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



## COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, to be held through **MICROSOFT TEAMS**, on **THURSDAY** next, the **13th day of May, 2021**.

This meeting will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take place in a physical location. Any views reached by the Court today will have to be considered by the Town Clerk after the meeting in accordance with the Court of Common Council's Covid Approval Procedure, who will make a formal decision having considered all relevant matters. This process reflects the current position in respect of the holding of formal Local Authority meetings and the Court of Common Council's decision of 15th April 2021 to continue with virtual meetings and take formal decisions through a delegation to the Town Clerk and other officers nominated by him after the informal meeting has taken place and the will of the Committee is known in open session. Details of all decisions taken under the Covid Approval Procedure will be available online via the City Corporation's webpages.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0y8qEnzr5I>

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JOHN BARRADELL,  
*Town Clerk & Chief Executive.*

*Guildhall*

Prem Goyal

Nicholas Lyons

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*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**

- a) To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 15 April 2021.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 5 - 27)

- b) To agree the minutes of the special meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 15 April 2021.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 29 - 32)

4 **Mayoral Engagements**

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

5 **Policy Statement**

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

6 **Appointments**

To consider the following appointments:

*Where appropriate:-*

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

- (A) One Member on the **Barbican Residential Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2023.

**Nominations received:-**

Jeremy Lewis Simons

- (B) Three Members on the **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee**, two vacancies being for four-year terms expiring in April 2025 and one vacancy being for the balance of a term expiring in April 2024.

**Nominations received:-**

Jason Paul Pritchard

- (C) One Member on the **Licensing Committee**, for a four-year term expiring in April 2025.

**Nominations received:-**

Jason Paul Pritchard

- (D) Three Members on **Christ's Hospital**, for four-year terms expiring in April 2025.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Peter Gordon Bennett

- (E) One Member on the **City & Guilds of London Institute**, for a five-year term expiring in 2026.

**Nominations received:-**

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

\*Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett

- (F) One Member on the **Mitcham Common Conservators** for a four-year term expiring in 2025.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Anne Fairweather

**For Decision**

**7 Independent Persons Appointment Panel**

To consider recommendations concerning the appointment of Independent Persons, pursuant to the resolution of this Court of 14 January 2021.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 33 - 40)

**8 City of London Police Authority Board**

To consider the re-appointment of one of the Board's External Members.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 41 - 42)

**9 Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee**

To consider recommendations concerning the provision of hospitality.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 43 - 44)

**10 The Freedom of the City**

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

**For Decision**  
(Pages 45 - 46)

**11 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials**

**12 Motions**

***By Deputy Barbara Patricia Newman, C.B.E.***

*Motion* – That, for the Ward of Aldersgate, Randall Keith Anderson be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee and Deputy Barbara Patricia Newman be appointed to the Markets Committee, both in the room of Adrian Mark Bastow.

**For Decision**

**13 Questions**

**14 City of London Police Authority Board**

To receive the refreshed City of London Policing Plan for 2020-23.

**For Information**  
(Pages 47 - 48)

15 **Ballot Results**

To note the outcome of the ballot held in respect of a vacancy on the Bridge House Estates Board.

**For Information**  
(Pages 49 - 50)

16 **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 51 - 52)

17 **Docquets for the Hospital Seal**

18 **Awards and Prizes**

**MOTION**

19 **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**

20 **Non-Public Minutes**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting of the Court held on 15 April 2021.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 53 - 56)

21 **Planning and Transportation Committee**

To consider proposals relating to a project to refurbish and repaint Blackfriars Bridge.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 57 - 64)



# RUSSELL, MAYOR

## COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

15th April 2021

### 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 QC  
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  
The Rt Hon the Baroness Patricia Scotland of  
Asthall, QC  
Sir David Hugh Wootton  
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

#### COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams  
John David Absalom, Deputy  
Munsur Ali  
Rehana Banu Ameer  
Randall Keith Anderson  
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr  
Douglas Barrow  
John Bennett  
Peter Gordon Bennett  
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith  
Christopher Paul Boden  
Mark Bostock  
Keith David Forbes Bottomley,  
Deputy  
David John Bradshaw, Deputy  
Tijs Broeke  
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,  
Deputy  
John Douglas Chapman  
Thomas Cowley Clementi  
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
Graeme Doshi-Smith  
Karina Dostalova  
Simon D'Olier Duckworth  
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy  
Mary Durcan

John Ernest Edwards  
Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy  
Anne Helen Fairweather  
Helen Lesley Fentimen  
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  
Tom Hoffman, Deputy  
Ann Holmes  
Michael Hudson  
Wendy Hyde, Deputy  
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy  
Clare James, Deputy  
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones,  
Deputy  
Shravan Joshi  
Tim Levene  
Vivienne Littlechild  
Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen

Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge  
Edward Lord, Deputy  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Andrew Paul Mayer  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy  
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie  
Wendy Mead  
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy  
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers,  
Deputy  
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney,  
Deputy  
Hugh Fenton Morris  
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy  
Benjamin Daniel Murphy  
Barbara Patricia Newman, Deputy  
Graham Packham  
Dhruv Patel  
Susan Jane Pearson  
John Petrie  
William Pimlott  
Judith Pleasance  
James Henry George Pollard,  
Deputy

Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest  
Jason Paul Pritchard  
Stephen Douglas Quilter  
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy  
James de Sausmarez  
Ruby Sayed  
John George Stewart Scott,  
Deputy  
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton  
Oliver Sells QC  
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,  
Deputy  
Jeremy Lewis Simons  
Tom Sleight, Deputy  
Sir Michael Snyder  
James Michael Douglas Thomson,  
Deputy  
John Tomlinson, Deputy  
James Richard Tumbridge  
William Upton QC  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley  
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy  
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.
4. Mayoral Visits The Rt Honourable the Lord Mayor took the opportunity to update the Court on his virtual engagement programme.
5. Policy Statement The Chair of Policy and Resources Committee outlined a number of key items for the coming period, including the ongoing implications of the COVID response and recovery.
6. 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 and be appointed until the first meeting of the Court in April 2022, 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 with fewer than five years' service on the Court;*

*† denotes a Member whose primary residence is in the City;*

*^ 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:-**

^Randall Keith Anderson

\*Deputy Keith Bottomley

Simon Duckworth

Caroline Haines

\*Sheriff Christopher Hayward

\*Sir Michael Snyder

James Tumbridge

\*Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

The Court was advised that Simon Duckworth had withdrawn his name from nomination to obviate the need for a re-ballot, following an equality of votes between himself and Caroline Haines for one of the vacancies.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Policy and Resources Committee of Sheriff Christopher Hayward, Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy Keith Bottomley, Deputy Philip Woodhouse and Caroline Haines for four-year terms be confirmed.

- b) **Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee** (one vacancy).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Wendy Mead.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Wendy Mead to be appointed to the Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee for a four-year term.

- c) **Members' Privileges Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee** (four vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Simon Duckworth

\*Deputy Edward Lord

\*Deputy Richard Regan

\*Jeremy Simons

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Simon Duckworth, Deputy Edward Lord, Deputy Richard Regan and Jeremy Simons to be appointed to the Members' Privileges Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee for four-year terms.

- d) **Capital Buildings Committee** (one vacancy).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Deputy Edward Lord

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Edward Lord to be appointed to the Capital Buildings Committee for a four-year term.

- e) **Investment Committee** (four vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Simon Duckworth

\*Tim Levene

\*Deputy Henry Pollard

\*Alderman Robert Howard

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Simon Duckworth, Tim Levene, Deputy Henry Pollard and Alderman Robert Howard to be appointed to the Investment Committee for four-year terms.

- f) **Audit and Risk Management Committee** (three vacancies).  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Rehana Ameer

\*Anne Fairweather

Deputy Robert Merrett

\*John Petrie

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Audit and Risk Management Committee of Anne Fairweather, Rehana Banu Ameer and John Petrie, for three-year terms, be confirmed.

g) **City of London Police Authority Board** (three vacancies).

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Nicholas Bensted-Smith

\*Deputy Keith Bottomley

Simon Duckworth

†Helen Fentimen

†Jeremy Mayhew

†Graham Packham

James Tumbridge

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Police Authority Board of Graham Packham, Deputy Keith Bottomley, and Nicholas Bensted-Smith, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

h) **Education Board** (three vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Caroline Haines

\*Alderman Robert Howard

\*Benjamin Murphy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Caroline Haines, Alderman Robert Howard and Benjamin Murphy to be appointed to the Education Board, for four-year terms.

i) **Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama** (four vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Randall Anderson

Simon Duckworth

\*Vivienne Littlechild

\*Andrew Mayer

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Anderson, Simon Duckworth, Vivienne Littlechild and Andrew Mayer to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, for three-year terms.

j) **Gresham (City Side) Committee** (two vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

#Alexander Barr

\*Sheriff Christopher Hayward

Read.



Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alexander Barr and Sheriff Christopher Hayward to be appointed to the Gresham (City Side) Committee, for four-year terms.

- k) **Establishment Committee** (four vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Deputy Keith Bottomley  
\*Sheriff Christopher Hayward  
#\*Tracey Graham  
Deputy Tom Sleigh

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Keith Bottomley, Sheriff Christopher Hayward, Tracey Graham and Deputy Tom Sleigh to be appointed to the Establishment Committee, for four-year terms.

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

(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Andrew McMurtrie  
\*Deputy Barbara Newman  
\*Deputy John Tomlinson

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 Deputy John Tomlinson and Deputy Barbara Newman, for four-year terms, be confirmed.

- m) **Epping Forest & Commons Committee** (four vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Peter Bennett  
\*Caroline Haines  
\*Gregory Lawrence  
Deputy Edward Lord

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Peter Bennett, Gregory Lawrence and Deputy Edward Lord to be appointed to the Epping Forest & Commons Committee for four-year terms, and Caroline Haines to be appointed to the Epping Forest & Commons Committee for the balance of a term expiring in April 2022.

- n) **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee** (four vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*William Upton

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared William Upton to be appointed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee, for a four-year term.

- o) **Barbican Residential Committee**, in the category of non-resident (two vacancies).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Andrew McMurtrie

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Andrew McMurtrie to be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee, for a four-year term.

- p) **Barbican Centre Board** (four vacancies).  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

^Tijs Broeke

\*Alderman David Graves

\*Wendy Mead

Deputy Henry Pollard

\*Deputy Tom Sleigh

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Barbican Centre Board of Wendy Mead, Deputy Tom Sleigh, Tijs Broeke and Alderman David Graves, for three-year terms, be confirmed.

- q) **Bridge House Estates Board** (eight vacancies).  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Henry Colthurst

Simon Duckworth

Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark

Paul Martinelli

Jeremy Mayhew

Dhruv Patel

#John Petrie

Judith Pleasance

Deputy Henry Pollard

Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

Jeremy Simons

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Bridge House Estates Board of Deputy Dr Giles Shilson, Dhruv Patel, Henry Colthurst, and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark, for four-year terms, and Judith Pleasance, Deputy Henry Pollard and John Petrie, for two-year terms, be confirmed.

*Further Resolved* – That, in respect of the eighth vacancy on the Board, a further indicative ballot be conducted between Paul Martinelli and Jeremy Simons following today's meeting, with the appointment to confirmed under urgency procedures in accordance with the outcome of that ballot, thereby allowing the successful Member to join the Board in time for its first meeting.

- r) **Licensing Committee** (four vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Peter Dunphy

\*Mary Durcan

\*Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Peter Dunphy, Mary Durcan and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark to be appointed to the Licensing Committee, for four-year terms.

- s) **Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee** (two vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Andrew Mayer

\*Deputy Barbara Newman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Andrew Mayer and Deputy Barbara Newman to be appointed to the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee, for four-year terms.

- t) **Health & Wellbeing Board** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Mary Durcan

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan to be appointed to the Health & Wellbeing Board, for a four-year term.

- u) **Local Government Pensions Board** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*James Tumbridge

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared James Tumbridge to be appointed to the Local Government Pensions Board, for a four-year term.

- v) **Markets Committee** (three vacancies).

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Deputy David Bradshaw

\*Wendy Mead

\*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, for the terms

expiring April 2022.

- w) **Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee** (one vacancy).  
(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**  
Mary Durcan

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan to be appointed to the Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee, for a term expiring April 2022.

- x) **Community & Children's Services Committee** (one vacancy).  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**  
\*Munsur Ali  
\*Mary Durcan  
\*Alderman David Graves  
Jeremy Lewis Simons

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Community & Children's Services Committee of Mary Durcan, for a term expiring April 2022, be confirmed.

7.

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)**

8 April 2021

### **Audio-visual Participation in Formal Meetings**

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 together with restrictions on gatherings and travel in Spring 2020, the Government had introduced temporary emergency measures (the *Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020*) enabling local authorities to undertake formal decision-making meetings virtually until 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Virtual meetings had introduced more flexibility, helped to facilitate greater public scrutiny and aided Members and officers in conducting business more efficiently; however, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) had confirmed that these measures would not be extended beyond 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and that local authority meetings would not therefore be able to continue virtually or in a hybrid format.

Part 5A of the Local Government Act 1972 covered public access to meetings, agendas and reports, the inspection of minutes and background papers, etc. and applied to the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority and police authority. Without the modifications introduced by the 2020 Regulations the legislation prohibited formal meetings taking place virtually. This meant that in order to participate in discussions and vote on decisions or recommendations, Members must be present physically at the meeting at which the matter is considered. The legislative framework did not apply to informal meetings such as call-overs and working parties. The Court of Common Council had in the past voluntarily chosen

to apply Part 5A to all its formal meetings including those with non-local authority and non-police authority functions. The need for public access to meetings in accordance with Part 5A was referred to in Standing Orders No. 4 and 32 but the Standing Orders also give the Court and its Committees scope to disapply those provisions in respect of non-local authority and non-police authority functions. Notwithstanding the fact that committees can, if they so choose, change the way the legislation was applied, the Committee was of view that rather than leaving this to individual committees and addressing the issue in a piece-meal manner, any change is best dealt with holistically, with a corporate, policy, decision being taken and applied across the board.

The Chair, introducing the report, proposed two minor amendments to recommendations 4 and 5, to reflect more accurately the decisions of the Policy & Resources Committee in respect of the proposed delegation to officers nominated by the Town Clerk, the inclusion of the Court, and to require the bringing forward of chairmanship elections for committees with local or police authority functions.

McGuinness,  
C.S., Deputy;  
Hayward, C.M.,  
Sheriff

*Amendment – That:-*

- recommendation 4 be amended such that the words “a committee or sub-committee” be deleted and replaced with the words “the Court or its Committees” and the words “or other officer nominated by him” be inserted following the words “Town Clerk”; and
- recommendation 5 be amended such that the first sentence be deleted and replaced with “Where necessary, Committees exercising local and police authority functions be requested to bring forward the process for the election of Chairs and Deputy Chairs so that the elections take place before 6<sup>th</sup> May.”

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

Members proceeded to debate the report as amended. During debate, the following positions were expressed:

- A Member expressed their significant concern in relation to aspects of the proposals, observing that the paper proposed effectively to circumvent the current law requiring physical meetings through the use of mechanisms which placed final decision-making in the hands of unelected officials. The Member outlined their doubts that this process would survive the scrutiny of the courts in respect of planning or licensing matters and added that it should not, in any event, survive the scrutiny of a democratic organisation.
- Several Members also argued that the proposed approach sent the wrong message to the wider City, one of timidity and hesitancy, when at the same time the City Corporation was proclaiming that the City was open and was advocating for visitors and businesses to come back. Reservations were expressed as to how the Corporation could on the one hand tell others they should return whilst not doing so itself and it was urged that such mixed-messaging be avoided, with the Corporation having the confidence to lead from the front in returning to business-as-normal.
- Other Members suggested that it was highly unlikely that City businesses were waiting to see what the City Corporation did with its own staff or

meetings before coming to a conclusion as to their own arrangements. They argued that the Court should consider what was best for the Corporation in terms of decision-making and transparency thereof, observing that the proposals represented a sensible and pragmatic attempt to navigate through the very difficult position imposed over the short to medium-term by the Government's decisions in this area.

- Members also observed that a large proportion of staff and Members were not yet vaccinated and that the pandemic was still very real, urging caution in respect of the potential risks of exposure. It was noted that Government advice remained to work from home where possible and, in any event, as people did return to the office, social distancing requirements meant that most would not be in the office the full working week for some time.
- A Member commented that it was likely that many business would cease to have employees in offices full-time following the pandemic, with increased working from home arrangements. As the business world evolved, the Member urged that the Corporation should endeavour to keep pace and not hold exclusively to the idea of meeting in person, as this might be somewhat self-destructive in terms of its ability to operate in a modern and effective fashion.
- With reference to social distancing requirements, a Member observed that a fully physical return would lead to difficulties in terms of attendance at larger meetings, as it would not always be possible to accommodate all Members in the available space. This would have the undesirable effect of a two-tier system which excluded some Members from being able to attend and participate at meetings. Conversely, the proposals here represented a pragmatic solution which gave all Members an equal opportunity to participate.
- A Member urged that exploratory work be undertaken to look at other City venues beyond the Guildhall that might be used for physical meetings, where there was a larger space footprint so as to accommodate greater numbers with social distancing arrangements in place.
- It was also observed that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government had suggested powers should be delegated to the executive to allow for decision-making to continue unimpeded in the interim; what was proposed here was much more democratic in that it allowed for debate and Member scrutiny in a public setting in the interim period.
- Several Members reflected on the need to place a "sunset clause" on the interim arrangements proposed, whilst also keeping measures under review and revisiting the position if and when restrictions were eased.

*Luder, I.L.,  
Alderman; Hailes,  
T.R., Alderman*

*Amendment* – That, in recommendation 4, the words "For the time being, while certain restrictions are still in place" be deleted and replaced with the words "Until Thursday 7 October".

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

The Chair of Policy and Resources spoke to close the debate, observing that many

other councils faced the same challenges in trying to find a solution at this difficult time and arguing that the proposals represented a practical way forward for the City Corporation.

*Resolved – That:-*

1. Members should continue to have the flexibility to participate in Court and committee meetings remotely, when exercising non-local authority and non-police authority functions;
2. For non-local authority committees, Part 5A of the Local Government Act be retained to enable public to continue to have access to meetings and public papers and, in order to retain the ability to meet virtually or in hybrid format, the City Corporation continues to apply *Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020* as if they continue to be in force after 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
3. A change to the wording on the title page of non-public committee reports which relate to the Common Council's non-local authority and non-police authority functions be authorised to make it clear that Part 5A of the Local Government Act 1972 is being voluntarily applied;
4. Until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, it be agreed that formal local and police authority business be dealt with via a "Covid" ratification process, i.e. by holding an informal virtual meeting in the first instance to ascertain the general view of the Court of its committees, with the public being given access to the informal meeting to maintain transparency via live streaming and recording. A formal decision, which accurately reflects the mood of the informal meeting, can then be taken by the Town Clerk, or other officer nominated by him, who is hereby given delegated authority to formally approve such decisions pursuant to s.101(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.
5. Where necessary, Committees exercising local and police authority functions be requested to bring forward the process for the election of Chairs and Deputy Chairs so that the elections take place before 6<sup>th</sup> May. This could be done via a special, one item meeting if necessary, using the current balloting arrangements. This way the elections will not require ratification under the Covid decision making process.
6. All Members (elected or otherwise) who need to return to Guildhall for face-to-face meetings should be encouraged to undertake regular lateral (rapid) flow tests prior to coming into Guildhall in the same way staff, who have to attend the workplace to perform duties that they cannot do at home, are being encouraged to do;
7. Any decision take by the Court this day be communicated to external co-optees and other non-CoCo Committee Members; and,
8. The Town Clerk be authorised to make such amendments to Standing Orders and related corporate governance documentation as is required to give effect to the above decisions.

8.

**ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE****(Deputy Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.)**

26 March 2021

**(A) Election of Chamberlain and appointment of other Senior Officers**

Following Dr Peter Kane's decision to demit from the office of Chamberlain with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021, the Establishment Committee commenced the process of recruiting a successor, alongside the Finance and Investment Committees. At the same time, the Corporation also launched a recruitment campaign for eight other senior officer roles which had been created as part of the Target Operating Model endorsed by the Court of Common Council in December 2020.

Following an exhaustive search process, including significant public advertising, the recruitment panels appointed by the Establishment Committee had concluded their activities and a number of appointments were made together with the recommendation for a candidate for election as Chamberlain.

In respect of the election of Chamberlain, it was advised that the candidate would appear before the Court of Common Council (in private session) and give a presentation. Upon the candidate's withdrawal from the Court, a ballot by Members would be held for the appointment and, on completion of that, the public would be re-admitted and the decision of the Court made known.

*Lord, C.E., O.B.E.,  
J.P., Deputy;  
McGuinness,  
C.S., Deputy*

**Resolved** – that the public be excluded from the meeting for the interview of the candidate for Chamberlain on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

**Summary of the exempt item considered whilst the public were excluded**

The candidate for the Chamberlain, having been called in, addressed the Court on a given subject and then withdrew.

The Court proceeded to ballot on the appointment.

The ballot for the Chamberlain having been taken up and cast, the Lord Mayor declared Caroline Al-Beyerty to have been elected.

Whereupon the Court resolved that strangers be re-admitted.

The Town Clerk reported that the Court of Common Council had, in accordance with Standing Order No. 61(1), elected Caroline Al-Beyerty to be Chamberlain.

Whereupon The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor declared Caroline Al-Beyerty to be duly appointed to the Office of Chamberlain on the usual terms and conditions relating to the appointment of Chief Officers and subject to such other regulations as this Court has adopted or may hereafter adopt in respect of the said appointment, and to all other orders and regulations of this Court with reference to its Officers.

Caroline Al-Beyerty accepted the appointment, thanked the Court and withdrew.



*Resolved – That:*

1. Caroline Al-Beyerty be elected to the office of Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer with effect from 1 May 2021; and
2. The appointment of the following additional senior officers be noted:
  - Deputy Town Clerk & Chief Executive: Douglas Trainer
  - Chief Operating Officer: Emma Moore
  - Chief Strategy Officer: Dionne Carradine
  - Executive Director, Environment: Juliemma McLoughlin
  - Executive Director, Human Resources: Ruth Bailey
  - Executive Director, Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor: Caroline Jack
  - Executive Director, Private Secretary to the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee: Aaron Downey
  - Markets Director: Ben Milligan

27 January 2021

#### **(B) Recruitment Panels for Tier 1 and 2 positions**

The new Target Operating Model would bring about departmental changes which would affect which Committees (and, therefore, which Members) would be involved in the recruitment process for Senior Officers. As some committee responsibilities were likely to change following consideration of Lord Lisvane's recommendations in the Governance review and any changes in Tier 2 and further layers of the Target Operating Model, an interim position had been proposed for the recruitment of Tier 1 or Tier 2 roles.

*Resolved – That the interim position for the recruitment of Tier 1 or Tier 2 roles be approved as set out in the report, and that the necessary amendments to relevant Committee Terms of Reference be authorised.*

## 9. **HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney)**

23 February 2021

### **Applications for Hospitality**

#### **(a) Industry and Parliament Trust Programme 2021**

It was proposed that the City Corporation continue to collaborate with the Industry and Parliament Trust on a series of meetings in 2021 related to areas of interest to the City Corporation. Guests and speakers would include a City representative such as the Lord Mayor or Policy Chair, parliamentarians, policy makers, and prominent business, academic and industry representatives.

These events would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to influence UK and global policy and regulations, and international agreements to protect and

grow the UK economy; and to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture.

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for a series of meetings delivered in collaboration with the Industry and Parliament Trust in 2021, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

#### **(b) Pride Flag Raising Ceremony 2021**

The 2021 Pride in London Parade was planned to take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, subject to COVID restrictions in place at that time, and it was proposed that the Pride Flag be raised at Guildhall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

If a reception was possible, it was proposed that the City Corporation host a reception in Guildhall as in previous years. Should COVID restrictions preclude a reception taking place in the normal format, alternative formats would be considered including an outdoor reception and/or a virtual hybrid event. Guests would include representatives of the LGBTQ+ networks, businesses and firms within the City and leading LGBTQ+ charities.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 2a) and to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a).

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception or other event following the Pride Flag raising and that arrangements be under the auspices of the Establishment Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

The host element would be Establishment Committee, Hospitality Working Party and Members with relevant interests.

*Resolved* – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception or other event following the Pride Flag raising, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Establishment Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

#### 10. 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:-

**Edward Michael Balls**  
*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor*  
*Deputy Catherine Sidony*  
*McGuinness*

a Broadcaster, Writer & Economist    Stoke Newington, London  
*Citizen and Solicitor*

<b>Celal Baykal</b> <i>Ald. Emma Edhem</i> <i>Ulrika Schachner-Dadley</i>	an Airline General Manager <i>Citizen and Woolman</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	Kensington, London
<b>Carys Ellen Bedford</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Matthew Leigh Preston Bell, CC</i>	a Theatrical Set and Costume Designer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Flitwick, Bedfordshire
<b>Anna Rose Beek</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Social Worker <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Walthamstow, London
<b>Joanne Elisabeth Bradman</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Theatre Stage Manager <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Barbican
<b>His Excellency George Henry Brandis</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	The High Commissioner of Australia  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Kensington, London
<b>Ivor Keith Caplin</b> <i>David O'Reilly</i> <i>Richard Evans</i>	a Public Affairs Company Director <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Hove, Sussex
<b>Ruby Elizabeth Carr</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	a Cleaner  <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Upper Holloway, London
<b>Amelia Louise Ehren</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Strategic Project Lead <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Shepherds Bush, London
<b>Professor Sarah Catherine Gilbert</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	a University Professor  <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Oxford, Oxfordshire
<b>John Robert Heaps</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	a Building Society Chairman  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Harrogate, Yorkshire
<b>James Kenneth Albert Hunt</b> <i>Barry John Frederick</i> <i>Theobald-Hicks</i> <i>John James Tunesi of</i> <i>Liongarn, The Younger</i>	The Mayor of Bexley  <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>  <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	Sidcup, Kent
<b>Catherine Elizabeth Lewis La Torre</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	a Banking Chief Executive Officer  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Ealing, London

<b>Rachel Lord</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Sir Robert William Fairbairn</i>	an Investment Company Managing Director  <i>Citizen and Weaver</i>	Hampstead, London
<b>Roger Meltzer</b>  <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny David Fergus McDonough, OBE</i>	a Law Firm Chairman Emeritus  <i>Citizen and Solicitor Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	New York, United States of America
<b>Charles Stuart Mindenhall</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin</i>	an Equity Company Managing Partner  <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Camden, London
<b>Clifford North</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt. Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Night Clerk <i>Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Clacton On Sea, Essex
<b>Sir Roger Penrose, OM, FRS</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Sheriff Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	a Scientist  <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Oxford, Oxfordshire
<b>Simon Tony Pryke</b>  <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman Michael Colquhoun Cole- Fontayn</i>	a Fund Management Company Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Grocer  Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	Foscott, Buckinghamshire
<b>Dame Susan Ilene Rice, DBE</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	a Professional Standards Body Chair  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Longniddry, Scotland
<b>David Allen Robinson</b> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Underwriting Officer <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Brentwood, Essex
<b>John David Stuart</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin</i>	a Banking Chief Executive Officer  <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Chelsea, London
<b>Mohammed Shalin Uddin</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt. Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Diabetes Educator <i>Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Bethnal Green, London
<b>Baroness Shriti Vadera</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	an Insurance Company Chair  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Bayswater, London
<b>Sir Rodney Myerscough Walker</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.. Deputy Charles Edward Lord,</i>	a Sports Administrator & Building Company Director <i>Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Broderer</i>	Wakefield, Yorkshire

*OBE, JP*

<b>Stephen James Waterfield</b> <i>William Joseph Browning</i> <i>Michael Peter Cawston</i>	a Management Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Glass Seller</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler &amp; Bricklayer</i>	Rainham, Essex
<b>Clare Eleanor Woodman, CBE</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony</i> <i>McGuinness</i>	an Investment Banker  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Hampstead, London
<b>Samuel Richard Woods</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony</i> <i>McGuinness</i>	The Deputy Governor of the Bank of England  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Stockwell, London

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.

11.  
Resolutions

*Mayhew, J.P.;*  
*Mooney, B.D.F.,*  
*Deputy*

*Resolved unanimously* – that the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to:

Joyce Carruthers Nash, O.B.E.

for her unstinting dedication and extraordinary service to the Ward of Aldersgate, the City Corporation, and the City of London over the past thirty-six years.

Joyce has been granted a leave of absence and stepped down as Deputy for the Ward of Aldersgate, having served in that role since 1988 – namely, well over 30 years.

For many decades, Joyce was a teacher in her native Yorkshire – for most of that time, serving as a head teacher. She was, also, an independent local councillor.

During one vacation, she attended an education conference and met Roy Nash, an education correspondent for the BBC. Not long afterwards, Joyce married Roy, left her native Yorkshire, moved into the Barbican and, in 1983, was elected to this Honourable Court.

Joyce quickly established herself as an extremely committed Member of the Court. Indeed, her contribution has been so far-reaching that it is difficult to do justice within the confines of a single Vote of Thanks.

As a resident of the City, Joyce has championed and represented residents' interests, the success of which is best-evidenced by the remarkable consistency of her support at the ballot box by the voters of Aldersgate, as well as through her committed service for so many years on the Barbican Residential Committee.

During her time on the Court, Joyce has played an active role in a wide array of committees, reflecting the extremely broad spectrum of business conducted by this City Corporation.

Indeed, it might be quicker to list the Committees on which she has not served, or the areas on which she has not made a lasting impact.

However, to name but a few, these include a remarkable 34 years on the Policy & Resources Committee, playing a constant role in shaping the direction of our City; 35 years on the Establishment Committee, closely involved in ensuring the Corporation's own workforce was cared for and nurtured; 17 years on the City Bridge Trust, using her knowledge and compassion to help those in need across London and make a difference to the lives of so many.

Joyce's professional background as a former headteacher also proved extremely valuable during her many years as a Governor on the City's independent Schools and Education Board.

Amongst the Grand Committees and Boards Joyce chaired include the City of London School for Girls; Port Health; the Barbican Centre; the City Bridge Trust; and City Lands – in which role, she was, of course, Chief Commoner, during which she was called upon to assist the Lord Mayor on official visits to Brunei, Australia, and the Philippines.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is worth reflecting on Joyce's most recent Chairmanship – namely, of the Health & Wellbeing Board. Having overseen the launch and implementation of the Social Wellbeing Strategy, the Suicide Prevention Action Plan, and the Business Healthy Strategy (to name but a few initiatives), Joyce's work has clearly enhanced the City's commitment to safeguard its residents and workers. This will, no doubt, be one of a number of lasting legacies left by Joyce on our organisation and demonstrates the fundamental difference she has made to the lives of so many, right up to the present day.

Unsurprisingly, for such a powerful character in the Court's life, Joyce acquired a number of nicknames, all of which communicated genuine regard. One past (sadly departed) Chief Commoner, John Barker, called her "Reuters" – adding that you could save yourself a lot of time if you wanted something to be known – by just telling Joyce; and Auntie Joyce and / or mother of the Court – said with real affection.

As a new and relatively young Common Councillor, one could testify to the regular weekend calls when she would offer wise advice – typically, a judicious mix of caution and encouragement, combined with some new intelligence and/or gossip, often starting with the words: "I was told in confidence". One colleague recalls how Joyce helped him to begin "to understand the mysteries of the Corporation". Fellow Aldersgate colleagues could recall similar stories of support and advice.

In short, throughout her career, Joyce has demonstrated remarkable stamina, comradeship, and commitment to this Court; to this Corporation; and to this City.

In receiving this vote, this Honourable Court, therefore extends to Joyce its greatest and sincerest thanks, together with its deep appreciation for her advocacy of and commitment to the City Corporation over the past over thirty-six years.

Meyers, A.G.D.,  
Deputy; Mooney,  
B.D.F., Deputy

*Resolved unanimously* – That the sincere gratitude of this Court be offered to:

Sylvia Doreen Moys, M.B.E.

for her tireless dedication and outstanding service to the Ward of Aldgate, the City Corporation, and the City of London over the past twenty years.

Elected to the Court of Common Council in 2001, Sylvia has been an industrious, diligent and reliable Member of the Court. Sylvia has been associated with the Ward of Aldgate throughout her working life, and her career with Lloyd's Register meant she understood the Ward's unique identity as the Maritime Ward of the City. Her background proved immeasurably valuable to the City Corporation over the years and the City benefited greatly from her wealth of knowledge and experience.

Sylvia will be particularly remembered for her time as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls, during which the school saw some of its best results, together with record application numbers. She also oversaw vital infrastructure improvements and presided over difficult and emotive issues such as teachers pay negotiations and the Reduction in School Fees for teaching staff. The dedication and support that Sylvia committed to the Girls' School, as indeed to the City of London School, whose Board she served on for over a decade, was unmatched. Her proactive and unfailing advocacy for the Schools' activities is fondly remembered.

Beyond the Schools, Sylvia has been an active and willing Member of the Court of Common Council who applied her considerable skills and knowledge across the range of the City Corporation's activities, including long tenures on the Finance, Planning and Transportation, Establishment, Culture, Heritage and Libraries, and Epping Forest and Commons Committees, in addition to her invaluable work with our schools and on other committees. The many ways in which Sylvia contributed were rightly recognised when she was awarded an MBE in 2018, for her service to the City of London Corporation and to education in Croydon.

In taking its leave of her, this Honourable Court therefore extends to Sylvia its sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation for her hard work and many achievements over the past twenty years, as well as its very best wishes for the future.

## 12. Petition

The Court received a petition submitted by Mark Bostock pursuant to Standing Order No.20, relative to the City Corporation's planning processes.

A number of Members took the opportunity to ask questions of the presenter of the petition, in the interest of obtaining clarity. The following points arose through this process:-

- In response to a query, the Petitioner suggested that, should the City

Corporation ignore the petition and residents' strongly held views, it would see further concerted action from them such as was witnessed through the recent standards issues and proposed City of London School for Girls expansion project. Given its local authority role and responsibilities, the City Corporation would be wise to heed the views of its residents.

- A Member sought clarity as to whether the petition represented an objection to panels in principle, irrespective of format, or whether the objection was to their currently-mooted potential constitution and seeking to highlight that more attention needed to be paid to ensuring the resident voice was heard. The Petitioner advised that the petition articulated opposition to the introduction of panels in any form so as to avoid any corrosion of democratic accountability, which they suggested was already weak due to the anomaly of the business vote in the City.
- A Member asked if the Petitioner would accept that the Corporation should be representing the full and diverse range of the City's communities, including business, schools, and employees, all of which deserved equal representation. The Petitioner replied that this petition dealt with the interests of a significant proportion of the residential community and, as a Member of a residential Ward, they were very much guided by their electorate and felt their views need to be taken very seriously.
- In response to a request for specificity in respect of the proportion of the petition's signatories who were City residents, the Petitioner advised that of the 1270 signatures to date, around 50% were believed to be from City residents, so far as could be identified.
- A Member commented on the second paragraph of the petition, which called for Members of committees responsible for the Corporation's property interests to be prohibited from service on the Planning & Transportation Committee. They observed that nearly all service committees would have an involvement in property interests and sought clarity as to which committees would not be so affected.

*Resolved* – That the petition be referred to the Policy & Resources and Planning & Transportation Committees for consideration.

13. Questions      There were no questions.

14. Motions        There were no motions.

## 15. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)**

22 March 2021

### **(A) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Scheme of Delegations Amendments**

The Court was recommended to note action taken under urgency procedures concerning minor amendments to the Scheme of Delegations, required as a result of the Target Operating Model. The amendments related to the new roles and changes to areas of responsibility across departments. There were no changes proposed to the delegations themselves.



*Resolved* – That the actions taken under urgency procedures be noted.

9 March 2021

**(B) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Amendment to Standing Order No. 23 (Ward Committee representation)**

The Court was recommended to note action taken under urgency procedures concerning an amendment to Standing Orders, facilitating Ward Committee service by Aldermen.

*Resolved* – That the actions taken under urgency procedures be noted.

17 March 2021

**(C) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Statues Working Group**

The Court was recommended to note action taken under urgency procedures to allow the Statues Working Group to report directly to the Court of Common Council, pursuant to Standing Order No. 9.

*Resolved* – That the actions taken under urgency procedures be noted.

16. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)**

16 March 2021

**Report of Urgent Action Taken: City Fund Budget Amendment**

The Court was recommended to note action taken under urgency procedures to rectify a minor inconsistency within the City Fund budget approved on 4 March 2021.

*Resolved* – That the actions taken under urgency procedures be noted.

17. Legislation

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

**Bills**

**Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Act 2021**

The Act makes provision for the authorisation of criminal conduct by a covert human intelligence source (CHIS). It inserts new provisions into the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 which enable officers of certain public authorities, including designated officers of the City of London Police, to grant a criminal conduct authorisation to a CHIS. The Act's substantive provisions will be brought into effect by regulations which have yet to be made.

**Date in  
force**  
1 March  
2021

**Statutory Instruments**

**The Restriction of Public Sector Exit Payments (Revocation) Regulations 2021 No. 197**

These Regulations revoke the Restriction of Public Sector Exit Payments Regulations 2020, which imposed a cap of £95,000.00 on relevant exit payments by local authorities. Under these Regulations, where a local authority reduced the amount of an exit payment as a result of the operation of the cap, whether this was paid to a person or a relevant public sector scheme, it must pay an amount (including interest) such that the recipient of the capped payment is treated as if the cap had never applied. These

19 March  
2021

Regulations apply to the City of London Police and the Common Council in its capacity as a local authority, police authority or port health authority.

**The Business Tenancies (Protection from Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Coronavirus) (England) Regulations 2021 No. 283**

30 March  
2021

The Coronavirus Act provides that a right of re-entry or forfeiture under a relevant business tenancy for non-payment of rent, may not be enforced for a specified period. This period has been extended from its original end date of 30 June 2020 by a series of Regulations. These Regulations now extend the end of the period from 31 March 2021 to 30 June 2021.

**The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Residential Tenancies: Protection from Eviction) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2021 No. 284**

30 March  
2021

The Coronavirus Act 2020 provided that, during a specified period, landlords are required to provide at least three months' notice of intention to seek possession of housing let under a Rent Act 1977 protected or statutory tenancy, a secure tenancy, a flexible tenancy, an assured tenancy, an assured shorthold tenancy, an introductory tenancy or a demoted tenancy let by a local authority or housing action trust. Previous Regulations extended the end of the specified period from 30 September 2020 to 31 March 2021 and suspended the three months' notice requirement where the landlord is seeking possession on grounds related to anti-social behaviour. These Regulations extend the end of the specified period from 31 March to 31 May 2021.

**The Public Health (Coronavirus) (Protection from Eviction) (England) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 No. 362**

30 March  
2021

These Regulations extend provisions in previous Coronavirus Regulations and prevent, except in specified circumstances, attendance at a dwelling-house for the purpose of executing a writ or warrant of possession or delivering a notice of eviction. The specified circumstances are where the court is satisfied that the claim is against trespassers who are persons unknown or where it was made wholly or partly on the grounds of anti-social behaviour, nuisance, domestic abuse in social tenancies, false statements, substantial rent arrears exceeding 6 months' rent or, in cases where the person attending is satisfied that the dwelling-house is unoccupied at the time of attendance, the death of the occupant. The amended Regulations will expire at the end of 31st May 2021.

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021 No. 364**

29 March  
2021

These Regulations impose restrictions on gatherings and businesses in England, according to a system of three "Steps", in order to implement the Government's "roadmap out of lockdown" into law. The restrictions are at their most severe in Step 1 which, under the Regulations, currently applies to every area of England. The restrictions on businesses include the closure of certain businesses, and restrictions on the service of food and drink for consumption on the premises of a business. The Regulations also impose restrictions on leaving the United Kingdom without a reasonable excuse. The need for the restrictions in these Regulations must be reviewed by the Secretary of State every 35 days.

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

Read.

18. Hospital Seal      There were no docquets to be sealed.
19. Awards & Prizes      There was no report.
20. *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 the Local Government Act, 1972.
- Summary of exempt items considered whilst the public were excluded:-**
21.      *Resolved* – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
22.      **Establishment Committee**  
The Court noted the confidential annex to the report at Item 8(a).
23.      **Policy and Resources Committee**  
The Court approved recommendations relating to the Secure City Programme.
24.      **Property Investment Board**  
The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the refurbishment project in respect of 30-34 New Bridge Street, EC4V 6BJ, a self-contained office building held by Bridge House Estates.

**The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.45 pm**

**BARRADELL.**

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# RUSSELL, MAYOR

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

15th April 2021

### 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 QC  
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  
The Rt Hon the Baroness Patricia Scotland of  
Asthall, QC  
Sir David Hugh Wootton  
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

#### COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams  
John David Absalom, Deputy  
Munsur Ali  
Rehana Banu Ameer  
Randall Keith Anderson  
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr  
Douglas Barrow  
John Bennett  
Peter Gordon Bennett  
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith  
Christopher Paul Boden  
Mark Bostock  
Keith David Forbes Bottomley,  
Deputy  
David John Bradshaw, Deputy  
Tijs Broeke  
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick,  
Deputy  
John Douglas Chapman  
Thomas Cowley Clementi  
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
Graeme Doshi-Smith  
Karina Dostalova  
Simon D'Olier Duckworth  
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy  
Mary Durcan

John Ernest Edwards  
Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy  
Anne Helen Fairweather  
Helen Lesley Fentimen  
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  
Tom Hoffman, Deputy  
Ann Holmes  
Michael Hudson  
Wendy Hyde, Deputy  
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy  
Clare James, Deputy  
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones,  
Deputy  
Shravan Joshi  
Tim Levene  
Vivienne Littlechild  
Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen

Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge  
Edward Lord, Deputy  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Andrew Paul Mayer  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy  
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie  
Wendy Mead  
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy  
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers,  
Deputy  
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney,  
Deputy  
Hugh Fenton Morris  
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy  
Benjamin Daniel Murphy  
Barbara Patricia Newman, Deputy  
Graham Packham  
Dhruv Patel  
Susan Jane Pearson  
John Petrie  
William Pimlott  
Judith Pleasance  
James Henry George Pollard,  
Deputy

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

McGuinness,  
C.S., Deputy;  
Mooney, B.D.F.,  
Deputy

*Resolved unanimously* – That, following the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, an Address of Condolence to The Sovereign from the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons be agreed in the following terms:

*"May it please Your Majesty,*

*We, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, address Your Majesty to express the feelings of grief and irreplaceable loss which have affected us all upon the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. His Royal Highness shared with Your Majesty many of your burdens and drawing upon yourselves by sheer force of example, the loyalty and affection of Your Majesty's subjects, so that together you exemplified the value in the modern world of a Monarchy united with its peoples.*

*The Duke of Edinburgh's participation in the activities of the City, especially the Livery Companies of London, was refreshing, invigorating and greatly appreciated, as was his leadership of the Award Scheme which bears his name, and many organisations in the fields of conservation, science, industry and technology. His dedication was absolute and matched by an abiding interest in the arts and a concern for the proper debate of spiritual and religious subjects.*

*It is our conviction that the achievements of His Royal Highness, together with his loyalty and high ideals will remain his memorial and a fitting inspiration to everyone for the future."*

**The meeting commenced at 2.50 pm and ended at 2.55 pm**

**BARRADELL.**

# Report of the Independent Persons Appointment Panel

## Appointment of Independent Persons

*To be presented on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

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

### **SUMMARY**

Following the submission of Lord Lisvane's Review of the City Corporation's Governance in September 2020, a resolution of the Court of Common Council (8 October 2020) had the effect that consideration of aspects of the Review relating to the Standards Regime would need to be taken first and, as such, following extensive engagement with Members, the Court were able to consider and approve a number of proposals in relation to Standards made by Lord Lisvane at its 14 January 2021 meeting and authorised the Town Clerk to take such actions as were required to give effect to the decisions taken and facilitate their implementation.

One such action was around the recruitment and appointment of a panel of nine Independent Persons. It was agreed that an open and transparent recruitment process should be employed, with the Chair of Policy & Resources, the Chief Commoner, and the Chair of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen (or their representatives) acting as an interview panel and empowered to put recommendations for appointment to the Court.

The purpose of this report is therefore to seek the Court's approval of the recommendations of that appointment panel, namely, to appoint the seven individuals named within this report as Independent Persons.

It should be noted that a further, second round of recruitment is now underway in order to appoint a further two Independent Persons and to ensure that the desired panel of nine individuals is achieved. A future report on any subsequent recommendations for appointment will be put to this Court in due course.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Appointment Panel would be pleased to secure the valued services of Ms Miranda Carruthers-Watt, Mr Robert Coyle, Ms Christine Fraser, Mr Tom Ketteley, Ms Amanda Orchard, Mr Gary Rogers and Ms Atiyyah Younis and would, therefore, **recommend** their appointment as Independent Members of the City of London Corporation.

## MAIN REPORT

### *Creation of an Independent Panel*

1. Lord Lisvane's recommendations pertaining to Standards included a recommendation *"that the Corporation should set up an Independent Panel composed only of independent persons, and charge that Panel with:*
  - *receiving allegations of misconduct referred to it by the Monitoring Officer;*
  - *deciding whether any allegation should be investigated;*
  - *on the basis of the allegation, determining whether there has been a breach of the code of Conduct;*
  - *reporting that determination, together with a full report of the facts, to the Court for endorsement;*
  - *hearing any appeal (the appeal function will of course need to be separated rigorously from the assessment and determination function)*
  - *after determination, and appeal if necessary, recommending an appropriate sanction, giving reasons, as necessary."*

### *Process*

2. This Court, at its 14 January 2021 meeting, endorsed this proposal as well as the adoption of Lisvane's recommendations in the form of a three-stage process, to be operated by the Independent Panel:
  - The first stage to be a more informal / conciliatory nature, seeking to resolve swiftly those issues which might be addressed through dispute resolution or a conversation and apology (with external dispute resolution advice to be made available to the Panel as it deems appropriate and a suitable protocol produced for such stage to be produced).
  - The second stage to then be the formal Hearing process, utilising the Independent Panel, as outlined by Lisvane (i.e. determination of investigation and breach and reporting to the Court of Common Council for endorsement).
  - The third stage to be the Appeal stage, the Panel for which should also include a minority of Members of the Court of Common Council, to help provide any relevant internal context.

It was decided that the Panel should be supported by the Comptroller & City Solicitor, as the Monitoring Officer, including in respect of the production of rules and procedures as time progresses, with clerking or administrative support also provided by the Town Clerk's department in the usual way.

### *Composition*

3. This Court agreed with Lisvane's comments in relation to the need for a membership of sufficient size, to ensure that the sub-panels at the hearing and appeal stages could be comprised of entirely different Panel Members, although drawn from the same overall pool and directed that a panel of nine individuals, ought to be secured, utilising staggered terms to provide for both continuity and turnover.



#### *Dispensations*

4. Whilst distinct from the complaints process, the Court also reflected on the recent experiences concerning dispensations and the significant benefits of applications being determined independently. Consequently, it was agreed that responsibility for considering dispensations should also be granted to the new Independent Panel. It was noted, however, that responsibility for decision-making must legally remain with the Court of Common Council, or one of its committees, sub-committees, officers, or another local authority or joint committee; therefore, the Independent Panel could only make recommendations as to whether or not dispensations should be granted or refused. Your Court recommended, therefore, that authority be vested in the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Court of Common Council, to make determinations regarding applications for dispensations upon the recommendation of the Independent Panel (i.e. exercising a ratification function).
5. Further, it was observed that an urgent decision in respect of an application may be required from time-to-time, the timescales such that it was not possible for the Independent Panel to consider the application. To that end, it was recommended that the Comptroller and City Solicitor also be authorised to make determinations as to urgent applications, should they arise.

#### *Recruitment and Appointment*

6. It was agreed that an open and transparent recruitment process should be employed, with the Chair of Policy & Resources, the Chief Commoner, and the Chair of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen (or their representatives) acting as an interview panel and empowered to put recommendations for appointment to the Court, with the Town Clerk authorised to advertise and undertake a recruitment process in consultation with the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee, the Chief Commoner, and the Chair of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen (or their nominated representatives) .

#### *Appointment Process*

7. The appointment process for the new Independent Panel was commenced in February 2021 and ran until March 2021. Following discussion with the Appointment Panel, advertisements were placed on the City of London's webpages, in City AM online and also in the Law Gazette.
8. Applicants were informed that the City were seeking to appoint a panel of individuals with relevant experience in the private or public sectors and individuals who would both promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Corporation's elected Members and co-opted Members when dealing with the business of the Corporation.

It was also made clear that an Independent Person cannot be someone who, at the time of appointment:

- has been a Member, Co-opted Member or officer of the City of London Corporation in the previous five years; or
- is a relative or close friend of a Member or officer of the City of London Corporation.

9. This Court was also supportive of remuneration for Independent Persons recommending the utilisation of the standard rate for public appointments, to help ensure strong candidates could be attracted and retained. The position was, therefore, advertised with a daily attendance allowance of £300 and reasonable travel expenses also reimbursed. Attendance depends on the number and complexity of cases to be dealt with as well as any necessary briefing and training sessions.
10. Following a shortlisting process and assessment by the Panel, seven candidates were shortlisted and invited to attend interview in April 2021.
11. The Panel were unanimously of the view that all seven of the candidates interviewed were particularly strong and that all would be a great asset to the City of London's Standards Regime in terms of the breadth and relevance of their knowledge and experience.
12. The purpose of this report is, therefore, to seek the Court's formal approval for the recommendations of the Appointment Panel – that seven candidates (Ms Miranda Carruthers-Watt, Mr Robert Coyle, Ms Christine Fraser, Mr Tom Kettleley, Ms Amanda Orchard, Mr Gary Rogers and Ms Atiyyah Younis) be appointed as Independent Persons.
13. The Committee on Standards in Public Life had recommended that Independent Persons be appointed for a fixed term of two years, renewable once. The Court considered this at their 14 January 2021 meeting and resolved that a fixed term of office of two years, renewable twice, be adopted for the City Corporation's Independent Persons. It was also felt that the terms of the Independent Persons should, ideally, be staggered.
14. As the Court has directed that a Panel of nine Independent Persons be recruited, and in line with the directive around staggered terms, we would therefore **recommend** that the Town Clerk is authorised to draw lots to ensure that five of the nine be appointed for an initial two year term and the remaining four for initial one year terms.

#### *Details of Recommended Appointees*

15. **Miranda Carruthers-Watt** qualified as a Solicitor in 1987 and is currently registered with the SRA as a Freelance Solicitor. She has over 30 year's experience in providing strategic leadership, legal advice, and senior management support to both the public and private sectors. She has an extensive governance and regulatory background and has been involved in the development and delivery of complex transformation projects and organisational change.

She has extensive experience delivering training on governance, strategy and transformational change at a local regional and national level. She has substantial experience as a Monitoring Officer in dealing with Standards matters and related complaints in Local Authorities, Police Authorities and relating to Policing and Police and Crime Commissioners. Since her retirement as the City

Solicitor and Monitoring Officer of Salford Council, she has built a non-executive portfolio, supporting local authorities with both strategic support and a focus on standards and governance matters.

16. **Robert Coyle** is an experienced Chartered Accountant and business executive, now building a portfolio of part time roles. As part of this he now works with organisations either in or closely connected to local government and is also heavily involved in issues of good governance. He is a Member of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Reigate & Banstead Council, he sits on the Board of a large multi academy trust – dealing a lot with both the DfE and Surrey County Council and is a NED/Audit Committee Member on various corporate entities. All this has built a strong interest in issues of how local government works, what it is trying to do and why it is important. In this context he has a good understanding of the demands and pressures placed upon those in public service.

He has over twenty-five years' experience of working in senior roles in the City – at Coopers & Lybrand/PwC, KPMG and Capita.

17. **Christine Fraser** is a law graduate, admitted solicitor and holds a current Practising Certificate. In recent years she has worked for a number of professional regulators and in areas of dispute resolution. She is currently working as an Ombudsman at the Financial Ombudsman Service. She has a wide range of experience at both senior management, board level, in dispute resolution and professional regulation.

She has held senior management roles, such as Head of Registration at the RCVS, where she was a member of the senior management team. She was also Town Clerk and Chief Financial Officer at a Town Council, so working as the Senior Executive Officer in a political environment. Her role as Town Clerk together with her earlier career in Local Government has provided a good understanding of the roles and work of Members of Council and issues that relate to this work. In more recent years, she has been involved in dispute resolution and is a panel member on the Referrals Panel at the SSRO.

18. **Tom Kettleley** is a Solicitor by profession. He was admitted to the profession in 2012. In 2016 he secured his Higher Rights of Audience enabling him to advocate in certain civil courts in England & Wales. He joined Bates Wells Braithwaite LLP in 2010 to complete his training. In 2012 he qualified into the firm's leading immigration department. In 2014 he moved to the Government Legal Department. He joined the Litigation Directorate where he advised the Home Office in connection with immigration judicial review proceedings and also statutory appeal proceedings in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

In 2017, he transferred to the Home Office to design and introduce professional career development opportunities and oversee an operational legal team. He also holds operational responsibility for the multisite legal team which manages most of the complex cases that reach the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

He is also currently serving as an Independent Panel Member for the Greater London Authority, and has a track record in supporting fair, open and transparent recruitment processes at a senior level.

19. **Amanda Orchard** currently serves as an Independent Person at Kings Lynn Borough Council, a Lay Invited Review Member of the Royal College of Surgeons a Disciplinary Panel Member of England Netball and British Canoeing and is also a JP.

Her professional background is in marketing and communication where she has demonstrable experience, dealing with personnel at all levels, leading cross functional teams.

20. **Gary Rogers** has spent over 30 years dealing with, and conducting investigations into, complaints of a variety of allegations.

Throughout his career he has worked with the City of London in varying degrees, from assisting City of London Police in criminal investigations, undergoing training by the City of London Economic Crime Academy and assisting the Corporation of London in dealing with staff misconduct.

Mr Rogers was previously employed by Transport for London managing a team of 200 staff, dealing with misconduct, behavioural complaints and allegations, complaints from customers and also conducting criminal investigations into staff fraud and theft.

21. **Atiyyah Younis** has served as a member on the Independent Advisory Group to Bedfordshire Police for a number of years. She has worked in the City for several years and qualified as a solicitor in 2017. In her current role she works as a legal case manager for NHS Resolution in London defending the NHS against medical negligence claims.

In previous roles, she has gained ample experience working for Regulatory Bodies investigating high profile fitness to practise concerns relating to competence, misconduct and health. She has conducted numerous investigations involving large corporations and high-profile individuals.

### **Conclusion**

22. The Appointment Panel mandated by this Court to oversee the recruitment of a panel of Independent Persons and put forward recommendations for appointment hereby **recommend** that the seven persons named within this report (Ms Miranda Carruthers-Watt, Mr Robert Coyle, Ms Christine Fraser, Mr Tom Ketteley, Ms Amanda Orchard, Mr Gary Rogers and Ms Atiyyah Younis) be appointed as Independent Persons of the City of London Corporation for initial terms of either one or two years so that appointments may be staggered in line with the wishes of this Court. It is **recommended** that authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to determine the varying terms of office for each Independent Person by drawing lots.

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

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Appointment Panel.

**Alderman Sir David Wootton**  
Chairman of the Independent Persons Appointment Panel

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# Report – City of London Police Authority Board

## Appointment of Independent External Member

*To be presented on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

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

### SUMMARY

The constitution of your City of London Police Authority Board allows for the recruitment of four external individuals (i.e. not Members of the Common Council) to the Board, through an open process. In August 2017, a selection panel recommended one candidate for appointment to the position – Andrew Lentin. Mr Lentin was subsequently appointed by the Court to the City of London Police Authority Board (then Police Committee) for a four-year term, commencing 21 September 2017.

Following the unanimous support of Members of the Police Authority Board, the Court's approval is now sought for the re-appointment of external member, Andrew Lentin, to the City of London Police Authority Board for a four-year term commencing 21 September 2021.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Court of Common Council is **recommended** to approve the re-appointment of Andrew Lentin to the City of London Police Authority Board for a four-year term, commencing on 21 September 2021.

### MAIN REPORT

#### Background

1. The constitution of your City of London Police Authority Board now allows for the recruitment of four external individuals (i.e. not Members of the Common Council) onto the Committee, through an open process.
2. Andrew Lentin was appointed to a vacancy on the Board in September 2017 for this first term. Effective from April 2021, the Court approved a maximum continuous service limit of three terms of four years. Mr Lentin is therefore eligible to stand for a further two terms. After four-years of dedicated service to the Police Authority, including leadership on behalf of the Authority in the Force's Transform programme, Members of the Board unanimously agreed to recommend Andrew for re-appointment.

#### Proposal

3. It is proposed that the Court of Common Council be asked to appoint Andrew Lentin to the City of London Police Authority Board for a further term of four-years commencing 21 September 2021.

**Conclusion**

4. In agreeing to the recommendation of this report, and approving the appointment of an external Member to the City of London Police Authority Board, the Court of Common Council will enable the Board to fill a forthcoming vacancy, and to continue to benefit from the insight and expertise of a candidate that has valuable knowledge of the City, working with the community, businesses and public service bodies.

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

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

**Deputy James Thomson**  
Chair, City of London Police Authority Board



## Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

### Applications for Hospitality

*To be presented on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

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

**(a) Emergency Services Day Flag Raising 2021**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a flag raising and breakfast reception on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to mark Emergency Services Day. Emergency Services Day is a nationally recognized annual event to show public support for those who work and volunteer in the emergency services.

The event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: to prepare our response to natural and man-made threats (outcome 1a); to tackle terrorism, violent and acquisitive crime, fraud, cyber-crime and anti-social behaviour and facilitate justice (outcome 1b); to protect consumers and users of buildings, streets and public spaces (outcome 1c); and to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk (outcome 1d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a flag-raising ceremony followed by light refreshments and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

**(b) Reverend Canon David Parrott Retirement Reception**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a late afternoon reception in the Old Library in Autumn 2021 to mark the retirement of the Reverend Canon David Parrott.

The Reverend Canon David Parrott will retire as Guild Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry Church this autumn. He was appointed in 2009 and throughout his tenure in office has played an active role in the City and supported both the City Corporation and Livery. In recognition of his service, it is proposed a reception be held to mark his retirement.

The event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: to provide access to world-class heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); to bring together individuals and communities to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); and to advocate and facilitate greater levels of giving time, skills, knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

**(c) Launch of EY report on the impact of major sporting events on soft power, trade and investment.**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a presentation and panel discussion on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to launch the EY report on the impact of major sporting events on soft power, trade and investment. The intention would be for the event to be delivered in a hybrid (in person and virtual) format.

In November 2020, the City Corporation commissioned EY to carry out a study to analyse how major sporting events can produce soft power, trade and investment benefits. A key aim of the report was to make recommendations about how such events might be better harnessed in the future by Government, business and event organisers.

The event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: to strengthen local, regional, national and international relationships to secure new opportunities for business, collaboration and innovation (outcome 7b); to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c); and to protect, curate and promote world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

**(d) The Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew – 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reception**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception at Guildhall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 following a service at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Hospital of St Bartholomew.

The Event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: that people enjoy good health and wellbeing (outcome 2); bring people, individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); and contribute to protecting, curating and promoting world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

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

DATED this of 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

**Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney**  
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party



## List of Applications for the Freedom

*To be presented on Thursday, 13th May, 2021*

*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.

<b>Steven Andrew Aspinall</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Financial Company Director  <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Marylebone, London
<b>Nicholas James Austin</b> <i>David Frank Newman</i> <i>Christopher John Livett</i>	an Estate Agent and Boat Broker <i>Citizen and Carpenter</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Putney, London
<b>Katie Victoria Banks</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Matthew Legh Preston Bell, CC</i>	an Academic Skills Tutor <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen &amp; Common Councillor</i>	Poplar, London
<b>Baroness Falkner of Margravine</b> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>Deputy</i> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	a Member of the House of Lords <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Chelsea, London
<b>Richard Charles Frank Bowdidge</b> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Insurance Broker <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Colchester, Essex
<b>Lauren Clark</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Sports Television Producer  <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Mortlake
<b>Daniel Cope</b>  <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Information Technology Company Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Maidenhead, Berkshire
<b>Nigel Christopher St John Cross</b> <i>Jeremy Christopher Charles Cross</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	an Insurance Director.  <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Singapore
<b>Michael Flatley</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	an Entertainer  <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	County Cork, Ireland

<b>Olivia Ruth Garfield, CBE</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Water Services Company Chief Executive Officer  <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Wandsworth, London
<b>Edward Patrick Jordan, OBE</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	an Entrepreneur & Former F1 Team Owner  <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Monaco, Principality of Monaco
<b>Amanda Mackenzie, OBE</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	a Charity Chief Executive  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Wandsworth, London
<b>Lt. Col. Anthony Charles Emmanuel Marinos</b> <i>David Laxton</i> <i>Ian David Spring</i>	a Regular Army Officer  <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Warminster, Wiltshire
<b>Shirley Patricia Maud Meyers</b> <i>Deputy Andrien Meyers</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	a Marketing and Events Specialist <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Sutton, Surrey
<b>John Gerard O'Brien</b>  <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i> <i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i>	The Chief Executive of London Councils <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>  <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Brentwood, Essex
<b>Nicholas Robson Owen</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	a Professional & Business Services Chairman  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Haslemere, Surrey
<b>Charlotte Elizabeth Radcliffe</b> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Nutritionist <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Buntingford, Hertfordshire
<b>Charles David Randell, CBE</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i>	The Chair of the Financial Conduct Authority  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Dulwich, London
<b>Helen Louise Von Trotsenburg</b> <i>Jeremy Christopher Charles Cross</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	a Charity Fundraiser <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Tonbridge, Kent
<b>William Joel Waldock</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ashley Silverton</i>	a Medical Student   <i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
<b>Richard Watts</b> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, Deputy</i> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	The Leader of Islington Council <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Holloway, London

# Report – City of London Police Authority Board

## Refreshed City of London Policing Plan 2020-23

*To be presented on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

*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 2020-23 informs the community, stakeholders and staff how the City area is to be policed. The Force and Court of Common Council (in its capacity as a police authority) are required to continue to publish a policing plan by the Police Act 1996 due to being exempt from the legislative requirement to publish a police and crime plan.

Policing plans must have regard to any national strategic policing priorities stipulated by the Home Secretary. Such priorities are currently articulated by the Strategic Policing Requirement; the Force's approach to this appears in the Plan. Additionally, the Plan takes account of Government policy statements regarding reducing crime, addressing antisocial behaviours, supporting the vulnerable, accountability and value for money.

The original 2020-23 Plan was approved by the Police Authority Board in March 2020, but there is a requirement to review and republish the Plan annually. In order to inform this year's version, wide ranging consultation was undertaken, including a Court of Common Council Member Briefing held on 8 March 2021, and the annual community survey. The Plan was refreshed in response to this consultation and approved by the Police Authority Board in March 2021 and is hereby submitted to the Court for information.

A web version of the report has been produced this year which can be found at <https://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/police-forces/city-of-london-police/areas/city-of-london/about-us/about-us/policing-plan/>

### RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the report.

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

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

**Deputy James Thomson**  
Chair, City of London Police Authority Board

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## Report – Ballot Result and Appointment (Bridge House Estates Board)

*To be presented on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

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

### SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. Ahead of the April 2021 meeting of the Court of Common Council, expressions of interest were sought in respect of the several vacancies on committees for the forthcoming year, with ballots held where the number of Members in nomination exceeded the number of vacancies available. This included a ballot for eight vacancies on the Bridge House Estates Board.
2. Following the close of poll for these vacancies, the ballots were counted and, for the Bridge House Estates Board, the vote resulted in a tie for the final place, between Paul Martinelli and Jeremy Simons.
3. Consequently, at the Court of Common Council on 15 April 2021, Members agreed to a further indicative ballot taking place between the two candidates, following which, the successful candidate would be appointed under urgency procedures (in accordance with the ballot outcomes), in the interests of expediency and thereby allowing the successful Member to join the Board in time for its first meeting.
4. A further indicative ballot was, therefore, undertaken electronically, with Members asked to submit their votes by 5.00pm on Monday 19 April.
5. Following the close of poll, at 5.30pm on Monday 19 April the ballots were opened under the watch of the scrutineers appointed by the Lord Mayor (Deputy Brian Mooney, the Chief Commoner, and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark, the Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee), and the results confirmed as set out below:-

#### **Bridge House Estates Board** (one vacancy).

		<b>Votes</b>
Paul Nicholas Martinelli	-	61
Jeremy Lewis Simons, O.B.E.	-	28

#### **Successful candidate:**

- Paul Martinelli

6. Paul Martinelli was, therefore, appointed under urgency procedures to the Bridge House Estates Board for a two-year term, expiring April 2023, in keeping with the will of this Court.

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## 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 Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

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

#### **Bills**

#### **Date in force**

#### **Non-Domestic Rating (Lists) Act 2021 c. 8**

15th March 2021

This Act sets the date of the next business rate revaluation at 1 April 2023 and moves the latest date for publishing the draft rating list from 30 September to 31 December in the year preceding the revaluation.

#### **Statutory Instruments**

#### **The Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Change of Expiry Date) Regulations 2021 No. 441**

1st April 2021

Section 20 of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (the 2020 Act) grants the Secretary of State powers to amend or modify the effect of specified corporate insolvency or governance legislation in Great Britain by Regulations. Under the 2020 Act, the power to make Regulations under section 20 was due to expire on 30 April 2021. These Regulations substitute the date so that Regulations made using that power may not be made after 29th April 2022.

#### **The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps and Local Authority Enforcement Powers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 No. 455**

12th April 2021

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021, to relax Coronavirus restrictions by moving England from the Step 1 area to the Step 2 area. The change took effect on 12th April 2021. The Regulations also make minor amendments to the definition of “linked household” and clarify that customers may enter premises serving alcohol to pay for their food and drink, in addition to other minor amendments.

#### **The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Order 2021 No. 467**

16th April 2021

This Order amends the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (GPDO). The GPDO provides for the granting of permission for certain classes of development without the requirement for a planning application to be made. This Order is intended to support hospitality businesses and historic visitor attractions to utilise outdoor space as coronavirus restrictions are lifted, by introducing a new temporary permitted development right in force from 16 April 2021 until 1 January 2022 to allow, subject to specified limitations and restrictions, for the provision of moveable structures on land within the curtilage of cafes, restaurants and drinking establishments including where these are listed buildings, and historic visitor attractions only where they are listed buildings.

**The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2021**

21 April 2021

This Direction replaces The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009 and requires local planning authorities in England to consult the Secretary of State before granting planning permission for Green Belt development, development outside town centres, World Heritage Site development, playing field development, flood risk area development or commemorative object development, where the application is received on or after 21 April 2021.

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

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