

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 **22nd day of June, 2023**.

Members of the public can observe the public part of this meeting by visiting the City of
[London Corporation YouTube Channel](#)

IAN THOMAS CBE,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

*Guildhall,
Wednesday 14th June 2023*

Sir William Russell

Gregory Jones

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Aldermen on the Rota

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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 25 May 2023.

For Decision
(Pages 5 - 30)

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 **Appointments**

To consider the following appointments:

(A) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls.**

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Deputy Madush Gupta

Deputy Charles Edward Lord

Alderswoman Susan Pearson

(B) Three Members on the **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queens Park Committee.**

(No Contest)

Nominations received:-

Deputy Charles Edward Lord

(C) One Member on the **Digital Services Committee.**

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Ian Bishop-Laggett

- (D) One Member on the **Education Board**.
(No contest)
Nomination received:-
John Griffiths

For Decision

7 **Policy and Resources Committee**

To consider changes to the Standing Orders related to electronic voting.

For Decision
(Pages 31 - 34)

8 **Planning and Transportation Committee**

To consider the next stages of the St Pauls Gyrotory project.

For Decision
(Pages 35 - 44)

9 **Motions**

By Deputy Christopher Hayward

To consider a Motion, submitted by Deputy Christopher Hayward, concerning the City Corporation's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant.

For Decision
(Pages 45 - 46)

10 **The Freedom of the City**

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

For Decision
(Pages 47 - 50)

11 **Questions**

12 **Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee**

To note action taken under urgency procedures in relation to hospitality provision.

For Information
(Pages 51 - 52)

13 **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 53 - 54)

14 **Ballot Results**

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

16 **Docquets for the Hospital Seal.**

17 **Awards and Prizes**

To receive a report of the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, advising of a recent achievement.

For Information
(Pages 55 - 56)

MOTION

18 **By the Chief Commoner**

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

For Decision

19 **Finance Committee**

To consider a contract award for the Architectural Services Framework.

For Decision
(Pages 57 - 60)

20 **Bridge House Estates Board**

To consider changes to the branding of Bridge House Estates.

For Decision
(Pages 61 - 100)

21 **Investment Committee**

To note action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the purchase of a leasehold interest.

For Information
(Pages 101 - 102)



LYONS, MAYOR

LUDEK, LOCUM TENENS (FOR ITEMS 14 - 24)

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

25th May 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman
Professor Emma Edhem
Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal
Timothy Russell Hailes

Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Vincent Keaveny
Sheriff Alastair John Naisbitt King DL
Susan Langley
Tim Levene

Ian David Luder
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor Nicholas
Stephen Leland Lyons
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie
George Christopher Abrahams
John David Absalom, Deputy
Munsur Ali
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Jamel Banda
Brendan Barns
Ian Bishop-Laggett
Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy
Mark Bostock, Deputy
Keith David Forbes Bottomley,
Deputy
James Bromiley-Davis
Timothy Richard Butcher
Michael John Cassidy, Deputy

Henry Nicholas Almroth
Colthurst, Deputy
Ann Holmes, Deputy
Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan
D'Souza
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy
Mary Durcan
John Ernest Edwards
John William Fletcher, Deputy
John Foley
John Griffiths
Jason Groves
Christopher Michael Hayward,
Deputy
Jaspreet Hodgson
Amy Horscroft
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde

Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi,
Deputy
Florence Keelson-Anfu
Gregory Alfred Lawrence
Charles Edward Lord, Deputy
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Catherine McGuinness
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Wendy Mead
Deborah Oliver
Graham Packham, Deputy
James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy
Nighat Qureishi, Deputy
Anett Rideg
David Sales
Ruby Sayed

Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Hugh Selka
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,
Deputy
Naresh Hari Sonpar
Mandeep Thandi
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
Luis Felipe Tilleria
William Upton
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy
Dawn Linsey Wright
Irem Yerdelen

1. Introduction
of newly-elected
Member

The following Member, lately elected to be of the Common Council, for the Ward mentioned, was introduced to the Court and having previously made the declaration prescribed by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, took their seat, viz:-

Name	Ward
Michael Hudson	Castle Baynard

2. Apologies

The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.

3. Declarations There were no additional declarations made.
4. Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
5. Mayoral Engagements The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to provide the Court with an update on his recent and forthcoming engagements, including at the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, at which he had represented the City in the King's possession and borne the Crystal Sceptre gifted to the City by Henry V. The Lord Mayor made particular reference to the screen used to shield His Majesty from public view during the anointing, which had been gifted by the City and the Livery.
- The Lord Mayor also updated the Court on the recent Net Zero Delivery Summit, hosted at Mansion House; his meeting with the new First Minister of Scotland, Hamza Yousaf; and his forthcoming visits to China, Singapore, and Japan.
6. Policy Statement The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee spoke to reflect on his first year of office. In particular, the Chairman highlighted the launch of the Destination City initiative, which would be an important driver of growth for many years to come and be crucial in attracting workers, visitors, and businesses to the City, creating a vibrant Square Mile.
- The Chairman also touched on progress made in major projects relocating the City's Markets, delivering a new Justice Hub, delivering a new home for the Museum of London; initiatives such as the launches of the Centre for Financial Innovation and Technology and Finance for Growth, the hosting of the second Net Zero Delivery Summit, and efforts to increase resident engagement, including the recruitment of a new Residents Campaigns and Communications Manager and committing tens of millions of pounds in capital expenditure to renew the City's estates.
- The Chairman emphasised the importance of the shared aim for financial and professional services sector to be the best-in-class, driving UK Plc, creating the wealth and jobs that support the economy and support public services for the remainder of this decade and beyond. In particular, he stressed the need for all Members to work together in a professional, courteous, and kind fashion, in an effort to make the City the best place it can be for residents, workers, and visitors alike.
- In response to a question from Andrew McMurtrie concerning the progression of works on the bridge at Lower Thames Street, the Chairman advised that he would discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee to see what might be done to pursue the matter with Transport for London.
- Responding to a further question from Munsur Ali, exploring how the City might encourage improved weekend cultural offerings to drive up visitor footfall, the Chairman agreed with the importance of this as part of the Destination City initiative and observed that weekend visitor numbers had increased significantly post-Covid, with more work to be done to exploit this opportunity.

7.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments to vacancies on various committees and outside bodies:-

- (A) **Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee** (one vacancy).
(No Contest)

Nominations received:-
Alpa Raja

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alpa Raja to be appointed to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee, for the balance of a term expiring April 2025.

- (B) **Audit and Risk Management Committee** (one vacancy).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-
Aaron D'Souza

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Aaron D'Souza to be appointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee, for a term expiring April 2026.

- (C) **Local Government Pensions Board** (one vacancy).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-
Anthony Fitzpatrick

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Anthony Fitzpatrick to be appointed to the Local Government Pensions Board, for the balance of a term expiring April 2025.

- (D) **East London NHS Foundation Trust** (one vacancy).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-
*Deputy Rehana Ameer

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Rehana Ameer to be appointed to the East London NHS Foundation Trust, for a final term expiring May 2026.

- (E) **City of London Archaeologist Trust** (two vacancies).
(No contest)

Nominations received:-
*Paul Martinelli

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Paul Martinelli to be appointed to the City of London Archaeological Trust, for a term expiring May 2027.

8. Motions

*Fletcher, J.W.,
Deputy; Holmes,
A., Deputy*

Resolved - That Munsur Ali be appointed to the Community and Children's Services Committee for the Ward of Portsoken, in the room of Jason Pritchard.

9.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)

20 April 2023

Draft Statement of Ethical Policy

A Motion passed by Court of Common Council in 2021 had asked the Policy & Resources Committee to return to Court with a Statement of Ethical Policy in respect of procurement, investment and international engagement. A draft statement had been provided to an informal meeting of the Court in February 2023 and, following further Member input, the scope of the statement had been expanded to include other relevant areas of City Corporation activity. The revised statement was now presented to the Court for consideration.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the report, apologising for the length of time it had taken to conclude this activity and thanking all Members for their contributions in developing this prior to submission. He also took the opportunity, in response to a query raised in advance, to provide an update on the Ban the Box campaign to make it easier for people with convictions to enter or re-enter job market. A prior decision had not been implemented due to HR turnover and Covid, report due to next meeting of Corporate Services.

During discussion of the item, the opportunity to highlight the City Corporation's approach in respect of an ethical response to Artificial Intelligence (AI) was observed, with it asked whether a suitable addition could be inserted. A separate query concerning the Court's diversity was also raised, with it noted that the candidates for a recent by-election had all been white male Freemasons.

Responding and closing the debate, the Chairman concurred that it would be prudent to consider a potential statement on AI to be included within future iterations and sought the Court's leave to consider come up with an appropriate form of wording to re-present for inclusion. The Chairman agreed with the importance of seeking as much diversity as possible amongst electoral candidates and reflected on the activities and successes over recent years. However, he cautioned that the City Corporation could not interfere with the democratic process and activities at the ballot box itself; its activities must be confined to promoting and encouraging people to stand for election to the best of its ability, to ensure the widest and most diverse group of candidates possible.

Resolved - That Members approve the contents of the Statement of Ethical Policy and its adoption accordingly.

10. Resolutions
of the Grand
Court of
Wardmote

Resolutions of the Annual Wardmotes were considered as follows:-

Ward of Aldersgate – 14th March 2023

“The Aldersgate Wardmote deplores the dangerous use of pavements and walkways by bicycles and scooters and electric versions thereof and urges the Grand Court of Wardmote to take action to prevent such abuse of the pavements and walkways”

Resolved – That the resolution be referred to the Planning & Transportation Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

Ward of Candlewick – 20th March 2023

(i) “The Ward of Candlewick commented that they were keen to continue working closely and collaboratively with officers at the City Corporation to get the maximum impact for the Ward of Candlewick from a public realm perspective, and to develop and deliver a plan that would work well long term and provide accessible and user-friendly streets across the City.”

(ii) “With regard to progress of the building development on Abchurch Lane, the Ward of Candlewick asked that this matter be raised with the City Corporation’s officers and an update provided in a future Candlewick Ward Newsletter. In the event that the project was unlikely to be completed in the near future, scope to have the hoardings updated would also be explored with officers from the Planning and Transportation Department.”

Resolved – That both resolutions be referred to the Planning & Transportation Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

Ward of Farringdon Without – 22nd March 2023

“This Wardmote resolves that assurances be sought from the City of London Corporation that a new governance structure will be implemented in order to efficiently deliver the full Museum of London scheme in this Ward by 2028.”

Resolved – That the resolution be referred to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

Ward of Portsoken – 20th March 2023

(i) “The Ward of Portsoken request confirmation from the relevant department of the City of London Corporation on the status of the 2014 project to install power assisted doors in Gravel Lane and on the Podium level of Middlesex Street Estate”.

(ii) “The Ward of Portsoken request the relevant department of the City of London Corporation consider improvements to the look and feel of the current public entrance (former rear entrance) to Petticoat Tower, following the removal of the former main entrance as a result of a housing infill project”.

(iii) “The Ward of Portsoken request the relevant department(s) and/or services of the City of London Corporation consider what mitigating actions could be

taken to resolve current anti-social behaviour (public urination/vomiting) associated with the night-time economy/licensed premises in the vicinity of Beaufort House, EC3”.

- (iv) “The Ward of Portsoken request the relevant department and/or Committee of the City of London Corporation provide assurance that staff have appropriate training to take into account any specific needs of residents with protected characteristics who seek to engage with City of London Corporation services”.

Resolved – That resolutions (i), (ii) and (iv) be referred to the Community & Children’s Services Committee for consideration and any necessary action; and that resolution (iii) be referred to the Licensing Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

11. **CIVIC AFFAIRS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE**

Applications for Hospitality

31 March 2023

(a) The Band of the Royal Yeomanry Concert

It was proposed that the City Corporation host the Band of the Royal Yeomanry Concert in Guildhall Yard followed by a supper in the Basinghall Suite for musicians from the band on Wednesday 14 June 2023.

The Military Band Concert was an annual City Corporation event at which the Band of the Royal Yeomanry, one of two Army Reserve State Bands, perform an early evening concert in Guildhall Yard. The concert was to be open to the public and would provide an opportunity for City workers, residents and visitors to the City to enjoy a summer concert.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City’s Cash within approved parameters.

(b) Networking Breakfast Reception to mark Black History Month

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a networking breakfast reception following a guest interview on Thursday 5 October 2023 to mark Black History Month.

The event was intended to recognise the contribution of the British African Caribbean community and is an opportunity to learn more about the effects of racism and how to challenge negative stereotypes.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City’s Cash within approved parameters.

(c) Parliamentary Terrace Reception 2023

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures relating to the annual City Parliamentary Terrace Reception on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

The City Corporation had, for a number of years, hosted a reception in Parliament, providing a valuable opportunity to engage with the City's parliamentary contacts. This application had been submitted in accordance with the usual procedures and circulated to all Members as part of the Court's agenda in the usual way for its meeting on 27 April. Unfortunately, due to the expiry of time at that meeting, it was unable to be considered. In view of the administrative issues which would be caused by further delay, the Town Clerk was of the opinion that there were valid grounds for urgency pursuant to Standing Order nos.16 and 19.

Hospitality was, therefore, granted for a Parliamentary Terrace Reception on 6 June 2023, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy & Resources Committee and the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

(d) Report of Urgent Action Taken – Coronation Events

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures relating to opportunities for community engagement in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

Proposals had been presented to provide a fund to be made available for bids by City housing estates, to support street parties or other celebratory activities locally.

In addition, as a way of engaging students in the City family of schools, it had been proposed that there should be an art competition with the theme "Royally Inspired", with a selected group of students being invited to an afternoon viewing of the winning entries and reception in the Guildhall, along with their parents/guardians.

Finally, it had been proposed that a commemorative coin be produced, to be given to students in the City family of schools and others in the Corporation.

Given the need to publicise the funding programme, issue details of the art competition and allowing for time needed for commissioning the coin, an urgent decision had been sought and obtained to allow the necessary arrangements to proceed.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

12. Freedoms

(A) Freedom Applications

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:-

Hannan Ali <i>Dhruv Patel</i> <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>	a Funding Manager <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Luton, Bedfordshire
Mr Luca Beccari <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Paul Nicholas Martinelli, CC</i>	a Minister of Foreign Affairs for San Marino <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	San Marino

Prof. Dr Stefan Richard Bornstein <i>Dr Mahmoud Saleh Barbir</i> <i>Farid Barakat</i>	a Professor of Medicine <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Dresden, Germany
Grace Elizabeth Bowling <i>Philip Woodhouse, Deputy</i> <i>Nicholas Julian Goddard</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Barber</i>	Newdigate, Surrey
Jenny Jeong-Eun Choi <i>Michael Ernest Garrett, MBE</i> <i>John Robert Cowie</i>	a Doctor <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i>	Poplar, London
Isaac Benjamin Haim Cooper <i>Ald. Bronislaw Edmund Masojada</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Levene</i>	a Public Relations Company Director <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Carmen</i>	Hendon, London
Paul Brian Crump <i>Frances Leach, CC</i> <i>Thomas Sleigh, CC</i>	an Insurance Company Director <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Heathfield, East Sussex
Giuseppe Di Stefano <i>Richard Gary Stephen Miller</i> <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i>	an Asset Wealth Management Company Associate <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Pimlico, London
Eric Mervyn Driver <i>Peter John Neal</i> <i>Edward Kenneth Webb</i>	a Metropolitan Police Inspector, retired <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Beckenham, Kent
Graeme Faulkner <i>Richard George Turk</i> <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	a Waterman and Lighterman <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Rochester, Kent
Rupert James Fischer <i>Alan Roy Willis</i> <i>Mark John Herbage</i>	a Financial Services Business Consultant <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Bramley, Surrey
Warren John Forsyth <i>Stephen David Willis</i> <i>Dr Millan Sachania</i>	a Solicitor and City of London Guide <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Stoke Newington, London
His Imperial Highness, Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie of Ethiopia <i>David Guyon</i> <i>Ian Brinsley Andrews</i>	President of the Ethiopian Crown Council <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America
Revd. Katherine Jane Hedderly <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	a Clerk in Holy Orders <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	Tower, City of London

<i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
Stephen David Judge <i>Neil Richard Barnes</i> <i>Adam Richard Woodman-Bailey</i>	a Design Engineer <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Reigate, Surrey
Finlay Craig Kemp <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	a Train Operator <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Addlestone, Surrey
Walter Thomas William Kerr <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i>	an Education Company Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Battersea, London
Mohammed Afsar Khan <i>Shahnan Bakth, CC</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a News Company Retail Manager <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Poplar, London
Damian Lawera <i>Nikolaos Kotrozos</i> <i>Daniel Mark Benham</i>	a Senior Service Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire
John Watcyn Lewis <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	an Insurance Broker, retired <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i> <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Shepherds Bush, London
Evelyn Shu Wei Lim <i>Philip Woodhouse, Deputy</i> <i>Nicholas Julian Goddard</i>	a Pharmacist <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Barber</i>	Leatherhead, Surrey
Alistair William Leland Lyons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Venture Capital Manager <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Hammersmith and Fulham, London
Mark John Lyons <i>Gina Blair</i> <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	a Chartered Surveyor, retired <i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Wanstead, London
Brigadier Grant Ernest Mason <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Army Officer <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Wimbledon, London
David Alexander Wilson McCredie, AM, OBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck</i> <i>Bowman</i>	a Trade and Investment Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Chipping Norton, New South Wales, Australia
Amanda Jill Ottaviani <i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones,</i> <i>CC</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	a Health and Safety Analyst <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Bedford, Bedfordshire

Revd Marcus Ottaviani <i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, CC</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	a Clerk in Holy Orders <i>Citizen</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Bedford, Bedfordshire
Barry Arnold Palmer <i>David Charles Evans</i> <i>Andrew Williams</i>	a Head of Safety and Security <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Isleworth, Hounslow
Abdul Basith Pattinathar Kattuwa Syedibrahim <i>Timothy McNally, CC</i> <i>Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia, CC</i>	a Charity Director <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Croydon, London
Dr Thiyagarajah Periyasamy <i>Simon Peter McIlwaine</i> <i>Paul Timothy Dowsey</i>	a Doctor <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Harrow, Middlesex
Hazel Valerie Phillips <i>Stephen David Willis</i> <i>Dr Millan Sachania</i>	a Public Affairs Adviser and City Guide <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Wapping, London
Andy Porter <i>Henry John Emms</i> <i>Roger Richard George North</i>	an Ambulance Emergency Medical Technician <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Brewer</i>	Corby, Northamptonshire
Mahfuza Rahman <i>Shahnan Bakth, CC</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy</i>	a Special Education Worker, retired <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	North Kensington, London
Maxine Reynolds <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i> <i>Richard George Turk</i>	an Arts Producer <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Kentish Town, London
Adarsh Dilip Shah <i>Martyn Terence Tabony</i> <i>Richard Edward Robert King</i>	a Business Consultant <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Harrow, Middlesex
Thelma Amy Sillis <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Bank Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Potters Bar, Hertfordshire
Holly Simmons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	a Social Mobility Network Founder <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Danbury, Essex
Christian Alan Squibb <i>Allan Stewart Anderson</i> <i>Daniel Flowers</i>	an Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Grays, Essex
Jamie Suggate	a Construction Services	Southend-on-Sea, Essex

<i>Robert Constant</i>	Commercial Director	
<i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Emdad Hossain Talukder, MBE	a Community Resources Officer, retired	North Kensington, London
<i>Shahnan Bakth, CC</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	
<i>Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
Gerald Robin Veryard	a Haulage Contractor	Hanworth Park, London
<i>Henry John Emms</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Roger Richard George North</i>	<i>Citizen and Brewer</i>	
George Richard Whittington	a Bank Manager, retired	Chertsey, Surrey
<i>Ian David Luder, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Cooper</i>	
<i>Lin Jane Luder</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
Graham Edwin Williams	a Chemical Industry Regulatory Affairs Manager	St Helens, Merseyside
<i>Wesley Val Hollands</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Jonathan Peter Wallis</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
Dr Alexander Henry Bula Wright	a Medical Doctor	Ruislip, Middlesex
<i>Steven Leslie Wright</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	
<i>Phillip John Davis</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	
James Alexander Bula Wright	a Chartered Quantity Surveyor	Ruislip, Middlesex
<i>Steven Leslie Wright</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	
<i>Phillip John Davis</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	

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.

(B) Action Taken Under Urgency Procedures: Freedom Applications

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in approving those applications for the Freedom which had been submitted in accordance with the usual procedures and had appeared on the Court's agenda on 27 April 2023.

Unfortunately, due to the expiry of time at that meeting, the list had not been considered by the Court and, in view of the administrative issues which would be caused by further delay to their consideration, namely the scheduling of the several Freedom ceremonies, the names of those listed were considered under urgency procedures pursuant to Standing Orders no.16 and 19.

Set out below is the Chamberlain's list of applicants that were granted the Freedom of the City together with the names, etc. of those who nominated them.

Nathan Paul Baker <i>Sir Michael Bear</i> <i>Neil Christer Duncan Sandberg</i>	a Research Charity Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	Pavenham, Bedfordshire
Victoria Harriet Blair <i>Gina Blair</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton</i>	an Operations and Compliance Director <i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Great Dunmow, Essex
Dr Nicholas John Bowes <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CC</i> <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	a Think Tank Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Forest Hill, London
Sandra Elizabeth Burmicz <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i> <i>Diane Irene Warman</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i>	Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire
Pamela Violet Butcher <i>Alan Stanley Cook</i> <i>Deborah Jane Black</i>	a Publican, retired <i>Citizen and Gunmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Shepperton, Middlesex
Joseph Charles Buttler, MBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	a Professional Cricketer <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Battersea, London
Andrew David Calver <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	a Promotional Products Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Orpington, Kent
Christopher Conway <i>Sir Michael Bear</i> <i>Lady Barbara Anne Bear</i>	a Senior Design Engineer <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Southampton, Hampshire
Lawrence John Costa <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Senior Special Events Management Officer <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	West Wickham, Kent
Sir Jonathan Stephen Cunliffe, CB <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy</i>	Deputy Governor of the Bank of England <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Cornhill, City of London
Judith Ann Diment <i>Douglas Meager Wallace Wagland</i> <i>David Charles Johnson</i>	a Public Relations Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	Hampstead, London
Julian Charles Donnelly	a Debt Counsellor	Bexleyheath, Kent

<i>Martin Collins</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
<i>Simon James Underwood</i>	<i>Citizen and Arbitrator</i>	
Colonel Malachy James Doran	a Clerk to a City Livery Company	Blandford, Dorset
<i>Nicholas Julian Goddard</i>	<i>Citizen and Barber</i>	
<i>Henrietta Sophia Emma Courtauld</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
Rosemary Dymond	a Headteacher, retired	Gravesend, Kent
<i>Robert Alan Broomhead, TD</i>	<i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	
<i>Christine Anne Patricia Broomhead</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
Simon Reid Ellis	a Human Resources Technology Company Director	Putney, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	
	<i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	
Judith Anne Evans	a Business Consultant	Putney, London
<i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
<i>David Anthony Bickmore</i>	<i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	
Dr Gary William Fuller	a Scientist	Brighton, East Sussex
<i>Jonathan Martin Averns</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Jeremy Lewis Simons</i>	<i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i>	
Anthony Paul Gallagher	a Consultant Engineer, retired	Clapton, London
<i>Stephen David Willis</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
<i>Dr Millan Sachania</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
Costas Theo Gavriel	a Student	Walsall, West Midlands
<i>Robert Travers Smith</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
<i>George Niblett</i>	<i>Citizen and Mason</i>	
Johann Gilardi	a City Livery Company Assistant Beadle	Newtown, Powys, Wales
<i>Dr Timothy Patrick Cutler</i>	<i>Citizen and Barber</i>	
<i>Henrietta Sophia Emma Courtauld</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
Nicholas Simon Gill	a Property Fund Manager	Winchmore Hill, London
<i>Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
<i>Andrien Meyers, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
Stewart Goshawk	a Grant-Making Foundation Charity Chief Executive	Billericay, Essex
<i>Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i>	
<i>Nighat Qureishi, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	
Martin Lewis Heathcote	a Waste Recycling Company Chief Executive	Egerton, Kent
<i>Vincent Dignam</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
<i>John Paul Tobin</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	

<p>Nathan Robert Heathcote <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i></p>	<p>an Agriculture Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Pluckley, Ashford, Kent</p>
<p>Trevor Lewis Heathcote <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i></p>	<p>a Farming Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Ashford, Kent</p>
<p>Paul Michael Henry <i>Antony Charles Greene</i> <i>Derek Martin Morley</i></p>	<p>a Removal Services Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Furniture Maker</i></p>	<p>Little Houghton, Northampton</p>
<p>Alexander James Edward Hickman <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Strategy Adviser <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Pewsey, Wiltshire</p>
<p>Conor Thomas Hillery <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>an Investment Banker <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>West Brompton, London</p>
<p>Christopher John Huxtable <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i> <i>David Anthony Bickmore</i></p>	<p>a Private Equity Fund Senior Adviser <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i></p>	<p>Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey</p>
<p>David Neil Jameson, CBE <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Community Organiser <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Yelverton, Devon</p>
<p>James Arthur Jolly <i>Terry Kenneth Morris</i> <i>Martin Stewart Earle</i></p>	<p>a Security Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Builders Merchant</i></p>	<p>Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire</p>
<p>Zubair Junjunia <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i></p>	<p>a Social Impact Start-Up Founder <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>	<p>Stratford, London</p>
<p>Paul Michael Kearns <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i></p>	<p>an Insurance Broker <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i></p>	<p>Parsons Green, London</p>
<p>Paula Kay Kenning <i>Dr Jeffrey Quaye, OBE</i> <i>Dr Anne Punter</i></p>	<p>an Education Trust Deputy Managing Director <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i></p>	<p>Guildford, Surrey</p>
<p>Aoise Keogan-Nooshabadi <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i></p>	<p>a Social Enterprise Co-Founder <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>	<p>Haringey, London</p>

Kadirul Hussain Kibria <i>Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	a Civil Engineer <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Bethnal Green, London
Ann-Marie Knegt <i>Jeremy Lewis Simons</i> <i>Vincent Dignam</i>	a Magazine Editor <i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument</i> <i>Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Sherborne, Dorset
Charles Henry Leland Lyons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Journalist <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Islington, London
Oliver John Leland Lyons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire
Sandeep Lakhmi Mathrani <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i>	a Co-Working Company Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Palm Beach, Florida, United States of America
Peter Alexander McHattie <i>Richard Gary Stephen Miller</i> <i>Hilary Miller</i>	a Senior Prison Officer <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Sevenoaks, Kent
James Thomas Morgan <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i> <i>James Michael Douglas</i> <i>Thomson, Deputy</i>	a Police Officer <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Kings Ripton, Cambridgeshire
Stephen David Norris <i>Jon Russell Harrison</i> <i>Nicholas John Burger</i>	an Outdoor Leisure Retailer Managing Director <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Cutler</i>	Blindley Heath, Surrey
Francis Patrick O'Hare <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Property Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Whetstone, London
Nicholas O'Hare <i>Kristen James Cottier</i> <i>Robert George Mumsow</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Spectacle Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Builders Merchant</i>	Welling, London
Ian Rettie <i>Michael Osborne</i> <i>Antonio Masella</i>	a Security Systems Company Director <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	North Chingford, London
Simon Leslie Rogers <i>Anthony John Paice</i> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Cynthia Elizabeth Schöndorf <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	a Secretary, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Rochester, Kent

<i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
Lord Mark Philip Sedwill	an Aerospace Company Non-Executive Director	Rimpton, Somerset
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
Floyd Anthony Steadman, OBE	a Rugby Player and Headmaster, retired	Ludgvan, Cornwall
<i>Caroline Wilma Haines, CC Paul Christian Bobjerg-Jensen</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator Citizen and Baker</i>	
Lauren Camilla Stewart	a Scale Up Advisory Platform Founder	Clapham, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	
Ahmed Jafferli Versi	a Journalist	Harrow, Middlesex
<i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Alderman Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
Karl Werner Hasso Herbert Von Bose	a European Commission Director, retired	Berlin, Germany
<i>Robert James Ingham Clark Baron Carel Eduard Van Randwyck</i>	<i>Citizen and Clothworker Citizen and Draper</i>	
Caitlin Joy Wale	a Venture Capital Investor	Hackney, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	
Victoria West	an Archivist	Chelmsford, Essex
<i>Dr Mary Elizabeth Heber Henrietta Sophia Emma Courtauld</i>	<i>Citizen and Barber Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
Timothy John Wheeler	a Garage Company Director	Burgess Hill, West Sussex
<i>Daniel Mark Heath Graham Leslie Flight</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver Citizen and Loriner</i>	
India Rosalind Leland White-Spunner	an Investment Manager	Highbury Square, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	

Read.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

13. Questions

Woodhouse,
P.J., Deputy to
the Chairman of
Policy &
Resources

Support for Chairs

Deputy Philip Woodhouse asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the support provided for several Committee Chairs, including the Chairman of Policy & Resources.

Responding, the Chairman advised that costs for office refurbishments for senior committee Chairs on the Mezzanine floor had been approved by the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee and amounted to around seven thousand pounds. With respect to the creation of the office supporting the Policy Chair, this was a product of the Target Operating Model and Organisational Design approved by the Court in December 2020 and had emerged from a key recommendation of the June 2020 independent Fraser Review, which had deemed the level of support for the Policy Chair as “inadequate and inconsistent with the broad range of responsibilities of this office”. The structure and resources to establish the Office of the Policy Chair had subsequently been debated and approved by the Policy and Resources Committee in November 2021, establishing a team with a wide remit, including policy support, through the appointment of 10 Full-time Equivalents, albeit mindful of cost pressures the current Office was operating with 8 staff. The Office was working well and closely with Mansion House in coordinating key messages and activities with the Lord Mayor in line with the one-team ethos; another problem that the Fraser Review had identified as a key challenge to solve.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy Philip Woodhouse concerning funding figures, the Chairman highlighted that works had been funded through underspends and agreed to circulate to Members relevant figures or information by email.

In response to a supplementary question from Catherine McGuinness, in which she took the opportunity to emphasise the quality of briefings received from across the Corporation during her tenure as Policy Chair, the Chairman provided reassurance that policy continued to come from the relevant policy experts and the team provided more of a coordination function in this area, which was previously a gap identified in the Fraser Review.

Lawrence, G.A.
to the Chairman
of Policy &
Resources

Major Projects Tendering Processes

Greg Lawrence asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding confidence in the Corporation's tendering process for its major projects, in the light of recent findings by the Competition and Markets Authority against a major company (Keltbray) used by the Corporation for some previous activities.

The Chairman advised that he had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to this question, by virtue of his declared engagement by Keltbray as a consultant. The Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources would, therefore, be responding to this question and any supplementary questions and the Chair would not be speaking further on this matter.

The Deputy Chairman confirmed that the City Corporation followed strict procurement guidelines in terms of supplier selection and the subsequent award of contracts for major projects. There was a dedicated property and projects procurement team, which managed all tendering for major projects, with an approach which met the requirements of the 2015 Public Contracts Regulations whereby each tender was evaluated against strict scoring criteria. The City Corporation had had one direct contract with Keltbray for its major projects, that being the initial demolition contract for Salisbury Square, which was won by

Keltbray in open tender. This was delivered on time and to budget. There was also a further minor direct contract as part of Museum of London enabling works with respect to the Poultry Market roof, considered by the Markets Committee on 7 September 2020. Proper procurement processes were followed at all times.

The Deputy Chairman also noted that the CMA ruling related to the period 2009-2017 and that both of the aforementioned contracts related to works which did not fall within that window.

Through a supplementary question, Greg Lawrence asked whether the Chairman would consider stepping aside from either his role with Keltbray or his role as Chairman, given the recent findings and the potential for conflicts of interest. Replying, the Deputy Chairman observed that Members across the Court held a range of pecuniary interests, which was a normal and natural consequence of having a Court formed of people with a wealth of experience in the professional world. The Policy Chairman had declared and managed his pecuniary interests in a fully transparent fashion as required by the relevant provisions and it was incumbent on all Members to disclose and manage similarly their own interests.

Tilleria, L.F. to
the Chairman of
Policy &
Resources

Climate Action Strategy

Luis Tilleria asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the City's Climate Action Strategy.

In reply, the Chairman observed that the lack of private capital flowing to emerging markets represented a significant risk to achieving global climate goals, adding that the City of London Corporation continued to pursue actively the goal of mobilising climate finance. It supported the Climate Finance Leadership Initiative, a coalition of investors working to mobilise private capital for climate projects in emerging markets, which was launching multiple country-specific programmes. The Chairman also reflected on the City's hosting of the Net Zero Delivery Summit, which had become the platform to help business and government translate their climate commitments into action and which showcased best practice on just transition financing, demonstrated how new standards on sustainability were being embedded into business practices and highlighted positive work already being delivered. It was, therefore, a key plank in the City's aims to promote the UK's sustainable Financial and Professional Services (FPS) offer and stimulate the development of new investment products capable of meeting sustainable investment demand.

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

Processes Associated with Hospitality Guest Lists

Aaron D'Souza asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the selection process used to identify guests for events, with specific reference to the recent Business & Industry dinner.

Responding, the Chairman noted that invitations to Mansion House dinners were not strictly within the remit of the Policy & Resources Committee. However, his understanding was that the Business & Industry dinner this year had had a number of format changes, reflecting the theme of Innovation and Tech. One of the changes had been for an overall reduction in capacity for the event and, in order to maintain a balance between internal and external attendees, the event was

removed from the annual ballot process distributing places amongst the Court. Instead, Members were invited to submit an Expression of Interest, detailing their links to the sector. Given that interest far exceeded capacity for the event, a three-Member panel – made up of the Policy Lead for Innovation, the Chair of the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Aldermen, and a senior Aldermanic Member with professional experience in the sector, reviewed all applications from Member. They had sought to prioritise those applicants with externally recognised current senior roles within the FPS tech industry, with decisions made on the basis of the Expressions of Interest submitted, rather than with a strict scoring criteria.

The Chairman reflected that the approach taken to this dinner was a new one, with initial analysis showing that more than 90% of external attendees had never been to a Mansion House dinner before; however, the approach to Member attendance would be part of the ‘lessons learnt’ for the event and the Chairman was cognisant of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee’s desire to ensure that Member feedback was captured and taken into account for future events.

Through a supplementary question, Aaron D’Souza expressed concern that the process was insufficiently transparent or rigorous, drawing parallels with similar concerns he had raised previously in relation to Policy Leads, for which had requested but not received evaluation criteria and scoring notes for all applicants. He asked, therefore, whether a commitment could be given to sharing this information.

In reply, the Chairman cautioned that he would need to seek advice from the Comptroller & City Solicitor as to what information he was able to provide. He would revert to the Member in writing with a response once this advice was obtained. The Chairman also took the opportunity to challenge any assertion as to appointments having been made on any sort of preferential basis, observing that the appointments had been spread across both new and longer-serving Members, with some being on Policy & Resources and some not.

In response to a further supplementary question from Mark Wheatley as to why this specific dinner was chosen to trial this narrower format, the Chairman clarified that the selection had been made as the tech sector was the fastest growing one, with the move to round tables being to encourage more engaged discussions. The Chairman added that there would inevitably be points of learning from the first instance in which this had been trialled, noting that the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee would take this into account as part of its wider work.

Locum Tenens

Locum Tenens

The Town Clerk reported that the Lord Mayor now needed to depart the meeting in order to attend another official engagement. Accordingly, there was produced and laid in Court a Warrant, signed by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, appointing Alderman Ian Luder as Locum Tenens to transact all the business appertaining to the Office of Mayoralty of this City during his absence.

14. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD****(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)**

22 March 2023

Refreshed City of London Policing Plan 2022-25

The City of London Policing Plan 2022-25 informs the community, stakeholders and staff how the City area is to be policed. The Force and Court of Common Council (in its capacity as a police authority) 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 being 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 original 2022-25 Plan had been approved by the Police Authority Board in February 2022; however, there was a requirement to review and republish the Plan annually. In order to inform this year's version, wide ranging consultation had been undertaken, including a Court of Common Council Member Briefing held on 13th of February 2023, and the annual community survey. The Plan had been refreshed in response to this consultation and approved by the City of London Police Authority Board in March 2023 and was hereby submitted to the Court for information.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the report, reflecting on the importance of putting victims and the City's communities at the heart of what the Force does, as well as efforts to target cyber, fraud, and economic crime.

Resolved – That the report be received.

15. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)**

4 May 2023

Year 2 Quarter 4 update on Climate Action Strategy & Year 3 Plan

In October 2020, the Court of Common Council had approved an ambitious Climate Action Strategy, a transformative programme for the City of London Corporation to reach net zero carbon emissions, build resilience and champion sustainable growth. The Court now received a report which provided an update on implementation and activities to-date.

Resolved – That the report be received and the progress, risks and issues

highlighted therein be noted.

16. **PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley)

30 March 2023

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Heathrow Animal Reception Centre – Forward Plan

In January 2023, the Court of Common Council had agreed to make Byelaws setting a 3% increase in fees for the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre (HARC) for the financial year 2023/24. This increase was intended to offset additional energy costs and other risks, whilst attempting to remain competitive for HARC'S commercial customers.

Since that decision was taken, the commercial environment in which the HARC operated had continued to become increasingly competitive. The Port Health and Environmental Services Committee had, therefore, resolved to recommend to the a change to the fees and charges for 2023/24 that had recently been agreed by the Court, such that they reverted to the previous fees and charges agreed for 2022/23 and removed the processing fees. The revised fees and charges would require new Byelaws to be made by the Court, and for the Comptroller and City Solicitor to be instructed to not seal the previously agreed byelaws.

As the new Byelaws would need to be made and sealed by 1 April, and with the Court not due to meet again until 27 April, approval was sought and given under urgency procedures on 30 March 2023, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19. To instruct the Comptroller and City Solicitor to not seal the previously agreed 2023/24 Byelaws, and to pass the revised Byelaws presented instead, instructing the Comptroller and City Solicitor to seal them accordingly.

A report outlining this action taken had been submitted to the Court for its 27 April 2023 meeting pursuant to Standing Order no.19(5); however, that meeting closed before the Court had the opportunity to receive the report. It was, therefore, now presented again for formal receipt.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

17. **AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

(Alderman Alexander Robertson Martin Barr)

3 May 2023

Report of Urgent Action Taken: External Member Recommendation

In September 2011, the Court of Common Council agreed that the Audit and Risk Management Committee should have the ability to recruit up to three External Members to provide additional expertise and challenge.

The first term of one of the current External Members, Dan Worsley, expired in March 2023. The Audit and Risk Management Committee, following the recommendation of its Nominations and Effectiveness Committee, agreed on 30 March 2023 to recommend to the Court that Dan Worsley should be appointed to a second term and submitted a recommendation accordingly to the meeting held on

27 April 2023. Unfortunately, that meeting of the Court ended before consideration could be given to the Committee's recommendation.

A decision under urgency was subsequently sought and received pursuant to Standing Order nos. 16 and 19 to allow Mr Worsley to be reappointed in time for the next meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee on 12 May, as the Court would not meet until after this date.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

18. Ballot
results

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

Where appropriate:-

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

denotes a Member with fewer than five years' service on the Court;

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

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

★ denotes appointed.

1 Five Members to the **Policy and Resources Committee**.

	Votes
^Deputy Simon Duckworth	26
*Mary Durcan	23
Helen Fentimen	47 ★
Jason Groves	46 ★
Deputy Madush Gupta	26
^Wendy Hyde	15
*Deputy Shravan Joshi	41 ★
Gregory Lawrence	36
*Deputy Charles Edward Lord	31
Paul Martinelli	40 ★
*Wendy Mead	30
Paul Singh	23
*Deputy James Thomson	56 ★

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

	Votes
*Deputy Simon Duckworth	66 ★
Michael Hudson	17
Timothy McNally	39
Deputy Henry Pollard	68 ★
*Deputy Dr Giles Shilson	69 ★

3 Five Members to the **Corporate Services Committee**.

	Votes
Deputy Randall Anderson	78 ★

	Anthony Fitzpatrick	63 *
	Gregory Lawrence	71 *
	Ruby Sayed	43
	Mandeep Thandi	58 *
	Deputy Philip Woodhouse	64 *
4	Two Members to the Barbican Centre Board.	
		Votes
	*Munsur Ali	63 *
	*Deputy Randall Anderson	76 *
	Aaron D'Souza	50
5	Four Members to the Bridge House Estates Board.	
		Votes
	#Aaron D'Souza	30
	#John Griffiths	48 *
	*Paul Martinelli	45 *
	Timothy McNally	17
	#Deborah Oliver	39 *
	*Judith Pleasance	35
	*Deputy Henry Pollard	36
	**Deputy Nighat Qureishi	43 *
6	Four Members to the The Honourable The Irish Society.	
		Votes
	James Bromiley-Davis	69 *
	John Foley	51 *
	John Griffiths	52 *
	Timothy McNally	37
	Alpa Raja	35
	Hugh Selka	39 *
7	Two Members to the Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation	
		Votes
	Steve Goodman	61 *
	*Alderman Susan Pearson	60 *
	Ruby Sayed	34
8	Two Members to the City of London Reserves Forces and Cadets Association	
		Votes
	*Deputy Simon Duckworth	56 *
	Deputy Nighat Qureishi	61 *

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Read.

19. Legislation The Court received reports on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation, as follows:-

Bills

Date in force

Public Order Act 2023

2nd May 2023

The Act strengthens police powers in response to an increase in the use of dangerous and disruptive tactics by protesters. It establishes new offences of locking on and going equipped to lock on, obstructing major transport works, and interfering with 'key national infrastructure'. The Act also introduces new powers for police to stop and search individuals for articles related to protest offences, and to seize articles found. It establishes a new Serious Disruption Prevention Order, to address the protest activities of repeat offenders.

Statutory Instruments

Date in force

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (Commencement No. 1) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 No. 227

7th March 2023

These Regulations bring into force on 7th March 2023 specified provisions of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, which provide for the Secretary of State to issue a code of practice about the processing of personal data by a member of a police force in relation to non-criminal hate incidents.

The Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 No. 298

30th March 2023

The Sentencing Act 2020 specifies the general limit on a magistrates' court's power to impose imprisonment or detention in a young offender institution in respect of an offence, including the "applicable limit" that may be imposed in respect of triable either way offences. The Act gives the Secretary of State powers to alter that applicable limit by Regulations. These Regulations reduce the applicable limit for a triable either way offence to 6 months from 12 months.

The Environment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2023 No. 381

1st April 2023

These Regulations bring into force on 1st April 2023 provisions of the Environment Act 2021. This includes amendments to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to enforcement against littering and related offences, and the levels of fixed penalty notices under those sections.

The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (England) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2023 No. 386

20th April 2023

This Order amends an existing 2022 Order to modify guidance on school teachers' pay and conditions in relation to the school year beginning in 2022. The purpose is to amend the number of days for which a teacher must be available to teach pupils in that school year, to account for the additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May 2023 to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

The Public Order Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2023 No. 502

3rd May 2023

These are the first commencement regulations under the Public Order Act 2023. They bring into force on 3rd May 2023 the new criminal offences of "locking on", "being equipped for locking on", and interference with the use or operation of key national infrastructure. The Regulations also bring into force amendments to delegation powers under the Public Order Act 1986 in relation to the Metropolitan Police and City of London Police, in order to bring parity to London police forces with those outside London.

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

Read.

20. Resolutions There were no resolutions.

21. Hospital Seal There were no docquets to be sealed.

22. Awards & Prizes **Planner Magazine – Women of Influence 2023**

(Deputy Shravan Jashvantraï Joshi, MBE)

Report of the Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee:-

"I wish to draw Members' attention to the following achievement of Bhakti Depala, Head of Planning Delivery.

Each year for International Women's Day, the Planner Magazine publishes a list of

planning's Women of Influence as nominated by readers of the Planner Magazine and assessed by a panel of judges that includes distinguished planners from across the UK.

On 8 March 2023, Bhakti Depala, Head of Planning Delivery was selected as one of its Women of Influence for 2023.

Judges said Bhakti was “an inspiration to all she works with” and acted as “the vital strategic link” between City Corporation officers, developers, politicians and others, working on major high-profile developments. They also referenced her Hindi-language video championing planning, which is the most popular on the City Corporation's YouTube channel, and her work on streamlining and innovating how the team works. They concluded, Bhakti “goes above and beyond to support, mentor and develop team members” and “exudes infectious positivity, enthusiasm and dynamism.”

I commend this achievement to the Court.”

Read.

23. Exclusion
of the Public

Holmes, A.
Deputy;
Colthurst,
H.N.A., Deputy

Resolved – 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 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, or relates 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.

24. Non-public
minutes

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

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.26 pm

THOMAS.

Report – Policy and Resources Committee

Electronic Voting for Divisions (Standing Order No. 14 Revision)

To be presented on Thursday, 22nd July 2023

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

SUMMARY

At its meeting on 9 March 2022, the Court of Common Council approved, in-principle, a proposal to introduce a method of electronic voting, using handheld devices, for the purposes of Divisions (i.e., recorded votes) taken at meetings of the Court in accordance with Standing Order No.14. This proposal had itself arisen from a resolution passed by the Court in December 2022, instructing the Policy & Resources Committee to investigate the viability of introducing such a mechanism.

The adoption of this process was to be subject to the satisfactory completion of testing. This has now been undertaken with positive feedback received. An alteration to Standing Orders No.14 is, therefore, now proposed to allow for electronic voting devices to be used for Divisions at Court of Common Council meetings, effective July 2023 onwards.

RECOMMENDATION

The Court of Common Council is **recommended** to approve the proposed amendment to Standing Order No.14, as set out at Appendix 1, to provide for electronic voting in respect of Divisions at meetings of the Court of Common Council.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. At its meeting on 8 December 2022, the Court of Common Council resolved to instruct the Policy and Resources Committee to investigate the viability of introducing an electronic voting system, capable of recording individual votes, that would replace the current voting procedure as laid out in paragraph 4 of Standing Order No.14.
2. Subsequently, at its meeting on 23 February 2023, your Policy and Resources Committee considered a series of options, including fixed units, a software only solution and a portable hardware solution.
3. Upon review, the Committee agreed to support proposals for a portable hardware solution. These systems are comprised of portable electronic devices (clickers) for making votes, and software that needs installing on one device to collate and display these votes.

4. The aforementioned Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 23 February 2023 further agreed that, subject to the Court's approval, amendments to the Standing Orders should be sought at a later date to allow for the use of electronic voting devices for Divisions.
5. A recommendation to the Court was, therefore, submitted and on 9 March 2023, this Honourable Court approved the Committee's proposals in this respect, resolving to instruct officers to purchase an electronic voting system, offer training to Members for this system, and to bring a further report to change the Court's Standing Orders so that the system could be used for voting purposes in respect of Divisions.

Current Position and Proposal

6. Following this Honourable Court's agreement, the identified voting system, the Meridia electronic voting system, was purchased. The particular benefits of this system were articulated in the report presented previously to this Honourable Court.
7. Subsequent to the system's purchase, seven training / testing sessions were organised for Members to familiarise themselves with the system. The feedback from the Members who attended these sessions was overwhelmingly positive.
8. This Honourable Court is, therefore, asked to amend its Standing Orders, in accordance with the terms set out in the report previously agreed on 9 March 2023, to allow for an electronic voting system to be used for Divisions at Court meetings. These amendments are presented to the Court, as agreed by your Policy and Resources Committee on the 23 February 2023, set out with changes marked up, in Appendix 1.
9. The revised Standing Order proposals will retain the existing non-electronic Divisions mechanism, which can be used in the event that the e-voting system is for any reason not functioning. The revised Standing Order will also provide for Members the ability to contest the vote recorded in their name.

Conclusion

10. Having previously agreed to the introduction of electronic voting for Divisions, the procurement and satisfactory testing of suitable equipment has now been undertaken and its implementation, with commensurate changes to the Standing Orders to facilitate this, is recommended.

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

DATED this 12th day of June 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Christopher Hayward
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee

14. Divisions

1. A Member demanding a Division must stand for that purpose (if able to do so). A Division will not be allowed unless another 11 Members (i.e. 12 in total) stand in their places (if able to do so) to support the demand.
2. If a Division is allowed, the Lord Mayor will ensure that two Tellers for the affirmative and two for the negative are appointed. If there are insufficient Members of the Court willing to act as Tellers, no Division will take place should instruct the Town Clerk to input the question into the electronic voting software.
3. If a Division is allowed, the Town Clerk will ring the Division bell and at the expiration of three minutes they will ascertain whether a Division is still demanded. If so, the Bar of the Court will be closed after which no Member may enter or leave the Court except for the purpose of recording their vote until the Division has been declared closed.
3. 4. The Town Clerk will repeat the Motion and every Member then present and wishing to vote will cast their vote either for the affirmative or the negative, using the electronic voting device provided, using the electronic voting device provided (the Lord Mayor voting without leaving the Chair and having the right to a second, casting vote). The Ayes for the question will go through the Bar of the Court to the right of the Lord Mayor and the Noes through the Bar to the left, the votes being recorded at the respective exits. An option on the device will also allow Members to abstain, should they wish.
4. ~~Members wishing to abstain should remain seated and the Lord Mayor will seek confirmation of their intention before accepting a declaration from the Tellers that every Member wishing to vote has done so, after which the Bar of the Court will be re-opened and Members will return to their seats through the central entrance.~~
5. ~~The Town Clerk will call for the Tellers' reports and declare the result.~~
4. Once every Member has placed their vote, polling will close and the result will appear immediately, on a screen visible to all Members.
5. Members will have an opportunity to scrutinise the votes and will stand if they wish to contest the vote recorded in their name.
6. The Town Clerk will then declare the result.
7. If it appears to the Lord Mayor that the electronic voting system cannot be used for any reason a vote should be taken through the following non-electronic mechanism:
 - (a) The Lord Mayor will ensure that two Tellers for the affirmative and two for the negative are appointed. If there are insufficient Members of the Court willing to act as Tellers, no Division will take place.
 - (b) If a Division is allowed, the Town Clerk will ring the Division bell and at the

expiration of three minutes they will ascertain whether a Division is still demanded. If so, the Bar of the Court will be closed after which no Member may enter or leave the Court except for the purpose of recording their vote until the Division has been declared closed.

(c) The Town Clerk will repeat the Motion and every Member then present and wishing to vote will cast their vote either for the affirmative or the negative (the Lord Mayor voting without leaving the Chair and having the right to a second, casting vote).

The Ayes for the question will go through the Bar of the Court to the right of the Lord Mayor and the Noes through the Bar to the left, the votes being recorded at the respective exits.

(d) Members wishing to abstain should remain seated and the Lord Mayor will seek confirmation of their intention before accepting a declaration from the Tellers that every Member wishing to vote has done so, after which the Bar of the Court will be re-opened and Members will return to their seats through the central entrance.

(e) The Town Clerk will call for the Tellers' reports and declare the result.

Report – Planning and Transportation Committee

Gateway 4B Proposal: St Paul’s Gyratory Transformation (Phase 1)

To be presented on Thursday 22nd June 2023

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

SUMMARY

The St Paul’s Gyratory project aims to transform the streets and public realm between the old Museum of London site and St. Paul’s Underground station through the partial removal of the 1970’s gyratory. It is a priority project for delivery by 2030 as identified in the City’s Transport Strategy.

The project is split into two phases. Phase 1 covers the project area to the south of the rotunda roundabout. Phase 2 focuses on highway changes on the roundabout and is awaiting the outcome of the Museum of London/Bastion House redevelopment which is currently at pre-application stage.

Your Planning & Transportation Committee, with the endorsement of the Operational Property & Projects Sub-Committee and following detailed scrutiny by the Streets & Walkways Sub-Committee, hereby proposes the progression of proposals relating to Phase 1 of the project, in accordance with the Projects Procedure (which requires, at Gateway 4B stage of any project exceeding £5million, the approval of the Court of Common Council to proceed).

Specifically, your Committee **recommends** approval to progress the design of one highway layout option (Option 1/1A, detailed further in the body of this report) and associated public space improvements. The recommended option is that which, of the three options considered by your Committee, delivers the largest new public space with the closure of the southern section of King Edward Street and the closure of the Newgate Street slip road. The proposal follows a public engagement exercise, in which over 2,500 people participated, and which demonstrated strong support for the proposed public space on King Edward Street and for measures to improve the environment for people walking and cycling. The estimated cost of Option 1 is £15 to £17m.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this Honourable Court **approves** the progression of the project at Gateway 4B stage, on the basis of Options 1/1A as set out within this report (noting they will continue to be developed and progressed to public consultation), and noting the total estimated cost range of the project at £15-17 million.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. The aim of the St Paul's Gyratory project is to transform the streets and public realm between the old Museum of London site and St. Paul's Underground station through the partial removal of the 1970's gyratory. It is a priority project for delivery by 2030 in the City's Transport Strategy.
2. The project is split into two phases. Phase 1 covers the project area to the south of the rotunda roundabout. Phase 2 focuses on highway changes on the roundabout and is awaiting the outcome of the Museum of London/Bastion House redevelopment which is currently at pre-application stage. This report relates to Phase 1 only.

Current Status and Options Considered

3. The project has been considered at Gateway 4 and committee approval obtained to progress the design of one highway layout option and associated public space improvements to public consultation. The Court's approval to continue to the next stage is now being sought.
4. Your Committee considered three concept design options in detail, all of which removed the gyratory system to some degree and create a new public space. Each option had a different highway layout for vehicles travelling through the project area and these layouts dictate the amount of new public space that might be created. Option 1 delivers the largest new public space with the closure of the southern section of King Edward Street and the closure of the Newgate Street slip road. The other options deliver a smaller public space through the closure of the Newgate Street slip road only.
5. Comprehensive traffic modelling is progressing with Transport for London to assess the impact of the proposed options on buses and the wider highway network. To date, this indicates that all three options are forecast to have an acceptable impact in traffic terms, although modelling suggests Option 2 has an overall impact on bus journey times which is likely to be unacceptable to TfL Buses.
6. Each of the three options were developed being mindful of the project's approved objectives:
 - To reduce casualties towards the Vision Zero target
 - Improve pedestrian comfort levels
 - To improve air quality by reducing NO2 levels
 - To create new public spaces
 - Improve the quality of the public realm to create streets and public spaces for people to admire and enjoy
 - To ensure buildings and public spaces are protected
7. Option design development also considered other important criteria including:
 - the impact on the wider highway network in traffic terms and bus journey times
 - how each assists the delivery of the City's strategies and initiatives including Destination City, the Transport Strategy and the Climate Action Strategy
8. Key elements of work undertaken include traffic modelling, public engagement, stakeholder management, highway layout design development and concept design development for the new public space.

9. The gyratory itself is part of the strategic road network as designated in the Traffic Management Act 2004. Traffic management approvals and TfL's support for these changes is essential.

Summary of options

10. The Options Matrix presented to your Planning & Transportation Committee provides more detail on each option and its assessment and is available (together with a large volume of additional supporting information considered in detail by your Committee) [here](#).

A summary of each option considered is set out below:-

11. **Option 1** offers transformational change across the project area. The partial removal of the gyratory system sees the introduction of two way working for all vehicles on Newgate Street and St Martin Le Grand to its junction with Angel Street. Comprehensive improvements for people walking and cycling are proposed including better crossing facilities and protected cycle lanes where space permits. The closure of the southern section of King Edward Street enables the creation of a large, new public space which, at just over 3000sqm, would be larger than Aldgate Square.
12. Option 1 proposes changes to bus stop locations, bus stands, coach and taxi bays as set out above. The proposed relocation of the bus stand for route 100 is supported by Bart's Hospital who have expressed concern about the impact the King Edward Street bus stand has on blue light response times.
13. The feasibility traffic modelling for Option 1 suggests the impact on the wider traffic network is within acceptable parameters with regards to queueing at junctions and the bus journey times. There are some small delays to bus journey times identified but it is anticipated that this can be reduced by further work to mitigate impacts by signal time changes in the more detailed traffic modelling that will follow. Overall Option 1 performs well in terms of bus journey times at this stage of its development for such a large-scale change.
14. An **Option 1A** has also been developed. It is the same as Option 1 except it proposes the introduction of two-way working for vehicles on Montague Street between its junction with the rotunda and Little Britain north. This option has evolved as an analysis of traffic movements suggests there is likely to be an increase in traffic using Little Britain south if the gyratory is system modified; something the project is actively seeking to avoid. Two way working on Montague Street as proposed could significantly reduce traffic on Little Britain south and shorten some blue light journeys to Bart's Hospital.
15. Option 1/1A has the potential to attract a significant external funding contribution from the developer of 81 Newgate Street.
16. Option 1/1A is the option which is **recommended** to the Court by your Committee *Estimated cost: £15-17m.*
17. **Option 2** was not supported by your Committee and is not recommended to the Court. This option proposed significant changes to the existing highway layout. It was less ambitious than Option 1 in terms of the scale of new public space, only creating about half of the space Option 1 offers.

18. This option involves partial removal of the gyratory, enabling comprehensive improvements for people cycling (including segregation where space permits) but more modest improvements for people walking. King Edward Street south remains open for northbound buses, cycles and emergency vehicles.
19. The traffic modelling suggests the impact on the wider traffic network is within acceptable parameters with regards queueing at junctions. However, some bus journey times are forecast to increase by 5-7 minutes in the AM peak which is likely to be unacceptable to TfL Buses. If this option had been progressed further mitigation to reduce this impact would have been required; however, your Committee noted that it might not have been possible to provide sufficient mitigation.
20. Option 2 creates a smaller new public space of approximately 1400m² through the closure of the Newgate Street slip road. However, King Edward Street northbound would remain open for buses and cycles from Newgate Street. Option 2 would not attract the external funding contribution from the developer.
Estimated cost: £11-13m
21. **Option 3**, also not recommended, proposed significant changes to the existing highway layout on Newgate Street with the introduction of two way working for buses and cycles with general traffic continuing to be able to travel westbound. However, it retained the core north-south gyratory movements on King Edward St and St Martin Le Grand. This option enabled some positive improvements for people cycling, modest improvements for people walking and less new public space than option 1 (1400m²), as King Edward Street south remained open for all vehicles.
22. The initial traffic modelling suggested the impact on the wider traffic network was within acceptable parameters with regards queueing at junctions and bus journey times. It did not perform as well as Option 1 in the PM peak but the indications were still broadly positive.
23. Option 3 created a small new public space through the closure of the Newgate Street slip road, but King Edward Street would remain open for all motor vehicles. This would impact on the enjoyment of the public space. Option 3 would not attract any external funding contribution from the developer. *Estimated cost: £11-13m*

Funding

24. An internal capital bid for £13,915,175 was approved by Policy and Resources Committee on 20 April 2023. This comprises £2.91 million of CIL funding with the balance from the On Street Parking Reserve.
25. Negotiations are on-going with the developer of 81 Newgate Street regarding a financial contribution to the project over and above the basic Section 278 works. The developer has provisionally agreed to make a contribution providing it is Option 1 (the full closure of King Edward Street between Newgate Street and Angel Street) that is approved for further development and secures all the necessary approvals to enable delivery/construction.
26. If formalised, the external contribution could enable the internal capital funding allocated to the project to be reduced overall after Gateway 5; once the scheme is fully committed to being built and overall construction costs are fully understood.

Stakeholder Feedback

27. A public engagement exercise took place during December 2022 and January 2023. Over 2,500 people participated, with strong support given for the proposed public space on King Edward Street and for measures to improve the environment for people walking and cycling.
28. Respondents had the opportunity to select features they would like to see in any new public space, with greening and seating receiving overwhelming support. This feedback has assisted the consultants appointed to prepare the concept design proposal for the new public space. Responses received have also helped inform changes to the design options for the wider project area. Liaison has also continued with key local stakeholders such as the Cheapside Business Alliance, St. Paul's Cathedral and Bart's Hospital. Discussions have also been held with colleagues working on Destination City and will continue.

Traffic modelling

29. A comprehensive traffic modelling exercise in partnership with Transport for London is on-going to assess the impact of the new highway layouts and revised vehicle routes on the wider highway network and on journey times. The primary objective is to ensure journey time impacts are within acceptable levels and reduced where possible.
30. The current modelling outputs for bus journey times (using an overall average of all bus route journey times) shows that option 1 results in a 0-30 second increase in journey times, compared to a 1-2 minute increase (option 2) or a 3-60 second increase (option 3).
31. The modelling exercise will continue over coming months and will form a key component of the formal TMAN approval for the recommended highway option in 2024.

Highway layout design development

32. The results and feedback from the public engagement exercise and the traffic modelling have helped inform revisions to the design options. These include improved provision for people cycling through the area, alterations to pavement and crossing widths. The locations of bus stops, bus stands coach and taxi bays are also revised.
33. It should be noted that since February 2022 the coach bays on St Martin Le Grand west and Angel Street (six in total) have been out of use due to the construction of 81 Newgate Street and this will continue until March 2025 at the earliest. Surveys undertaken in March 2023 at all the available coach parking sites within the City of London show that there is overall spare capacity for coaches to park. The survey found that whilst on-street coach parking is operating close to capacity, there are spaces available at the Tower Hill coach parking facility.
34. Further surveys will be undertaken during the summer peak period and site investigations will continue to identify potential new sites for on-street coach parking. The layout and demand of the coach parking at Tower Hill Park will also be reviewed during the summer period to help understand current capacity demand and usage at peak visitor times.
35. The highway layouts for each option considered proposed significant changes to the way the available public highway is utilised with a move away from a priority given to motorised traffic towards walking and cycling and the creation a new public

space. The increase in footway space represents the amount of carriageway space that would be converted to footway. The new cycle lanes will be protected wherever space allows. As can be seen in the below table, Option 1, which your Committee recommends to you, provides for the greatest increase in footway and public space.

Highway changes	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Increase in footway space	1436m ²	732m ²	1027m ²
New cycle lanes	819m	942m	781m
New public space	c. 3000m ²	c. 1400m ²	c. 1400m ²

Concept designs for the new public space

36. Concept designs have been developed for the project's new public space. The primary focus of the commission is a holistic design for a new public space on both King Edward Street and the Newgate Street slip road.
37. The tender brief stated design evolution needed to be underpinned by the objectives of the Transport and Climate Action Strategies and the Destination City initiative, with it also asked that Christchurch Greyfriars be sensitively integrated into the new space and the view of St Paul's Cathedral be enhanced when looking south down King Edward Street.
38. The feedback from the public engagement exercise has informed the design approach to the content of the square. A project steering group which includes officers, the developer of 81 Newgate Street and the Cheapside Business Alliance has overseen the design evolution and has also provided feedback at appropriate stages. Following a report presenting initial sketch designs, concept designs were produced based with particular reference to soft landscaping, the integration of Christchurch Greyfriars, public seating, the provision of a children's play area, flexibility to utilise the area as an event space (mindful of Destination City), provision for public art, security considerations, and appropriate lighting.
39. During the design development, officers became aware of a substantial amount of large granite blocks salvaged from the Thames Tideway works on Victoria Embankment and that this was potentially available to the project, and ways of incorporating the stone into the overall design, potentially as part of the playable landscape and informal seating, have been considered.
40. The project steering group reviewed and fed back on a concept option in late March, leading to the preparation of a preferred concept design for each option. Various views of the concept designs are available [here](#).

Key Risks with Taking The Recommended Option 1/1A forward

41. The impacts on bus journey times mean that the proposed option does not receive the required level of support and approval from TfL; crucially the TMAN formal approval which is required to proceed with the scheme to construction. The roads impacted are largely part of the strategic road network so it is essential that TfL support the proposals. Officers will continue to liaise with TfL Buses during the development stages of the scheme to ensure all mitigation measures to reduce impacts on bus journey times have been investigated.

41. A challenge on procedural grounds or an inability to resolve objections to a Traffic Order may result in additional legal costs, as well as delays to the overall programme. A costed risk provision has been made should additional legal costs be incurred.
42. It should be noted that the preferred option is not supported by Bart's Hospital due to concerns about increased traffic congestion affecting blue light response times. Officers have been in a regular dialogue with Bart's as the highway options have been developed and this will continue. Whilst levels of congestion are predicted to increase, junctions are predicted to operate within capacity. Much of the highway layout will be multi-lane that would allow vehicles to pull out of the way at busy times. Traffic queueing on Angel Street is not predicted.
43. The preferred option may result in an increase in motor vehicles using Little Britain south. There are mitigation measures that can be put in place to reduce this risk and these will be explored in more detail during the next phase of work. These include converting Montague Street to two-way working to its junction with Little Britain north which would also provide a more direct route for Bart's ambulances and service vehicles arriving from Aldersgate Street and London Wall.
44. Changes to coach parking arrangements may result in objections from the coach industry and key stakeholders such as St Paul's Cathedral. Most of the local coach parking provision in the project area has been unavailable since February 2022 due to redevelopment of 81 Newgate Street. Whilst the closure of the Museum of London should reduce overall demand, surveys undertaken in March 2023 showed that whilst on-street coach parking provision was operating close to capacity, there was surplus space in the Tower Hill coach park. The project will assess alternative on-street coach parking locations and, if feasible, consult on introducing these as part of the project.
45. The preferred option may negatively impact certain groups of people, particularly some disabled people and this has been highlighted in the Interim Equality Analysis considered by the Committee. It has been agreed with the Chair of the City of London Access Group (CoLAG) to present the preferred option to CoLAG members in the summer and involve Transport for All in facilitating a feedback session where issues can be identified and mitigation measures explored.
46. Specific technical challenges associated with this project include the location of utility infrastructure, the London Underground and the City's piped subway structures, which are situated under parts of Newgate Street, King Edward Street and St Martin's Le Grand. Dialogue is on-going with the City Structures team, London Underground and utility companies. This will continue as the preferred option is progressed.
47. Several elements of the project are still at a concept design stage. As design development progresses there may be issues that are more technically challenging than first envisaged. As a result, the project may require additional staff resources. A costed risk allocation has been included within the budget.

Next steps

48. The consultation scheduled for August/September 2023 will seek views from the public on the preferred highway layout, the concept design proposals for the new public space and the potential name of the new space.
49. There will be a mix of virtual and in person opportunities for people to directly engage, as well as project information towers and drop-in sessions in the project area. The project has built up an extensive database of local businesses, residents and interest groups and they will be invited to take participate in the consultation. Social media will also be utilised to target people moving through the project area.
50. The results of the public consultation and any subsequent design revisions will be brought back to your Planning & Transportation Committee in the form of a Gateway 4C report in late 2023. Statutory consultation on any necessary Traffic Orders to implement proposals will not be commenced unless authorised at Gateway 4C reporting stage. Whether or not any necessary traffic orders are made cannot be prejudged until the outcome of the consultation has been evaluated. It is anticipated that highway works construction may commence in early 2025.

Conclusion

51. Option 1/1A delivers improvements for people walking and cycling, a substantial new public space and key elements of the Transport and Climate Action Strategies and the Destination City initiative, whilst also attracting a significant external funding contribution. Option 1/1A is the option recommended to be taken forward to Gateway 5.
52. Whilst options 2 and 3 deliver improvements for people walking and cycling, the new public space is smaller resulting in much less greening. Neither option attracts the current external funding contribution that is on offer and your Committee therefore is not recommending these to you.
53. The Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee and the Operational Property and Projects Sub-Committee endorse this proposals.
54. The Court of Common Council is therefore asked to approve that the highway layout Option 1 (and its variant 1A) be progressed at Gateway 4B and presented for public consultation in terms of changes to the public highway for vehicles, changes to bus stop, coach bays, taxi bays, waiting and loading, and that the concept design proposal for Option 1 is presented for public consultation alongside the highway layout to seek further feedback on the development of the public space for further detailed design.

Appendices

Various public appendices setting out the finer details considered by your Committee can be found [here](#). The associated non-public appendix can be issued on request to the [Town Clerk](#).

The draft public minute of the Streets and Walkways Sub Committee meeting on 23 May 2023 can also be issued on request to the [Town Clerk](#).

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

DATED this 12th day of June 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Shravan Joshi
Chairman, Planning and Transportation Committee

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Motion –
by Deputy Christopher Hayward

To be presented on Thursday, 22nd June 2023

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

Motion:-

“That this Honourable Court reaffirms the City of London Corporation’s commitment to upholding the Armed Forces Covenant on this Armed Forces Day.

Court notes that:

1. The City of London Corporation signed the Covenant ten years ago, in 2013;
2. The City of London Corporation is currently recognised with a Gold Award in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme. This scheme is for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the armed forces community, and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant;
3. The Armed Forces Community is of great historic importance to the City of London and it is imperative it is fully integrated, treated fairly with respect and gratitude.

Reaffirming the Corporation’s commitment to upholding the Armed forces Covenant will show the approximately 25,000 veterans who commute into the City, and the 230 veterans who live in the City, that this Honourable Court will continue to work to ensure that – in the words of the Covenant – “Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services.”

This Honourable Court therefore commits to reaffirming this commitment by having a renewed Armed Forces Covenant signed by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.”

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

Deputy Christopher Hayward (Proposer)
Deputy Shravan Joshi
Shahnan Bakth
Deputy Ann Holmes
Catherine McGuinness
Caroline Haines

Deputy Simon Duckworth (Seconder)
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Alderman Sir William Russell
Mary Durcan
Tijs Broeke

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List of Applications for the Freedom

To be presented on Thursday, 22nd June, 2023

*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.

Nicola Jane Aiken	Member of Parliament for the Cities of London and Westminster	Westminster, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>		
Pauline Heather Bennetts	a Forester	Church Crookham, Hampshire
<i>Audrey Jean Smith</i> <i>Citizen and Glass Seller</i>		
<i>Rowena Dorothy Patrick</i> <i>Citizen and Glass Seller</i>		
Michael Branch	a Clerk in Holy Orders	Waterloo, London
<i>Stephen Decatur Haines</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>		
<i>Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>		
Cathrine Anne Brokenshire	an Administrative Assistant	Bexley, Kent
<i>Deputy Graeme Martyn Doshi-Smith</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>		
<i>Robert Lauchlan McLean</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>		
Mikhail Alexei Xavier Charles	a Barrister	Acton, London
<i>Simon Stuart Walsh</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>		
<i>Anthony Sharp</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>		
Patricia Dixon	a Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance	Chelmsford, Essex
<i>Ruby Sayed, CC</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>		
<i>Helen Lesley Fentimen, OBE, JP, CC</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>		
Alan Thomas Dobson	a Paramedic	Sidcup, Kent
<i>Henry John Emms</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>		
<i>Roger Richard George North</i> <i>Citizen and Brewer</i>		
David Haylett Easton, JP DL	a Local Government Head of Services	Faversham, Kent
<i>Barry John Frederick Theobald-Hicks</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>		
<i>John James Tunesi of Liongam, The Younger</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>		

Mary Bridget Flannery <i>John Moran</i> <i>Vincent Dignam</i>	a Plant Construction Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Ruislip, Middlesex
Lady Lucy Kathleen French, OBE <i>Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley</i> <i>Wendy Davina Calder Parmley</i>	a Charity Chief Executive Officer and Founder <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Camberwell, London
Kim Anne Gould <i>Peter Hubert William Ruddy</i> <i>Melvyn Stuart Davis</i>	an Office Manager and Personal Assistant <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Eltham, London
Dr Fiona Barbara Hammans <i>Dr Jeffrey Quaye, OBE</i> <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i>	an Education Leader <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Alderman</i>	Torquay, Devon
David Edward Hollander <i>Deputy Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers</i> <i>Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley</i>	a Chamberlain's Court Assistant <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Peckham, London
Olivia Frances Horsley <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	an Assistant Private Secretary <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Brixton, London
Sophie Hulm <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CBE, CC</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Diversity Membership Body Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Wimbledon, London
Eric Charles Patrick Large <i>David Harry</i> <i>Guy Fairbank</i>	a City Guide <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Vintner</i>	Herne Hill, London
Juliette Caroline Last <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Homemaker <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Maidenhead, Berkshire
Marie Louise Leaphard <i>Andrew Ellingworth</i> <i>Philip William Hynard</i>	a Construction Consultancy Project Manager <i>Citizen and Chartered Surveyor</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Staplehurst, Kent
Michael Frank Mail <i>Lisa Rutter</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	a Charity Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Hendon, London
Danny Brett Errol Puresh <i>Roy Raymond Cullen</i> <i>Michael Charles Anthony Thwaites</i>	a Disability Equality Services Consultant <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Sutton, Surrey

<p>Corporal Max William Reeve <i>Major Stanley Brown</i> <i>Michael Richard Adkins</i></p>	<p>a Royal Air Force Weapons Armourer <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i></p>	<p>Swaffham, Norfolk</p>
<p>Ragbhir Singh Sandhu <i>Kristen James Cottier</i> <i>Robert George Mumsow</i></p>	<p>Deputy Mayor of Bexley <i>Citizen and Spectacle Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Builders Merchant</i></p>	<p>Dartford, Kent</p>
<p>Cornelius Noel Sheehan <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i></p>	<p>a British Army Warrant Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>	<p>Farnborough, Hampshire</p>
<p>Terence Michael Short <i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, CC</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal</i></p>	<p>a Principal Fire Adviser <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Tadworth, Surrey</p>
<p>Theresa Mary Shortland <i>Ruby Sayed, CC</i> <i>Helen Lesley Fentimen, OBE, JP, CC</i></p>	<p>an Education and Early Years Services Manager <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p>	<p>Camberley, Surrey</p>
<p>Georgia Elizabeth Rose Sparkes <i>Jonathan Martin Averns</i> <i>Roger Watson</i></p>	<p>a Legal Secretary <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i></p>	<p>Benfleet, Essex</p>
<p>Mark Andrew Spencer-Charlton <i>Deputy Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL</i> <i>Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP</i></p>	<p>an Information Technology and Data Director <i>Citizen and Skinner</i> <i>Citizen and Broderer</i></p>	<p>Southwark, London</p>
<p>Robert Andrew Stokes <i>Timothy John MacAndrews, JP</i> <i>Clifford Mark Sturt</i></p>	<p>a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i></p>	<p>Peterborough, Cambridgeshire</p>
<p>Ion Marius Tatomir <i>Craig Stuart Philip Harding</i> <i>David Victor Cecil Leakey</i></p>	<p>a Poet <i>Citizen and Constructor</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Radstock, Somerset</p>
<p>Scott Roy Tomblin <i>Deputy Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL</i> <i>Geraldine Norris</i></p>	<p>a Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Skinner</i> <i>Citizen and Farrier</i></p>	<p>Sidcup, London</p>
<p>Wing Commander Michael Christian Luke Udall <i>Timothy Luke Fitzgerald-O'Connor</i> <i>Philip Leslie Egerton</i></p>	<p>a Royal Air Force Pilot <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i></p>	<p>Putney, London</p>

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Report – Civic Affairs Sub-Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 22nd June 2023

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

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. We hereby report action taken under urgency procedures, in accordance with Standing Order No. 19, in approving the grant of hospitality associated with a lecture, on Thursday 13th July 2023, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the publication of William Shakespeare's First Folio.
2. The First Folio is the first published collection of William Shakespeare's works, published in 1623, seven years after Shakespeare's death. There were originally 750 copies of the book published and just over 200 remain known today. The City Corporation's copy is held by Guildhall Library, very near to the site of its original publication at Jaggard's Print House and opposite St Mary Aldermanbury Garden, the burial site of Heminge and Condell (who edited the text and supervised the printing) and site of a memorial to the Folio and a bust of Shakespeare.
3. To mark the anniversary of the publication of William Shakespeare's First Folio, your Civic Affairs Sub-Committee was minded that City Corporation should host a lecture with a question-and-answer session, followed by a reception. Following discussions with London Metropolitan Archives (LMA), it had been proposed that the lecture would be given by Professor Emma Smith, Professor of Shakespeare Studies at Hertford College, Oxford, who has written several books about the document and its printing.
4. The event would provide an opportunity to promote the reputation of the City of London's cultural and heritage assets and would also provide an opportunity to highlight the Guildhall Library and LMA as part of the City Corporation's cultural and academic offering. Guests at the reception would include representatives from cultural, literary and academic bodies, the Guildhall Library and LMA, and the City's schools and academies.
5. The next formal meeting of Court of Common Council was not due to take place until Thursday 22nd June 2023. Delaying approval until this point would not have allowed sufficient time for invitations to be issued, replies to be received and final arrangements for the event to begin. An event of this size requires final planning and preparations to begin several weeks in advance to allow sufficient time to prepare for the event and to ensure its success.

6. Accordingly, a decision of Court of Common Council was sought and obtained under urgency procedures, with it agreed that hospitality be granted for a lecture and early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

DATED this 8th day of June 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Tom Sleigh
Chair, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee

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 22nd June 2023

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

Statutory Instruments

Date in force

The Higher Education (Registration Fees) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 No. 558 13th June 2023

The Office for Students (OfS) is the regulator for higher education in England and maintains the register of English higher education providers. These Regulations, which apply to Guildhall School of Music & Drama, increase the ongoing fee which the OfS may charge an institution for its registration in the register. The increase applies to the ongoing fee payable by an institution on or after 1st August 2023.

The School Discipline (Pupil Exclusions and Reviews) (England) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023 No. 571 1st September 2023

These Regulations amend existing Regulations which set out procedures in relation to exclusions under the Education Act 2002 from maintained schools, pupil referral units, and Academies. These include exclusions from the Corporation's maintained primary school, the Aldgate School, and the ten Academies within the City of London Academies Trust. The changes apply to exclusions that take place on or after 1st September 2023. The amendments provide for remote access meetings to take place in certain circumstances and make provision in relation to the cancellation of exclusion decisions.

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2023 No. 573 24th May 2023

These Regulations bring into force provisions of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 which oblige the Secretary of State to publish a code of practice in relation to diversionary and community cautions. The code may be brought into force by regulations and may include provision as to the circumstances in which diversionary and community cautions may be given; the procedure to be followed; and the conditions which may be attached to such cautions.

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

Report – Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama

Achievement

To be presented on Thursday, 22nd June, 2023

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

“I wish to draw Members’ attention to the following achievement of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

Complete University Guide 2024 – Arts, Drama & Music League Table

I am delighted to announce that the Complete University Guide 2024, published on 7 June 2023, ranks the Guildhall School of Music & Drama as the top institution in its Arts, Drama & Music category. This is the second year in a row in which the School has topped this particular table, which reflects on the exceptional quality of the teaching, leadership, student body, and educational environment.

The table, together with further information, can be found at the following website:
<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings/arts-music-institutions>

I commend this achievement to the Court.”

DATED this 7th June 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

Deputy Graham Packham

Chairman, Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama

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