

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU

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



COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on
THURSDAY next, the **16th day of June, 2022**.

Members of the public can observe the public part of this meeting by following the link:

<https://youtu.be/G-SzVsUFxv8>

JOHN BARRADELL,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

*Guildhall,
Wednesday 8th June 2022*

Sir William Russell

Gregory Jones

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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**

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 19 May 2022.

For Decision
(Pages 9 - 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 Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

6 **Civic Affairs Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee**

To consider recommendations concerning the provision of hospitality.

For Decision
(Pages 33 - 34)

7 **Appointments**

To consider the following appointments:

- (A) Four Members on the **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee**, for the balance of varying terms.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Deputy John Absalom

Jason Groves

Deputy Madush Gupta

Wendy Mead

- (B) One Member on the **Port Health & Environmental Services Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2023.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Henrika Priest

- (C) Two Members on the **Community & Children's Services Committee**, for the balance of terms expiring April 2023.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Frances Leach
Natasha Lloyd-Owen

- (D) Two Members on the **Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee**, for the balance of varying terms.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Alderman Christopher Makin

- (E) Two Members on the **Pension Committee**, for terms expiring April 2024.
(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Deputy Madush Gupta
Deputy Andrien Meyers

- (F) One Member on the **Epping Forest & Commons Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2025.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Ian Bishop-Laggett
Deputy Madush Gupta
David Sales

- (G) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School**, for the balance of a term expiring July 2025.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Shahnan Bakth
Luis Tilleria

- (H) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**, for the balance of a term expiring July 2023.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Shahnan Bakth
Martha Grekos
Deputy Madush Gupta
Jaspreet Hodgson
Anett Rideg

- (I) One Member on the **Education Board**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2024.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Steve Goodman
Jason Pritchard

- (J) Two Members on the **Audit & Risk Management Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2025.
(Contest)
Nominations received:-
*Alderman Alexander Barr
James Bromiley-Davis
Aaron D'Souza
Deputy Madush Gupta
Naresh Sonpar
Luis Tilleria
Shailendra Umradia
- (K) One Member on the **Gresham Committee (City Side)**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2025.
(Contest)
Nominations received:-
Brendan Barns
Sophie Fernandes
Deputy Madush Gupta
Deputy Shravan Joshi
Deputy Henry Pollard
Deputy Nighat Qureishi
- (L) Five Members on **Christ's Hospital**, for the balance of varying terms.
(No contest)
Nominations received:-
John Foley
Alpa Raja
- (M) One Member on **Mitchell City of London Charity & Educational Foundation**, for the balance of a term expiring March 2023.
(No contest)
Nominations received:-
Deputy Susan Pearson
- (N) Two Members on **City of London Archaeological Trust**, for terms expiring May 2026.
(No contest)
Nominations received:-
Deputy Peter Dunphy
Alderman and Sheriff Alison Gowman

For Decision

8 **The Freedom of the City**

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

For Decision
(Pages 35 - 38)

9 **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 39 - 40)

10 **Ballot Results**

The Town Clerk to report the outcome of the several ballots taken at the last Court:

Where appropriate:-

★ denotes appointed.

1 One Member to the **Policy and Resources Committee.**

	Votes
Natasha Lloyd-Owen	- 33
Deputy James Thomson	- 63 ★

2 Three Members on the **Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee.**

	Votes
Brendan Barns	- 46 ★
Matthew Bell	- 73 ★
Elizabeth King	- 38
Eamonn Mullally	- 62 ★

3 Four Members on the **Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee.**

	Votes
Emily Benn	- 66 ★
Nicholas Bensted-Smith	- 39
James Bromiley-Davis	- 46 ★
Sophie Fernandes	- 49 ★
Ian Seaton	- 33
Deputy Giles Shilson	- 44 ★
James Tumbridge	- 30

4 Two Members on the **Capital Buildings (Policy and Resources) Board.**

	Votes
Martha Grekos	- 73 ★
Judith Pleasance	- 22
Oliver Sells	- 35 ★
Ian Seaton	- 19
Deputy Philip Woodhouse	- 29

5 One Member on the **City of London Reserve Forces and Cadets Association.**

	Votes
Emily Benn	- 55 ★
Alpa Raja	- 42

6 One Member on the **Board of Governors of the Museum of London.**

		First Round	Second Round	Third Round	Votes Fourth Round	Fifth Round	Final Round
Graeme Doshi-Smith	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Alderman Gregory Jones ★	-	28	30	32	34	40	45
Deputy Ann Holmes	-	21	21	21	22	27	29
Wendy Mead	-	7	8	-	-	-	-
Alpa Raja	-	11	11	11	-	-	-
Anett Rideg	-	16	16	17	18	19	-
Deputy Giles Shilson	-	8	9	12	15	-	-

With no candidate obtaining 50% of the first preference votes, the candidate with fewest first preference votes was eliminated and next preference votes (as appropriate and where indicated) were transferred. This step was repeated and, following the sixth round of counting, Alderman Gregory Jones received a majority of votes cast.

7 Two Members on **The Honourable The Irish Society.**

	Votes
Anne Corbett	- 35 ★
Jaspreet Hodgson	- 18
Tim McNally	- 33
Eamonn Mullally	- 35 ★
Alpa Raja	- 20
James Tumbridge	- 27

For Information

11 **Questions**

12 **Motions**

13 **Audit and Risk Management Committee**

To note the 2021/22 Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

For Information
(Pages 41 - 46)

14 **Policy and Resources Committee**

To note action taken under urgency procedures to correct the Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Board of Governors of the City of London School and Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School and subsequent corrections to the Standing Orders.

For Information
(Pages 47 - 48)

15 **Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials.**

16 **Docquets for the Hospital Seal.**

17 **Awards and Prizes**

MOTION

18 **By the Chief Commoner**

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, and also relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

For Decision

19 **Non-Public Minutes**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting of the Court held on 19 May 2022.

For Decision
(Pages 49 - 52)

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KEAVENY, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

19th May 2022
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman
Professor Emma Edhem
John Garbutt
Sheriff Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal
David Andrew Graves

Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Gregory Jones QC
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor Vincent Keaveny
Alastair John Naisbitt King DL
Susan Langley (Alderwoman)

Ian Luder
Sheriff Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
Bronek Masojada
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie
John David Absalom, Deputy
Caroline Kordai Addy
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Shahnan Bakth
Jamel Banda
Brendan Barns
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Matthew Bell
The Honourable Emily Sophia
Wedgwood Benn
Ian Bishop-Laggett
Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy
Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy
James Bromiley-Davis
Timothy Richard Butcher
Michael John Cassidy, Deputy
Henry Nicholas Almroth
Colthurst, Deputy
Anne Corbett

Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan
D'Souza
Simon D'Olier Duckworth, Deputy
John Ernest Edwards
Helen Lesley Fentimen
Sophie Anne Fernandes
Anthony David Fitzpatrick
John Foley
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, Deputy
Steve Goodman
Martha Grekos
John Griffiths
Jason Groves
Madush Gupta, Deputy
Caroline Wilma Haines
Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy
Jaspreet Hodgson
Ann Holmes, Deputy
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, Deputy

Florence Keelson-Anfu
Elizabeth Anne King
Tim Levene
Edward Lord, Deputy
Antony Geoffrey Manchester
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Andrew Paul Mayer
Catherine McGuinness
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Timothy James McNally
Wendy Mead
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers, Deputy
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
Eamonn James Mullally
Graham Packham, Deputy
Susan Jane Pearson, Deputy
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy
Jason Paul Pritchard

Alpa Raja
Anett Rideg
David Sales
Ruby Sayed
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy
Paul Singh
Tom Sleigh
Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
Luis Felipe Tilleria
James Richard Tumbridge
Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia
William Upton QC
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Ceri Edith Wilkins
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Introduction of Newly Elected Members

The following Members, lately elected to be of the Common Council, for the Wards mentioned, were introduced to the Court and having previously made the declaration prescribed by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, took their seats, viz:-

Name
Frances Leach
Alethea Silk

Ward
Cripplegate
Walbrook

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 Lord Mayor took the opportunity to express, on behalf of the Court, his gratitude to Catherine McGuinness for her service and many contributions during her tenure as Chair of Policy & Resources. He then reported on his recent visits to Chile and Brazil, and touched on inward visits and domestic engagements including the Easter Banquet and the Net Zero Summit.
6. Policy Statement The Policy Chairman delivered his first statement to the Court of Common Council, humbled by the opportunity to serve and lead.

Reflecting on the challenges of the past, the Policy Chairman spoke of the challenges faced by the world today, including the infringement of fundamental rights, peace and democracy.

He offered thanks to his predecessor, Catherine McGuinness, who had been dedicated in her service and demonstrated great generosity of spirit in the transition of chairmanship.

Highlighting key issues including climate change and increasing global competition, the Policy Chairman acknowledged the great responsibility of the City of London. There was an opportunity to redefine the City to safeguard its future for the years to come. With determination, resilience and capability he called on Members to stand up for our City.

Crucially, the City needed to look at resetting the post-pandemic leisure offering by harnessing entrepreneurial spirit. This would have positive impacts on small businesses. 'Destination City' would be a fundamental medium to help deliver the revitalisation of the City, as well as shifting the paradigm to ensure the importance of tourism.

The Policy Chairman touched upon the need to consider how these changes would impact residents. Safety, inclusivity, transport and diversity would be at the heart of this work going forward.

Partnerships across London would help to provide a holistic offering, building on the existing cultural strengths and complementing the City Corporations assets.

Reverting back to climate change, the Policy Chairman committed to being proactive with our approach, building on existing work whilst being more ambitious.

The Policy Chairman outlined high level plans to ensure competitiveness, referring to infrastructure investments such as 5G and transport links such as Crossrail and the Elizabeth Line. He committed to working with all of the City Corporation's

partners to ensure that London remains fiercely competitive in the marketplace of financial, insurance and professional services.

The Policy Chairman implored the Court to do a better job of engaging with its residents. Residents' meetings would be held twice a year and these would be held in more accessible locations.

In conclusion, the Policy Chairman made a final commitment to the Court, to report back on progress made within his first 100 days in office.

Deputy Mark Bostock asked a question of the Chairman of Policy & Resources regarding Destination City and whether a strategic framework should be developed for the creation of a specific Cultural Quarter (involving the Barbican Centre Renewal, London Wall West proposals and the new Museum of London)?

In response, the Chairman of Policy and Resources referenced the exciting cultural developments and initiatives coming forward in the near future. Destination City, the new Museum, Culture Mile activities and the Barbican Renewal were fantastic projects that would be transformative in defining the City as a cultural centre par excellence. Strategic thinking about how we bring everything together into one coherent and cohesive package would be needed. The Chairman wished to ensure that all these things aligned and complemented each other, such that the sum becomes greater than the value of the individual parts. The City's cultural offering was an integral part of what makes the City the premier place to do business. Now, more than ever, the City Corporation needed to maximise its offering to really showcase what a great place the City is to live and work, to be as competitive as possible in attracting business.

The Chairman provided assurances that agreed with Deputy Bostock's comments and also stated that there were already some irons in the fire on the matter. He hoped and expected that Members will be seeing more on this issue in the months ahead.

7. Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments:

Where appropriate:-

** denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

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

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Natasha Lloyd-Owen

Deputy James Thomson

Read.

- (B) Two Members on the **Barbican Residential Committee**, for the balance of terms expiring April 2023.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Anne Corbett

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Anne Corbett to be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee.

- (C) Four Members on the **Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School**, for the balance of terms expiring July 2024 and July 2023.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.

- (D) One Member on the **Markets Board**, for a term expiring April 2023.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Henry Jones

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Henry Jones to be appointed to the Markets Board.

- (E) One Member on the **City of London Police Authority Board**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2025.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Helen Fentimen

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Helen Fentimen to be appointed to the City of London Police Authority Board.

- (F) Nine Members on the **Community & Children's Services Committee**, for the balance of one-year terms expiring April 2023.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Munsur Ali

Steve Goodman

John Griffiths

Alderman Ian Luder

Deputy Susan Pearson

Read.

Sayed, R.;
Duckworth, S.D.,
O.B.E., D.L., Deputy

Ruby Sayed spoke to advise the Court of two further expressions of interest, from Caroline Addy and Sophie Fernandes, received following the close of nominations. In view of the number of vacancies on the Committee and the historic challenges in filling these places, together with the fact that further vacancies would still remain, she advanced that it would be in the best interests of the Court and the Committee to waive the usual limitations on nomination, so as to allow for the additional appointment of the aforementioned two Members this day.

Motion – That Caroline Addy and Sophie Fernandes also be nominated for appointment to the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Caroline Addy, Munsur Ali, Sophie Fernandes, Steve Goodman, John Griffiths, Alderman Ian Luder and Deputy Susan Pearson to be appointed to the Community & Children's Services Committee.

- (G) Two Members on the **Port Health and Environmental Services Committee**, for the balance of one-year terms expiring April 2023.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Jason Pritchard

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jason Pritchard to be appointed to the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee.

- (H) Three Members on the **Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee**, for the balance of one-year terms expiring April 2023.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Brendan Barns

Matthew Bell

Elizabeth King

Eamonn Mullally

Read.

- (I) Four Members on the **Civic Affairs Sub-Committee**, two for terms expiring April 2024 and two for terms expiring April 2026.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Emily Benn

Nicholas Bensted-Smith

James Bromiley-Davis

Sophie Fernandes

Ian Seaton

Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

James Tumbridge

Read.

- (J) Two Members on the **Capital Buildings Board**, for four-year terms expiring April 2026.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Martha Grekos

Judith Pleasance

Oliver Sells

Ian Seaton

Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

- (K) Three Members on the **Castle Baynard Educational Foundation & Alderman Samuel Wilson Fund**, for three-year terms expiring in March 2025.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

John Griffiths

Deputy Graham Packham

Henrika Priest

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared John Griffiths, Deputy Graham Packham and Henrika Priest to be appointed to the Castle Baynard Educational Foundation & Alderman Samuel Wilson Fund.

- (L) One Member on the **City of London Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association** for a three-year term expiring in March 2025.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Emily Benn

Alpa Raja

Read.

- (M) Six Members on **Christ's Hospital**, for vacancies of varying length expiring in March 2026, March 2025, and March 2024.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Jamel Banda

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jamel Banda to be appointed to Christ's Hospital.

- (N) One Member on **Doctor Johnson's House Trust** for the balance of a term expiring in December 2022.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

John Griffiths

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared John Griffiths to be appointed to the Doctor Johnson's House Trust.

- (O) One Member on the **Museum of London**, for the balance of a term expiring in December 2025.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Deputy Graeme Doshi-Smith

Alderman Gregory Jones

Deputy Ann Holmes

Wendy Mead

Alpa Raja

Anett Rideg

Deputy Dr Giles Shilson

Read

- (P) One Member on the **Richard Reeves Foundation**, for the balance of a term expiring in May 2024.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Ian Seaton

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ian Seaton to be appointed to the Richard Reeves Foundation.

- (Q) Two Members on **The Honourable The Irish Society**, for three-year terms expiring March 2025.

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Anne Corbett

Jaspreet Hodgson

Timothy McNally

Eamonn Mullally

Alpa Raja

James Tumbridge

Read.

- (R) One Member on the **Trust for London**, for a five-year term commencing in June 2022 and expiring in June 2022.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Alderman Sir Peter Estlin

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Sir Peter Estlin to be appointed to the Trust for London.

- (S) One Member on the **YMCA London City and North** for a three-year term expiring in March 2025.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Paul Singh

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Paul Singh to be appointed to the YMCA London City and North.

- (T) One Member on **St Luke's Parochial Trust**, for a four-year term expiring in December 2025.

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Mary Durcan

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan to be appointed to the St Luke's Parochial Trust.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on each of the foregoing contested vacancies.

The Lord Mayor appointed the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or their representatives, to be the scrutineers of the ballots.

Resolved – That the votes be counted at the conclusion of the Court and the results printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

8. **BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES BOARD**

(Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson)

27 April 2022

City Bridge Trust Funding Strategy - Extension of Bridging Divides, 2023-2028

The current policy for the application of Bridge House Estates (BHE) income under

the charity's ancillary purpose was Bridging Divides 2018-2023, which was first approved by the Court of Common in July 2017. After an interim review of Bridging Divides carried out from December 2020 to March 2021, the former City Bridge Trust (CBT) Committee approved eleven recommendations which sought to enhance the support provided to CBT grantees and develop the Bridging Divides Funding Strategy further. First among these was a recommendation to re-commit to the overarching vision and mission of Bridging Divides 2018-2023.

At its meeting in April 2022, the Bridge House Estates Board considered and agreed to endorse the recommendation, which was now put to the Court for approval. This report therefore **proposed** that the Court of Common Council re-commit to the overarching vision and mission of Bridging Divides 2018-2023 and agree to extend it for a further five years to 2028.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council re-commit to the overarching vision and mission of Bridging Divides 2018-2023 and agree to extend it for a further five years to 2028.

9. 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:-

Grace Abba <i>Louise Starling</i> <i>Kin John Lam</i>	a Personal Assistant <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Clapham, London
Yassar Abbas <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i> <i>Ald. Emma Edhem</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	Shepherds Bush, London
Zainab Fatima Ali Khan <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i>	a Film Industry Creative <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Haringey, London
Sarah Elizabeth Atkinson <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Charity Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Lewisham, London
Jamie Ronald Albert Bond <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Cross-Sector Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Farnborough, Hampshire
Amanda Victoria Brown <i>Ald. Bronislaw Edmund</i> <i>Masojada</i> <i>Henry James Ellis</i>	a Chief Human Resources Officer <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Vintner</i>	Headley, Hampshire
Lesley Bernadette Bull <i>Nicholas Simon Coletta</i> <i>Mark Richard Cooper</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Winterbourne Dauntsey, Wiltshire
Paul Michael Campbell	a Real Estate Agent	Northampton, East Midlands

<i>Timothy John Macandrews, TD JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
<i>Richard Gary Stephen Miller</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
Stuart Ian Castledine	a Chartered Accountant, retired	Cardiff, Wales
<i>Keith Shankland</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	
<i>Keith Henry Williams</i>	<i>Citizen and Engineer</i>	
Vivien Blanche Clark	a Production Controller, retired	Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire
<i>Lucy Blanche Riley</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<i>Gareth Robert Ledsham</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
Michael Rowland Crossan	a Recycling Services Company Chairman	Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>		
Alfred Davidson	a Defence & Security Project Manager	Plymouth, Devon
<i>Alan Roy Willis</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
<i>John James Tunesi of Liongarn, The Younger</i>	<i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	
Michael William Day	a Picture Framer	Bristol
<i>Jon Russell Harrison</i>	<i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	
<i>Peter Gerard Slack</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
Bryan John Joe D'souza	a Strategic Partnership Manager	Greenford, Middlesex
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	
<i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>		
Malcolm Louis England	a Plasterer (retired)	Bristol
<i>Jon Russell Harrison</i>	<i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	
<i>Peter Gerard Slack</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
Miles Christopher Robert Featherstone	an Assistant Harbour Master	Chatham, Kent
<i>Ald. Prof. Michael Raymond Mainelli</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	
<i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Mark Charles Fillery	an Electrical Retail Company Director	Wanstead Park, London
<i>Edward Gradosiezska, BEM</i>	<i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	
<i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Daniel Grace	a Costume Supervisor	Islington, London
<i>Matthew Legh Preston Bell, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	
<i>Patricia Ann Holmes, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i>	
Laura Grace	a Fabric Supply Company Manager	Islington, London
<i>Matthew Legh Preston Bell, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	
<i>Patricia Ann Holmes, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i>	
Stephen John Hodgkinson	a Stage Manager, retired	Cullingworth,

<i>Ivan John Whitting</i> <i>John James Carnaby</i>	<i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	West Yorkshire
Graham Leonard Howell <i>Dudley John Tucker</i> <i>Stanley Liu</i>	a Builder <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	Stoke Bishop, Bristol
Benjamin Robert Jacob Hutter <i>Philip Woodhouse, Deputy</i> <i>Andrew Campbell McMillian</i>	a Medical Doctor <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Epsom, Surrey
Eleanor Kelly <i>Catherine Sidony</i> <i>McGuinness, CC</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	a London Borough Council Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Southwark, London
Timothy Joseph Kelly <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Telecommunications Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Radlett, Hertfordshire
Roberto Giuseppe Lagna-Fietta <i>Edward Gradosielski, BEM</i> <i>Robert Constant</i>	an Estate Agent <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Roydon, Essex
Ashley Robert Mason <i>Lydia Brown, MBE</i> <i>The Venerable Stephen Robbins</i>	a Health Services Manager <i>Citizen and Farrier</i> <i>Citizen and Farrier</i>	York
Simon Archibald Mills-Acquah <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Kevin George Howard</i>	a Retail Manager <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Battersea, London
Frederick David Fitzgerald O'Brien <i>Kevin Richard Coyne</i> <i>Ald. John Garbutt, JP</i>	a Singer, Composer, and Actor <i>Citizen and Fanmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Weaver</i>	Bow, London
His Excellency Adrian Gerard O'Neill <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony</i> <i>McGuinness, CC</i>	The Ambassador of Ireland <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Belgravia, London
Aisling Mary O'Neill <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Nurse <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Belgravia, London
Olurotimi Olukayode Orija <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>Helen Mary Smith</i>	a Lifestyle Management Company Director <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Fulham Broadway, London

Hannah Perry <i>Caroline Wilma Haines, CC</i> <i>Gordon Warwick Haines</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Horner</i>	Eastbourne, East Sussex
Georgina Philippou <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Regulator <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Stratford, London
Anne Margaret Pietsch <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i> <i>Ald. Ian David Luder</i>	a Lawyer <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Cooper</i>	Hampton, Middlesex
Paul Edward Price <i>Roger Arthur Holden</i> <i>Chadwick, OBE</i> <i>Marianne Bernadette</i> <i>Fredericks, CC</i>	a Managing Director <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	New Chapel, Surrey
Mazidur Rahman <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt..</i> <i>Deputy Brian David Francis</i> <i>Mooney</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Bethnal Green, London
Robin Cosimo Rudkin <i>Ian Wilson Tough</i> <i>Mark Douglas Estaugh</i>	a Health and Safety Manager <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Dartford, Kent
Alexander John Sainsbury <i>Catherine Sidony</i> <i>McGuinness, CC</i> <i>Deputy Brian David Francis</i> <i>Mooney</i>	an Arts Charity Director <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Chelsea, London
Zephyryn Solomon Taitte <i>Fiona Josephine Adler</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt</i> <i>King</i>	an Actor and Drama Facilitator <i>Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Kennington, London
Joseph James Roy Verlander <i>Helen Lesley Fentimen, OBE</i> <i>Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen</i>	a Professional Services Manager <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Islington, London
Glyn Anthony Whittick <i>Mark Anthony Grove</i> <i>Modesta Visockiene</i>	a City of London Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	Salisbury, Wiltshire
Christine Syn Yee Wong <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE JP</i> <i>Ian Sidney Balcombe</i>	a Pensions Operations Change Manager <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Ilford, Essex

Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons, as amended, 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.

The Court also noted the following action taken under urgency procedures in approving an application for the Freedom of the City, as there was insufficient time for the Court approval to be obtained in the usual way:

To Andrew Paul Smith, the Lord Mayor of Westminster; being nominated by the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor and Deputy Alastair Michael Moss, Citizen and Goldsmith.

Urgent approval had been granted as Mr Smith's term of office as Lord Mayor of Westminster was due to end on 18 May and it was considered desirable to expedite the approval to allow the Ceremony to occur in advance of this.

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

10. Resolutions *Resolved unanimously* – “That the sincere gratitude of this Court be extended to:-

Anderson, R.K.,
Deputy;
Duckworth, S.D.,
O.B.E., D.L.,
Deputy

NICHOLAS JOHN ANSTEE

For the exemplary service he has provided to the Ward of Aldersgate, the City of London, and the City Corporation over the past thirty-five years.

Nick was first elected to this Court as a Common Councillor in 1987, serving in that capacity for nine years before his election as an Alderman. During his tenure on both Courts, Nick was robust in representing the views of businesses, small and large, as well as residents – and, being a resident of the Barbican Estate himself, he was a significant figure within the community and strove tirelessly to advocate for their interests.

A Chartered Accountant by trade, Nick brought his significant professional expertise to bear on the many Corporation Committees on which he served over the years. In particular, the former Central Markets Committee, which he Chaired during the period of the major renovation works of the East and West market buildings, as well as the Audit and Risk Management Committee, of which he was the second Chair and played a pivotal role in helping to establish it as a robust force in scrutinising the Corporation's activities.

Having served the office of Sheriff in 2003/04, Nick reached the pinnacle of his civic career in 2009/10 when he was elected as Lord Mayor. As the 682nd Lord Mayor of this City and having taken office during a difficult political and economic climate, Nick was tireless in his efforts to protect and to promote the Business City, working with business leaders both nationally and internationally while promoting the need for both employees and employers to operate on a higher ethical plane – making over 800 speeches during his year to reinforce this key message. Nick's own enormous commitment to charity complemented his commitment to business ethics, and indeed he was the first ever Lord Mayor to run the London Marathon whilst in office, raising significant sums in the process.

In taking their leave his colleagues would like to express to Nick their sincere thanks for his many years of service, with the hope that he, his wife Claire, and their three daughters Jennifer, Megan and Becky, will long retain happy memories of his civic life and all he has achieved for the wider City, for the City Corporation, and for this Court.”

11. Motions

There were no Motions.

12. Questions

McMurtrie, A.S.
to the Chairman
of Planning &
Transportation

King William Street Bridge

Andrew McMurtrie asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee concerning the status of negotiations with Transport for London in respect of the condition of King William Street Bridge and the need for repairs.

Responding, the Chairman explained that this matter had been the subject of complex discussions over the years but that the bridge was the legal responsibility of Transport for London (TfL), who held the responsibility to manage and maintain the bridge as the strategic highway authority for London. Whilst the bridge had previously been the responsibility of the City Corporation, the changes made to the Highways Act following the creation of TfL had seen the transfer of responsibility to them. TfL had advised that a detailed options report was due for consideration soon; however, the Chairman cautioned that the budgetary position of TfL meant that there might be certain restraints on what could be achieved. An interim solution was in place to keep the public safe while a permanent scheme was designed and the Chairman was certain that TfL would continue to monitor the bridge closely. The Chairman also clarified that Bridge House Estates would not be permitted to spend money on this matter due to the constraints of their charitable objectives.

Goodman, S. to
the Chairman of
Policy &
Resources

London Wall West

Steve Goodman asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee concerning the release of a report on the future plans for the London Wall West.

Responding, the Chairman noted that this report would not usually be released ahead of the planning application process, of which it formed part of the paperwork to be submitted. However, recognising the growing interest in and importance of carbon, as well as his personal desire to reset the relationship with residents and be more open and constructive with respect to engagement, he had instructed officers to release the report early and had been advised that the report would be made available by 31 May. He added that the submission of a planning application for the scheme was currently timetabled for the Autumn of 2022, following further public consultation.

Mainelli, M.R.,
Ald., to the
Chairman of
Policy &
Resources

Net Zero

Alderman Michael Mainelli asked a question of the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee, highlighting the City Corporation's significant green credentials and history of world-leading status in this area, and querying whether data could be provided on a Ward basis in respect of emissions to help target and direct progress.

In reply, the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee expressed support

for the sentiment but cautioned that breaking down the data in this specific way would likely be very challenging and resource intensive, suggesting that it might be more helpful to direct available resources to focus on actions relating directly to targets. However, he observed that there would doubtless be ways in which things could be broken down into more local actions. The Chair mentioned two such items in particular; firstly, the publicly available Dashboard, which would launch this summer and would increase the use of local data and mapping to show where progress was being made; and secondly, increasingly localised actions through the strategy's roadmap such as local action plans for housing estates and supporting Business Improvement Districts with their local sustainable actions plans. There were also initiatives such as Ward-based Climate Charters and localised action groups.

In response to a supplementary question from Alderman Michael Mainelli concerning support for carbon markets, the Chairman referenced the City's secretariat support to the UK Voluntary Carbon Markets Forum, and the launch of the Future of Voluntary Carbon Markets report in November 2021, which provided a high-level overview of the background and issues to be addressed to support growth of high-integrity carbon markets. Activity had also taken place through the Green Horizon Summit at COP26, where the City had helped to promote market initiatives from the Stock Exchange and others to support investment and trade in carbon credits. The City Corporation had also been founding sponsors of the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market.

To cement London's role in a transparent, liquid, and high-integrity carbon market, the Corporation would be undertaking a market mapping report, which would identify specific levers to facilitate deep liquidity and robust standards, as well as a report of legal research and recommendations to help market participants understand the options which would scale international trade in carbon credits. It was intended to leverage these outputs to showcase London's role in scaling global markets at COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh.

City Elections and Member Conduct

Aaron D'Souza asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning a review of the City-wide elections and conduct during the election period. Specifically, he asked whether the Chairman would undertake to introduce a Charter for Electoral Candidates to sign up to, committing to good conduct during elections, particularly given the diversity and inclusion commitments made by the City.

Replying, the Chairman expressed his robust belief in the Nolan Principles and his commitment to urging the highest level of conduct from Members at all times. He reflected on the Court's commitment to improving conduct over the last year or so, through the introduction of a new independent standards regime and a new Member / Officer Charter, which were intended to provide both Members and the public with confidence that any breaches of the Code of Conduct were dealt with fairly and independently, by suitably qualified individuals, whilst also helping to reinforce the expectations on Members in how they interacted and engaged with officers and, indeed, each other. However, no matter what structures were in place to support good conduct, ultimately it was down to individual Members to abide by

D'Souza, A. to
the Chairman of
Policy &
Resources

the Code of Conduct they sign up to, and to hold each other to account. The Chairman also agreed to ask officers to look at the option of a Charter which candidates could sign up to, as part of the election review process.

Through a supplementary question, Aaron D'Souza asked whether the Chairman would commit to an independent review of the electoral process which canvassed all candidates, prospective candidates, and voters about their experiences. In reply, the Chairman confirmed that an election review was being undertaken but could not commit entirely to quite the type of review that the Member sought, observing that there would be particular constraints around the use of contact information in certain areas and that, in any event, the results of any such canvas should not affect the City's ambitions to do all it could to improve behaviour.

13.

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)

29 March 2022

Refreshed City of London Policing Plan 2022-25

The Court was presented with the City of London Policing Plan 2022-25, which informed the community, stakeholders and staff how the City area was to be policed. The Force and Court of Common Council (in its capacity as a police authority) were 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 were currently articulated by the Strategic Policing Requirement; the Force's approach to this appeared in the Plan. Additionally, the Plan took account of Government policy statements regarding reducing crime, addressing antisocial behaviours, supporting the vulnerable, accountability and value for money.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the report.

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

14.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)

25 April 2022

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Application for Hospitality

At the invitation of Her Majesty's Government, the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr Fumio Kishida, visited the United Kingdom from 4 - 5 May and the City of London Corporation was invited to host a keynote address by the Prime Minister on Japanese economic policy.

The event provided an opportunity for the City Corporation to further strengthen its engagement with Japanese institutions and City businesses with strong trade and investment links with Japan.

The visit was announced on 28 April and it was important to issue invitations

immediately following the announcement to enable guests to be advised of the event and for arrangements generally to be put in place. Given the importance of the event and the need to begin progressing arrangements immediately following the announcement, urgent Court of Common Council approval was sought and granted to the City Corporation hosting a keynote address by the Prime Minister of Japan.

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

15. Ballot
Results

The Town Clerk reported the results of ballots taken at the last Court, as follows:-

Where appropriate:-

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

★ denotes appointed.

(A) Six Members to the **Policy & Resources Committee.**

	Votes
Munsur Ali	37 ★
Deputy Randall Anderson	20
Nick Bensted-Smith	16
Tijs Broeke	52 ★
Sophie Fernandes	30
Jason Groves	12
Deputy Ann Holmes	19
Natasha Lloyd-Owen	31
Paul Martinelli	28
Andrew McMurtrie	24
Benjamin Murphy	32 ★
Deputy Brian Mooney	39 ★
Deputy Graham Packham	20
Deputy Sue Pearson	21
Judith Pleasance	19
Ian Seaton	5
Oliver Sells	17
Luis Tilleria	7
Deputy James Thomson	31
James Tumbridge	34 ★
Mark Wheatley	12
Dawn Wright	29

NB – Natasha Lloyd-Owen and Deputy James Thomson received an equal number of votes for the final vacancy. As such, a further election will take place between the two candidates at the May Court of Common Council (see Item 7(a)).

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Munsur Ali, Tijs Broeke, Benjamin Murphy, Deputy Brian Mooney and James Tumbridge to be appointed to the Policy & Resources Committee.

(B) Five Members to the **Audit & Risk Management Committee.**

	Votes
Alexander Barr	72 ★
Timothy Butcher	25
Aaron D'Souza	23
John Griffiths	23
Alderman Bronek Masojada	51 ★
Judith Pleasance	45 ★
Ruby Sayed	54 ★
Paul Singh	45 ★
Naresh Sonpar	25
Luis Tilleria	15
Shailendra Umradia	34

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alexander Barr, Alderman Bronek Masojada, Judith Pleasance, Ruby Sayed and Paul Singh to be appointed to the Audit & Risk Management Board.

(C) Three Members to the **City of London Police Authority Board**.

	Votes
Tijs Broeke	62 ★
Alderman Emma Edhem	45 ★
Jason Groves	27
Helen Fentimen	36
Deborah Oliver	39 ★
Deputy Nighat Qureishi	20
Alethea Silk	15
Luis Tilleria	7
Shailendra Umradia	18
Ceri Wilkins	14

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Tijs Broeke, Alderman Emma Edhem and Deborah Oliver to be appointed to the City of London Police Authority Board.

(D) Three Members to the **Education Board**.

	Votes
Deputy Shravan Joshi	83 ★
Ruby Sayed	93 ★
Mandeep Thandi	57 ★
Luis Tilleria	24

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Shravan Joshi, Ruby Sayed and Mandeep Thandi to be appointed to the Education Board.

(E) Three Members to the **Gresham Committee (City Side).**

	Votes
Tijs Broeke	53 ★
Brendan Barns	29
Sophie Fernandes	34
Timothy McNally	33
Wendy Mead	53 ★
Deputy Henry Pollard	38
Deputy Philip Woodhouse	40 ★

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Tijs Broeke, Wendy Mead and Deputy Phillip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Gresham Committee (City Side).

(F) Seven Members to the **Corporate Services Committee.**

	Votes
Anthony Fitzpatrick	44
Florence Keelson-Anfu	49 ★
Gregory Lawrence	46 ★
Deputy Edward Lord	59 ★
Catherine McGuinness	68 ★
Timothy McNally	47 ★
Deputy Alistair Moss	50 ★
Anett Rideg	40
Oliver Sells	41
Mandeep Thandi	45 ★
Luis Tilleria	19

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Florence Keelson-Anfu, Gregory Lawrence, Deputy Edward Lord, Catherine McGuinness, Timothy McNally, Deputy Alistair Moss and Mandeep Thandi to be appointed to the Corporate Services Committee.

(G) Four Members to the **Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees**

	Votes
James Bromiley-Davis	37
Graeme Doshi-Smith	59 ★
Alderman Ian Luder	58 ★
Catherine McGuinness	74 ★
Eamonn Mullally	51

Benjamin Murphy	63 ★
Luis Tilleria	14

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Graeme Doshi-Smith, Alderman Ian Luder, Catherine McGuinness and Benjamin Murphy to be appointed to the Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees.

(H) Two Members to the **Barbican Centre Board**.

	Votes
Deputy Ann Holmes	45
Anett Rideg	50
Alderman Sir William Russell	61 ★
Irem Yerdelen	53 ★

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Sir William Russell and Irem Yerdelen to be appointed to the Barbican Centre Board.

(I) Three Members to the **Bridge House Estates Board**.

	Votes
Matthew Bell	30
Deputy Simon Duckworth	41 ★
John Griffiths	25
Elizabeth King	21
Timothy McNally	20
Wendy Mead	38
Deborah Oliver	27
Deputy Nighat Qureishi	31 ★
Deputy James Thomson	43 ★

NB – Deputy Nighat Qureishi was returned to the third vacancy ahead of Wendy Mead as a consequence of the requirement for one vacancy to be reserved for a Member with fewer than five years' service on the Court.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Simon Duckworth, Deputy Nighat Qureishi and Deputy James Thomson to be appointed.

(J) Four Members to the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**.

	Votes
Jamel Banda	61 ★
Emily Benn	81 ★
Jaspreet Hodgson	41

Deputy Ann Holmes	67 ★
Alderman Robert Howard	72 ★

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jamel Banda, Emily Benn, Deputy Ann Holmes and Alderman Robert Howard to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls.

(K) Seven Members to the **Licensing Committee**.

	Votes
Caroline Addy	77 ★
Brendan Barns	62 ★
Anthony Fitzpatrick	51 ★
Martha Grekos	75 ★
Deputy Graham Packham	78 ★
David Sales	48 ★
Luis Tilleria	26
Ceri Wilkins	59 ★

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Caroline Addy, Brendan Barns, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Martha Grekos, Deputy Graham Packham, David Sales and Ceri Wilkins to be appointed to the Licensing Committee.

(L) Eight Members to the **Digital Services Committee**.

	Votes
Deputy Rehana Ameer	38
Deputy Randall Anderson	62 ★
Timothy Butcher	17
Aaron D'Souza	42 ★
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin	54 ★
Deputy Madush Gupta	19
Alderman Tim Hailes	45 ★
Florence Keelson-Anfu	37
Eamonn Mullally	35
Judith Pleasance	46 ★
Deputy Nighat Qureishi	32
Paul Singh	54 ★
Mandeep Thandi	30
Luis Tilleria	14
Shailendra Umradia	34
James Tumbridge	49 ★
Dawn Wright	51 ★

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Randall Anderson, Aaron D'Souza, Alderman Sir Peter Estlin, Alderman Tim Hailes, Judith Pleasance, Paul Singh, James Tumbridge and Dawn Wright to the Digital Services Committee.

(M)Three Members to the **Livery Committee.**

	Votes
Nick Bensted-Smith	24
Deputy Keith Bottomley	51 ★
Deputy Ann Holmes	28
Deputy Shravan Joshi	43 ★
Timothy McNally	17
Deputy Henry Pollard	28
David Sales	10
Paul Singh	26
Shailendra Umrada	29
Irem Yerdelen	33 ★

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Keith Bottomley, Deputy Shravan Joshi and Irem Yerdelen to be appointed to the Livery Committee.

16. 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:-

Statutory Instruments

The Criminal Justice (Sentencing) (Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Order 2022 No. 459

Date in force

11th May 2022

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 will introduce a power for the police to search terrorist offenders released on licence where they are satisfied it is necessary to do so to protect members of the public from a risk of terrorism, and where the offender has a search condition included in their licence. This Order amends the list of types of licence conditions in an Order from 2015, to provide for the inclusion of the search condition in the licences of released terrorist offenders.

The Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures (Polygraph) Regulations 2022 No. 462

12th May 2022

These Regulations govern the conduct of polygraph examinations in relation to individuals who are subject to a Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures notice. They set out requirements as to qualifications, experience and continuing development training for those responsible for carrying out polygraph examinations. The Regulations prohibit police officers, probation officers or therapists from conducting polygraph examinations on individuals whom they have managed, supervised or treated. They also require a police officer to explain to the individual being examined

how any information they give during the session may be used. The Regulations restrict the type of questions that can be asked during a polygraph examination and require polygraph operators to maintain reports of the session.

The Licensing Act 2003 (Platinum Jubilee Licensing Hours) Order 2022 No. 504 4th May 2022

This Order provides for the extension of licensing hours for licensed premises and clubs on Her Majesty The Queen's Jubilee extended weekend between 2nd and 5th June 2022. Premises licensed for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises may remain open until 1am without having to notify the licensing authority and police via a temporary event notice. Premises that are licensed to provide regulated entertainment, such as theatres, cinemas, and venues holding musical events or dances, will be able to do so until 1 am, even where they are not licensed to sell alcohol. The order does not extend to premises which sell alcohol for consumption off the premises.

Read.

(The text of the measures and the explanatory notes thereon are available from the Remembrancer's Office).

17. Hospital
Seal

There were no docquets for the Seal.

18. Awards &
Prizes

There was no report.

23.

At this point in proceedings, before progressing to Item 19 and the exclusion of the public, the Court was advised that confirmation had been received that morning from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman that Item 23 on the agenda could now be taken in public session.

The Court proceeded, therefore, to consider Item 23.

Comptroller & City Solicitor: Ombudsman Outcome Monitoring Report

The Comptroller and City Solicitor was designated as the Corporation's Monitoring Officer under s.5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in respect of its local authority functions. The Monitoring Officer had a duty to report to the Court of Common Council where they were of the opinion that any proposal, decision or omission by the Court or its committees or officers had given rise or was likely to give rise to a contravention of any enactment or rule of law or any such maladministration or failure within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1974. This report presented the outcomes of one finding by the Ombudsman in relation to the Corporation's previous standards regime, for information.

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

19. Exclusion
of the Public

*Duckworth, S.D.,
O.B.E., D.L.,*

Resolved – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they either involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A

Deputy: Colthurst,
H.N.A., Deputy

of the Local Government Act, 1972, or relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

20. Non-public
minutes

Resolved – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

Summary of items considered whilst the public were excluded:-

21. **Property Investment Board**

The Court:-

- (A) Approved the disposal of three long-term leases within the City's Estate portfolio.
- (B) Approved proposals relating to a long-term restructure of the headlease for a City Fund property

22. **Finance Committee**

The Court approved the award of a contract for security provision.

23. Item 23 (a report of the Comptroller & City Solicitor in his capacity as Monitoring Officer) was considered earlier in the meeting, prior to the exclusion of the public.

24. **Corporate Services Committee**

The Court:-

- (A) Noted action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the establishment of a Grade I post.
- (B) Noted action taken in relation to the duties and role of the Deputy Town Clerk.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.15 pm

BARRADELL.

Report – Civic Affairs Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 16th June 2022

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

(a) Early Evening Reception following a lecture by the Deputy President of the Supreme Court

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lecture to be given by the Deputy President of the Supreme Court, the Rt Hon Lord Hodge, followed by an early evening reception and a small private dinner on Tuesday 4th October 2022.

The lecture would focus on the contribution of UK courts to commercial life, the City and international commerce, by their upholding of the rule of law. Guests at the reception would include members of the Supreme Court and other UK Courts, the legal profession, Government and legal sector organisations and commercial firms and Members with relevant interests.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote regulatory confidence founding on the rule of law (outcome 6a); to influence UK and global policy and regulation and international agreements to protect and grow the UK economy (outcome 6b); and to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture, early evening reception and small private dinner and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(b) High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales Early Evening Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in the Grand Hall at the Central Criminal Court for the High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales in May 2023.

The City Corporation has hosted an annual reception for the High Sheriffs' Association at the Old Bailey since 2018. The reception aims to further relations between the Sheriffs of the City of London and the Sheriffs of England and Wales.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to bring together individuals and communities to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); to advocate and facilitate greater levels of giving time, skills, knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d); and to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c).

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

(c) Commonwealth High Commissioners' Banquet

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts the Commonwealth High Commissioners' Banquet at Guildhall on Monday 5th December 2022.

The City Corporation has hosted an annual dinner for the Commonwealth High Commissioners since 2015. The banquet provides an opportunity to engage further with the Commonwealth and build on the relationships established with the Royal Commonwealth Society and Commonwealth Enterprise Investment Council.

The Event would support the following 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 a world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c); to promote the UK as open to business and enterprise and for its world-leading education offer (outcome 7e); and to champion investment in relevant skills and diverse talent pools (outcome 8d).

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 approved parameters.

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

DATED this 17th Day of May 2022

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Deputy Edward Lord
Chair, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee



List of Applications for the Freedom

To be presented on Thursday, 16th June, 2022

*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.

Ashid Ali <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Academy Principal <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Ilford, Redbridge
Michael James Bracken, MBE <i>Ivor Macklin</i> <i>Peter Rupert David Wood</i>	a Wine Company Director <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Kemble, Gloucestershire
Sir Andrew John Cash, Kt, OBE, KStJ <i>Robert James Ingham Clark,</i> <i>John Petrie</i>	an Eye Hospital Group Chairman <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Draper</i>	Doncaster, South Yorkshire
Katharine Fiona Richfield Chadd <i>Louise Starling</i> <i>Sarah Jane Fletcher Harris</i>	an Education Officer <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Bethnal Green
David William Chenery <i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i> <i>Hailes, JP.</i> <i>Christopher Bell</i>	a Police Staff Investigator <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Playing Card Maker</i>	Southwark
Caroline Anne Cooke <i>Richard George Turk</i> <i>Anna Marie Phelps, CBE</i> <i>OLY</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Surbiton, Surrey
David Cyril Coombes <i>Peter Leonard Spalding</i> <i>Anthony Sharp</i>	an Electrician, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Ashted, Surrey

Richard Corrigan <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Chef <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Haringey
Tara Marie Cronin <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Fundraising Events Manager <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Kensington
Andrew David Darwin <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Southwark
Oliver Jo Davies <i>Timothy Levene</i> <i>Adam James Crockatt</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Dyer</i>	Hayward's Heath, West Sussex
Neil Peter Dunn <i>Les Chapman</i> <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	a Marine Pilot <i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Gosport, Hampshire
Vladimir Petev Georgiev <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Financial Engineer and Consultant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Isle of Dogs, Tower Hamlets
Nigel Graham Heath, KStJ <i>Robert James Ingham Clark</i> <i>John Petrie</i>	a Prior <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Draper</i>	Ross, California, United States of America
Ronan Malachy Herity <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Machinery Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Lyne, Surrey
Kevin Gareth Hill <i>David James Sales, CC</i> <i>Shailendra Umradiā</i>	an Aircraft Technical Director <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Rochford, Essex
Jonathan Lewis Hooley <i>Mark John Herbage</i> <i>James Nicholas Bromiley-Davis</i>	a Soldier <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	Littleborough, Lancashire
Anamul Hoque <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Brian David Francis Mooney, Deputy</i>	a Youth Work Training and Development Consultant <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Stepney
Mohammed Iqbal <i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Brian David Francis Mooney, Deputy</i>	a Trainee Solicitor <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Bow

Shirazul Islam <i>Sir David Wootton, Kt., Ald.</i> <i>Brian David Francis</i> <i>Mooney, Deputy</i>	an NHS Commissioning Support Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Bow, Tower Hamlets
Simon Andrew Peter Jones <i>Graeme Martyn Doshi-Smith, CC</i> <i>Henry James Arthur Smith</i>	a Communications Company Director <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Constructor</i>	Limehouse
Agron Krasniqi <i>Daniel Mark Benham</i> <i>Nikolaos Kotrozos</i>	a Racing Company Director <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Fitzrovia
Joséphine Émilie Charlotte Macintosh <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Pimlico
Thomas Frederick Brian McCormack <i>Donald Henry McGarr</i> <i>Timothy John Macandrews , TD JP</i>	a Photographic Services Franchisee <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Coulsdon, Surrey
Denise Alicia Mills <i>Timothy Charles Mills</i> <i>John Edward Mills</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	Teddington, Middlesex
Abul Hyat Nurujjaman <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Accountancy Company Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Chigwell, Essex
Caroline Valerie Pidgeon, MBE <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CC</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy</i>	a London Assembly Member <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	East Dulwich
Eamon Thomas Quail <i>John Edmund Maccabe</i> <i>Catherina Anastasia Leonia Maccabe</i>	a Financial Account Director <i>Citizen and Horner</i> <i>Citizen and Farrier</i>	Gresford, Wrexham
Hayden Luke Ralph <i>Richard Gary Stephen Miller</i> <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i>	a Key Account Manager <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Regents Park
Pranav Kumar Sood <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	a General Manager <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Islington

Jonathan Stewart <i>Annmarie Hanlon</i> <i>Mark Timothy John Sismey</i> <i>Durrant</i>	a Chief Marketing Officer <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Silsoe, Bedfordshire
James Malcolm Swallow <i>Reginald Beer</i> <i>Donald Howard Coombe,</i> <i>MBE</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	South Woodford
Jace Tyrrell <i>Shravan Joshi, Deputy</i> <i>Alastair Michael Moss,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Business Partnership Company C.E.O. <i>Citizen and Fueller</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Ealing
Charles Veale <i>John Welch</i> <i>Robert Andrews</i>	an Army Officer <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Gold and Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	Georgetown, Ontario, Canada
Christopher William Tveitan Von Eckhoff <i>Daniel Mark Benham</i> <i>Nikolaos Kotrozos</i>	a Consultant <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Westminster
Dale Glynne Williams <i>Andrew Francis Phillips</i> <i>Daniel Mark Heath</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	Saffron Walden, Essex
His Excellency Mr Jean Alfred Olinger <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Catherine Sidony</i> <i>McGuinness, CC</i>	a Diplomat <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Belgravia, London

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 16th June 2022

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

Bills

Date in force

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

28 April 2022

The Act makes provision for the protection and wellbeing of police and other emergency workers and grants the police further powers to address crime and disorder. The Act encountered controversy directed at its public order provisions, which strengthen police powers to restrict public processions and assemblies. The Act also includes provision repealing the Vagrancy Act 1824, which made rough sleeping and begging criminal offences in England and Wales. This repeal will not come into force for up to 18 months, during which time the Government plan to have replacement legislation passed.

Subsidy Control Act 2022

28 April 2022

The Act implements a domestic subsidy control regime in the United Kingdom, in place of EU state aid rules to which the UK is no longer subject. The Act provides a legal framework within which public authorities may make subsidy decisions, setting out the principles, prohibitions and requirements that apply to the giving of subsidies, as well as the transparency requirements of the new regime.

Statutory Instruments

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022 No.520

12th May 2022

These are the first commencement regulations made under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. They bring into force provisions which increase the maximum penalty for the offence of wilful obstruction of a highway to 51 weeks' imprisonment, via amendments to the Highways Act 1980. This increase will only apply to offences committed on or after 12th May 2022. The Regulations provide for the vast majority of the Act's provisions, including the public order provisions, to come into force on 28th June 2022.

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

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Report – Audit and Risk Management Committee

Annual Report

To be presented on Thursday, 16th June 2022

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

SUMMARY

The Audit and Risk Management Committee presents to the Court of Common Council the 2021/22 Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, reporting on activity from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Providing this report to the Court of Common Council on an annual basis is in line with Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accounting (CIPFA) guidance on best practice for audit committees in order to effectively support the organisation; for the Court to understand the work of the Committee; and, for the Court to hold the Committee to account.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Court are asked to note the report.

MAIN REPORT

Introduction

1. The Audit & Risk Management Committee (the Committee) has a wide-ranging brief that underpins the City of London Corporation's governance processes by providing independent challenge and oversight of the adequacy of risk management, the internal control and financial reporting frameworks. It also deals with a limited number of matters not reserved to the Court of Common Council or delegated to another Committee and related to a non-executive function. The Committee was formed as a Grand Committee in 2011, replacing the former Audit Sub-Committee (Finance).
2. The Audit and Risk Management Committee has served to scrutinise the risk management process at the City Corporation and enhance the maturity of risk management organisation wide. It has contributed to increasing the engagement with risk management, both on the part of Officers within the various departments, and elected Members through a process of "deep dive" review of significant risks and Informal Risk Challenge Sessions (IRC). The deep dive review process has resulted in re-evaluation of risks to ensure that mitigating actions are given the appropriate priority and the IRC has examined the operation of risk management within departments on a rolling basis and holds Chief Officers to account for the effectiveness and completeness of this. The Committee has also served to improve engagement with the work of Internal Audit through regular monitoring of the implementation of Internal Audit recommendations. The Committee oversees

the planning and delivery of the External Audit review of the Annual Accounts produced by the City of London Corporation across all operations.

3. This report details the work of the Committee for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 and outlines work in relation to the key remit areas of:
 - Annual Governance Framework
 - Internal Audit
 - Risk Management
 - Counter-Fraud
 - External Audit
 - Financial Reporting
4. Members of the Committee have a wide range of skills in many technical and professional areas, bringing significant experience and expertise to the Committee. All the Members have some experience in relation to the governance processes they challenge; supported by a periodic skills gap analysis undertaken by the Nominations Committee. The Committee is comprised of 13 Members, together with three external members who provide additional knowledge and skills to support the function. Table 1 details the Committee Members during 2021/22.

Table 1: Members of the Audit & Risk Management Committee 2021/22

Alexander Barr (Chairman)
Alderman Prem Goyal (Deputy Chairman)
Hilary Daniels (Deputy Chair)
Rehana Ameer
Randall Anderson
Chris Boden
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark (Ex-Officio Member, Finance Committee, Deputy Chairman)
Gail Le Coz
Anne Fairweather
Marianne Fredericks (Ex-Officio Member, Policy and Resources Committee Representative)
Paul Martinelli
Jeremy Mayhew (Ex-Officio Member, Finance Committee, Chairman)
Andrien Meyers
John Petrie
Ruby Sayed
Dan Worsley (External Member)

5. The three external members are each appointed for a three-year term, which can be renewed twice, Hilary Daniels' final term ended on 31 March 2022. A nominations sub-committee, cognisant of the skills audit undertaken by members of the Committee, was appointed to oversee the appointment of a replacement external member, and Karen Sanderson was recommended for appointment. Karen's appointment was ratified by the Court of Common Council on 21 April 2022 and is effective from this date.

Changes Within the Year

6. There were no specific change events that require mention here, in-person Committee meetings resumed during the year, the IRC meetings continued in a virtual/online format.

Annual Governance Framework

7. The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, which apply to the City of London's City Fund activities, require an audited body to conduct a review, each financial year, of the effectiveness of its system of internal control, risk management and governance and publish an Annual Governance Statement (AGS) each year, alongside the authority's Statement of Accounts. The purpose of the AGS is to:
 - Describe briefly the governance framework
 - State what activity has been undertaken to evaluate the governance framework and the outcome of that review
 - Set out a plan of action to improve the effectiveness of the governance framework
8. The Committee received the draft AGS for 2020/21 at its 5 October meeting, a number of points were raised to improve the overall quality and usefulness of the AGS to its audience. The amended AGS was approved at the 30 November meeting for signing by the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Town Clerk and Chief Executive. The Committee had also identified several longer-term improvements for the overall structure, format and presentation of the AGS, these were duly noted by Officers to be incorporated in the 2021/22 AGS.

Internal Audit

9. The Committee received the Head of Audit & Risk Management's Annual Audit Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2021 in May 2021:

"I am satisfied that sufficient quantity and coverage of internal audit work has been undertaken to allow me to draw a reasonable conclusion as to the adequacy and effectiveness of the City's risk management, control and governance processes."
10. The Audit Plan is aligned to the City's corporate and departmental objectives and key risks so that assurance can be obtained on these areas. Internal Audit's work identified a number of opportunities for improving controls and procedures, with a "Limited (Red) Assurance" opinion having been provided in three cases. Those recommendations raised have been accepted by management.
11. The Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22 was subject to review throughout the year, in part recognising the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but also recognising the wider benefits realised from operating a more flexible and agile Audit Plan. Resourcing levels of the Internal Audit Team continued to be limited

during 2021/22, although, for this limited period, this has not had an overall detrimental impact on the provision of assurance to the Committee.

12. The Audit & Risk Management Committee has continued to support and drive departmental engagement in relation to the follow-up work of Internal Audit to assess the implementation of recommendations. There have been no instances in 2021/22 where the Committee has needed to escalate the matter of tardy implementation and poor departmental compliance with the follow-up process to relevant Chief Officers and the Chairmen of the respective Committees, an indicator of the effectiveness of the follow-up Audit process.

Risk Management

13. The Committee is responsible for monitoring and overseeing the City of London Corporation's risk management strategy and to be satisfied that the authority's assurance framework properly reflects the risk environment. The strategy was reviewed and updated during 2020/21.
14. The City Corporation's Risk Management strategy includes a Policy Statement and a framework, which aligns with the key principles of ISO 31000: Risk Management Principles and Guidelines and defines clearly the roles and responsibilities of officers, senior management and Members.
15. The Strategy emphasises risk management as a key element within the City's systems of corporate governance and establishes a clear system for the evaluation of risk and escalation of emerging issues to the appropriate scrutiny level. The Strategy assists in ensuring that risk management continues to be integrated by Chief Officers within their business and service planning and aligned to departmental objectives.
16. A risk management health check was undertaken by a third-party organisation during 2021/22, the review concluded that the City Corporation's risk management approach aligns with best practice, it strives for continuous improvement, recognising that there are always improvements that can be made to its effectiveness.
17. During 2021/22, the Committee has exercised its oversight role in a number of ways:
 - a. Receiving quarterly risk update reports in relation to the corporate and red departmental level risks
 - b. Endorsing new corporate risks flagged by management
 - c. Deep-dive review of individual corporate risks of which eight were considered by the Committee in 2021/22.
 - d. Operating a cycle of regular departmental risk challenge sessions with Chief Officers and their respective Committee Chairmen, of which, nine were held in 2021/22.
18. While the IRC process has proven highly effective since its introduction, the primary impact has been in nurturing a strong risk management culture with Chief

Officers and their Senior Leadership Teams; having reached a point of maturity, the IRC will not continue in the same format. The IRC will instead be utilised on an exception basis, with Internal Audit providing primary assurance as to the effectiveness of risk management.

Counter-Fraud

19. During 2021/22, the Corporate Anti-Fraud team completed 31 investigations across all fraud disciplines, with an associated value of £400k. Whilst the associated values of these frauds includes notional figures, we expect to recover £125k through a mix of Proceeds of Crime Act investigations, Council tax recoveries and insurance claims.
20. Social housing tenancy fraud remains a key fraud risk area for the Corporate Anti-Fraud team and a concern for the Committee; returning to some of our traditional investigation work and a fraud presence on the City's social housing estates following the end of lockdown, whilst maintaining the positive aspects of desk-based investigations practices during the pandemic has resulted in an increase in the volume of referrals in this key fraud risk area of 33%. During the reporting year the team recovered six tenancies, stopped four fraudulent housing applications from progressing and had a guilty plea in one prosecution case. A further four cases are currently subject to criminal (2) and civil (2) action and are awaiting court hearings.
21. The Corporate Anti-Fraud Team has procured and introduced the NFI Fraud Hub; the fraud hub is expected to be adopted across London Borough's over the coming year and will allow the City to undertake proactive cross-boundary data-matching to detect and prevent fraud. Initial work on the hub has involved pensions data and housing data, with departments supporting with the review of output.

Financial Reporting

22. The Audit and Risk Management Committee has scrutinised the City Corporation's various 2020/21 financial statements, seeking assurances on significant financial reporting issues, estimates and judgements. Reports have been received from both the External Auditors and the Audit Panel. The Committee has held the External Auditors to account to drive effective delivery of the audit.
23. Having completed its review, the Audit and Risk Management Committee recommended approval of the 2020/21 statements to the Finance Committee as follows:
 - a. Bridge House Estates statements were approved at the November 2021 Committee meeting
 - b. City Fund and Pension Fund statements were approved at the November 2021 Committee meeting

- c. Statements for City's Cash, the City's Cash Charities (seven Open Spaces charities and Sir Thomas Gresham Trust) and the other Sundry Trusts were approved at the November 2021 Committee meeting

Other Work of the Committee

- 24. The City Corporation continues to host the London Borough Audit Committees Chairs' forum, seeking to share knowledge, experiences and best practice and to explore the development of joint initiatives such as member training and performance benchmarking. This initiative has now been recognised on a national level, with the Local Government Association striving to replicate this through the creation of several regional networks.

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

DATED this 24th day of May 2022.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Alexander Barr
Chairman, Audit and Risk Management Committee

Report – Policy & Resources Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Corrections to Constitutions and Terms of Reference

To be presented on Thursday, 16th June 2022

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

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. On 30th May 2022, the Court of Common Council approved, under urgency procedures, a number of corrections to the Terms of Reference of the Board of Governors of the City of London School and Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.
2. In December 2021, the Court of Common Council approved various changes to its Governance arrangements, on the recommendation of its Policy and Resources Committee. These included particular changes to the three City Schools as "institutional" departments, those three Schools being directed to update their membership arrangements in line with best practice across the independent school sector. This was duly undertaken, and the amendments considered and approved. Due to an administrative error, when the updated arrangements were presented to the Court as part of the White Paper in April 2022, the outdated versions for the City of London School and City of London Freeman's School were left in situ and not replaced with new versions. (The correct version was, however, included in respect of the City of London School for Girls).
3. Specifically, these changes were: the introduction of term limits of 12 years for Governors, a greater term length for Chairs (subject to annual re-election in the usual way), and a reflection of the Chair's additional responsibilities under the Target Operating Model's arrangements for the management of institutions.
4. Approval was granted for this to be corrected and the omitted changes incorporated, together with a consequential reflection of the changes to the Chairs' term limits under Standing Order 29.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

DATED this 13th day of May 2022

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Christopher Hayward
Chairman, Policy & Resources Committee

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

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