Victor Edwards</i>	a Wine Consultant <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Chelsea, London
Martha Catherine Kearney <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Presenter <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Southwark, London
Professor Charles James Knight <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	a Hospital Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Islington, London

Jonathan Lambourne <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Doctor <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Highbury, London
David William Mellor <i>Peter Lionel Raleigh Hewitt</i> <i>Lee John Robertson</i>	a Business Mentor <i>Citizen and Woolman</i> <i>Citizen and Marketor</i>	Horsham, West Sussex
Nicholas Robert Misselke <i>Annmarie Hanlon</i> <i>Eric Franz Hans Misselke, JP</i>	a Director <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	Lichfield, Staffordshire
Kamel Ben Mroue <i>James Nicholas Bromiley-Davis</i> <i>Ald. Emma Edhem</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	Islington, London
Simon Penney <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin, Ald.</i>	a Trade Commissioner <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Palm Jumeirah, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
[REDACTED] <i>Robert Kerr Dobbie</i> <i>Nicholas John Burger</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Cutler</i> <i>Citizen and Cutler</i>	Sutton, London
Alison Rose <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Bank Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Highgate, London
Natalie Bronwyn Scott <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Physiotherapist <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Tooting, London
Anthony George Watson <i>Thomas Sleigh, Deputy</i> <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	a Financial Company Director <i>Citizen and Common</i> <i>Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	New York, United States of America
Paul Michael Watson <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Clinical Technologist <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Gillingham, Kent

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 measure introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

Bills**Date in force****Business and Planning Bill 2020**

On Royal Assent

The Business and Planning Bill 2020 was introduced and is expected to receive Royal Assent before this meeting. The Bill provides a new, streamlined, temporary regime for table and chair licensing. Additionally, it amends the alcohol licensing regime to convert licences to enable 'off-premises sales'. Other changes include alterations to the planning regime to extend time limits. It applies to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority. A briefing was supplied to London MPs during the House of Commons stages of the Bill.

Statutory Instruments**The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020**4th July 2020

The Regulations enable hired electric scooters to be used lawfully on public roads within a local authority area, where that local authority has chosen to take part in the Department for Transport's hire scheme pilot. The City Corporation has not at the time of writing, chosen to take part in the scheme.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 5581st June 2020

The Regulations extend permissions concerning the opening of businesses, places of worship and community centres and include more detailed provisions on prohibited gatherings. The Regulations apply to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority.

The Registration of Births and Deaths (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 S.I. No. 5779th June 2020

The Regulations allow for the entry of information in a birth registration entry without the registrar needing to be in the presence of the informant.

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

10.
Appointment of
Committees:
White Paper

The Court proceeded to make the annual appointment of Committees. An addendum to the report, highlighting those amendments required to the White Paper caused by changes since its publication with the agenda, had also been circulated. This addendum also set out the results of the indicative ballots undertaken in advance of the Court meeting, in respect of contested vacancies.

Resolved – That the several Committees as set out in the White Paper be appointed until the first meeting of the Court in April 2021, and that the terms of reference and constitutions be also approved.

The Court subsequently proceeded to make the following appointments, in respect of which the Town Clerk reported that the following nominations had been received:-

Nominations received for vacancies of varying terms:-

Where appropriate:-

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment;*

^ denotes a Member who currently serves on the Committee in either an ex-officio capacity or as a representative of another Committee with appointment rights.

(A) Policy and Resources Committee (five vacancies).

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Rehana Banu Ameer

Deputy David John Bradshaw

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

*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

Tracey Graham

Paul Nicholas Martinelli

*Deputy Catherine McGuinness

Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers

Ruby Sayed

*Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson

*Deputy Tom Sleigh

Read.

Resolved – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Policy and Resources Committee of Deputy Catherine McGuinness, Andrien Meyers, Marianne Fredericks, Deputy Tom Sleigh, and Rehana Ameer, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

(B) Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee (one vacancy).

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Tijs Broeke

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

Jeremy Lewis Simons

Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Resolved – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee of Tijs Broeke, for a four-year term, be confirmed.

(C) Members' Privileges Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee (two vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Ann Holmes

*Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ann Holmes and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark to be appointed to the Members' Privileges Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee.

(D) **Capital Buildings Committee** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Alderman Alison Gowman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Alison Gowman to be appointed to the Capital Buildings Committee.

(E) **Investment Committee** (three vacancies).

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith, J.P.

*John Douglas Chapman

^James de Sausmarez

Anne Fairweather

^Michael Hudson

*Deputy Clare James

John Petrie

Read.

Resolved – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Investment Committee of Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Deputy Clare James, and James de Sausmarez, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

(F) **Social Investment Board** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Alderman Bronek Masojada

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Bronek Masojada to be appointed to the Social Investment Board.

(G) **Audit and Risk Management Committee** (six vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Randall Keith Anderson

*Christopher Paul Boden
 Alderman Prem Goyal, O.B.E., J.P.
 *Paul Nicholas Martinelli
 *John Petrie
 Ruby Sayed

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Anderson, Christopher Boden, Alderman Prem Goyal, Paul Martinelli, John Petrie and Ruby Sayed to be appointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

(H) **Police Authority Board** (four vacancies).
 (Contest)

Nominations received:-

Caroline Kordai Addy
 †Munsur Ali
 *Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.
 †John Ernest Edwards
 †Helen Lesley Fentimen
 Alderman Timothy Russell Hailes, J.P.
 *†Alderman Ian David Luder, J.P.
 †Jeremy Paul Mayhew
 †Graham David Packham
 †William Pimlott
 †John Petrie
 James Richard Tumbridge
 Dawn Lindsay Wright

Read.

Resolved – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Police Authority Board of Munsur Ali, Caroline Addy, and Alderman Tim Hailes for four-year terms, and Dawn Wright for a three-year term be confirmed.

(I) **Education Board** (three vacancies).
 (No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Alderman Sir Peter Estlin
 *Ann Holmes
 *Alderman Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Sir Peter Estlin, Ann Holmes and Alderman Nicholas Lyons to be appointed to the Education Board.

(J) **Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama** (three vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

#Munsur Ali

*Graham David Packham

*Alderman William Anthony Bowater Russell, the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Munsur Ali, Graham Packham and Alderman William Russell to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

(K) **Board of Governors of the City of London School** (two vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Dominic Gerard Christian

*Caroline Wilma Haines

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Dominic Christian and Caroline Haines to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School.

(L) **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls** (three vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Rehana Banu Ameer

*Shravan Jashvantraï Joshi

*Deputy Richard David Regan, O.B.E

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Rehana Ameer, Shravan Joshi and Deputy Richard Regan to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls.

(M) **Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School** (four vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Graham David Packham

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Graham Packham to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.

(N) **Gresham (City Side) Committee** (three vacancies).
(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley
 Deputy Kevin Malcom Everett
 Sophie Anne Fernandes
 *Deputy Tom Hoffman, M.B.E.
 *Deputy Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.
 Jeremy Paul Mayhew

Read.

Resolved – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Gresham Committee of Deputy Tom Hoffman, Deputy Keith Bottomley, and Deputy Edward Lord, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

- (O) **Establishment Committee** (three vacancies).
 (Contest)

Nominations received:-

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
 Karina Dostalova
 ^Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
 *Jeremy Paul Mayhew
 James Richard Tumbridge

Read.

Resolved – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Establishment Committee of Henry Colthurst, Karina Dostalova, and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

- (P) **Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees** (two vacancies on each Committee).
 (Contest)

Nominations received:-

Karina Dostalova
 Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.
 *Oliver Sells, Q.C.
 *Jeremy Lewis Simons
 Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Resolved – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees of Karina Dostalova and Oliver Sells, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

- (Q) **Epping Forest & Commons Committee** (two vacancies).
 (No contest)

Nominations received:-

- *Graeme Martyn Doshi-Smith
- *Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Graeme Doshi-Smith and Jeremy Simons to be appointed to the Epping Forest & Commons Committee.

- (R) **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee** (four vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

- *Michael Hudson
- *Wendy Mead, O.B.E.
- Deputy Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Michael Hudson, Wendy Mead, and Deputy Edward Lord to be appointed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee.

- (S) **Barbican Residential Committee**, in the category of non-resident (two vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

- *Michael Hudson
- Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Michael Hudson and Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, to be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee.

- (T) **Barbican Centre Board** (three vacancies).

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

- Munsur Ali
- Randall Keith Anderson
- Deputy David John Bradshaw
- Tijs Broeke
- Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett
- Anne Fairweather
- *Judith Lindsay Pleasance
- Deputy James Henry George Pollard
- *Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson
- James Richard Tumbridge

Read.

Resolved – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Barbican Centre Board of Munsur Ali and Randall Anderson for three-year terms, and Deputy Dr Giles Shilson for a one-year term, be confirmed.

- (U) **The City Bridge Trust Committee** (two vacancies).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
*Dhruv Patel, O.B.E.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Henry Colthurst and Dhruv Patel to be appointed to the City Bridge Trust Committee.

- (V) **Standards Committee** (four vacancies).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Mary Durcan
Helen Lesley Fentimen

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan and Helen Fentimen to be appointed to the Standards Committee.

- (W) **Standards Appeals Committee** (ten vacancies).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy
*John Douglas Chapman
*Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.
*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
*Michael Hudson
*Tracey Graham
*John Petrie
*John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Keith Bottomley, John Chapman, Simon Duckworth, Marianne Fredericks, Michael Hudson, Tracey Graham, John Petrie and John Scott to be appointed to the Standards Appeal Committee.

- (X) **Licensing Committee** (three vacancies).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Karina Dostalova
*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
*Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Karina Dostalova, Marianne Fredericks and Shravan Joshi to be appointed to the Licensing Committee.

(Y) **Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee** (six vacancies).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Christopher Paul Boden
*Michael Hudson
*Vivienne Littlechild, M.B.E., J.P.
*Wendy Mead, O.B.E.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Christopher Boden, Michael Hudson, Vivienne Littlechild, and Wendy Mead to be appointed to the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

(Z) **Health & Wellbeing Board** (one vacancy).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Marianne Fredericks to be appointed to the Health & Wellbeing Board.

(AA) **Markets Committee** (three vacancies).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Deputy David John Bradshaw
Wendy Mead, O.B.E.
Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy David Bradshaw, Wendy Mead, and Deputy Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Markets Committee.

(BB) **Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee** (two vacancies).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Mary Durcan

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan to be appointed to the Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee.

(CC) **Community & Children's Services Committee** (fourteen vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Munsur Ali

Mary Durcan

Helen Lesley Fentimen

Alderman David Graves

Deputy Catherine McGuinness

Jason Paul Pritchard

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Munsur Ali, Mary Durcan, Helen Fentimen, Alderman David Graves, Deputy Catherine McGuinness and Jason Pritchard to be appointed to the Community & Children's Services Committee.

11. Outside
Bodies

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Outside Bodies:-

Where appropriate:-

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment.*

(A) Three Members on **Christ's Hospital**, for varying terms.

Nominations received:-

John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared John Scott to be appointed to Christ's Hospital for a four-year term.

(B) One Member on the **Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation**, for a term expiring in March 2025.

Nominations received:-

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Henry Colthurst to be appointed to the Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation, for a five-year term.

(C) One Member on the **London Road Safety Council**, for a four-year term expiring in May 2024.

Nominations received:-

*Alderman Alison Gowman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Alison Gowman to be appointed to the London Road Safety Council, for a four-year term.

- (D) One Member on the **Richard Reeve's Foundation**, for a four-year term expiring in May 2024.

Nominations received:-

*Michael Hudson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Michael Hudson to be appointed to the Richard Reeve's Foundation, for a four-year term.

- (E) One Member on the **East London NHS Foundation Trust**, for a three-year term expiring in May 2023.

Nominations received:-

*Rehana Banu Ameer

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Rehana Ameer to be appointed to the East London Foundation NHS Trust, for a three-year term.

- (F) One Member on **Thames 21**, for a three-year term expiring in May 2023.

Nominations received:-

John Ernest Edwards

Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.

Read.

Resolved – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to Thames 21 of Andrew McMurtrie, for a three-year term, be confirmed.

12. Questions

Fletcher, J.W., to
the Chair of the
Community &
Children's
Services
Committee

Middlesex Street Estate Car Park: Ventilation System Issues

John Fletcher asked a question of the Chair of the Community & Children's Services Committee in relation to noise and air quality concerns related to a new ventilation system at the Middlesex Street Estate car park.

Replying, the Chair advised the old ventilation system in the basement car park had reached the end of its functional life and replacement was required. The new system had been designed and installed to comply with Building Regulations and to suit the specific requirements of the basement car park. Unfortunately, since installation, there had been several occasions where the fire alarm in the basement car park had been activated, causing the new extraction system to commence at its highest level. These false alarms had been caused by a combination of factors,

including faulty detectors and vandalism, and activity was underway to ensure the number of false alarms was minimised, whilst still maintaining fire safety.

The Chair outlined steps taken to address residents' concerns, including practical demonstrations and an independent air quality assessment; however, he accepted that communications with residents on this project should have been better from the outset. Further action was, therefore, being taken to recover the position, including the circulation of written apologies and information to all residents and a further practical demonstration for designated local community representatives.

With reference to a related query concerning car park income, the Chair clarified that the whole of the Middlesex Street Estate, including the car park, was an asset of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). By law, the HRA was ringfenced and any income derived from HRA assets could only be used for the purpose of those assets. Income received across all thirteen City housing estates went to the HRA and specific income streams were not reserved for the exclusive benefit of any one Estate; however, it was worth noting that the Corporation was currently investing over £10million from the HRA in refurbishing and improving its homes on the Middlesex Street Estate.

In response to a supplementary question from John Fletcher, in which he thanked the Chair for his efforts to redeem the situation, the Chair agreed to circulate a further communication to residents explaining the issue and next steps.

Hong Kong National Security Law

Wheatley,
M.R.P.H.D., to
the Chair of the
Policy &
Resources
Committee

Mark Wheatley asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the ongoing situation in Hong Kong following the passing of the National Security Law concerning the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and seeking a commitment to issuing a statement expressing the City's welcome to those affected with the right to live or work in Britain.

Responding, the Chair noted that the City owed much to its diverse workforce and population and added that people from all around the world, including Hong Kong, were always welcome in the City. However, she noted that the City would not normally issue a public statement on foreign policy issues and that any statement specifically on Hong Kong at this particular moment would be viewed as entering into the foreign policy arena.

The Chair commented on the City of London Corporation's role in supporting the business city, financial and professional services, and a diverse and thriving city, adding that its public statements should support that strategic position, not undermine it, and that China was an important market for UK financial and related professional services which helped underpin London's position as a leading global financial centre. It was, therefore, important that the City continued to engage with China, on the basis of global standards, in the same way that it engaged with business partners across the world. The Chair noted that the City Corporation's stakeholders had been explicit in encouraging this approach.

Whilst it was, of course, for elected members to determine the overall policy on engagement, she suggested it would be important to listen to what the views of the

relevant sectors and project their interests, not personal political views, or the City Corporation would rapidly lose the sector's confidence. The City should also be mindful of any guidance from the UK government on how and when to engage with the overseas Governments, including China. Therefore, she suggested that the City should continue to engage with stakeholders in China and Hong Kong, as it did with stakeholders around the world, until there was any change of policy decided by our Members and/or the UK government, and avoid making any public statements which relate to foreign policy rather than trade.

In reply to a supplementary question from Mark Wheatley, in which he referenced observations made by former U.S. President Truman and author George Orwell concerning the importance of liberty and freedom of expression, the Chair agreed with the importance of support for these principles; however, she expressed the view that this particular issue was one of foreign policy and a matter for Parliament. She suggested that making a formal statement at this time might not achieve the practicalities or outcomes one might hope for; neither would it be serving the interests of stakeholders.

Responding to a further supplementary question from Alderman Sir Roger Gifford, the Chair agreed that working together with the Chinese on critical areas for the UK's interests – in particular, climate change – provided a positive method of engagement. Given that China accounted for a quarter of global carbon emissions and was also the world's biggest investor in renewable energy, it would be impossible to make progress on such a critical issue without Chinese co-operation. The Chair made particular reference to ongoing close engagement in this area through the UK-China Green Finance Taskforce, which was helping to drive green principles into investment in Belt and Road projects. She stressed the importance of continuing to engage in order to bring about change, using the City's expertise and working together with international partners on international standards to bring about change.

In reply to an additional supplementary question from Mary Durcan, in which she made reference to the effective voiding of the Sino-British joint declaration and the need to take a moral stand to help Hong Kong citizens, the Chair reiterated her earlier comments in relation to the role of the City Corporation in relation to foreign policy.

COVID-19 Response

Rehana Ameer asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the response to COVID-19 and the handling and management of the City Corporation's response to the crisis.

Responding, the Chair joined in publicly thanking those key workers, volunteers, officers, Members, and others who had worked so hard in tackling the COVID-19 crisis and in keeping services up and running whilst contributing to the wider London response.

The Chair also took the opportunity to advise on the award the Freedom of the City to a number of key people at Bart's Hospital for their heroic work responding to the pandemic, noting that the ceremonies would be viewable on the City's YouTube

channel. Thought was being given to other ways in which some of the “hidden heroes” of the pandemic response could be thanked and their efforts recognised.

Governance Review and Standards Regime

Fredericks, M.B.,
to the Chair of
the Policy &
Resources
Committee

Marianne Fredericks asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the initial findings of the ongoing Governance Review in relation to the Standards Regime.

Responding, the Chair noted the decision at the last meeting of the Court to ask Lord Lisvane to take into account the content of the motion under debate into his ongoing work on the governance review, adding that he was well aware of the issues of recent years. She shared Members’ enthusiasm for and interest in his recommendations, which it was hoped would provide a way forward that all Members could support.

However, whilst Lord Lisvane had shared some of his initial views orally, it should be noted that these were views, not findings, and the review was a work in progress. She did not believe that it would be appropriate to second-guess or prejudge what his findings might be at this stage.

In response to a supplementary question from Marianne Fredericks concerning the interest of some 1600 City residents who had signed a petition concerning the Standards Regime, and the sharing of findings, the Chair advised that Lord Lisvane would be completing his review over the coming weeks, with a view to submission by the end of the recess. Whilst the Chair was cognisant that this was an issue all Members were keenly interested in, she urged patience and to let Lord Lisvane conduct his work thoroughly, so that he might present fully considered recommendations, supported by his rationale and relevant evidence, for Members to consider.

13. Motions There were no motions.

14. Awards & Prizes There was no report.

15. HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Chief Commoner)

23 June 2020

Applications for Hospitality

(a) Thames Estuary Partnership Reception

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on 18th November 2020 for the Thames Estuary Partnership. Thames Estuary Partnership is a charity seeking to protect and maintain the coastal, environmental and natural heritage of the River Thames for the public benefit. The event would take place in a manner that is consistent with any COVID-related restrictions that may be in place.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and

that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

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

(b) 200th Anniversary of the death of John Keats – lecture and reception

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lecture followed by an early evening reception and small dinner on 23rd February 2021 to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of John Keats. Professor Nicholas Rowe, Professor of English Literature at the University of St Andrew's and also Chairman of the Keats Foundation, would give a lecture on the life and works of John Keats, in recognition of Keats' connection to the City.

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

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for a lecture, early evening reception and small dinner and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(c) First Aid Nursing Yeomanry Corps Parade and Reception

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts a late afternoon reception following a Church Service and Parade by the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps) in Summer 2021. The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, founded in 1907, deploys multi-faceted rapid response teams to support civil and military authorities during emergencies. In September 2019, the Corps became a Privileged Corps of the City of London and to date there had been no ceremony or other event to mark this recognition by the City.

It was **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a late afternoon reception following a church service and a Parade in Guildhall Yard to mark the Corp's Privileged status; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

Resolved - That hospitality be granted for a late afternoon reception following a church service and a Parade in Guildhall Yard to mark the Corp's Privileged status; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

16.

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)

2 July 2020

City of London Police: Annual Report 2019/20

The Annual Report, representing the achievements of the City of London Police for the

past financial year, had been approved by the Police Authority Board and was now submitted to the Court for information. The report contained information on crime, financial, and staff statistics, as well as a summary of the year.

The Deputy Chairman spoke to introduce the report and provide additional commentary on the challenges and achievements of the year.

Resolved – That the report be received and its content noted.

17.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Ann Holmes)

1 May 2020

(A) Appointment of Independent Persons

The Standards Committee currently comprises seventeen Members, five of whom are co-opted. Under section 28 of the Localism Act 2011, local authorities must also appoint at least one “Independent Person” to participate in the arrangements a local authority must put in place to consider and determine complaints made against a member in relation to its Code of Conduct. The Court was now **recommended** to approve the appointment of two Independent Persons to the Committee, following an interview process undertaken by a selection panel.

The Town Clerk spoke to correct an error in the report which suggested a formal ballot was required, confirming that the approval of the Court in the usual way was sufficient.

Resolved – That Ms Amanda Orchard and Mr Gary Rogers be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

24 January 2020

(B) Update to the Code of Conduct

At its meeting on 5 December 2019, the Court had approved that the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism, including the agreed working examples should be adopted the City Corporation and that this definition and working examples should also be included within both the Members’ and Officers’ Code of Conduct. The Standards Committee had since actioned this with regard to the Members’ Code of Conduct, where the IHRA definition was now referenced within the body of the document with full details included as a separate appendix.

Further to this, and in considering Best Practice Recommendations from the Committee for Standards in Public Life at their meeting on 24 January 2020, the Standards Committee was also **recommending** to amend further the Members’ Code of Conduct to include definitions of the terms bullying and harassment, together with a list of examples of the sorts of behaviour covered by these definitions. Again, it was proposed that this be referenced both within the body of the main document and in greater detail in a separate appendix.

Introducing the item, the Acting Chair spoke to acknowledge concerns that had been raised with reference to the particular wording of the new “working examples” proposed and, in particular, the potential of this wording for confusion or

misunderstanding associated with the second, third, sixth and ninth examples listed. The Acting Chair advised that she would not wish to proceed with the working examples in the face of Member disquiet, particularly as this model Code was to undergo further work later that year in any event. Accordingly, she sought and obtained the leave of the Court to withdraw these examples for further consideration.

The Acting Chair of the Standards Committee was aware of some concern on various working examples of behaviours regarding bullying and harassment set out within the report's appendix – these had been adopted from the Committee on Standards in Public Life report entitled 'Local Government Ethical Standards' and they, in turn, were broadly taken from ACAS guidelines on bullying and harassment which are in frequent use in Employment Tribunals and also in the Equalities Act. A Member had expressed outside of the meeting some disquiet for the potential of some examples to be subject of confusion or misinterpretation.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council adopts the updated Members' Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the deletion of the working examples as outlined during the Chair's introduction, with immediate effect.

1 May 2020

(C) Annual Report

The Court received the annual report of the Standards Committee, which was required to prepare an annual update on its activity. The report covered the May 2019 to May 2020 period, during which period eight alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct were considered.

In response to a query it was agreed that, subject to confirmation that such an amendment be factually correct, the case summary for Matter No. 01-18 within the report be amended to read *The Hearing found against the subject Member on the second and third alleged breaches of the Code*.

In response to a question, the Acting Chair agreed to consult with the City Remembrancer and provide a response outside of the meeting regarding progress towards seeking a repeal of s618 of the Housing Act 1985.

Resolved – That the report be received.

18.
Mooney, B.D.F.,
Deputy; 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:-

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

20. **Policy and Resources Committee**

The Court approved proposals relating to the Markets Consolidation Programme.

21. **Property Investment Board**
The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures concerning the refurbishment of a property.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.11 pm

BARRADELL.

This page is intentionally left blank



List of Applications for the Freedom

To be presented on Thursday, 10th September, 2020

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and
Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Set out below is the Chamberlain's list of applicants for the Freedom of the City together with the names, etc. of those nominating them.

Omobilajoko Ayoka Anuoluwa Aramide Aderayo Oluwabukola Ajose <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Brian John Coombe</i>	an Events Manager <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Catford, London
Prince Adewale Oluwatobiloba Oluwatoyin Akanni Ajose <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Brian John Coombe</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Catford, London
David Olalekan Amodu <i>Timothy John Macandrews, TD JP</i> <i>Hugh Edwin Henry Hobson</i>	a Housing & Regeneration Officer <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wire Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Edgware, Middlesex
Nisha Anumeha Arora <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	a Policy Director <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Ealing, London
Alison Barker <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Picket Piece, Hampshire
Christine Lindsay Batty-Smith <i>Alan Frederick Graeme Groom</i> <i>Sarah Louise Phillips</i>	a Radiographer <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Barber</i>	Peckham, London
Keith Joseph Black <i>Maurice Murray Kahn</i> <i>Neville Barry Kahn</i>	a Retail Company Director <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	Hampstead, London
General Sir Mark Alexander Popham Carleton-Smith, KCB, CBE, ADC <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	The Chief of the General Staff of the British Army <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Herefordshire

Dabirul Islam Choudhury <i>Munsur Ali, CC</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	a Factory Worker, retired <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Bow, London
Stephen Thomas Cook <i>Graeme George Harrower, CC</i> <i>Susan Jane Pearson</i>	a Civil Servant, retired <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Palmers Green, London
Matthew James Corner <i>James Nicholas Bromiley-Davis</i> <i>James Edward Price</i>	a Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	Battersea, London
Lucy Katherine Edevane <i>Anthony John Paice</i> <i>Martin Victor Edwards</i>	a College Deputy Principal <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Winchester, Hampshire
Dr Amy Louise Erickson <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	an Academic <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Stoke Newington, London
Edward Mycroft Grahame Handley-Carrington-Smith <i>Lorna Zaitzeff</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	a Soldier <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire
The Hon. Thomas Alexander Gavin Henderson <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Charity Chairman <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Cirencester, Gloucester
Nicholas Brenton Hinchliffe <i>Leslie Gordon Alwyne Clarke</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	a Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Haslemere, Surrey
Michael Anthony Holding <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Cricket Commentator <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Pembroke Pines, Florida, United States of America
Jason Michael Honeyman <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i> <i>Dr Iain Reid</i>	a Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i>	Chislehurst, Kent
David Ian Hudson, MBE <i>Peter John French, MBE</i> <i>Yasmeen Stratton</i>	a Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Perth, Western Australia, Australia
Pamela Rita Hudson, MBE <i>Peter John French, MBE</i> <i>Yasmeen Stratton</i>	a Teacher, retired <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Perth, Western Australia, Australia
Clifford Austin Hunt <i>Colin George Ring</i> <i>George Richard Cannell</i>	a Hairdressing Company Director <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Banstead, Surrey

Alan Graham James <i>Richard Henry Clay</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	West Wittering, West Sussex
Dr Michael Benjamin Jampel <i>Alan Roy Willis</i> <i>James Adam Barnett</i>	a Regulator in Financial Reporting <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Camden, London
Nicholas Ross Murdoch Lazaroo-Hood <i>Malcolm Alastair Craig</i> <i>Ernest Mark Lyndon Cockburn</i>	a Group Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Bromley, Kent
Farah London <i>Leslie Gordon Alwyne Clarke</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	an Entrepreneur <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Tower Hill, London
Antony John Matthews, QVRM VR <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>John Dominic Reid</i>	an Account Manager <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Hornchurch, Essex
James William Moran <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	a Financial Regulator <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Peckham Rye, London
Harry Victor Owen Owen <i>Ald. & Sheriff Prof. Michael Raymond Mainelli</i> <i>Elisabeth Mainelli</i>	a Chief Operating Officer <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Twickenham, Middlesex
Sir Michael John Parker, CBE, KCVO <i>Gordon Lenham Warren</i> <i>Brian Cyril Turner</i>	a Regular Army Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Hampshire
Ebony-Jewel Cora-Lee Rosamond Camellia Rainford-Brent <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Sports Broadcaster <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Vauxhall, London
Carlton Reid <i>John Sidney Francis Marriott</i> <i>Michael Smyth</i>	an Author and Journalist <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Jesmond Dene, Northumberland
Amir Hassan Salaripour <i>Abdul Latif</i> <i>Dr Amin Latif</i>	a Chief Financial Officer <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
Bhavini Bharat Shah <i>Dawn Kendall</i> <i>Eoin Angus Murray</i>	a Diversity and Inclusion Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Highbury, London

Robert Jason Sherman <i>Maurice Murray Kahn</i> <i>Reginald Edward Denby</i>	a Theatrical Producer and Songwriter <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	Mayfair, London
Michael James Stewart, OBE <i>Ald. Gregory Percy Jones, QC</i> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	a Cricket Manager and Coach, retired <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i>	Cobham, Surrey
Bolanle Morenikeji Tobun <i>Andrien Meyers, CC</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	an Accountant <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Eltham, London
Vesa Visa Viitaniemi <i>Alastair Yates Redpath-Stevens</i> <i>David John Hammond</i>	a Banker, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Turku, Finland
Oliver Anthony Cochrane Watson <i>Hugh Seymour Wolley</i> <i>David Michael Nelson Howorth</i>	a Recruitment Company Chief Operating Officer <i>Citizen and Tallow Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Tallow Chandler</i>	Wandsworth, London
Christopher Woolard <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	a Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Otford, Kent

Report – Policy and Resources Committee

Common Council Elections Change of Date from March 2021 to March 2022 – Bill for an Act of Common Council

To be presented on Thursday, 10th September 2020

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United Kingdom, Her Majesty's Government passed legislation to postpone various elections, including local government elections in England due in May 2020, until May 2021. The provisions of this legislation do not apply to the City of London Common Council elections (referred to in this report as "City elections" due in March 2021).

Given the national position and the uncertainty about the length of time during which the restrictions and effects on normal activities may be in place, the Policy and Resources Committee has considered the position in respect of the City elections. This included the possibility of holding them on the same day as the rescheduled elections for the London Mayor and the Greater London Assembly (GLA) and the merits of postponing them to a later date in 2021 or until March 2022.

Holding the City elections on the same day as the London Mayor and GLA elections presented a number of complications in relation to the hours of poll, the location of polling stations and conducting the count and for these reasons the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 7 May 2020 concluded that the City elections should be held on a separate date to the London Mayor and GLA elections which are now taking place on 6 May 2021.

The Policy and Resources Committee was also mindful of the adverse impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on the City Corporation's ability to compile the Ward Lists, complete the database of businesses with the relevant degree of accuracy, undertake canvassing activities and the planned schedule of promotional activities planned to encourage businesses and residents to register to vote ahead of the 2021 City elections. It was also mindful that, come the autumn, businesses were likely to focus on returning to the workplace and new ways of working, therefore, voter registration was unlikely to be considered a priority. For these reasons, the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 9 July 2020, concluded that the City elections should be postponed until March 2022.

In order to effect the proposed change of date, an Act of Common Council is required. In accordance with Standing Order No. 46, the terms of the Bill for an Act of Common Council must be considered by the appropriate Committee(s) and be settled by the

Recorder of London prior to its submission to the Court of Common Council for its first, second and third reading. The draft Bill as set out in the appendix to this report was subsequently approved by the Policy and Resources Committee under urgency procedures to allow it to be submitted to the Recorder and presented to the Court in September for its first reading and second reading. Subject to the approval of the Court to the change of date and the first and second reading of the associated draft Bill for an Act of Common Council, the Bill will be submitted to the next meeting of the Court on 8 October 2020 for its third and final reading.

RECOMMENDATION

That approval be given to:-

1. The date of next ordinary Common Council elections being postponed from 18 March 2021 until 23 March 2022, with successful candidates serving a three-year term;
2. The terms of the Bill for an Act of Common Council to effect the change of date as set out in the Appendix to this report.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. The City elections are due to be held on 17 and 18 March 2021. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United Kingdom, legislation has been passed to suspend all local government elections until May 2021. These provisions do not apply to the City elections.
2. Given the national position, the uncertainty about the length of time during which the restrictions and effects on normal activities may be in place, the Policy and Resources Committee has considered the City Corporation's position in respect of the City elections. This included the possibility of holding the City elections on the same day as the rescheduled elections for the London Mayor and GLA on 6 May 2021 as well as the merits of postponing the elections to a later date in 2021 or until March 2022.

Holding City Elections on the same day as the rescheduled London Mayor and GLA Elections

3. There are several complicated factors associated with rescheduling the City elections to take place on the same day as the London Mayor and GLA elections. For example:-
 - **Hours of Poll:** Polling stations for the GLA elections are open between the hours of 7am and 10pm. The hours of poll for the City-wide elections are between 8am and 8pm. These hours of poll are set by legislation and changing to coterminous hours would require primary legislation. Retaining separate polling hours would have an impact on residents who are eligible to vote in both elections as they would not be able to cast their vote in the City elections if they turn up to vote outside the City hours of poll.

- **Location of polling stations:** Residents are able to vote at one of four polling stations for the GLA elections, 26 polling stations are used at the City elections, which would mean that all residential electors would be required to attend two locations in order to vote in both the GLA and City elections. This would be onerous and is highly likely to cause confusion. Whilst consideration could be given to using City polling stations for the GLA elections, regulations require any change to polling districts, polling places and polling stations to undergo a comprehensive review. A review of this nature would usually take about six months and would have an impact on the polling district boundaries for all future elections until the next review, which is due to take place in 2024. The last comprehensive review was conducted in 2019 and it concluded that no change was required.
 - **Wardmote and declaration of results:** The counts for City elections take place in the Ward, at the polling station, after the close of poll. For various reasons this would not be possible if the GLA elections were held in the same location for example, where multiple elections are held in the same location, the ballot boxes for those elections would need to be opened at the same time in case ballot papers have been placed in the wrong box. This is further complicated by the fact that the GLA boxes cannot be opened until 8am the following morning.
4. For these reasons, amongst other things, the Committee concluded the City elections should not be combined with the GLA elections.

Postponing until a later date in 2021

5. Detailed consideration was given to postponing the City elections to a later date in 2021. However, the Policy and Resources Committee acknowledged that whilst it would allow for the completion of the GLA election timetable before publication of the Notice of Election for the City elections, timing was such that it would not address the issues relating to compilation of the Ward Lists, complete the database of businesses and undertaking the annual canvassing activities and the planned schedule of promotional activities to encourage businesses and residents to register to vote ahead of the 2021 elections.

Impact on Voter Registration and publication of Ward Lists

6. All elections held between February 2021 and February 2022 will use the Ward Lists compiled in Autumn 2020 to identify the eligible voters. The compilation of the Ward Lists will be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. The City Occupiers Database team would usually carry out a survey of the businesses in the City of London by visiting businesses between February and July. This activity has been interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the beginning of lockdown the City Occupiers Database team has been working remotely to compile an accurate, up to date Ward list by emailing existing business contacts and by other means e.g. use of the Companies House website and data held by the City Corporation's Business Rates department. There has however been a reduction of 176 businesses across the Wards surveyed after the beginning of lockdown on the City Occupiers database. In comparison there

was an increase of 97 businesses across the Wards surveyed prior to lockdown. In 2019 7,615 businesses were eligible to appoint voters.

8. Currently the City Occupiers database team hold email addresses for 74% of businesses. Whilst forms have been sent in the post to the remaining 26% of businesses, there has been a low response rate due to the pandemic and businesses working from home. Therefore, the data which is needed to contact businesses during the canvass, will not be complete.
9. The timetable for the preparation and publication of the Ward Lists is fixed as set out in section 7 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 as amended by the City of London (Ward Elections) Act 2002. Any changes to this legislation would require an Act of Parliament. All businesses and residents must be written to prior to 1 September each year and must respond by 16 December of that year.
10. Whilst employees can now return to their place of work, employers need to ensure that any return is COVID-19 secure and in accordance with Government guidance. It includes the management of any the risks associated with transmission, ensuring that employees can come into the workplace safely taking account of a person's journey, caring responsibilities, protected characteristics, and other individual circumstances.
11. In addition, the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will be in place until the end of October 2020 according to current Government policy. Businesses are encouraged to ensure that the persons nominated to vote by the company reflect the make-up of the organisation as a whole, and should include employees from the chief executive to entry-level employees and even regular contractors should be considered so that the electorate represents the full, diverse, range of the City's workforce. Due to the short amount of time between the return of employees to work at the end of the Job Retention Scheme period and the date that the forms need to be returned by the businesses, organisations may find it difficult to appoint voters who are representative of all levels of seniority in their business. In addition, businesses will be focussing on a return to the workplace and new ways of working, therefore, voter registration is very unlikely to be considered a priority.
12. The qualifying date to be included on the Ward List is 1 September in the year preceding the year of the Ward election. In usual circumstances virtual offices do not have any voting rights, as qualifying bodies must ordinarily occupy as owner or tenant the whole or part of any premise in that ward. 'Occupying' means to occupy by personal physical presence for the purpose of carrying on any trade, business, profession or other occupation or calling. The right to appoint voters then depends on the size of the workforce. 'Workforce' means all those persons whose principal or only place of work on the qualifying date is ordinarily those premises occupied by the qualifying body. Another category of person who may be appointed as a voter by a qualifying body is employees whose principal or only place of work is within the City and has been for the whole of the twelve months preceding that qualifying date.

13. Legal advice has been sought regarding the qualifications to be appointed as a voter on the Ward List given the current circumstances and enforced working from home. The Comptroller and City Solicitor's Office has advised that unless particular evidence is received to the contrary, and subject to the overall requirements under section 2 of the City of London Wardmote Book being satisfied, the Town Clerk can assume that so long as it is intended that workers will return to the premise in question as their principal or only place of work following the relaxation of lockdown then they should be included in the workforce size and the calculation for the number of voters that each business can appoint. This is consistent with the approach taken towards periods of absence due to illness, holiday or temporary work commitments elsewhere on the qualifying date, which does not affect eligibility to vote.
14. During the canvass period for both the electoral register and the ward lists, house to house enquiries are required for residential properties who have not responded to either the initial form or the first reminder. This activity usually takes place from mid-October. Given the current situation it is not yet known whether this activity will be able to be undertaken in the usual way, as the health and safety of residents and staff must be prioritised. Should canvassing take place it would require the provision of PPE to canvassers who will be visiting residents. It should also be noted that despite the easing of restrictions, some residents will be mindful of reports of a second wave and will be uncomfortable with calls of this nature. In 2019, 3,390 residential properties were visited in person which resulted in 1,650 responses from residential properties.
15. It is worth noting that new Regulations are due to come into force which set a revised date for Electoral Registration Officers in Great Britain to publish their revised electoral registers for 2020 from 1 December 2020 to 1 February 2021. This would enable house to house enquiries for the electoral register to be carried out at a later date. However, this legislation does not apply to the canvass for the Ward List.
16. Consideration has been given to contacting residents by phone instead of house to house visitation. The Electoral Services Team currently only holds 1,030 phone numbers for residents, so this would not be sufficient to replace household visits. Whilst emails will be sent to residents as part of registration activities only 3,850 email addresses for residents are currently held out of 7,137 electors on the electoral register.

Pre-election publicity

17. At its meeting on 20 February 2020, the Policy and Resources Committee approved a schedule of promotional plans to encourage businesses and residents to register to vote ahead of the 2021 elections.
18. Planned activities comprised of a digital communications campaign, which would have included a YouTube video promoting the City, voter registration and the elections; a social media campaign; and email communications to business contacts before and during the registration period. The Committee also approved paper communications publicity, including production of leaflets, flyers and business cards; an advertising campaign in City AM, City Matters and

Corporation publications (City Resident, CityView, ward newsletters and Livery Briefing); and creation of a pocket card with fixtures for Euro 2020. Due to the current situation and uncertainty about the date of the election, it has not been possible to proceed with these activities.

19. In addition to these activities, a promotional campaign to encourage a diverse range of candidates to stand for the 2021 elections was planned in the form of an early evening reception be held during Inclusion Week (28th September – 4th October 2020). This would have enabled the City Corporation to brief and engage a diverse range of networks operating in businesses across the City. A similar event was held in 2016, where emphasis was placed on the City Corporation welcoming candidates from diverse backgrounds. Social distancing and other restrictions are still in place and has prevented this from progressing. A more high-profile advertising campaign was planned on London Underground sites within the City. This has also not been possible, nor would the use of London Underground sites be as far reaching as hoped in the current situation.
20. The Policy and Resources Committee acknowledged the importance of the compilation Ward List and the fact that despite the best efforts of the Electoral Services and City Occupiers Database team, the Ward Lists published in February 2021 will be incomplete and may not be accurate. As a result of this, and the other reasons set out above, the Committee concluded that the March 2021 election should be moved to March 2022. The change of date would enable the canvass to take place without the current restrictions. It is also worth noting that in some Wards all or most voters are business voters. This means that there will be a disproportionate impact on the democratic process in those Wards compared to those that are a residential Ward. A move to 2022 would also give businesses the opportunity to ensure that the voters they appoint are representative of their organisation.
21. Across all Wards, the 2020 Ward Lists consist of 12,716 business voters and 6,484 residential voters and a total of 19,200.

Draft Bill for an Act of Common Council

22. Should Members be supportive of the proposed change of date to 23 March 2022, a Bill for an Act of Common Council is required to alter the date of the City elections. In accordance with Standing Order No. 46, the Bill must be considered and approved by the appropriate Committee(s) and settled by the Recorder of London before it can be considered by the Court of Common Council for its first and second reading. A third and final reading at a subsequent meeting will also be required to complete the process.
23. In order not to delay setting this matter unduly, the draft Bill as set out in the appendix to this report has been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee under the urgency procedures to allow for it to be submitted to the Recorder for settling ahead of its consideration by the Court at the first and second reading stage. Subject to the approval of the Court, the draft Bill will then need be submitted to the next meeting of the Court for its third and final reading.

Conclusion

24. Elections to the Court of Common Council are due to be held in March 2021. It is acknowledged that the pandemic has presented significant challenges in preparing a complete and accurate Ward List for the elections. Additionally, the approved programme of publicity and events to be held in the period preceding the City election to both promote registration and to encourage a diverse range of candidates in the election has been adversely affected and it has not been possible to carry out the activities. The Policy and Resources Committee is therefore proposing that, for the reasons set out in this report, the date of the next ordinary Common Council Elections be postponed to 23 March 2022 and that a Bill for an Act of Common Council be approved to effect the change accordingly.
25. It is worth noting that Public Health England guidance is likely to be in effect for all elections. As part of this the Government is using localised lockdowns to control increases in COVID-19 cases in the affected areas. Elections in the City of London are especially vulnerable to this policy, as turnout would be impacted not only by a lock down in the City of London itself but also by lockdown in any commuter areas as well.

Appendices

- Draft Bill for an Act of Common Council

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 28th day of August 2020.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Chair, Policy and Resources Committee

To be considered at the Court of Common Council

2020

A BILL

For an Act of Common Council to –

Postpone the next ordinary ward elections of Common Councilmen of the City of London from 2021 until 2022 and to suspend all by-elections to fill any casual vacancy in the office of Common Councilman arising in the interim.

WHEREAS:-

- (1) From time immemorial there has existed and still exists in the City of London ("the City") a Common Council consisting of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons in Common Council assembled and the Common Council have made, passed, ordained and established divers Acts, Ordinances, Rules, Orders and Regulations for the regulation and good government of the City and its Liberties as to them from time to time has been found necessary and expedient;
- (2) By an Act of Common Council made and passed on the 13th day of September 2012 it was enacted that as from the coming into force of that Act ordinary ward elections in relation to the whole number of Common Councilmen shall take place in March in 2013 and every fourth year after 2013;
- (3) By an Act of Common Council made and passed on the 4th day of October 1973 it was enacted that if any Common Councilman shall die, a precept shall be issued for the election of a duly qualified person in their place;
- (4) Section 59 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1900 provides that if any Common Councilman shall resign, the office shall forthwith be declared to be vacant and the same may be filled up and the same steps shall be taken and the same precepts or notices issued as if the office had become vacant by the death of the holder thereof;
- (5) By section 9 of the City of London Municipal Elections Act 1849 and certain other enactments a Common Councilman shall in specified circumstances immediately become disqualified and shall cease to hold office and the same shall thereupon forthwith be adjudged to be vacant;
- (6) There is at present a pandemic of the novel coronavirus Covid-19 that has caused Parliament to postpone various elections including all local government elections in England until May 2021 and it is not yet known when

it will be safe to hold an election or what impact the pandemic will have on the compilation of the ward lists to be in force from 16 February 2021;

- (7) His late Majesty King Edward the Third by his Charter made and granted to the City in the fifteenth year of his reign afterwards confirmed and ratified by Parliament did (amongst other things) grant that if any customs in the City before that time obtained and used were in any part hard or defective or any things in the City newly arising in which no remedy had been ordained should need amendment the Mayor and Aldermen of the City and their successors with the assent of the Commonalty of the City might put and ordain thereto fit remedy as often as it should seem expedient to them so that such ordinance should be profitable to the King and to the citizens and to all other liege subjects resorting to the City and agreeable also to reason and good faith.

BE IT THEREFORE and IT IS HEREBY ENACTED ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Right Worshipful the Aldermen and the Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled and the authority of the same **AS FOLLOWS:**

Interpretation

1. In this Act –

“Act of 1973” means an Act of Common Council made and passed on the 4th day of October 1973;

“Act of 2012” means an Act of Common Council made and passed on the 13th day of September 2012;

“casual vacancy” means a vacancy in the office of Common Councilman arising from the death, disqualification or resignation of the incumbent;

“ordinary elections” means ordinary ward elections in relation to the whole number of Common Councilmen.

Ordinary ward elections in relation to the whole number of Common Councilmen

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of the Act of 2012, ordinary elections shall not take place on 17 March 2021 and shall instead take place on 23 March 2022.

Casual vacancies in the office of Common Councilman

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 6 of the Act of 1973, no precept shall be issued for an election to fill a casual vacancy arising before 23 March 2022.

Commencement

5. The provisions of this Act shall come into force on the day on which it is made and passed as an Act of Common Council.

Savings

6. Save as hereby varied the provisions of the Act of 1973 and the Act of 2012 shall continue in full force and effect.

Report – City Remembrancer

Measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the work and services provided by the City Corporation

To be presented on 10th September 2020

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Bills

Date in force

Business and Planning Act 2020

22nd July 2020

The Act introduces a new temporary fast-track process by which premises may obtain permission from their local authority for table and chair licences. The Act also automatically extends licences that only permit the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises. The Act applies to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority. A briefing was supplied to London MPs during the House of Commons stages and the Act will be the subject of Committee reports.

Statutory Instruments

The Education (Pupil Information) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 No. 599

9th July 2020

These Regulations amend Schedule 1 to the Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 ("Schedule 1"), which requires head teachers of maintained schools to provide an annual report to parents and adult pupils in respect of every registered pupil at the school, in light of changes to pupil attendance and the cancellation of assessments due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Business Tenancies (Protection from Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Coronavirus) (England) Regulations 2020 No. 602

29th June 2020

S.82 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 provides that a right of re-entry or forfeiture under a relevant business tenancy for non-payment of rent may not be enforced, by action or otherwise, during the relevant period. These Regulations provide that the relevant period is extended from 30th June to 30th September 2020.

The Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development and Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 No. 632 1st August 2020

The Regulations introduce permitted development rights allowing for the construction of new dwelling-houses without the need for a full planning application, including work for the construction of up to 2 storeys to create new flats on the topmost residential storey of a building which is an existing purpose-built, detached block of flats. The Regulations also provide that an applicant and authority can agree to a longer period for determination of prior approval applications, and require the local planning authority to consider the provision of adequate natural light to all habitable rooms by the proposed change of use from commercial uses to a dwelling-house.

The Traffic Management Act 2004 (Commencement No. 9) (England) Order 2020 No 659 29th June 2020

The New Roads and Street Works Act provides that a street authority shall keep a register showing with respect to each street for which they are responsible such information as may be prescribed with respect to the street works. This Order amends the 1991 provisions to permit the Secretary of State to require a street authority to share information in their possession with a person appointed to keep a central register of street works.

The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020 No 663 4th July 2020

The City of London is participating in a trial of electric scooters, which is aimed at assessing their suitability for use on roads. These regulations enable the trial to take place, by removing requirements for those e-scooters used in the trial to be licenced and registered with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, and removing the requirement for a driver of an electric scooter being used in a trial to wear a motorcycle helmet. The Regulations also amend the meaning of “cycle lane” and “pedestrian and cycle zones” to permit an e-scooter being used in a trial to share those road spaces.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020 No. 684 4th July 2020

These Regulations require the closure of businesses such as nightclubs, impose restrictions on gatherings both inside and outside of more than 30 people, and give the Secretary of State power to restrict public access to any public outdoor space. The restrictions last until they are terminated by a direction given by the Secretary of State, who must review the need for the restrictions every 28 days or, in the case of restricting public access to land, every 7 days.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 No. 719 11th July 2020

These Regulations amend the previous Regulations to permit the following to open: outdoor swimming pools and water parks (from 11th

July 2020); nail bars and salons, tanning booths and salons, spas and beauty salons, massage parlours, tattoo parlours, and body and skin piercing services (from 13th July 2020).

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 No. 750 18th July 2020

These Regulations make provision for a local authority to give directions closing or restricting entry to premises, events and public outdoor places in its area if the local authority considers that this is in the interest of public health. The local authority must review a direction given under these Regulations at least once every 7 days. The Regulations also give the Secretary of State power to direct the local authority to give (or revoke) such directions.

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020 No. 755 31st August 2020

This order introduces new classes of permitted development rights, which permit the construction of up to two new storeys for residential use above detached and terraced buildings which are commercial or mixed use, including where there is an element of residential use. Two storeys may be added if the existing building is two or more storeys tall, or one additional storey where the building consists of one storey.

The Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Commencement No. 12) Regulations 2020 No. 766 22nd July 2020

These regulations bring into force provisions of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 which removes the powers of public authorities to obtain communications data outside of the 2016 Act without the consent of the telecommunications operator or the postal operator holding the communications data. The 2016 Act applies to the City of London police force.

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 No. 808 1st August 2020

These Regulations amend provision made by earlier Regulations for the conduct of local authority meetings held before 7th May 2021. The provisions of the earlier Regulations, for members of local authorities to attend meetings remotely and for local authorities to alter the frequency of meetings without requirement for further notice, apply to the Common Council of the City of London in its capacities as a local authority, port health authority and police authority.

The Rating Lists (Valuation Date) (England) Order 2020 No. 832 31st August 2020

This Order specifies 1st April 2021 as the day by reference to which the rateable values of non-domestic hereditaments are to be determined for the purposes of local and central non-domestic rating lists when they are next compiled for England. This Order also revokes a 2018 Order which had specified 1st April 2019 as the day for the

purposes of the next local and central non-domestic rating lists to be compiled.

The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 No. 836 2nd September 2020

These Regulations introduce fees for prior approvals associated with permitted development rights which were recently created by other Regulations. These Regulations also introduce a 'second application' exemption from the newly introduced fee for applications for prior approval which are made by the same applicant, in respect of the same development on the same site or part of the same site and within 12 months of a determination of an earlier application or, in the case of an earlier application under new Part 20 which was withdrawn, the date when that application was received by the local planning authority.

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

Motion –

by Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley

To be presented on Thursday, 10th September 2020

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Motion:-

‘That this Honourable Court reiterates our support for the 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong.

It notes the view of the British Government that China's imposition of the new National Security law breaches the terms of this treaty.

It notes the view it undermines the right of Hong Kong citizens to enjoy "a high degree of autonomy" in the governance of their affairs.

It notes the British Government has in response extended residence rights to British Nationals (Overseas) citizens living in Hong Kong.

It notes this offer extends the right to live and work in the UK from 6 months to 5 years, with a right to apply to settle after a further 12 months.

This Honourable Court welcomes this policy and adds further that those seeking to live, work, settle under this scheme or to apply for asylum if persecuted under the new National Security law will always be welcome in the City of London.

This Honourable Court welcomes the 23 years of cooperation, investment and friendship between Britain and China, between the City of London and Hong Kong, prior to the imposition of the new National Security law, and hopes for a return to that state of affairs at the earliest opportunity.’

Signatories to the Motion, pursuant to Standing Order 12(3):-

Mark Wheatley (Mover)

Adrian Bastow

Karina Dostalova

Mary Durcan

Marianne Fredericks

Revd. Stephen Haines

Graeme Harrower

Andrew Mayer (Seconder)

Michael Hudson

Shravan Joshi

Deputy Edward Lord, OBE

Susan Pearson

William Pimlott

This page is intentionally left blank

Report – Policy and Resources Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Proposed revisions to SO 29(4) and SO 30(5): Election of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen

To be presented on Thursday, 10th September 2020

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. During the annual election process for Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Committees, the provisions of Standing Orders 29(4) and 30(5) have long required the committee clerk to call out the list of all those Members eligible to stand.
2. Although this has been the practice for many years, the process can delay the elections unnecessarily, especially when the committee is particularly large or where the election is uncontested, and there are other ways in which Members might more helpfully be made aware of who is/is not eligible to stand for either position.
3. On the basis that the existing practice is unnecessary and, following suggestions from some Members that a more efficient approach could be adopted, the following revisions to the Standing Orders were proposed to Standing Orders 29(4) and 30(5):-
 - (i) **SO 29(4):** At the first meeting of each Committee following the annual appointment, the Town Clerk will *seek expressions of interest from* ~~read out a list of~~ Members *who are willing and* eligible to take the Chair. ~~The names shall be read out alphabetically, subject to the name of the late Chair/Chairman being placed last, and each of those Members present will be asked if they are willing to serve.~~
 - (ii) **SO 30(5):** At the first meeting of each Committee following the annual appointment, *the Town Clerk will seek expressions of interest from* ~~read out a list of~~ Members eligible for election as Deputy Chair/Chairman (or Deputy/Vice Chairs/Chairmen in the case of the Policy and Resources Committee) *and who* ~~The names shall be read out alphabetically and each of those Members present will be asked if they are willing to serve.~~
4. Operationally, a mechanism for notifying Members of each Committee regarding their eligibility ahead of the meeting will be introduced and officers will carefully monitor which Members put themselves forward for nomination, to ensure that only those that are eligible can be duly elected.

5. In order to allow for the arrangements to be adjusted in time for the September meetings of various committees (and the elections due to take place there), the proposals were considered and approved under urgency procedures.

RECOMMENDATION

6. We **recommend** that the action taken be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 1st day of September 2020.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Chair, Policy and Resources Committee

Report – Finance Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Funding request to support an extension of Heart of the City's responsible business programme (and consequent revision to the 2020/21 Budget)

To be presented on Thursday, 10th September 2020

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. Heart of the City is a unique charity founded, hosted, and core-funded by the City Corporation. It works with smaller businesses across London to start and develop responsible business/corporate social responsibility activities. It does this through a pioneering peer-learning model, engaging experts from large companies to mentor and advise Small and Medium Enterprises.
2. The charity is governed by an experienced and high-calibre board of senior business leaders. It is delivering against an ambitious five-year business plan which sees it reach hundreds of companies across London and in targeted regional cities.
3. Heart of the City currently delivers the City Corporation's Corporate Strategy Objective 5, points c and d¹. The charity also works alongside others in the City Corporation to deliver its Responsible Business Strategy and the Social Mobility Strategy.
4. Normally, the request for funding is submitted to the January meeting of your Policy & Resources Committee (and Resource Allocation Sub-Committee) and, following approval of an appropriate sum, is incorporated within the Corporation's budget submitted to the February meeting of your Finance Committee, and the March meeting of the Court of Common Council.
5. However, in January this year, the Policy & Resources Committee asked officers to come back with revised proposals. This was done, and a revised sum was approved at the February meeting of your Policy & Resources Committee.

5. ¹ 'Businesses are trusted and socially and environmentally responsible
c. Support, celebrate and advocate responsible practices and investments.
d. Advocate and facilitate greater levels of giving of time, skills, knowledge, advice and money.'

6. Unfortunately, as a consequence of the month's delay and the timing around the budget submission, this sum was missed out of the budget. It was not immediately noticed due to the unfolding COVID-19 crisis but became apparent thereafter, and so an in-year budget adjustment was required to facilitate the award of the money – in essence, it was an unfortunate administrative error.
7. The funding was for core funding of the organisation, primarily covering salaries. As a result of the commitment given by the Policy and Resources Committee in February, the charity continued its operations in 2020-21 in good faith.
8. Approval was, therefore, granted by the Finance Committee and the Court of Common Council under urgency procedures to agree to one-year's funding of Heart of the City for 2020/21, totalling £202,000, to be met from City's Cash, resulting an in-year revision to the 2020/21 budget which we now report to you.

RECOMMENDATION

9. We **recommend** that the action taken be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 10th day of July 2020.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Jeremy Paul Mayhew
Chairman, Finance Committee

Report – City of London Police Authority Board

City of London Policing Plan 2020-2023

To be presented on Thursday, 10th September 2020

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

The City of London Policing Plan 2020-2023, representing the plan for policing the City of London over the next three years. For the first time since 2011 the Plan presents a significant increase in the number of officers for the City of London, enhancing the Force's ability to meet the challenges posed by terrorism and increasing levels of violent crime and ensuring the people and the infrastructure of the City are protected, and the Square Mile remains a safe and vibrant place to live, work and visit.

The Plan also provides an overview of the Force's important role as National Lead Force for Economic Crime, providing a robust response to fraud. The Plan will be reviewed annually to reflect and response to emerging threats and to ensure the Force provides the best possible policing service to the City of London.

The report will be available online at: <https://www.cityoflondon.police.uk>.

RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the report.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 30th day of March 2020.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

Deputy James Thomson
Chairman, City of London Police Authority Board

This page is intentionally left blank

**2020 -
2023**

CITY OF LONDON POLICING PLAN



Foreword from the Commissioner and Chairman of the Police Authority Board

I am pleased to present to you our plan for policing the City of London over the next 3 years.

Policing has faced many difficult challenges over recent years, which has included delivering services with fewer officers and significant constraints on budgets. I am pleased to report that this Plan presents for the first time since 2011 a significant increase in the number of officers for the City of London, which will enhance our ability to meet those challenges head on. Today, there is no greater challenge than the threat we face from terrorism and increasing levels of violent crime. My primary aim is to protect the people and infrastructure of the City of London, ensuring the Square Mile remains a safe and vibrant place to live, work and visit. The priorities outlined in this plan address these threats as well as the concerns raised by you, which includes antisocial behaviour and supporting victims of crime.

This Plan also provides an overview of our important role as Lead Force for Economic Crime. This national role is crucial to providing a robust response to fraud, and given the economic importance of the City of London to the country, has a direct benefit to local communities.

I will ensure this plan is reviewed annually to reflect and respond to emerging threats and to ensure we provide the best possible policing service to the City of London.

Ian Dyson QPM

Commissioner of Police for the City of London.

Together, the Police Authority and the City of London Police have developed priorities that reflect the policing and crime issues that you told us are important to you, that respond to the current threats and also deliver on our commitment as national lead force to tackle economic crime and fraud.

Whilst, the City of London remains one of the safest places to live, the challenges of persistent crime along with new and emerging crime threats are always present and the Police Authority is determined to ensure that we have a service that continues to make the City safe and secure. The recent increase in funding for police officers is a major boost in enabling us to meet the significant challenges we face. It will help strengthen Force resilience and enhance our capabilities in tackling the growing threats of fraud, cyber-crime and terrorism.

As the Chairman of the City of London Safer City Partnership, I am working hard with our local partners to help prevent crime and make the City safer. I welcome the proposal to refresh the community safety plan to support delivery of our policing priorities.

The Police Authority will work with our Police Commissioner to ensure that he has the resources to deliver our priorities. We will also rigorously monitor Force performance to ensure that the City continues to maintain a highly effective and professional police service so that those who live, work and visit the City of London can enjoy a safe and secure environment.

Doug Barrow

Chairman of the Police Authority Board

Our area

The City of London, one square mile with 8700 residents, 513,000 workers and over 18 million visitors annually.

One of the most important financial centres in the world and the economic heart of the United Kingdom

Home to countless sites of historic, cultural and economic interest, including St Paul's Cathedral, Guildhall, The Barbican, Bank of England and the Stock Exchange

Our roles

Unlike most police forces, we have 2 distinct roles.

We protect the people, places and infrastructure of the City of London, preventing and investigating crime to ensure the City of London remains a safe and low crime area in which to live, work or visit.

We also have a national role as the lead force in tackling the fight against economic crime and home to Action Fraud and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau.

About us

Operating budget £150.8m

840 officers

518 staff

organised across:

Local City Policing

Specialist Operations

National Lead Force for Economic Crime

In-house and Shared Services (HR/Finance/Estates)

HQ Functions (Strategy, Governance, Change, Professional Standards, Strategic Intelligence and Corporate Communications)

Priorities

Counter terrorism

Fraud

Violent and acquisitive crime

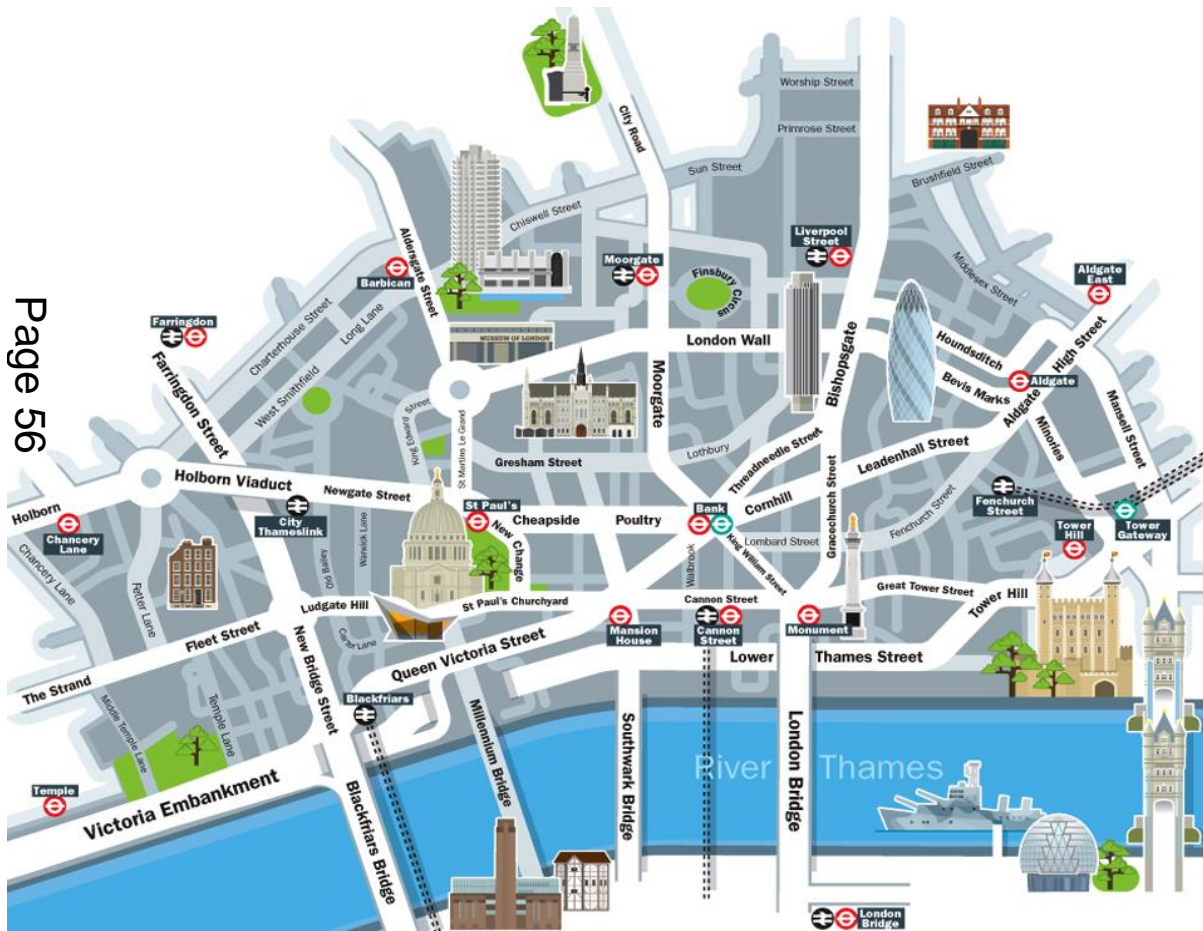
Serious Organised Crime

Neighbourhood Policing (incorporating antisocial behaviour, public disorder, roads policing and vulnerability)

Delivering our vision to make the City of London the safest city area in the world

Our vision is to **make the City of London the safest city area in the world**, regarded as a centre of excellence for protective security. This is a key ambition of our Corporate Plan. We protect the people, businesses and infrastructure of the City of London, one of the most important, dynamic and challenging environments in the UK, whilst leading the national response to fraud. Delivering our national lead force responsibilities (see page 5) is a key element of our Corporate Plan.

Our Policing Plan and Corporate Plan aligns directly with the City of London Corporation's Corporate Plan's aim to support a **thriving economy**. We do this by leading on the physical security of the Square Mile, maintaining well established relationships with commercial and law enforcement partners locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. We also support the City Corporation's aim for a **flourishing society** by leading excellence in policing locally through to globally, delivering safer communities, preventing and combatting crime.



513,000

workers in the City of London (9% of London's total workforce. 1 in 63 UK workers are employed in the City.

8,700

approximate number of residents living in the City of London in 2018

23,580

-number of businesses with nearly 99% of those being SMEs but the large firms (1%) providing over 50% of the City's jobs

18.8m visitors (in 2016) spending over £1.7bn

£75bn

the amount the Financial and Professional Services Sector contributed in tax revenue in 2018, equivalent to 11% of total UK Government tax receipts

Factors impacting this plan

Environmental



Completion of **7** new skyscrapers (with a further **5** with planning consent but not yet started), leading to an additional **75,000** workers in the Square Mile.

The City's **6,200** hotel rooms will increase by an additional **2,000** rooms over the next 3 years.

The number of licenced premises has increased from around **700** in 2016 to over **900** currently. This figure is likely to rise further over the course of this plan as new developments come on line.



Crossrail and Thameslink expansion programmes will increase the number of visitors to and people passing through the City, resulting in an increased estimated footfall of **600,000** over the next few years.

The impact of the 'Culture Mile' (which will include a new concert hall and museum) could result in an additional **2m** visitors to the City annually.

Crime

Crime has been increasing in the City of London over the past two financial years. This is not unlike the national picture with almost all police forces facing similar rises. Gauging the extent of how long this increase will continue is difficult given the enormous range of factors that affect crime, which include the environmental factors (opposite), national and international politics, the economy, and how well other agencies are funded to provide services.



Serious Organised Crime will continue to grow in its impact on the United Kingdom and is identified as a key threat with an estimated cost of **£37 billion** to the economy. The complexity of the nature of the offending and often jurisdictional issues means this will always be a challenge for law enforcement to tackle this problem and is one of the reasons we have adopted this area as a specific priority.

Our role as National Lead Force for Economic Crime

Together with the City of London Corporation we have the unique ability to position the UK as the world-leader in tackling economic crime, working across the private sector, the National Economic Crime Centre (NECC) and wider policing. We have strong relationships with organisations which have made a substantial investment into our work to tackle fraud nationally. Our expertise, track record and close links to the financial sector support thousands of people every year who have been defrauded out of their pensions, income and savings.

We took responsibility for Action Fraud in 2014 from the Home Office and it now receives more than 700,000 reports of fraud a year. Crime reports have risen by 34% over the last 4 years. Our work recording, reviewing and developing fraud reports saves police forces 4,000 days per year, which equates to £24m across England and Wales. Each one of these reports is vital information: it can be the final part of the jigsaw which stops other people being defrauded or helps to bring a perpetrator to justice.

We also take on the serious and complex fraud cases which would not be tackled by local or regional policing. Our national caseload is over 400 investigations affecting over 10,000 victims. We are increasingly moving towards a more pro-active and efficient use of resources across law enforcement to tackle economic criminals

We are taking building capacity and capability within the UK, by continuing to provide solutions to tackle this growing threat, as individual forces struggle to secure successful prosecutions due to the complexity of cases, the pressure of other priorities and a lack of expertise. We trained over 600 officers from 43 forces and 9 Regional Organised Crime Units between 2018 and 2019 in serious fraud investigation.

In addition, we are asking Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for a greater prioritisation of fraud within their local policing plans and seeking a greater involvement from PCCs in supporting victims. PCCs have a key role in ensuring that asset recovery and proceeds of crime funds are channelled back into the business of tackling economic crime.

We remain committed to ensuring the UK remains a hostile place for economic crime and for serious organised crime groups.

During 2019 - 2020 year we have:

- developed **31,000** crimes for sending on to police forces;
- taken down **30,000** fraudulent websites;
- removed **1,200** social media accounts involved in fraud;
- alerted the financial sector to nearly **9000** bank accounts and compromised credit cards linked to fraud with a value of almost £58m

Priority activities

Increase our knowledge of serious organised fraud and target resources at the highest harm threats where appropriate

Conduct efficient and effective criminal investigations and attack criminal finances through asset denial

Support the wider law enforcement and partnership response to address the fraud threat and build capability across the counter fraud community

Deter people from involvement or continued involvement in fraud

Support victims of fraud, prevent repeat victimisation and increase self protection by individuals and businesses

Priority outcome

The City of London and more widely the UK is protected from the threat of fraud

Success measures

We understand the impact of serious and organised fraud on our community

Progress criminal investigations to outcome within 2 years or otherwise expeditiously

Increase value of assets denied making use of the full range of proceeds of crime legislation

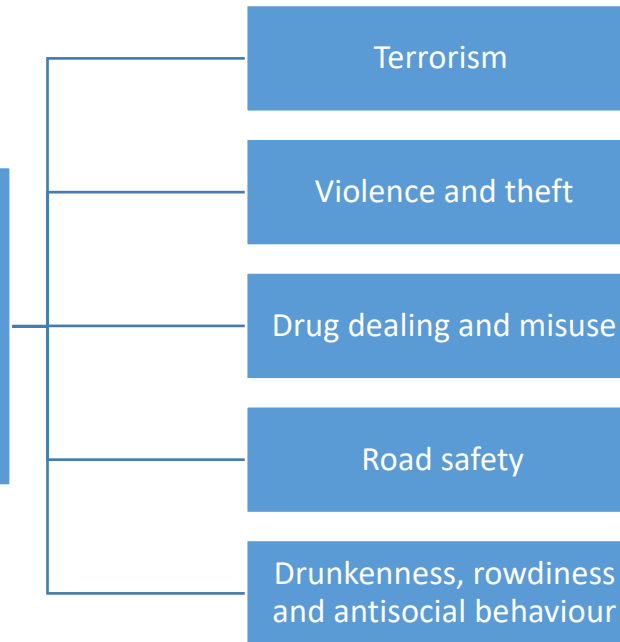
Increase number of force/NECC/multi-agency investigations supported or coordinated

Increase use of serious crime prevention and other ancillary orders

Baseline and grow reach of protect and engagement events in the City

Measure and improve London Economic Crime Victim Care Unit (ECVCU) non-repeat victimisation

You told us about
the things that
concern you most



We listened to your concerns and have ensured our policing plan priorities address them.

Tackling **terrorism** and ensuring the continuing safety of the City of London will remain our number one priority.

Violence and theft represent the highest volume of crime in the City of London. We are committed to reducing levels of **violent crime** and **theft**, and have made tackling these types of crimes a standalone priority.

Our new serious organised crime priority will address the issues of **drug dealing** and **misuse**. Serious organised crime also includes the complex worlds of fraud, cybercrime, modern slavery and child criminal exploitation.

Our neighbourhood priority encompasses roads policing, which supports **road safety**, and includes **tackling drunkenness, rowdiness** and **antisocial behaviour**. Public disorder in the City and dealing with certain types of vulnerability (mental-health related issues, attempted suicide and rough sleeping) is also addressed within this priority.

More detail is given about our priorities over the following 6 pages.

Our Policing Plan priorities

Counter terrorism

The threat to the City of London from terrorism remains as serious as ever and in surveys, you tell us that this is your number one concern. We will continue to work tirelessly with partners in law enforcement and other agencies to protect the Square Mile from this threat.

Fraud

Incorporating Money Laundering and financial investigation

Violent and acquisitive crime

Incorporating knife crime and robbery

Serious Organised Crime

Incorporating cyber crime, drugs offences and child criminal exploitation

Neighbourhood policing

Incorporating Antisocial behaviour (including drunkenness and rowdy behaviour), public disorder, roads policing and vulnerability

We believe that every victim, of whatever type of crime, should receive appropriate support and the services they are entitled to under the Victims Code. In delivering all our priorities we will support and provide a consistent, excellent service to victims and witnesses, and support vulnerable victims and witnesses through the Criminal Justice System. This approach will build the confidence of victims and witnesses to report crime and remain engaged with the Criminal Justice process.

Counter Terrorism

The threat from terrorism and extremism remains high and is becoming more diverse and complex in how it is manifested. The City of London's historical, cultural and economic importance means that it will always be an attractive target for those intent on causing high profile disruption. Over recent years we have worked hard to strengthen engagement with our community, and we will continue to develop different ways to engage and work with partners in a coordinated way to deter, detect and disrupt terrorist activity. Our strategies and approach to dealing with terrorism means we are fully able to support the Strategic Policing Requirement, and the national CONTEST strategy, which addresses the most serious threats nationally and which transcend force boundaries. Our priority activities below support the national strategy of preventing people turning to terrorism, pursuing to stop attacks, strengthening our protection against a terrorist attack and preparing to mitigate the impact of any attack. By continuing to protect the City of London from terrorism we continue to protect the UK's interests as a whole.

Priority activities

Provide up to date protective security advice and guidance to residents and businesses

Use intelligence and analysis to target the deployment of resources to deter, detect and disrupt terrorism

Engage with groups and individuals to prevent them from turning to terrorism and extremism

Work with City businesses to improve awareness and response capabilities in organisations across the City

Deploy and advertise the outcomes of our use of specialist 'behaviour detection officers' (Project **SERVATOR**)

Support the City of London Corporation lead in educating staff from partner agencies and the voluntary sector with regard to preventing terrorism

Engage with our community (including City businesses, schools, other institutions and stakeholders) to identify any venues or individuals who may be engaged in extremist rhetoric

Priority outcome

The City of London is prepared for and protected from the threat of terrorism

Success measures

An increased percentage of people who are surveyed who feel the City of London Police are prepared to respond to a terrorist attack

An increased percentage of Servator stops that result in a positive outcome

An increased number of hostile reconnaissance reports received by the Force, demonstrating a higher level of awareness in the community and confidence to report issues to the police

FRAUD

Although we are the national lead force for economic crime (see page 5), we have an obligation to tackle fraud in the City of London and reduce the harm caused by fraud on the lives of our residents, workers and visitors. We will deliver on our obligations under the National Fraud Strategy, which will improve services to victims and our response to this threat.

This approach will also help to maintain the integrity and prosperity of the country's financial heart.

Priority activities

Strengthen our capabilities to disrupt and prevent fraud

Work collaboratively across policing and with partners to reduce harm to victims and communities, through education, prevention, disruption and enforcement

Increase our knowledge of serious organised fraud and target resources at the highest harm threats

Maintain our specialist focus on money laundering and financial investigation

Engage with our residents, workers, businesses to address their priorities around tackling fraud

Improve our service to victims of fraud by encouraging victims to report fraud and cyber-crime, identifying vulnerable victims to ensure they receive the help and support they need

Priority outcome

The City of London is protected from the threat of fraud and remains a safe and secure environment for residents, businesses, workers and visitors.

Success measures

Resources are targeted at the highest harm threats

An increased number of fraud disruptions

A reduction in the number of repeat victims of fraud

An increased level of satisfaction and confidence with the force's response to victims of fraud

Violent and acquisitive crime priority

Despite recent increases in certain crime types since 2017, levels of crime recorded in the City of London are relatively low, making it one of the safest places in the country. We are not complacent however, and we will not accept the increases in crime that we have experienced over the past 3 years. We will continue to focus on those areas that cause the greatest harm and which our community tells us are the most important to them.

Priority activities

- Maintain a focus on violent crime
- Work in partnership and be innovative in our approach to tackling crime, targeting hotspots and known offenders
- Adopt a collaborative approach to problem solving to maintain the City of London as a low crime, safe area
- Tackle alcohol-related crime through a joined up, partnership approach
- Ensure victims can easily report crime and thereafter, receive a professional response
- Work with our residents, businesses and workers to encourage them to take an active role in crime prevention
- Continue to identify and target persistent offenders to reduce re-offending

Priority outcome

Levels of violent crime and acquisitive crime fall and the City of London remains a safe, low crime area

Success measures

- A reduction in number of victim-based violent crimes
- A reduction in number of victim-based acquisitive crimes
- A reduction in the re-offending rate of people committing violent and acquisitive crime
- An increase in the percentage of people satisfied that they have received a professional service following reporting a crime

Serious Organised Crime priority

The Home Office defines serious organised crime as individuals planning, coordinating and committing serious offences, whether individually or in groups and/or as part of transnational networks. The main categories of serious offences covered by the term are fraud (a separate priority for us), cyber-crime, illegal drugs, child criminal exploitation and abuse, illegal firearms, money laundering, bribery and corruption, organised immigration crime, modern slavery and human trafficking. Serious organised crime affects more UK citizens, more often, than any other national threat. Within the City of London the main focus of organised crime groups remains economic crime and fraud (see separate priority), however, in recent times there has been an increase in the number of organised groups that are responsible for the corresponding increase in theft offences

Priority activities

CYBER CRIME: be flexible across geographical boundaries in tackling cyber crime and identify and disrupt ongoing cyber crime impacting the City of London.

DRUGS: through our Drug Risk Reduction Strategy, tackle the organised crime groups (OCGs) operating in the City of London. Strengthen our approach to County Lines (HMICFRS area for improvement).

MODERN SLAVERY and HUMAN TRAFFICKING: engage with hotels, licensed premises and hard to reach groups to identify vulnerable people and use the National Referral Mechanism for any suspected offences of human trafficking.

CHILD CRIMINAL ABUSE: through our public protection unit we will provide a specialist and effective response to all issues relating to child protection. We will continue to work closely with our partner agencies, including Children's Social Care, and use all available multi-agency risk procedures to safeguard children.

Priority outcome

We have the capacity and capability to tackle serious organised crime effectively to protect the Square Mile and the City of London is viewed as a hostile environment for organised crime groups.

Success measures

An increase in the number of organised crime groups disrupted

A reduction in the percentage of people who are surveyed who consider drugs a problem in the City of London

A reduction in the number of cyber enabled crimes

Maintain Force use of multi-agency interventions or investigations supported or coordinated to safeguard children

Neighbourhood priority

Whilst our neighbourhood priority addresses those areas that most often impact on the quality of life in the City of London, such as antisocial behaviour (ASB) and public disorder, it includes areas that can have a 'high harm factor' such as road safety and interactions with those affected by mental health issues. ASB and road safety are routinely cited by the community as issues of concern, whilst the continuing success of the City of London is dependent on it being a place where individuals and businesses can go about their lawful business without being subject to disruption, disorder or intimidation.

Priority activities

ROADS POLICING: Undertake visible enforcement activities to deter road users from breaking traffic laws and putting other road users at risk together with proactively targeting offenders who use the roads to cause danger to other road users.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: Engage with community groups and partners to identify and address the ASB concerns of individuals and groups. Together with our partners, make best use of available tools to deal with incidents, including levels of drunkenness and rowdiness.

PUBLIC DISORDER: Work in partnership with the City of London Corporation and other stakeholders to support the planning for large scale events with a proportionate, effective policing plan, and maintain our capability and capacity to respond to public order incidents.

VULNERABILITY: Work closely with partner agencies to support vulnerable people residing in, working in or visiting the City. Ensure officers and staff can appropriately identify and flag those who are vulnerable, using the national Vulnerability Assessment Framework.

Priority outcome

The City of London is a safe, low crime area with low levels of antisocial behaviour

Success measures

Roads policing - a reduction in the percentage of people who are surveyed who consider road safety issues a priority in the City of London

Antisocial behaviour - a reduction in the percentage of people who are surveyed who consider ASB a priority in the City of London

Public order - an increase in the number of positive outcomes following arrests resulting from public order incidents

Vulnerability - an increase in the use of the national vulnerability framework to identify those who are vulnerable so that they receive an appropriate level of service

Working with partners

We recognise that we cannot deliver everything in this plan alone. We work closely alongside a broad range of partners, from local to international, to ensure our service is effective and efficient in protecting victims and communities.

We have forged alliances with groups such as the Global Cyber Alliance, Homeland Security in the US and numerous police forces in other jurisdictions. This helps us to tackle issues relating to organised crime and protective security, which ultimately benefits the City of London and UK citizens.

Our work tackling fraud particularly benefits from close association with organisations which include the Associations of British Insurers, the British Banking Association and CIFAS, amongst others.

Our national lead force responsibilities means we work closely with other national agencies, both strategically and operationally to protect the UK from serious threats

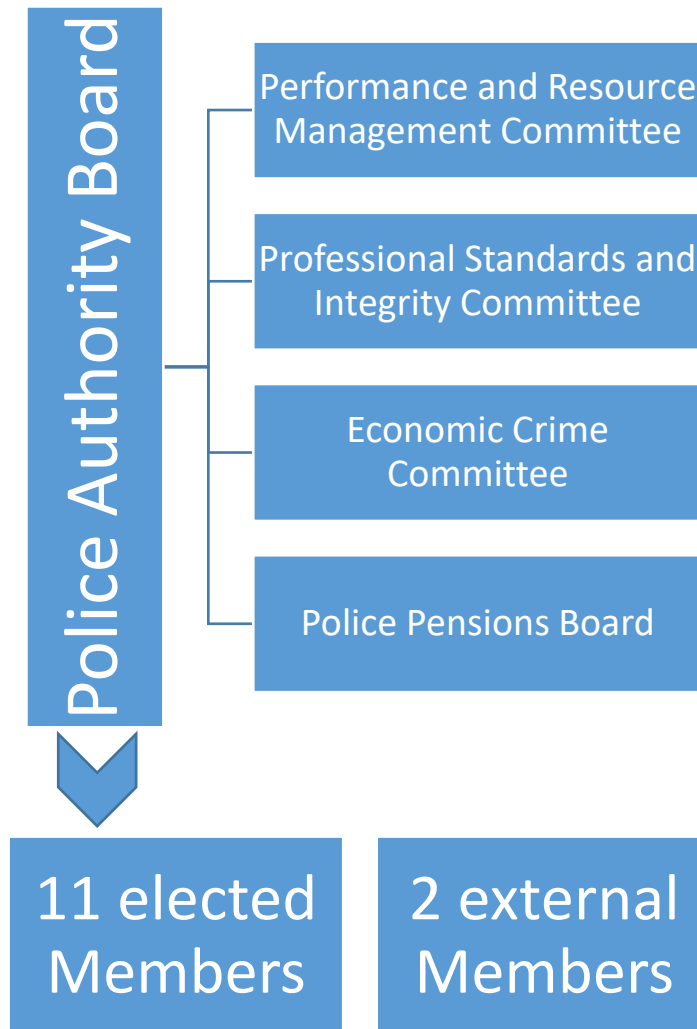


Our work with the SCP tackles local crime and antisocial behaviour issues, ensuring a coordinated, cross sector approach to these issues.

Our partnership work with the Corporation of London ranges from planning for large scale events and a Joint Command and Control Centre, tackling antisocial behaviour to safeguarding vulnerable adults and children.

We deliver a number of services with the MPS and BTP to protect London and provide a seamless policing service across the capital. We also work with agencies such as Transport for London, ensuring a consistent and coordinated approach to tackling issues within London.

Governance



The City of London Corporation's [Court of Common Council](#) is the Police Authority for the Square Mile as set out in the City of London Police Act 1839. The Court delegates this duty (except for the appointment of the Police Commissioner) to the [Police Authority Board](#) and its sub-committees (see opposite).

The role of the Police Authority Board is to ensure:

- the City of London Police runs an effective and efficient service by holding the Commissioner to account
- value for money in the way the police is run
- policing priorities are set taking into account the views of the community.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the City of London Corporation, who is also the Chief Executive of the Police Authority, works closely with the Chairman of the Police Authority Board and all Members to ensure that there is an effective and efficient police service in the City.

The Chamberlain of London, is the Section 151 Officer for the City of London Police Authority, and performs the functions of the Treasurer to the Authority.

The Comptroller and City Solicitor is the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

Finance

HMICFRS graded the Force 'GOOD' for efficiency, however, they also required us to address the deficit to balance our budget over the medium term.

Working closely with the City of London Corporation, implementing our new operating model and delivering our savings plan will ensure that this is achieved.

Our sources of income are varied and include:

The Home Office

The City of London Corporation

Transport for London

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime

Association of British Insurers

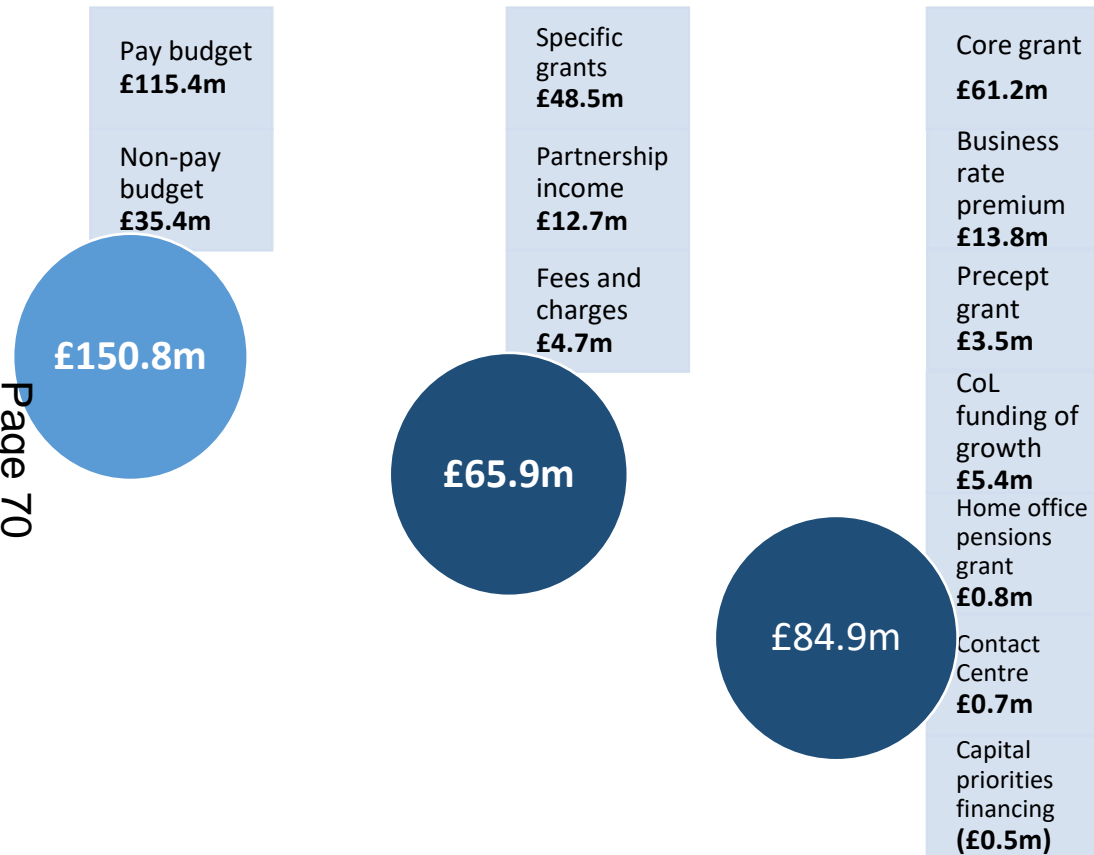
Department for International Development

UK Payments Administration Ltd

We have a balanced budget for 2020-21 and a robust medium term financial plan that covers the term of this plan.

Our medium term financial includes efficiency measures that focuses on savings which we will deliver as a result of our Transform programme.

These will be a combination of pay and non-pay (mainly technology-based) initiatives.



Efficiency

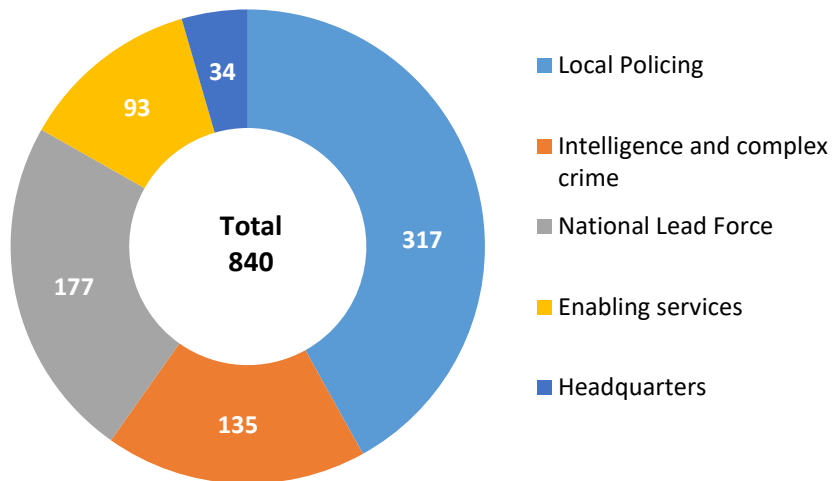
Over the course of 2020-21 we plan to make **£5.7m** savings, increasing to **£6.7m** over 2021-22 and **£7.5m** over 2022-23.

These savings will be achieved from a combination of initiatives that includes:

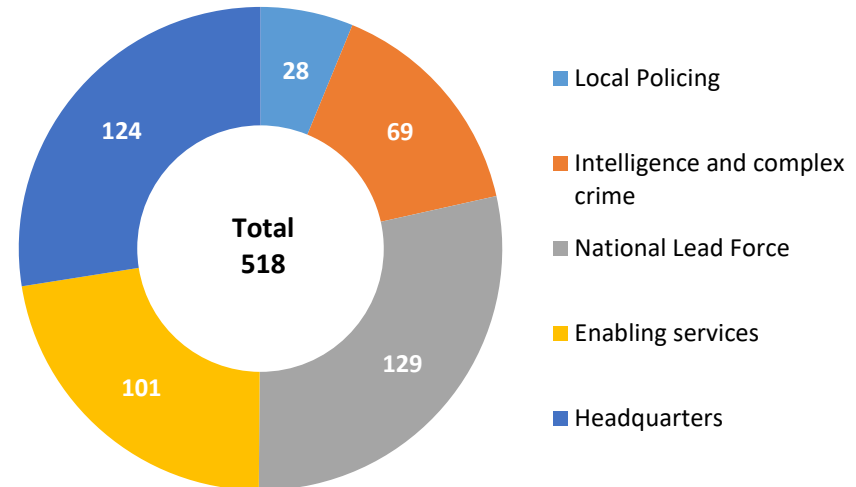
- Changes to our structure and rank ratio
- Increased use of automation and self-service
- Robust management of overtime
- Sharing services with the City of London Corporation
- Roll out of new accommodation
- Expanding collaborative opportunities

People

Police Officers



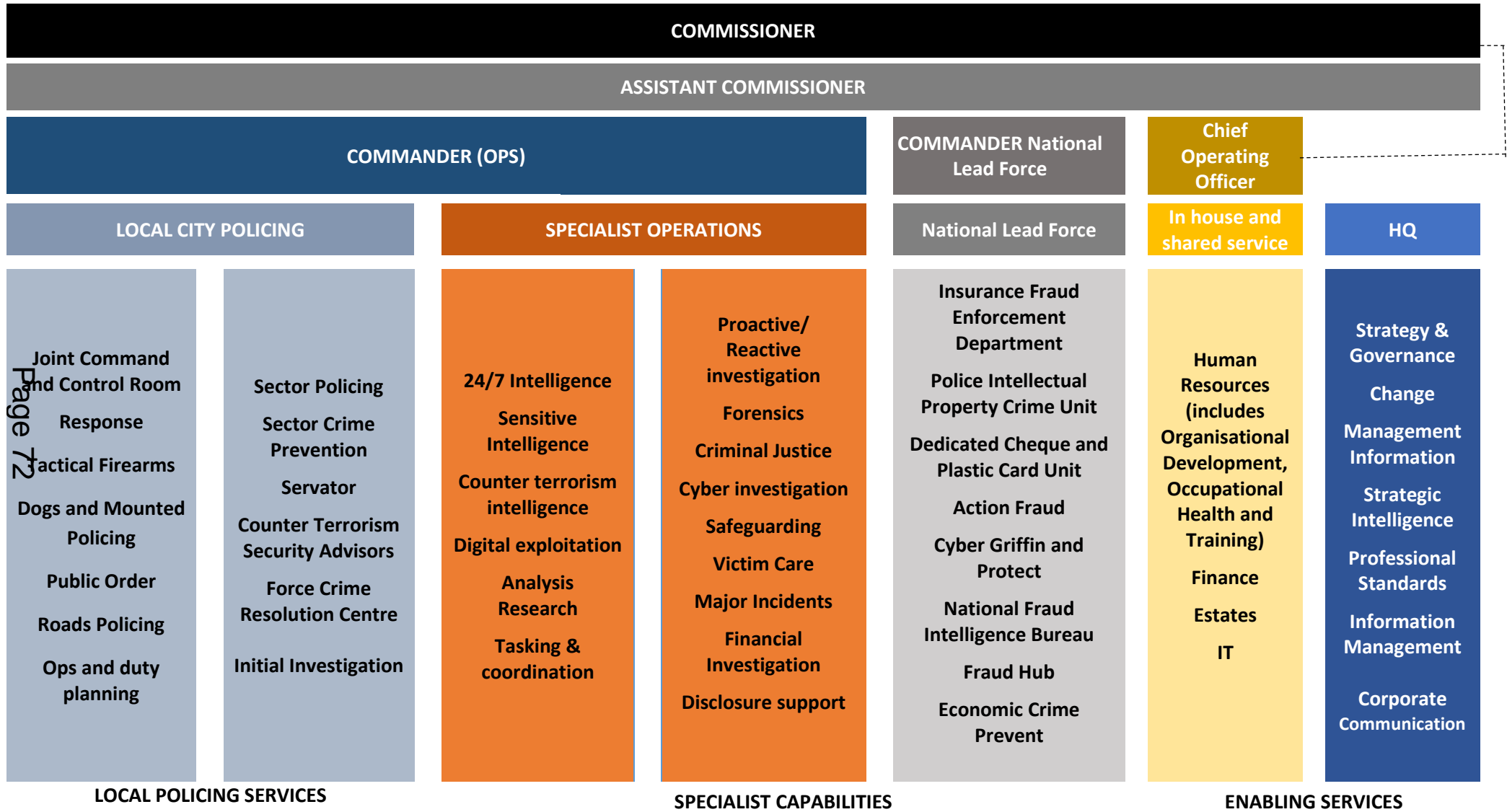
Police Support Staff



Page 71

In addition to our budgeted establishment detailed on this page, we have a complement of 75 Specials and 11 other volunteers who support delivery of our policing priorities and services.

How we are structured to deliver our services



How we performed

HMICFRS - City of London Police Inspections 2019-20

Integrated PEEL Assessment:

Efficiency - GOOD

Effectiveness - GOOD

Legitimacy - REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT

Crime Data Integrity: GOOD

Custody: GOOD

HMICFRS inspections make recommendations and identify areas for improvement. We report to our progress implementing these findings to the Performance and Resource Management Committee, a sub-committee of the Police Authority Board.

Contact us

www.cityoflondon.police.uk

Provide feedback on this plan to:

postmaster@cityoflondon.police.uk

101

Non-emergency police number, in an

emergency always dial **999**

Textphone service **18001 101**

Follow us on twitter @CityPolice

Join us on Facebook City Community Cop



Public enquiries and reporting crime:

Online at www.cityoflondon.police.uk

Bishopsgate Police Station

182 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4NP

Open 24 hours

Headquarters (not open to the public)

City of London Police, Guildhall Yard East, Guildhall

Buildings, London, EC2V 5AE

Anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789 321

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

Document is Restricted

This page is intentionally left blank

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

Document is Restricted

This page is intentionally left blank