



# RUSSELL, MAYOR

## COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

22nd July 2021  
MEMBERS PRESENT

### ALDERMEN

Emma Edhem  
Sir Peter Estlin  
John Garbutt  
Alison Gowman

Robert Charles Hughes-Penney  
Gregory Jones QC  
Vincent Thomas Keaveny  
Alastair John Naisbitt King

Ian David Luder  
Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons  
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman  
William Anthony Bowater Russell

### COMMONERS

Munsur Ali  
Randall Keith Anderson  
Douglas Barrow  
Matthew Bell  
John Bennett  
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith  
Mark Bostock  
Deputy Michael John Cassidy  
John Douglas Chapman  
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst  
Simon D'Olier Duckworth  
Deputy Peter Gerard Dunphy  
John Ernest Edwards  
Helen Lesley Fentimen

John William Fletcher  
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks  
Caroline Wilma Haines  
The Revd Stephen Decatur  
Haines  
Sheriff Christopher Michael  
Hayward  
Deputy Tom Hoffman  
Ann Holmes  
Michael Hudson  
Deputy Wendy Hyde  
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi  
Angus Knowles-Cutler  
Deputy Edward Lord

Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie  
Deputy Robert Allan Merrett  
Deputy Andrien Gereith Dominic  
Meyers  
Deputy Brian Desmond Francis  
Mooney  
Deputy Alastair Michael Moss  
Deputy Barbara Patricia Newman  
Deputy James Henry George  
Pollard  
Jason Paul Pritchard

Stephen Douglas Quilter  
Deputy Richard David Regan  
James de Sausmarez  
Deputy John George Stewart Scott  
Jeremy Lewis Simons  
Deputy Tom Sleigh  
Deputy James Michael Douglas  
Thomson  
James Richard Tumbridge  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley  
Deputy Philip Woodhouse  
Dawn Linsey Wright

#### 1. Resolution of Condolence

*Resolved unanimously* – “That the sincere condolences of this Court be extended following the sad death on 13 June of:-

Newman, B.P.,  
C.B.E., Deputy;  
Mooney, B.D.F.,  
Deputy

Mrs Joyce Carruthers Nash, O.B.E.

Our long-time colleague and friend, a valued Member of this Court representing the Ward of Aldersgate for almost 38 years. Her funeral took place on 7 July in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, the church of the City of London Corporation.

The Corporation, its elected members and staff meant a great deal to Joyce. She had no close family and, over the years, the people at Guildhall became the next best thing. As each new Member was elected, she wrote to congratulate and welcome them and offer help and advice if needed. She was similarly welcoming to all staff members, one of whom wrote recently to say that she remembered Joyce as being the first person to welcome her to the Barbican.

Joyce kept in touch with many many people, asking about spouses, partners and children, learning and remembering their names – and, in some cases, the names of their dogs! Since we lost Joyce I'm finding that the grapevine does not work nearly as well as it did.

She had a great gift for friendship: Joyce loved people. At social gatherings she could join any group and instantly strike up a rapport with someone. Those who met her would remember her and enquire how she was long afterwards. And if she came across someone from Yorkshire, her home territory, that was a huge bonus.

Her life was long, busy and varied, and touched the lives of hundreds of people who will long remember her. She leaves behind an admirable legacy."

The Court proceeded to pause for a moment's silence and reflection.

- 2. Apologies      The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
- 3. Declarations    There were no additional declarations.
- 4. Minutes        *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
- 5. Mayoral  
engagements      The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor took the opportunity to update the Court on his recent engagement programme.
- 6. Policy  
Statement        The Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee provided the Court with an update on the City's COVID Recovery and re-opening activities.

## 7. CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

**(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)**

30 June 2021

### **Appointment of Commissioner of Police for the City of London**

In accordance with Standing Order No. 63, the City of London Police Authority Board submitted a candidate for appointment to the Office of Commissioner of Police for the City of London. Details of the candidate and the interview and assessment process were set out in an accompanying confidential report at Item 23.

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 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.

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

*Resolved* – that the public be excluded from the meeting for the interview of the candidate for Commissioner, together with the consideration of other non-public items of business, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

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

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

The Court proceeded to ballot on the appointment.

Whilst the ballot count was conducted and the public excluded, the Court proceeded to consider Items 22 to 27.

The ballot for the Commissioner having been taken up and cast, the Lord Mayor declared Angela McLaren to have been appointed.

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. 63(1), appointed Angela McLaren to be Commissioner.

Whereupon The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor declared Ms McLaren to be duly appointed to the Office of Commissioner of Police for the City of London subject to receipt of approval of Her Majesty The Queen (to be sought in accordance with Section III of the City of London Police Act 1839) and to the taking of an Oath before one of Her Majesty's Judges, on the usual terms and conditions relating to the appointment of Chief Officers and subject to such other regulations as this Court had 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.

Angela McLaren accepted the appointment, thanked the Court and withdrew.

*Resolved* – That Angela McLaren be appointed to the Office of Commissioner of Police for the City of London on a date to be confirmed subject to receipt of the approval of Her Majesty The Queen (to be sought in accordance with Section III of the City of London Police Act 1839) and subsequently to the candidate taking an Oath before one of her Majesty's Judges.

8. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)**

3 June 2021

**Members' Financial Support Policy**

The Court was recommended to approve a series of proposals relating to the implementation of a new Members' Financial Support Policy and associated implications in respect of other existing arrangements.

The Deputy Chairman spoke to introduce the report, outlining the role the Scheme played in the Committee's aspirations to enhance the diversity of the Court of Common Council and ensure that prospective candidates for election to the Court were not deterred from standing for election for any reason.

In response to queries, the Deputy Chairman advised that the rationale behind the

Scheme's introduction in October was to enable prospective candidates for the 2022 elections to be reassured that the Scheme was in place and operating properly, prior to them making a decision as to whether or not to stand. He also clarified that participation in the Scheme was optional and it would, therefore, be a matter for individual Members to determine whether or not they wished to claim remuneration. Finally, the Deputy Chairman confirmed that the Scheme as proposed here did not include any Special Responsibility Allowances; however, these could be incorporated in future within an adapted Scheme should that become the will of the Court.

*Resolved – That: -*

1. The final Members' Financial Support Policy be approved, including the Extended Members Support Scheme section.
2. The current policy on claims for travel expenses where expense reimbursement only applies when travelling from Guildhall to undertake City Corporation business be reconfirmed.
3. The Scheme be administered by an external third party who would receive and validate applications before passing to the City Corporation for payment, with the appointment being made in accordance with the City Corporation's procurement policy.
4. Members be permitted to claim from the Scheme as soon as it is settled, and a scheme administrator is appointed i.e. with effect from October 2021.
5. Notwithstanding desires for anonymity, Internal Audit be given free and unfettered access to information when necessary and decide whether payments should be publicised in aggregate or by named recipients.
6. It be noted that the potential annual cost of the Extended Member Support element of the Members Financial Support Policy with full take up is £937,500 (not including employer's National Insurance Contributions where payable or the cost of the scheme administrator).
7. The cost of the Scheme be split across City Fund and City's Cash on a suitable, allocation criteria, e.g. Committee/Board time, employer's pensions contributions or on the basis on which we split corporate departmental time.
8. Subject to approval of the scheme and the implementation date, it be noted that part year costs incurred in the financial year 2021/22, will be funded from one-off contingencies included within the budget that are no longer needed. Future costs would be included in the 2022/23 budget setting and medium-term financial planning.

9. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE, BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES BOARD, CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD**

(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)  
(Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson)  
(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)

14 July 2021

**Modern Slavery Update**

The City Corporation's Modern Slavery Statement, developed in response to the

Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the 2015 Act) in November 2018, was a voluntary statement which reflected the City Corporation's commitment to responsible business principles across all of its activities, as well as its wider responsibilities under the 2015 Act in relation to the diverse functions it undertook. It had been intended to publish an annual update to track progress in 2018; however, this had been delayed due to disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Approval was now sought to publish and adopt an update to the published statement that included areas of improvement since the initial statement and relevant statistics from the 2020/21 financial year. As with the original statement, the update encompassed all the City Corporation's functions, including as corporate Trustee of Bridge House Estates.

Marianne Fredericks made reference to the Statement's recognition of the Corporation's responsibilities in working to eliminate modern day slavery through its activities. Noting the Global Slavery Index's rankings concerning China, she questioned how these responsibilities could be reconciled with the City Corporation's ongoing engagement with China and the promotion of the Financial and Professional Services industry there, asking if the Deputy Chairman of Policy & Resources would acknowledge this tension and raise concerns with the Chinese government. Responding, the Deputy Chairman articulated his view that foreign affairs and the question of foreign affairs policy generally was an issue for Her Majesty's Government, not the City Corporation, with the Corporation's duty being to promote trade globally. He expressed his absolute condemnation of modern slavery and human rights abuses around the world, wherever they were found.

*Resolved* – That the Court of Common Council approve the proposed policy update to the City Corporation's Modern Slavery Statement published in 2018, as set out at Appendix 1.

## 10. **INDEPENDENT PERSONS APPOINTMENT PANEL**

**(Alderman Sir David Wootton)**

1 July 2021

### **Independent Persons Appointment Panel**

The Court proceeded to consider recommendations concerning the appointment of Independent Persons of the new standards regime, pursuant to the resolution of the Court of 14 January 2021.

*Resolved* – That Mr Rahul Sinha and Mr Philip Thicknesse be appointed as Independent Members of the City of London Corporation.

## 11. 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: -

<b>Dame Catherine Elizabeth Bingham</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Venture Capitalist	Primrose Hill, London
<b>Vanessa Brady, OBE</b> <i>Christopher David McDonald</i> <i>Nicholas Garnish</i>	<i>Citizen and Farmer</i> an Interior Designer <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Knightsbridge, London

<b>John Miles Butler</b> <i>Jeremy Christopher Charles Cross</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	an Asset Manager <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Clonskeagh, Dublin, Ireland
<b>Ashley Pendleton Clark</b> <i>William Paret Boswell</i> <i>Peter Kurrild-Klitgaard</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	Dallas, Texas, United States of America
<b>James Michael Dennis-Smith</b> <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>David O'Reilly</i>	a Paralegal <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Surrey Quays, London
<b>Philip Graham Donald</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Managing Director  <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Battersea, London
<b>Jennifer Field, OBE</b>  <i>Alison Jane Gowman, Ald.</i> <i>Dhruv Patel, OBE, CC</i>	a Charitable Foundation Deputy Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Loxwood, West Sussex
<b>Amelia Sarah Virginia Helen Fox</b> <i>Rodney John Fox</i> <i>Peter James Bottomley, MP</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Draper</i>	Kennington, London
<b>Antonia Poppy Longworth Hansen</b>  <i>Martin Victor Edwards</i> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i>	an Associate Management Consultant <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Chelsea, London
<b>David Allan Izzard</b> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Commercial Finance Broker <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Hornchurch, Essex
<b>Christopher John Jeffery</b> <i>Ian Pamplin</i> <i>Lewis Conquer</i>	a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	Dowlish Wake, Somerset
<b>Veronica Louise Pearce</b> <i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	a Funding Officer <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Chesham, Buckinghamshire
<b>Ashley Pover</b>  <i>Timothy Christopher Ashley Hayward</i> <i>Robert George Scott Moncrieff</i>	a Financial Consultancy Company Director <i>Citizen and Mercer</i>  <i>Citizen and Dyer</i>	City of London
<b>Robert Paul Reilly</b> <i>David Benjamin Morris</i> <i>Lance Glenn Bridgman Shaw</i>	an IT Director <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i>	Balham, London
<b>Christopher Terence Smith</b> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Electrical Company Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Romford, Essex
<b>The Rt Hon the Baroness Hallett DBE</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	a retired judge of the Court of Appeal  <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Temple, City of 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.

12.  
Congratulatory  
Resolutions

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

*Resolved* – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to:-

- i) Deputy Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, MBE, on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of his services to the community in Aldgate during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ii) Jenny Field, OBE, until recently Deputy Director of the City Bridge Trust, on her recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of her services to disadvantaged communities in London.
- iii) Mickey Kelly, MBE, until recently Executive Headteacher at Redriff Primary City of London Academy, on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of his services to education and the community in Southwark.
- iv) Kay English, BEM, the City Corporation's Traffic Manager, on her award by Her Majesty the Queen of the British Empire Medal, for services to transport management in the City of London, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

13.  
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Committees: -

- (A) Four Members on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School**, for four-year terms expiring in July 2025.

**Nominations received:**

- \*Alexander Martin Robertson Barr
- \*Deputy Keith Bottomley
- \*Tim Levene
- \*Deputy Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alexander Martin Robertson Barr, Deputy Keith Bottomley, Tim Levene and Deputy Edward Lord to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for terms expiring in July 2025.

- (B) Five Members on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**, two vacancies being for the balance of terms expiring in July 2023 and three being for four-year terms expiring in July 2025.

**Nominations received:**

- \*Mary Durcan
- \*Dhruv Patel, O.B.E.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan and Dhruv Patel to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls for terms expiring in July 2025.

- (C) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School**, for a four-year term expiring in July 2025.

**Nominations received:**

\*Deputy Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, O.B.E.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School for a term expiring in July 2025.

- (D) One Member on the **Open Spaces & City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2023.

**Nominations received:**

Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Andrew Stratton McMurtrie to be appointed to the Open Spaces & City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees for a term expiring in April 2023.

- (E) One Member on the **Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2022.

**Nominations received:**

Randall Keith Anderson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Keith Anderson to be appointed to the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee for a term expiring in April 2022.

14. Motions

There were no motions.

15. Questions

Hudson, M., to the Deputy Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee

**Arrangements for the September meeting of the Court**

Michael Hudson asked a question of the Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, seeking clarity in relation to the arrangements for the Court's September meeting and requesting an undertaking for it to be held as a physical, formal meeting.

Responding, the Deputy Chairman shared his hope that, by September, Covid was sufficiently under control that no restrictions were in place and a return to "life as



normal” was possible. He added that the Policy and Resources Committee had been of the opinion that the Court should meet in person when safe to do so, hence today’s in-person meeting; however, the Committee was also mindful of the very valid concerns in respect of physical meetings at this point in time. On balance, it had felt that now was the right time for the Court to meet in person and demonstrate leadership to the City; however, in doing so, it also recognised the need to be prudent and ensure this was managed safely. This was why the Court was set-up in a more socially distanced configuration, with an outdoor lunch, and with the encouragement of the use of masks in the building and lateral flow tests before coming to Guildhall.

Notwithstanding this, the Deputy Chairman cautioned that the threat of Covid was still very real and, despite high vaccination rates, infection numbers were rising and many people were still having to self-isolate. It would, therefore, be precipitate to make any commitment now given the uncertainties of the situation in September. The City would need to follow Government directions, irrespective of personal views on physical meetings; however, the situation would be monitored very closely over the summer Members kept informed as the situation evolved.

The Deputy Chairman added that efforts continued in respect of seeking for the Government to revisit its decision to prohibit virtual participation in meetings, allowing for hybrid arrangements, such as now in place for meetings relating to the City’s non-local authority business. In the interim, steps would be taken to ensure that the published decisions taken at informal meetings under the Court’s Covid approval procedures were placed in a more accessible location on the website. He also clarified that governance-related proposals were no longer expected to come to the September meeting of the Court, in view of the slight slippage associated with various aspects.

In response to further supplementary question from Marianne Fredericks, the Deputy Chairman agreed with the importance of ensuring appropriate caution and mitigation factors were in place, so as to facilitate a safe return to the workplace and encourage workers back into the City in large numbers.

### **Staff Catering Arrangements**

In accordance with Standing Order 13(3), the Town Clerk put a question to the Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee on behalf of Oliver Sells, concerning the use of the staff canteen (“the Gild”) by the City of London School for Girls and the implications for City Corporation staff.

In reply, the Deputy Chairman reminded Members that the Gild catering contract had expired in August 2020, during the pandemic. The catering provider had already requested termination of their contract prior to this, as they had struggled to make the Gild economically viable; consequently, there had been a situation whereby there were only small numbers of staff in the building to use the facilities, and no realistic possibility of bringing in a new supplier until after Covid was over.

However, it had transpired that the City of London School for Girls was in need of additional space, both because their current dining hall was not big enough to accommodate social distancing at lunch, and because their existing dining space

was also required to be repurposed for science lessons. The opportunity to use the Gild area productively, particularly in the circumstances during a very difficult period for all school children, was therefore taken.

Recently, the Girls' School had requested that the current arrangement and use of the Gild be extended for the entire academic year 2021-2022. While this extension had been agreed, this would be as part of a shared-use plan, accommodating both school pupils and returning Corporation staff. Corporation staff had already been informed of this and that they can continue to use the space for meetings, to heat up own food from home or eat food bought at local businesses – although they could not be provided for by the School's caterer, as this would breach contractual agreements and procurement regulations.

The City Corporation continued to seek a new catering solution for the Gild in the longer-term but, in the meantime, was also looking into further initiatives to support staff returning to the workplace and particularly supporting local businesses, such as staff discount at local cafes and so on. This would not only provide staff with an affordable catering option but will also promote and help to inject much needed cash into local businesses.

In response to a supplementary question which was put on behalf of Mr Sells, the Deputy Chairman advised that the City Corporation's current procurement regulations and contractual agreements prohibited the existing on-site suppliers from catering for City Corporation staff. However, he would be happy to raise this matter at the next meeting of the Guildhall Club's House Committee to see if there was any scope to incorporate such possibilities in contracts in the longer term.

16.

## **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)**

14 July 2021

### **(A) Report of Action Taken: Formal meeting of the Court of Common Council**

The Court was recommended to note action taken under urgency procedures to allow the meeting of the Court of Common Council on 22 July 2021 to proceed on a physical basis and as a formal meeting, following the Government's relaxation of social distancing requirements in July 2021.

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

1 July 2021

### **(B) Report of Action Taken: Amendment to an Act of Court of Common Council, Aldermanic Election**

The Court was recommended to note action taken to amend an Act of Court of Common Council pertaining to Aldermanic Elections, following the sad death of Alderman Sir Roger Gifford on 25 May 2021. For various reasons, namely: the state of the 2021 Ward List and the importance of a more robust 2022 Ward List, together with a greater diversity of candidates; the Court of Common Council's decision of 8 October 2020 to postpone all Common Council elections until March 2022; and the Court of Aldermen's similar decision to waive until March 2022 the conventions relating to Surrenders of Office; the Policy and Resources Committee resolved to propose an amendment to the Act of Common Council to ensure that

any instances of Aldermanic vacancies arising from death in Office would be managed in this manner. In the usual order of things, such a recommendation would have been submitted to the Court of Common Council as a Bill for an Act of Common Council, to be considered at two successive meetings and with three readings of the Bill. However, due to the timescales set out for such elections, the Policy and Resources Committee resolved to seek the approval of the Court to the relevant amendments under urgency procedures (Standing Order No.19), with the usual requirements of Standing Order No.46 (requiring the circulation of the Bill for three readings) explicitly waived as a consequence.

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

17.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Jamie Ingham-Clark)**

22 June 2021

### **Report of Action Taken: Private Placement Borrowing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche**

The Court was recommended to note action taken under urgency procedures to enable a planned transaction in relation to second tranche of private debt on 14 July 2021, following the appointment of a new Chamberlain. The action taken authorised the new Chamberlain, Caroline Al-Beyerty, on behalf of the City Corporation to execute and deliver the Private Placement Transactions Documents to be executed under hand, by signing for and on behalf of the City Corporation in order to effect the second tranche of the Private Placement and on an ongoing basis. As the post of Deputy Chamberlain was vacant and in case anything should befall the Chamberlain, the Corporate Treasurer, Kate Limna, was also authorised on behalf of the City Corporation to execute and deliver those Private Placement Transactions Documents to be executed under hand by signing for and on behalf of the City Corporation. It had been necessary to take this action under urgency as the Court was not scheduled to meet until 22 July 2021, and the second tranche of the private placement debt was due on 14 July 2021.

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

18.

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

#### **Statutory Instruments**

**The Immigration (Restrictions on Employment and Residential Accommodation) (Prescribed Requirements and Codes of Practice) and Licensing Act 2003 (Personal and Premises Licences) (Forms) Order 2021 No. 689**

#### **Date in force**

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

This Order amends the list of documents which can be produced in order to evidence an individual's right to enter into a tenancy agreement in England. The Immigration (Residential Accommodation) Prescribed Requirements and Codes of Practice) Order 2014 sets out the prescribed requirements for eligibility checks on prospective occupiers and those occupiers

who are renewing their tenancy agreements, which must be complied with by landlords and agents. This Order amends the 2014 Order, to amend the list of documents applicable to eligibility checks. It also provides for a revised code of practice to come into force on 1st July 2021, reflecting the changes made to the 2014 Order by this Order.

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps and Other Provisions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 No. 705**

20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

These Regulations amend previous Coronavirus Regulations which came into force on 29th March 2021 and which placed restrictions on gatherings and businesses. These Regulations extend the date on which those Coronavirus Regulations expire from 30th June to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, to give legal effect to the Government's delay in lifting Coronavirus restrictions. These regulations also remove most limits on the numbers of people who may attend a wedding or civil partnership, or a commemorative event following a person's death.

**The Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Extension of the Relevant Period) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 No. 718**

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

Schedule 10 to the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 temporarily modifies aspects of corporate insolvency law so as to mitigate the effects of coronavirus, by placing restrictions on winding-up petitions. Previous Regulations have extended the period within which the temporary provision in Schedule 10 has effect. These Regulations further extend this period from 30th June 2021 until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**The Business Tenancies (Protection from Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Coronavirus) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 No. 732**

30<sup>th</sup> June 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 during the "relevant period", which was until 30th June 2020. This period has been extended several times by previous Regulations. These Regulations extend the relevant period until 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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

Read.

19. Hospital  
Seal

There were no docquets for the Seal.

20. Awards &  
Prizes

There was no report.

21. The public having been excluded during consideration of Item 6, all non-public items were considered prior to the re-admission of the public (as indicated above). The summary of the decisions taken are set out below.

**Summary of exempt items considered whilst the public were excluded:-**

22. Non-public Minutes *Resolved* – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
23. **City of London Police Authority Board**  
The Court approved the appointment of Angela McLaren to the Office of Commissioner of Police for the City of London on a date to be confirmed subject to receipt of the approval of Her Majesty The Queen (to be sought in accordance with Section III of the City of London Police Act 1839) and subsequently to the candidate taking an Oath before one of her Majesty's Judges.
24. **Policy and Resources Committee**  
The Court approved proposals in relation to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme.
25. **Bridge House Estates Board**  
The Court approved proposals in relation to the refurbishment of a property.
26. **Policy and Resources Committee**  
The Court noted actions taken under urgency procedures in relation to the Markets Consolidation Programme.
27. **Property Investment Board**  
The Court noted actions taken under urgency procedures in relation to the purchase of a long leasehold.

**The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.18 pm**

**BARRADELL.**