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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 **12th day of October, 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 4th October 2023*

Alexander Barr

Vincent Keaveny CBE

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*Aldermen on the Rota*

1 **Apologies**

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

3 **Minutes**

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 7 September 2023.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 7 - 26)

4 **Election of Chief Commoner**

To elect a Chief Commoner for 2024/25.

Two nominations have been received in accordance with Standing Order No. 18, as follows:

- Deputy Peter Dunphy
- Deputy Andrien Meyers

The candidates' supporting statements are the subject of a printed and circulated report.

*(N.B. A notice listing the candidates and their nominators is on display in the Members' Reading Room).*

**For Decision**  
(Pages 27 - 28)

5 **Vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor**

To read the draft terms of a Vote of Thanks to The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor.

6 **Letter**

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor to lay before the Court a letter of the Lord Mayor Elect declaring his assent to take upon himself that Office.

7 **Mayoral Engagements**

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

8 **Policy Statement**

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

9 **Appointments**

To consider the following appointments:

*Where appropriate:-*

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

- (A) One Member on the **Markets Board** for a term expiring in April 2027  
(No Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
Deputy Madush Gupta
- (B) One Member on the **Natural Environment Board and West Ham Park Committee** for a term expiring in April 2025  
(No Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
Deputy Alpa Raja
- (C) One non-residential Member on the **Barbican Residential Committee** for a term expiring in April 2026  
(No Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
Deputy Madush Gupta
- (D) One Member on **Bridewell Royal Hospital** for a term expiring in October 2029  
(No Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
\*Caroline Haines

**For Decision**

10 **Policy and Resources Committee****(A) Standing Orders Revision (Ward Pairing Arrangements)**

To consider proposed revisions to the Standing Orders relating to Ward Pairing.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 29 - 36)

**(B) Appointment of Independent Persons**

To consider recommendations concerning the appointment of Independent Persons.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 37 - 42)

11 **Petitions**

To consider a petition submitted by Deputy Marianne Fredericks pursuant to Standing Order No.20, relative to an officer post at a City Corporation housing estate.

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

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12 **The Freedom of the City**

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

**For Decision**  
(Pages 45 - 50)

13 **Motions**

14 **Questions**

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

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

**For Information**  
(Pages 51 - 52)

16 **Legislation**

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

**For Information**  
(Pages 53 - 54)

17 **Ballot Results**

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

*Where appropriate:-*

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

*★ denotes appointed.*

(A) ONE Member to the **City of London Police Authority Board.**

|                 | <b>Votes</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Jason Groves    | 52 ★         |
| James Tumbridge | 35           |

(B) ONE Member to the **Natural Environment Board and West Ham Park Committee.**

|                 | <b>Votes</b> |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Eamonn Mullally | 57 ★         |
| Alpa Raja       | 35           |

(C) TWO Members to the **Board of Governors of the Museum of London**

|                            | <b>Votes</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Matthew Bell               | 47 ★         |
| *Tijs Broeke               | 47           |
| John Foley                 | 50 ★         |
| Deputy Charles Edward Lord | 33           |

Tijs Broeke and Matthew Bell received an equality of votes in respect to the second vacancy. Tijs Broeke withdrew his nomination and Matthew Bell was duly appointed.

**For Information**

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

19 **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)

20 **Docquets for the Hospital Seal.**

**MOTION**

21 **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**

22 **Non-Public Minutes**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting of the Court held on 7 September 2023.

**For Decision**

(Pages 57 - 60)

23 **City Bridge Foundation Board**

**(A) Appointment of Co-Opted Members**

To consider recommendations concerning the co-option of Members.

**For Decision**

(Pages 61 - 64)

**(B) Events Management Contract**

To consider proposals concerning a contract award.

**For Decision**

(Pages 65 - 70)

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- 24 **Policy and Resources Committee**  
To consider proposals concerning the creation of a post.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 71 - 72)

- 25 **Barbican Centre Board**  
To consider proposals concerning the creation of two posts.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 73 - 76)

- 26 **Investment Committee**  
To note action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the disposal of a freehold.

**For Information**  
(Pages 77 - 78)



# LYONS, MAYOR

## COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

7th September 2023  
MEMBERS PRESENT

### ALDERMEN

Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman  
Emma Edhem  
Alison Gowman  
Prem Goyal  
Timothy Russell Hailes

Robert Picton Seymour Howard  
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney  
Vincent Keaveny  
Sheriff Alastair John Naisbitt King  
Tim Levene  
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor Nicholas  
Stephen Leland Lyons

Christopher Makin  
Bronek Masojada  
Jennette Rachel Newman  
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley  
Susan Jane Pearson  
Sir David Hugh Wootton

### COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams  
Munsur Ali  
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy  
Shahnan Bakth  
Jamel Banda  
Brendan Barns  
Matthew Bell  
The Honourable Emily Sophia  
Wedgwood Benn  
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith  
Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy  
Keith David Forbes Bottomley,  
Deputy  
Tijs Broeke  
Timothy Richard Butcher  
Michael John Cassidy, Deputy  
Henry Nicholas Almroth  
Colthurst, Deputy  
Anne Corbett  
Graeme Doshi-Smith, Deputy  
Simon Duckworth, Deputy  
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy

Mary Durcan  
John Ernest Edwards  
Helen Lesley Fentimen  
Anthony David Fitzpatrick  
John William Fletcher, Deputy  
John Foley  
Dawn Frampton  
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks,  
Deputy  
Steve Goodman  
John Griffiths  
Jason Groves  
Madush Gupta, Deputy  
Caroline Wilma Haines  
Christopher Michael Hayward,  
Deputy  
Jaspreet Hodgson  
Ann Holmes, Deputy  
Amy Horscroft  
Michael Hudson  
Wendy Hyde  
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi,  
Deputy

Florence Keelson-Anfu  
Elizabeth Anne King, Deputy  
Frances Leach  
Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-  
Owen, Deputy  
Charles Edward Lord, Deputy  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Andrew Paul Mayer  
Catherine McGuinness  
Timothy James McNally  
Wendy Mead  
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers,  
Deputy  
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney,  
Deputy  
Eamonn James Mullally  
Benjamin Daniel Murphy  
Deborah Oliver  
Graham Packham  
Judith Pleasance  
James Henry George Pollard,  
Deputy  
Jason Paul Pritchard

Alpa Raja, Deputy  
Anett Rideg  
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton  
Oliver Sells  
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,  
Deputy  
Paul Singh  
Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy  
Naresh Hari Sonpar  
James St John Davis  
Mandeep Thandi  
James Michael Douglas  
Thomson, Deputy  
Luis Felipe Tilleria  
James Richard Tumbridge  
Shailendra Kumar Kantilal  
Umradia  
William Upton  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley  
Ceri Wilkins  
Glen David Witney  
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations There were no additional declarations.
3. Minutes The Town Clerk informed Members of one correction to the Minutes, where Commoners' names had erroneously appeared in the list of Aldermen.

*Resolved* – that the Minutes of the Court held on 20 July are correctly recorded, as amended.

4. Mayoral Engagements  
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to provide Members with an update on his recent activities, including visits to Leeds, Sheffield, Edinburgh and the opening of Bartholomew Fair. The Lord Mayor also took the opportunity to thank the Sheriffs on the occasion of their final Court meeting.
5. Policy Statement  
The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity to make a statement to the Court.

The Chairman reflected on the passing of Mark Bostock, Common Councillor for the Ward of Cripplegate and expressed his deep and heartfelt condolences too Mark's family. In six years on the Court, Mark had been a fierce advocate for residents on his Ward.

The Chairman provided an update on Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) following the concerning reports in the national news, noting that it was a fast-moving issue which would continue to evolve. Of the City Corporation's Family of Schools, RAAC was only identified in the Girls School. Detailed studies were undertaken in December 2022 and February 2023 by structural engineers. These revealed no significant structural defects. Out of an abundance of caution, some further survey work would take place. He added that, at the Barbican Centre, investigations in 2022 did not find the presence of RAAC. Officers had begun the process of identifying other properties in the rest of the City Corporation's portfolio, this would be completed in the next two weeks. Updates would be reported through an officer working group, the Corporate Health and Safety Board and the relevant service committees in the Corporation.

Turning to another matter, the Chairman noted that it was a significant day for the City of London Corporation, as it published 'Vision for Economic Growth: A Roadmap to Prosperity'. The Chairman looked forward to joining Lord Mayor for the formal launch, following a webinar that morning. 'Vision for Economic Growth' called for Government and regulators to work on a strategy to unlock the financial and professional services sector to support economic growth nationally, make sure British firms can get the support and funding they need to grow, secure the UK as the world's go-to partner for green finance, and boost service exports.

The Chairman recognised it would take hard work and the City Corporation at its convening best to bring private and public sectors together. Members of the Court would need to work together with their own networks and contacts to share the 'Vision for Economic Growth' and the potential of economic investment to the nation.

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

(A) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**, for a term expiring in June 2026.



**Nomination received:-**

Deputy Charles Edward Lord

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Charles Edward Lord to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls.

- (B) One Member on the **City of London Police Authority Board**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2024.

**Nominations received:-**

Jason Groves

James Tumbridge

Read.

- (C) One Member on the **Natural Environment Board** and **West Ham Park Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2025.

**Nominations received:-**

Eamonn Mullally

Alpa Raja

Read.

- (D) Two Members on the **Board of Governors of the Museum of London**, one for a term expiring in September 2027 and one for a term expiring in December 2026.

**Nominations received:-**

Matthew Bell

Tijs Broeke

John Foley

Deputy Charles Edward Lord

Read.

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

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

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

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

17 August 2023

**Revised Complaints Procedure**

The Court considered a report of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning proposals for a revised Complaints Procedure.

The Chairman introduced the report, noting the importance of the standards procedure. He expressed his hope that the proposed revisions would help to take the heat out of disputes between Members.

During debate, several Members spoke in support of the recommendations and also expressed regret at recent circulations concerning the standards regime.

A Member asked if the Chief Commoner could consider what support could be appropriately given to Members going through the standards procedure. The Chief Commoner responded to that she would see what could be done in this area, through her role chairing the Member Development and Standards Sub Committee.

*Resolved*, that – the Court approves the revised Complaints Procedure as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.

**8. CIVIC AFFAIRS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE****(Tom Sleigh)**

13 July 2023

**Applications for Hospitality**

The Court considered a report of the Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee concerning applications for hospitality.

**(a) Early evening reception following the Hamlyn Law Lecture**

It was proposed that the City Corporation host the third and final Hamlyn Law Lecture of 2023 on Tuesday 7 November 2023 to be given by Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, followed by an early evening reception.

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

**(b) Lunchtime reception following the Laying Up of Colours of The London Regiment**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lunchtime reception following the Laying Up of Colours of The London Regiment on Saturday 20th April 2024.

*Resolved* – that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash

within approved parameters.

**(c) Early evening reception following a Service at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Humane Society**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception at Guildhall on Wednesday 11th September 2024 following a Service at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Humane Society.

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

**9. Motions**

Lord, C.E.  
Deputy; Holmes,  
P.A. Deputy

*Resolved* – that George Abrahams be appointed to the Finance Committee in the room of Gregory Lawrence for the Ward of Farringdon Without.

King, E. Deputy;  
Holmes, P.A.  
Deputy

*Resolved* – that Dawn Frampton be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee in the room of Mark Bostock for the Ward of Cripplegate.

King, E.  
Deputy;  
Holmes, P.A.  
Deputy

*Resolved* – that Deputy Elizabeth King be appointed to the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee in the room of Mark Bostock for the Ward of Cripplegate.

In addition to the foregoing three Motions listed on the Summons, the Town Clerk advised that the Lord Mayor had been given notice of one further Motion, also concerning appointments to Ward Committees. It was subsequently also:

Bottomley, K.  
Deputy; Holmes,  
P.A. Deputy

*Resolved* – that Hugh Selka be appointed to the Finance Committee in the room of Alderman Tim Levene for the Ward of Bridge and Bridge Without.

**10. Freedom of the City**

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:-

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| <b>Michael John Adams</b><br><i>Richard George Turk</i><br><i>Edward Gradosielski, BEM</i>                      | a Town Planner, retired<br><i>Citizen and Shipwright</i><br><i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>              | Richmond, Surrey |
| <b>Shaheen Afshar</b><br><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br><i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>   | a Teacher<br><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br><i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>                        | Barnes, London   |
| <b>Vivienne Artz</b><br><i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i><br><i>CC Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CBE</i> | a Chief Privacy Officer and Consultant<br><i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i><br><i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> | Headcorn, Kent   |

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| <p><b>Alastair William Stewart Barbour</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                           | <p>an Asset Management Company Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>        | <p>Edinburgh, Scotland</p>    |
| <p><b>Rajnish Bhardwaj</b><br/> <i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i><br/> <i>Ald. Michael Raymond Mainelli</i></p>                                   | <p>a Bank Chief Executive<br/> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i></p>                | <p>St John's Wood, London</p> |
| <p><b>Hashim Bhatti</b><br/> <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i><br/> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>   | <p>an Entrepreneur<br/> <i>Citizen and Alderman</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>   | <p>Windsor, Berkshire</p>     |
| <p><b>Luigi Bille</b><br/> <i>Calogero Alu</i><br/> <i>Russell Chweidan</i></p>   | <p>a Chartered Architect<br/> <i>Citizen and Baker</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>  | <p>Barnet, London</p>         |
| <p><b>Jeremy Hurst Blackburn</b><br/> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i><br/> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i></p>                        | <p>a Public Official<br/> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Farmer</i></p>                                 | <p>Westminster, London</p>    |
| <p><b>Neil Jude Blackson</b><br/> <i>Vincent Dignam</i><br/> <i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i></p>                                   | <p>a Civil Engineer<br/> <i>Citizen and Carman</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>  | <p>Chingford, London</p>      |
| <p><b>Tracy Marie Blackwell</b><br/> <br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                                | <p>a Pension Insurance Chief Executive Officer<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p> | <p>Langham, Norfolk</p>       |
| <p><b>Lt Anthony Patrick Christopher Blaney</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i></p> | <p>a Crown Servant<br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>                    | <p>Eltham, London</p>         |
| <p><b>Andrew David Briggs, MBE</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                                   | <p>a Savings Company Chief Executive Officer<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>   | <p>Notting Hill, London</p>   |
| <p><b>Jonathan Ronald Bright</b><br/> <br/> <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i><br/> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>                                    | <p>a Computer Field Service Engineer<br/> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>          | <p>Bristol</p>                |
| <p><b>Lynn Denise Brutman</b><br/> <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i><br/> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>                                 | <p>a Hotel General Manager<br/> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>                          | <p>Wapping, London</p>        |

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| <p><b>Julian Calder</b><br/> <i>Deputy Patricia Ann Holmes</i><br/> <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman</i></p>                 | <p>a Photographer<br/> <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Grocer</i></p>                              | <p>Putney, London</p>                         |
| <p><b>Grant Campbell</b><br/> <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i><br/> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>                         | <p>a Hotelier<br/> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>                                | <p>Morden, London</p>                         |
| <p><b>Belinda Jane Carew-Jones</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                      | <p>a Pensions Company Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>          | <p>Kew, London</p>                            |
| <p><b>Dominic Peter Chambers</b><br/> <i>Captain Peter Constable Maxwell</i><br/> <i>Lord Gerald Fitzalan Howard</i></p>           | <p>a Charity Chief Executive Officer<br/> <i>Citizen and Fishmonger</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Fishmonger</i></p>       | <p>Midsomer Norton, Somerset</p>              |
| <p><b>Yui Chit Daniel Chan</b><br/> <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman</i><br/> <i>CC Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan D'Souza</i></p> | <p>a Chartered Accountant<br/> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p>               | <p>Canning Town, London</p>                   |
| <p><b>Matthew John Craston</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                          | <p>a Finance Training Business Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Musician</i></p> | <p>Battersea, London</p>                      |
| <p><b>Alan Curtis</b><br/> <i>Dr Hilary Frances Lindsay</i><br/> <i>Colin Lindsay</i></p>  | <p>an Event Manager<br/> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i></p>               | <p>Paddington, London</p>                     |
| <p><b>Deborah Jayne Davies-Tutt</b><br/> <i>Edward Gradosielski, BEM</i><br/> <i>Richard George Turk</i></p>                       | <p>a Timber Company Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i></p>               | <p>Hatfield, Essex</p>                        |
| <p><b>Susannah Mary Matilda De Jager</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                | <p>an Investment Management Consultant<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>  | <p>Oxford, Oxfordshire</p>                    |
| <p><b>Dr Claus-Michael Dill</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                         | <p>an Insurance Company Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>        | <p>Murnay Am Staffelsee, Bavaria, Germany</p> |

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| <p><b>Adrian Matthew Donaldson, MBE</b><br/> <i>Sir David Roche, Bt</i><br/> <i>Deputy Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson</i></p>             | <p>a Charity Chief Executive<br/> <i>Citizen and Saddler</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i></p>                          | <p>Belfast, Northern Ireland</p> |
| <p><b>Paul Robert Aidan Doyle</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                           | <p>a Fund Manager<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>                               | <p>Upper Sheringham, Norfolk</p> |
| <p><b>Katie Louise Earley</b><br/> <i>Vincent Dignam</i><br/> <i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i></p>                         | <p>a Civil Engineer<br/> <i>Citizen and Carman</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>   | <p>Harlow, Essex</p>             |
| <p><b>Larry Douglas Ewald</b><br/> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i><br/> <i>David Brooks Wilson</i></p>                       | <p>an Engineering Company President, retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i></p> | <p>Tipp City, Ohio, U.S.A</p>    |
| <p><b>Captain Nicola Falconi</b><br/> <i>Ronald Peter Murray</i><br/> <i>Alan Mabbutt</i></p>  | <p>a Maritime Company Manager<br/> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i></p>                    | <p>Lido, Venice, Italy</p>       |
| <p><b>Peter Feacey</b><br/> <i>Gerald Dawson Clarkson, CBE</i><br/> <i>Frank Noel David</i></p>  | <p>a Borough Councillor<br/> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>                                | <p>Ashford, Kent</p>             |
| <p><b>Antoine Hubert Joseph Marie Forterre</b><br/> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i><br/> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i></p> | <p>an Investment Management Chief Financial Officer<br/> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Farmer</i></p>   | <p>Camden, London</p>            |
| <p><b>Jeremy Thomas Fox</b><br/> <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i><br/> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>                                      | <p>an Engineering Project Consultant<br/> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>     | <p>Downend, Bristol</p>          |
| <p><b>Anthea Gaukroger</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Deputy Patricia Ann Holmes</i></p>                           | <p>an Investment Analyst, retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i></p>             | <p>Battersea, London</p>         |
| <p><b>Liam Gallagher Georgeaux-Healy</b><br/> <i>Brian Martin Jones</i><br/> <i>Anthony John Paice</i></p>                             | <p>a Student<br/> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Mason</i></p>  | <p>Fulham, London</p>            |
| <p><b>Mark Goatcher</b><br/> <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i><br/> <i>Diane Irene Warman</i></p>  | <p>a School Staff Instructor<br/> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i></p>                       | <p>Lingfield, Surrey</p>         |

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| <p><b>Peter John Hales</b><br/><i>Daniel Mark Heath</i><br/><i>Antonio Masella</i></p>  | <p>a Property Management<br/>Company Director, retired<br/><i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i><br/><i>Citizen and Mason</i></p>              | <p>Steeple Bumpstead, Suffolk</p> |
| <p><b>Stefanie Margaret Hardy</b><br/><i>David Alastair Morgan-<br/>Hewitt</i><br/><i>Phillippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>             | <p>a Hotel General Manager<br/><i>Citizen and Innholder</i><br/><br/><i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>   | <p>Cranleigh, Surrey</p>          |
| <p><b>Peter Harrison</b><br/><br/><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord<br/>Mayor</i><br/><i>Ald. Sir William Anthony<br/>Bowater Russell</i></p> | <p>an Asset Management<br/>Company Chief Executive<br/><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/><br/><i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>               | <p>Southwark, London</p>          |
| <p><b>Richard David Hassell</b><br/><i>David Alastair Morgan-<br/>Hewitt</i><br/><i>Phillippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>               | <p>a Hotelier<br/><i>Citizen and Innholder</i><br/><br/><i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>  | <p>Newton Abbot, Devon</p>        |
| <p><b>Michael Charles Hearn</b><br/><i>Ian Charles Drury</i><br/><i>Vernon Edward King</i></p>                                      | <p>a Sports Therapist<br/><i>Citizen and Poulter</i><br/><i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i></p>  | <p>Hertford, Hertfordshire</p>    |
| <p><b>Andrew John Miller<br/>Hesketh</b><br/><i>Alan Leslie Warman</i><br/><i>Diane Irene Warman</i></p>                            | <p>a Teacher<br/><br/><i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i><br/><i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i></p>   | <p>Southgate, London</p>          |
| <p><b>Dennis Hobday</b><br/><i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i><br/><i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>   | <p>a Sea School Director, retired<br/><i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i><br/><i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>                                 | <p>Marlborough, Devon</p>         |
| <p><b>Mark John Homan</b><br/><br/><i>James David Fell</i><br/><i>Brian Henry Childs</i></p>  | <p>a Global Vice President Sales<br/>Manager<br/><i>Citizen and Constructor</i><br/><i>Citizen and Coachmaker &amp; Coach<br/>Harness Maker</i></p> | <p>Takeley, Essex</p>             |
| <p><b>Lewis John Hooper</b><br/><i>Liam Peter John Randall</i><br/><i>Rafael Steinmetz Leffa</i></p>                                | <p>a Solicitor<br/><i>Citizen and Cooper</i><br/><i>Citizen and International Banker</i></p>  | <p>Leytonstone, London</p>        |
| <p><b>Donald Edward Hyatt</b><br/><br/><i>Dr Alexander John Finnen</i><br/><i>Jonathan Grosvenor</i></p>                            | <p>an Aviation Company Director,<br/>retired<br/><i>Citizen and Glover</i><br/><i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i></p>                          | <p>Rainham, Kent</p>              |
| <p><b>Zeiad Idris</b><br/><br/><i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i><br/><i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>                                    | <p>a Financial Services Company<br/>Chief Executive<br/><i>Citizen and Alderman</i><br/><i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>                            | <p>Mill Hill, London</p>          |
| <p><b>Mouhssin Ismail</b><br/><br/><i>CC Caroline Wilma Haines</i><br/><i>CC Catherine Sidony</i><br/><i>McGuinness, CBE</i></p>    | <p>an Academy Group Regional<br/>Director<br/><i>Citizen and Educator</i><br/><i>Citizen and Solicitor</i></p>                                      | <p>Ilford, Essex</p>              |

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| <p><b>Andrew Paul Jackson</b><br/><i>Bryan McLaggan</i><br/><i>Harlan Lunn</i></p>                                       | <p>a Property Management<br/>Company Director<br/><i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i><br/><i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p> | <p>Upminster, Essex</p>           |
| <p><b>Victoria Jayne</b><br/><i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i><br/><i>Richard David Arthur Burge</i></p>                  | <p>a Chamber of Commerce Head<br/>of Events<br/><i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i><br/><i>Citizen and World Trader</i></p>    | <p>Upper Holloway, London</p>     |
| <p><b>Steven John Jephcote</b><br/><i>Alan Leslie Warman</i><br/><i>Diane Irene Warman</i></p>                           | <p>a Registered Nurse<br/><i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i><br/><i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i></p>                           | <p>Bletchley, Buckinghamshire</p> |
| <p><b>Gareth Jones, OBE</b><br/><i>Michael Timothy Holland</i><br/><i>Ald. Sir Andrew Charles</i><br/><i>Parmley</i></p> | <p>a Civil Servant, retired<br/><i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i><br/><i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>                        | <p>Cardiff, Wales</p>             |
| <p><b>Farzana Khanom</b><br/><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord</i><br/><i>Mayor</i><br/><i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>             | <p>a Carers' Project Manager<br/><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/><br/><i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>            | <p>Stepney, London</p>            |
| <p><b>Philip Joseph Knowles</b><br/><i>CC Mary Durcan, JP</i><br/><i>Jonathan Martin Averns</i></p>                      | <p>an Animal Transportation<br/>Company General Manager<br/><i>Citizen</i><br/><i>Citizen and Fletcher</i></p>          | <p>Staines, Surrey</p>            |
| <p><b>Thomas Joseph Lloyd</b><br/><i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i><br/><i>CC Jamel Banda</i></p>                           | <p>an Engineer<br/><i>Citizen and Grocer</i><br/><i>Citizen and Poulter</i></p>   | <p>East Horsley, Surrey</p>       |
| <p><b>Jonathan David Mack</b><br/><i>Lord Harry Frederick Alan</i><br/><i>Burnham</i><br/><i>John Trussler</i></p>       | <p>an Investment Manager<br/><i>Citizen and Gunmaker</i><br/><br/><i>Citizen and Constructor</i></p>                    | <p>Gidea Park, London</p>         |
| <p><b>Shane Martin Manogue</b><br/><i>Vincent Dignam</i><br/><i>John Paul Tobin</i></p>                                  | <p>a Construction and Technology<br/>Company Director<br/><i>Citizen and Carman</i><br/><i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>   | <p>Tadworth, Surrey</p>           |
| <p><b>Barbara Mills, KC</b><br/><i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i><br/><i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>                        | <p>a Barrister<br/><i>Citizen and Alderman</i><br/><i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>                                     | <p>Lewisham, London</p>           |
| <p><b>Tanveer Mohammed Aziz</b><br/><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord</i><br/><i>Mayor</i><br/><i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>      | <p>a Head of Innovation<br/><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/><br/><i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>                 | <p>Stratford, London</p>          |
| <p><b>Mark John Mullens</b><br/><i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i><br/><i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>                          | <p>a Carpet Fitter<br/><i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i><br/><i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>                    | <p>Bristol</p>                    |



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| <p><b>Fizel Nejabat</b><br/> <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i><br/> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>  | <p>a Financial Services Company<br/> Co-Founder<br/> <i>Citizen and Alderman</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>              | <p>Maida Hill, London</p>     |
| <p><b>Linda Noor</b><br/> <i>Mei Sim Lai</i><br/> <i>David Lawrence Byron</i><br/> <i>Stringer-Lamarre</i></p>                         | <p>an Events Company Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Horner</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i></p>                                    | <p>Ockham, Surrey</p>         |
| <p><b>Jake Demetrios Orros</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i></p>         | <p>an Equality Diversity and<br/> Inclusion Officer<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p> | <p>Winchmore Hill, London</p> |
| <p><b>Ann Newbigging Osler</b><br/> <i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i><br/> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton</i></p>                              | <p>a Head of University Faculty,<br/> retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i></p>                   | <p>Guildford, Surrey</p>      |
| <p><b>Joan Yvonne Paparo</b><br/> <i>Sophie Jane Milburn</i><br/> <i>Deputy Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson</i></p>                        | <p>a Bookkeeper, retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i></p>                                   | <p>Hockley, Essex</p>         |
| <p><b>Michael Anthony Perry</b><br/> <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i><br/> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>                                  | <p>a Butcher<br/> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>                                    | <p>Bristol</p>                |
| <p><b>Ayesha Khatun Qureshi,<br/> MBE JP</b><br/> <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i><br/> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>                   | <p>a Solicitor<br/> <i>Citizen and Alderman</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>   | <p>Wapping, London</p>        |
| <p><b>Thomas Owain Raw-Rees</b><br/> <i>Thomas Robert Buhler Fattorini</i><br/> <i>Jacqueline Greville Wathen</i></p>                  | <p>an Army Officer, retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Mercer</i></p>                                    | <p>Ealing, London</p>         |
| <p><b>Clive Alan Richards</b><br/> <i>Alan Stanley Cook</i><br/> <i>Deborah Jane Black</i></p>   | <p>a Risk Management Company<br/> Director, retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Gunmaker</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Educator</i></p>           | <p>Exeter, Devon</p>          |
| <p><b>Kevin William Arthur Roswell</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i></p> | <p>a Police Officer<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>                                 | <p>Horley, Surrey</p>         |
| <p><b>Richard David Salter</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i></p>         | <p>an Agile Coach<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>                                   | <p>Stratford, London</p>      |

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| <b>Johannes Frederik Christiaan Scheepers</b><br><i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i><br><i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i>    | a Hotel General Manager<br><br><i>Citizen and Innholder</i><br><br><i>Citizen and Innholder</i>   | Manchester, Greater Manchester |
| <b>Lady Shaida Sheikh</b><br><br><i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i><br><i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>                              | a Commercial Rental Properties Company Director<br><br><i>Citizen and Alderman</i><br><i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>                          | Southgate, London              |
| <b>Dr Milad Zachary Sherafati Tabarestani</b><br><i>CC James Nicholas Bromiley-Davis</i><br><i>Ald. Emma Edhem</i>         | a Medical Doctor<br><br><i>Citizen and Gardener</i><br><br><i>Citizen and Woolman</i>   | Westminster, London            |
| <b>Andrew John Stokes, OBE, MVO</b><br><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br><i>Deputy Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL</i> | a Soldier<br><br><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br><br><i>Citizen and Skinner</i>   | Lambeth, London                |
| <b>Tiago Miguel Tavares Lucas</b><br><i>Christopher John Robinson</i><br><i>Christine Brown</i>                            | an Assistant Beadle<br><br><i>Citizen and Cutler</i><br><i>Citizen and Cutler</i>   | Camden, London                 |
| <b>Foster Ramsay Telford</b><br><br><i>John Holt</i><br><i>Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Keith Cooper</i>                    | a Telecommunications Engineer, retired<br><br><i>Citizen and Tinplate Worker</i><br><i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>                           | Wilton, Wiltshire              |
| <b>Matthew David Townley</b><br><br><i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i><br><i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i>                 | a Hotel Regional Operations Director<br><br><i>Citizen and Innholder</i><br><br><i>Citizen and Innholder</i>                                | Macclesfield, Cheshire         |
| <b>Salim Uddin</b><br><i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i><br><i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>   | a Campaign Manager<br><br><i>Citizen and Alderman</i><br><i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>   | Ilford, London                 |
| <b>Abdal Ullah</b><br><br><i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i><br><i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>                                     | a Councillor and Public Relations Consultant<br><br><i>Citizen and Alderman</i><br><i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>                             | Wapping, London                |
| <b>David William Utting, DL</b><br><i>Catherine Mary Rose Carr</i><br><br><i>Brian Cyril Turner</i>                        | a City Livery Company Clerk<br><br><i>Citizen and Gold &amp; Silver Wyre Drawer</i><br><br><i>Citizen and Gold &amp; Silver Wyre Drawer</i> | Wanstead, London               |

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| <p><b>Sonja Frances Vodusek</b><br/> <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i><br/> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>                   | <p>a Hotel Managing Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>                              | <p>West Kensington, London</p>                |
| <p><b>Douglas Ross Waddell</b><br/> <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i><br/> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>                    | <p>a Hotel Company Operations Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>                    | <p>Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire</p>      |
| <p><b>Mark Wasilewski, LVO</b><br/> <i>Deputy Patricia Ann Holmes</i><br/> <i>CC Caroline Wilma Haines</i></p>                      | <p>a Park Manager<br/> <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Educator</i></p>   | <p>Westminster, London</p>                    |
| <p><b>Christopher Matthew John Wayne-Wills</b><br/> <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i><br/> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>    | <p>a Hotel Company Chief Executive<br/> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>                        | <p>Helensburgh, Argyll and Bute, Scotland</p> |
| <p><b>Malcolm Bruce Westbrook, JP</b><br/> <i>Alexander John Nelson</i><br/> <i>Captain Brian Alexander Cushing</i></p>             | <p>a Personal Injury Lawyer, retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i></p>               | <p>Biggin Hill, Kent</p>                      |
| <p><b>Ian Edward Wright, OBE</b><br/> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i><br/> <i>Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley</i></p> | <p>a Broadcaster and Professional Footballer, retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p> | <p>Willesden, London</p>                      |

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.

#### 11. Questions

Packham, G.  
 Deputy, to the  
 Chairman of  
 the Port Health  
 and  
 Environmental  
 Services  
 Committee

#### **Street Cleansing**

Deputy Graham Packham noted his pleasure in observing the return of large numbers of visitors to the City over the summer, in particular the area around St Paul's Cathedral. However, he regretted the accumulation of litter in the streets which was both off-putting for visitors and a health hazard. He therefore asked the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee if she would ask her Committee's support in making the case for realistic street cleaning funding to be agreed for the next financial year, and in the meantime endeavour to find additional resources to ensure that an acceptable standard of cleaning was reached.

In reply, the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee was committed to delivering standards of street cleanliness commensurate with the

ambitions of Destination City and the expectations of the City's' worker, residential and visitor communities. The City's streets were internally inspected as well as independently monitored for street cleanliness three times a year by Keep Britain Tidy. Levels of cleanliness remained well above those of neighbouring London boroughs, as well as within the agreed parameters set by the Committee. Achieving these outcomes required officers and contractors to deliver as efficient and responsive a service as possible within the overall funding allocation to the Department.

Committee Members were aware of the challenging funding situation across of the City Corporation's several frontline services, and had reluctantly agreed in 2021 to a budget reduction to the street cleansing services to meet savings targets and remain within the allocated budget. These changes were made during the Covid-19 pandemic, but it was always expected that there would be a reappraisal once City emerged from this. It was not currently clear that patterns of footfall and visitor behaviours were very different to the position before the pandemic. As a result, cleansing services were being proactively monitored and reviewed. This included adjusting sweeper timings to adapt to differing footfall volumes and more focus on high profile areas such as transport hubs. One example was at St Paul's Cathedral, where following an increase in littering due to temporary seating, different bin placements had been trialled alongside a dedicated sweeper.

In the context of the Safer City Partnership's activities in this area, cleansing officers were coordinating their efforts in addressing wider elements of anti-social behaviour with the City of London Police and the Licensing Team, adjusting resources to address hotspot areas at peak times. The Policy and Resources Committee had agreed £800,00 from the On Street Parking Reserve to underpin the cleansing service and prevent the need to make further savings. Officers were working closely with Business Improvement Districts to fund enhanced cleansing in key areas. It was crucial to ensure that funds were spent as effectively as possible and targeting interventions for maximum impact and the Committee continue to lobby for adequate future funding.

The Chairman extended her gratitude to Members of the Court and members of the public for sending her details of littering, which she welcomed and passed on to officers as soon as possible, and encouraged to Members to continue.. The Chairman thanked officers and the cleansing team for their hard work in keeping the City's streets clean.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy Brian Mooney, regarding a comparison between the cleanliness of the Square Mile's streets to their appearance ten years ago, the Chairman undertook to raise Deputy Mooney's comments with officers; similarly, the Chairman would follow-up with officers in relation to a question from Deputy Marianne Fredericks querying when the benefits of increased funding would become apparent.

Tijs Broeke asked a supplementary question, asking the Chairman to consider the provision of additional bins in the City, particularly to accommodate an increase in visitors resulting from Destination City. Replying, the Chairman replied to say that, while the number of bins was reviewed on a regular basis, she was happy to have

further discussions on this matter moving forwards.

Deputy James Thomson asked a final supplementary question regarding the problem of street urination. He asked the Chairman if she would ask officers to work with the City of London Police and civil enforcement officers to consider four possible ways to tackle this issue: the use of public protection orders in affected areas, a review of the usage of existing by-laws and if they were being used appropriately or required strengthening, improved enforcement against street urination, and if public conveniences should be opened in busy locations. Responding, the Chairman acceded to the request to raise the matter.

### **Remote working**

Abrahams, G to  
the Deputy  
Chair of the  
Corporate  
Services  
Committee

George Abrahams asked a question of the Deputy Chair of the Corporate Services Committee, noting recent information that had been published regarding local authority employees working remotely overseas. He asked the Chair to provide assurance that there were no City Corporation employees doing this, and to also provide assurance that the Corporation's current remote working guidelines were providing value for money for the electorate and rate payers.

The Deputy Chair of the Corporate Services Committee responded to the question, confirming that the City Corporation's workplace attendance policy explicitly prohibited staff from working overseas unless it was for specific business purposes, for instance, supporting the Lord Mayor on his visits abroad. She also observed that it was important not to conflate presenteeism and productivity: working from home did not necessarily result in lost efficiency; equally, being in the office did not equate to hyper-productivity. It was important to consider whether offering a working from home policy allowed the City Corporation to attract staff and the Corporate Services Committee was keeping a close issue on this issue, but the current policy required staff to be in the office two days a week, with members of the Senior Management Team required to be in three days.

Mr Abrahams asked a supplementary question, asking if the current policy should be reviewed given the directive from central government for office-working to return. In reply, the Deputy Chair confirmed that the Committee was keeping, and would continue to keep, the policy under review.

Deputy Natasha Lloyd-Owen asked a supplementary question, observing the benefits of remote working in terms increasing accessibility. She drew a parallel with the potential for committee meetings to be held in the evenings, suggesting that this was another mechanism that might facilitate wider participation, and asked whether the Deputy Chair welcomed the principle of evening meetings to support those who were unable to leave work during the day. In particular, she sought an undertaking that a paper on the subject might be brought forward to the relevant committees by the end of the calendar year. Replying, the Deputy Chair of the Corporate Services Committee noted that this was a complex issue which extended beyond the direct remit of the Corporate Services Committee, and which would ultimately be an issue for the Policy and Resources Committee to consider.

Responding to a supplementary question from Graham Packham, the Deputy Chair, agreed to take back to officers and the committee comments around the

importance of face-to-face contact for those with line-management responsibilities and in mentoring roles.

Replying to a further supplementary question from Frances Leach concerning the cost-of-living crisis, the Deputy Chair also agreed to take into consideration the benefits of working from home in that context.

In response to a final supplementary question from Deputy Marianne Fredericks, the Deputy Chair advised that she was ask officers to write to the Member with an update on when the staff cafeteria would be reopened.

12.  
Legislation

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

### **Bills**

### **Date in force**

#### **National Security Act 2023**

11<sup>th</sup> July 2023

The Act introduces new measures to modernise existing counter espionage laws to address modern threats. It aims to tackle state-backed sabotage and foreign interference by creating the Foreign Interest Registration Scheme (FIRS). This scheme requires specified individuals in the UK to register certain activities and communications they undertake with foreign governments. The Act creates a criminal offence for a person to carry out "political influence activity" where this arrangement is not registered, and the person knows that the arrangement is not registered. The list of specified individuals who must register certain activities includes the City of London Police Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners, applying the FIRS to the City of London Police in the same way that it applies to the Metropolitan Police. The FIRS does not apply to the Police Authority Board.

#### **Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

The Act facilitates a revised approach to regulating social housing landlords on consumer issues such as safety, transparency and tenant engagement, with new enforcement powers. The Act aims to reform the regulatory regime to increase standards for tenants. It applies to the Corporation in its exercise of the functions and duties of a local authority and a local housing authority which is a provider of social housing.

#### **Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

This short framework Act enables Ministers to make regulations setting out the minimum service required during strike action in six areas of the public sector: health services; fire and rescue services; education services; transport services; decommissioning of nuclear installations; and border security. Failure to comply with those regulations may result in the loss by

trade unions of their legal 20th July 2023 protection from liability for inducing workers to take part in the strike, and the loss by employees of their automatic protection from unfair dismissal. Minimum service levels are not defined in the Act but are left to the discretion of the Minister, who must set these out in regulations. The regulations must be approved by both Houses of Parliament and are yet to be drafted.

### **Statutory Instruments**

#### **The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 No. 770** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

These Regulations amend Regulations from 2017 to increase the upper limit of fixed penalty notices for littering, graffiti and fly-posting offences from £150 to £500. They also amend the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to increase the upper limit of fixed penalty notices for unauthorised deposit of controlled waste and household waste duty of care offences, from £400 to £1000 and £600 respectively.

#### **The Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 No 900** 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Business and Planning Act 2020 made temporary provision for a fast-track process to allow businesses selling food or drink to obtain authorisation from their local authority for the placement of furniture such as tables and chairs on highway adjacent to their premises. The Act provided for such pavement licences to expire by 30th September 2022, and this was extended by Regulations to 30th September 2023. These Regulations further extend the expiry to 30th September 2024. This extension only applies to a pavement licence for which application is made on or after 10th August 2023. The previous date of 30th September 2023 will continue to apply in relation to any pavement licence applied for before 10th August 2023, although the holder of such a licence may be able to apply for a further licence.

#### 13. Ballot Results

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

*Where appropriate:-*

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

*\* denotes appointed.*

#### (A) One Member to the **Capital Buildings Board**.

|                          | <b>Votes</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Ian Seaton               | 25           |
| ^Deputy Philip Woodhouse | 43 *         |

14. *Resolved unanimously* – “That this Honourable Court wishes to extend to  
Resolutions

Caroline Kordai Addy

Lord, C.E., O.B.E.,  
J.P., Deputy;  
Holmes, P.A.  
Deputy

Its sincere gratitude for her service to the Ward of Farringdon Without, to the Court of Common Council and to the City of London over the last six years.

Elected in March 2017, Caroline swiftly established herself as a widely respected and valued Member of the Court. Those of us privileged to have known her in her professional career would have expected nothing less, as her advocacy and debating skills combined with her acuity, strong ethics and passion for equity saw her become a leading and vocal champion for high standards across the Corporation. This was perhaps most evident through Caroline’s committee service, where apart from distinguished service on a number of bodies including the Policy Authority Board and the Community and Children’s Services Committee, she served as Chair of the Police Professional Standards and Integrity Committee, the Standards Committee and Co-Chair of the Tackling Racism Taskforce. The latter in particular gripped some very challenging issues, across areas such as staffing, governance, the Police, education, business and culture.

Caroline was never one to shy away from difficult discussions, and we owe her a debt of gratitude for the robust commitment she put in to ensure recommendations and outcomes were put before this Court, to challenge complacency and to improve standards. In taking its leave of Caroline, this Court thanks her for her dedicated service and wishes her all the very best for the years to come.”

Pearson, S.  
Alderman;  
Holmes, P.A.  
Deputy

*Resolved unanimously* – “That, upon the sad news of his death, the Members of this Honourable Court wish to place on record their heartfelt thanks to:

Mark Bostock

Lately Common Councillor and Deputy for the Ward of Cripplegate, for the service that he gave to the Ward, to the City Corporation, and to the City of London.

Mark became a friend and supporter to his colleagues in the Ward and an ardent advocate for the Golden Lane and Barbican Estates. Since his initial election to this Court in 2017, he strove to get the City Corporation to understand the value of an overall masterplan approach to development, rather than ad-hoc plans for small areas: in particular the importance of an overarching plan for Smithfield, the Barbican, and St Paul’s. His urge for joined-up thinking for the City’s endeavours also extended to the cultural sphere, an area of special interest to him, and I know that his former colleagues on this Court will continue to press for the cohesive Cultural Strategy which he was so passionate in pursuing.

Mark was also a champion of education, and the City of London Girls’ School in particular. He was an advocate for the successful creation of the City Junior School, and also the STEM link for the Girls’ School, visiting regularly to share his expertise



with pupils and observe lessons. I know that the School will miss him greatly, as will we all.

Mark was a stalwart in standing up for residents and for fairness. He presented a petition to this Court signed by many City residents calling for the transparency in the Corporation's planning process and regularly voted against applicants for development that harmed residents or our heritage.

He reviled bullying, especially of the official kind, and I am personally grateful for his unwavering support.

I should also specially mention his role in pursuing the repeal of Section 618 of the Housing Act 1985, a provision which uniquely bars resident councillors voting on certain housing matters. After much work together, we finally obtained commitment to the repeal of that provision: it becomes a lasting legacy of Mark's work for residents and exemplifies his efforts, in all areas, to make things better for everyone who lives and works in the City.

For all Members of this Honourable Court, together with those across Mark's many professional and personal networks, Mark will always be remembered with fondness, and I am honoured to have known him, as a friend and a colleague.

In expressing our most sincere condolences to Wendy and the family, I am sure that all colleagues on the Court will join me in recording our heartfelt thanks for all that he did and mourn his passing. Rest in peace, Mark."

Upon the resolution being carried, Deputy Natasha Lloyd-Owen, as the other Deputy for the Ward of Cripplegate, added her gratitude for all Mark did, and expressed her condolences to his family. It had been a real privilege to work alongside Mark as Deputy. His love for the Ward and commitment to his Council role was self-evident. He had real vision and was always willing to answer the phone and to share his knowledge and experience. His skills, and his generosity of spirit, will be greatly missed. All the Cripplegate Members valued Mark's wisdom and insight. He was unfailing in his support for residents, however small the issue. His humour, kindness and intelligence would be missed.

Members rose for a moment's silence at the request of the Lord Mayor.

15. Docquets  
for the Hospital  
Seal

There were no docquets for the seal.

16. Awards  
and Prizes

There was no report.

17.

The Town Clerk advised that the Lord Mayor had also been informed of two further matters, which were to be treated in confidence at the request of His Majesty's Government.

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

*Resolved* – that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, 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.

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

18. Non-  
public Minutes

*Resolved* – that the non-public minutes of the last Court held on 20 July are correctly recorded.

19.

**Investment Committee**

The Court approved the disposal of a freehold.

20.

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

The Court approved proposals concerning the City Events Programme.

21.

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

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in respect of an application for hospitality.

22.

**Application for Hospitality**

The Court approved proposals relative for hospitality associated with a visiting Head of State.

**The meeting commenced at 1pm and ended at 2.29pm**

**THOMAS.**

## Report of the Town Clerk to be considered in conjunction with Item 4 –

### The Election of Chief Commoner

*To be presented on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

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

#### **To elect a Chief Commoner**

Two candidates, Deputy Peter Dunphy and Deputy Andrien Meyers, have been validly nominated in accordance with Standing Order no. 18. The candidates were invited to provide information in support of their nomination and the following submissions were received:-

#### **Deputy Peter Dunphy**

I have been asked by many members – residents and workers, newly elected and long-standing to stand for Chief. I've served on the Court for nearly 15 years, chaired committees and been Deputy Governor of the Irish Society (The lead Commoner on the Society). I am a Draper and member of the Communicators. I understand the processes and governance of the Corporation and would perform the role of Chief effectively and diligently. As you know I have always treated all fellow members with respect and courtesy. The newly formalised role of the Chief within the complaints/standards process means that we need someone who is calm, can mediate, is independent of perceived interest groups or cliques and has a strong understanding of the history and development of the Court over the last two decades.

The role has an important internal function, and I will be always available for both confidential and open discussion, to listen and consider ways to help all members feel fully included in the life, business, and activities of the Court which should embrace the diversity of experience that our members offer. A key role will be making sure that excellent preparations are in place for the induction, guidance, and training of newly elected Councillors in March 2025.

There is also an external facing role - with the Livery, Ward Clubs, Resident Associations and many other partners acting as an ambassador and as a sounding board for everything that we do for the City. I will seek to work constructively with the Policy & Resources committee as well as the wider civic team across Guildhall, the Mansion House and the Old Bailey.

I am semi-retired and self-employed able to commit to the role fully. I can easily delegate and reschedule other obligations. Thank you for your support.

## **Deputy Andrien Meyers**

Dear Fellow Members,

I'm in a fortunate position that I am at a stage in my professional career where I am able to fully commit myself to the work of Chief Commoner should I be so honoured to be elected by the Court.

The role is internal and external facing. Having visibility internally with fellow members is crucial. I will focus on cohesion, member development and the cooperative spirit of "One City". Whether I am navigating challenging Charing responsibilities on Investment Committee or EDI Sub-committee, I have tried to carry out my work with integrity and gain the trust of members; this is a key aspect I look to bring to the role.

Externally I intend to not only play an active part at civic events, but also at occasions showcase our diverse and progressive Organisation. I've represented the Corporation on various occasions e.g. Investments at Cannes/Munich, EDI at the Barbican, Charity cricket for past Lord Mayor.

As a Freeman of the Goldsmiths I enjoy working on the Communications & Marketing committee and EDI. I'm also with the Guild of Investment Managers which closely relates to my day job, where I'm Head of Pensions Investments and advisor to investment firms.

My passion for social mobility can be traced back to my arrival in the UK as a 16-year old boy in 2001. A recipient of many mentors, I try to give back at any opportunity, via the investment industry and sport. E.g Co-founder of the Catalyst after school investment programme, and work on Afro Caribbean Cricket.

Now in my second term and with over 50% change in Court, I've been encouraged from a wide and diverse range of members which has helped shape my intentions.

Thank you for taking time to read my message and would be grateful for your support.

# Report – Policy and Resources Committee Ward Committee Pairing Arrangements

*To be presented on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023*

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

## SUMMARY

Committees of the Court of Common Council fall broadly into two general categories in respect of their method of appointment: Ward and non-Ward committees. Ward Committees are structured such that each Ward is entitled to appoint at least one of their Members to serve. The intention of this is to ensure representation from each Ward, such that the whole City is represented.

In 2004 the Court introduced the practice of "pairing" on Ward Committees, which allows geographically adjacent Wards to represent each other's interests, thereby meaning that each Ward was not mandated to appoint an individual from within their own Ward to serve. In addition to pairing, in 2011 the Court introduced the option for Wards to decline to fill vacancies either directly or through pairing, and to open them up to election from amongst the wider Court instead. These processes are governed by Standing Order No. 23.

In April 2023, a large number of Wards attempted to make late changes to their Ward Committee appointments in respect of pairing or opening up vacancies, which may have caused some confusion, particularly amongst those less familiar with the practice.

Your Policy and Resources Committee responded to a request to address concerns arising from this and brings forward a recommendation to change the existing arrangements in order to improve transparency. In doing so, your Committee considered a series of options and ultimately supported the option that allowed for the greatest amount of Ward autonomy. It is therefore proposed that the Standing Orders be revised (Appendix 1) to add a strict deadline for pairing decisions to be made by the Ward Deputy; and remove the provision/requirement for unfilled Ward vacancies to be advertised to the wider Court.

## Recommendations

That Members approve changes to Standing Order 23 (Appendix 1), with the effect of:

1. adding a strict deadline for pairing decisions to be made; and
2. removing the requirement for unfilled Ward vacancies to be advertised to the wider Court.

## MAIN REPORT

### Background

1. Ward Committees are a longstanding feature of the governance arrangements of the City of London Corporation. They allow for each Ward to make at least one

appointment to that Committee, thereby providing a guaranteed opportunity for every Ward in the City to be represented, should they so wish. Ward Committees generally have remits which cover areas of the Corporation's responsibilities which affect the entire City.

2. Whilst there has been a move away from Ward Committees over recent decades, the Court has been clear in its desire to retain the arrangements generally and for specific areas. Today, the remaining Ward Committees are: Finance, Planning & Transportation, Community & Children's Services, Culture Heritage & Libraries, and Port Health & Environmental Services.
3. Historically, some Wards — usually those with fewer Members — sometimes found it challenging to fill all their allocations on Ward Committees whilst also pursuing areas of interest or expertise on non-Ward Committees. This was exacerbated by the introduction of an upper threshold on the number of committees on which any one Member might serve.
4. A review was undertaken by the Audit Commission in 2002 which highlighted the burdens on Members through these arrangements as a specific issue and, consequently, in 2004, the system of Ward pairing was introduced, to "reduc[e] the demands placed on Members" in a "voluntary and flexible arrangement". The idea behind this was to allow for Wards which were geographically adjacent and shared characteristics to effectively share the responsibility, such that one Member essentially represented both Wards. This was considered to retain the spirit of ensuring Wards were able to be served by someone they felt would well understand and represent their local area.
5. In 2011, it was further decided that, in addition to the option to pair, Wards should have the option to open up the vacancy for appointment to be made by and from amongst the wider Court.
6. There are, under current arrangements, three options available in respect of Ward Committees:
  - a. A Ward can fill the vacancy directly;
  - b. A Ward may pair with another Ward, and have that Ward's appointed Member represent both Wards' interests;
  - c. A Ward may relinquish the vacancy altogether and cede it to the Court.

#### **Current Position**

7. Since the 2011 change, some Wards have continued to elect to use the pairing arrangements, whilst others leave their position unfilled, thus leaving an additional place on the Committee to be appointed to by the Court.
8. The appointment process to Ward Committees is set out by Standing Order No 23 and essentially requires the Ward Deputy to make nominations annually, following consultation with their colleagues. This process usually takes place in March of each year. The nominations are then collated and presented to the Court as part of the "White Paper" document, in April of each year, when the committees are constituted.

9. Since the introduction of the 2011 change, Ward Deputies are asked to provide their final nominations in good time ahead of publication of the Court's agenda, in order that any vacancies left unfilled (and where pairing is not exercised) can be advertised and nominations placed on the Summons in keeping with the requirements of Standing Orders.
10. However, just as individuals standing for non-Ward Committees can withdraw their nominations at any time (including at the April Court meeting itself), the Ward Deputy may also seek to make changes to their submissions at any time. Ultimately, the power to determine whether to accept those changes rests with the Court.
11. In previous years there had been very few changes to the initial submissions of Ward Deputies and so this approach presented no major challenges. However, in April 2023, several Wards were making changes well beyond the date outlined for response and then further still, after the Summons had been published. This placed a significant, albeit unintentional, administrative burden on agenda preparations and subsequently impacted the ability to communicate the relevant last minutes changes to the wider Court.
12. In addition to all the changes that had taken place ahead of publication, at the Court meeting, the Town Clerk outlined two further amendments to the Summons in relation to the Ward Committee appointments. These amendments were agreed but led to a reduction in the number of Ward Committee vacancies available to the wider Court. This prompted 'on the spot' withdrawals of nominations. It is fair to say the matter caused some confusion and gave rise to concern with the general process of Ward Committee appointments.
13. Considering all the above, in the interests of clarity, it is considered beneficial to consider the arrangements for the annual Ward Committee appointments process and whether there is scope for improved procedures to be made for future years.
14. Recognising that the purpose of Ward Committees is to allow every Ward to be represented, whilst remaining cognisant of the demands on Members and the limit on the number of Committees on which Members may serve, it can be argued that pairing is and remains a key mechanism through which a Ward can ensure that it obtains its desired representation. Therefore, the options presented to your Policy and Resources Committee were predicated on the retention of the ability to pair. The options included the introduction of a stricter deadline; the removal of the option to "open up" appointments to the wider Court; and a blend of these two options.  
Impose a stricter deadline
15. Whilst a deadline exists for the nomination of Ward Committee appointments to be submitted to the Town Clerk, this is not a hard deadline strengthened by a Standing Order and therefore operates on the best intentions of Members, with late changes accommodated wherever possible.
16. Therefore, one option could be to retain the existing arrangements but with a formal requirement for all Ward Committee appointments, including pairing

decisions, to be made and communicated to the Town Clerk by a fixed date. After this deadline, no changes can be made to the listed names in the papers presented to the Court and it would require a formal Motion to be moved and agreed in order to allow for changes.

17. This option would reduce confusion from Members around what vacancies exist on Ward Committees and make clear what ballots were to take place at Court, whilst still retaining the Court's ultimate discretion in this matter. The position would also be consistent with the approach for non-Ward Committee vacancies, whereby vacancies must be advertised by a set date, thereby allowing sufficient time for interested Members to express their interest in any vacancies. In the absence of any nominations by this deadline, the vacancies shall be held unfilled until the next meeting of the Court.
18. By fixing the deadline as twelve working days before the meeting, it allows for any vacancies to be advertised two weeks before the meeting, pursuant to Standing Order 25(2). The introduction of this deadline would also help ensure that the final Committee membership was established in time for the first meeting of the Civic Year, at which the Chair and various Sub-Committees are appointed.

Remove the option to "open up" appointments to the wider Court

19. Consideration was also given to the removal of the provision whereby, when a Ward does not wish to nominate one of their number to fill a vacancy, nor pair with another Ward, the vacancy is opened up to the Court (i.e., the option introduced in 2011). Instead, the vacancy would simply be left unfilled.
20. This would have the benefit of potentially leading to smaller committees, going some modest way towards one of the outcomes of the most recent Governance Review (which recommended a reduction in the number of Members on committees, where possible, down to an optimal size of 10-12).
21. However, it was also observed by your Committee that there may be a disadvantage where there is a keen interest in the service area and where such vacancies facilitate their participation. In instances where a committee benefits from having additional enthusiastic and engaged Members with relevant expertise, there was a risk that the removal of this option could limit the opportunities of those Members, to the potential detriment of the committee.
22. This observation was considered particularly relevant to your Community and Children's Services Committee.

Increase Ward Choice

23. The recommendation before Members today, is a blend of the foregoing options, i.e., to add a provision such that the Ward can decide:
  - whether it wishes to appoint a Member
  - whether it wishes to pair
  - to open their vacancy to the wider Court
  - to choose to leave their Ward unrepresented and not offer the vacancy up, thereby reducing the membership of that Ward Committee by one.



24. This option would give the Ward Deputies the ability to choose how they feel their Ward would be best represented at a Ward Committee, and so remain most true to the spirit governing the role of Ward Committees. Standing Order Nos. 23(1-6) would remain unchanged, but Standing Order 23(7) would be amended as set out in Appendix 1. Deletions are indicated by strikethrough text, and additions are all underlined.
25. The deadline arrangement would also be necessary in order to help provide clarity to all Members as to a Ward's intention, well ahead of the Court meeting in question. This would be particularly important given the additional variable being introduced.
26. In coming to their determination, as with the existing arrangements, Ward Deputies should be encouraged to bear in mind the impact on the Committee in question: any decisions as to nominations, or decisions not to nominate, should take into consideration the balance of skills and expertise of Members willing to serve and the best interests of the Committee. For instance, if a Ward does not wish to appoint to the Finance Committee but there are several Members on the wider Court with relevant expertise, it would be optimal to open up the vacancy to the wider Court.
27. Members should note that none of the proposed changes impact the current approach to filling vacancies arising mid-year.

#### Community and Children's Services Committee

28. In coming to its final determination on Ward Committee arrangements, your Committee instructed officers to bring back further options specifically on the composition of Community and Children's Services Committee, for consideration in the usual committee appointments cycle (i.e. for April 2024).

#### **Conclusion**

29. The use of Ward Committees is an established City Corporation convention to ensure balanced representation on key committees from amongst all Wards. Your Policy and Resources Committee considered the process of appointment to these Committees and recommends the adoption of a fixed deadline for nominations, as well as an option for Wards to neither fill allocations nor relinquish them to the Court, in order to provide Wards with maximal flexibility in determining how their interests are best represented on certain committees.

#### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Revised Standing Order 23

DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Deputy Christopher Hayward**  
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee

### 23. Ward Committees

1. Ward Committees comprise at least two Aldermen together with a number of Commoners as detailed in Standing Order No. 23(3).
2. The Aldermen shall be appointed on the basis of nominations by the Court of Aldermen (notwithstanding SO 23(5)).
3. The Commoners shall be appointed on the basis of:-
  - a. one Member from each Ward (regardless of whether the Ward has sides) having five or fewer Members;
  - b. two Members from each Ward (regardless of whether the Ward has sides) having six or more Members;
  - c. one Member representing a Ward or Side of Ward that has agreed to pair with another Ward, which is geographically nearby, for the purpose of representation on one or more Ward Committees;
  - d. up to two Members on the Community and Children's Services Committee from Wards with 200 or more residents.
4. Wards shall choose whether to nominate a Member(s) to serve on each of the several Ward Committees.
5. In the event that a Ward's Common Councillor/s does not wish, for whatever reason, to be nominated to serve on a Ward Committee, the appointment can, if the Ward so chooses and the Alderman is in agreement, be taken by the Alderman of the Ward.
6. After consultation with the Members of their Wards, the Deputies of the Ward shall submit the nominations to the Town Clerk subject to the following:-
  - a. the term of office of a Member on a Ward Committee is one year;
  - b. a Member who has served four terms on a Ward Committee, separately or consecutively, is not eligible for appointment for a further term whilst there is a Member of the Ward who has not served and wishes to do so, unless the majority of the Members of the Ward so decide.
- ~~7. If a Ward chooses not to nominate a Member(s) (Common Councillors or the Alderman of the Ward) to serve on a Ward Committee, the Town Clerk shall notify the vacancy to all Members and seek nominations prior to the appointment being made by the Court.~~
7. If a Ward chooses not to nominate a Member(s) (Common Councillors or the Alderman of the Ward) to serve on a Ward Committee, the Ward will notify the Town Clerk by no later than 12 noon, twelve working days before the meeting of the Court:

- a. that they wish for the appointment to remain unfilled, thereby reducing the number of Members on the Committee by the number of unfilled appointments;
  - b. that the Town Clerk should notify the vacancy to all Members and seek nominations prior to the appointment being made by the Court.
8. All nominations for Ward Committee appointments made as part of the annual appointments process (see: Standing Order 21), including pairing decisions, shall be made and communicated to the Town Clerk by no later than 12 noon, twelve working days before the meeting of the Court, for inclusion in the Summons. After this deadline, no changes can be made to such names listed in the Summons and any amendment shall require the explicit approval of the Court via a Motion (pursuant to Standing Order No. 12(4)).

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# Report – Policy and Resources Committee

## Appointment of Independent Persons

*To be presented on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

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

### **SUMMARY**

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

Members will recall that nine Members of a new Independent Panel were appointed by the Court in Summer 2021 to oversee the City Corporation's Standards Regime. The appointments were made by the full Court on the recommendation of the Independent Persons Appointment Panel (consisting of the then Chair of Policy & Resources, the then Chief Commoner, and the then Chair of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen).

Since that time, the Panel of Independent Persons have met on several occasions to assess, hear and consider appeals against decisions made with regard to complaints submitted under the Code of Conduct. Given that the Panel are operating a three-tier process for dealing with complaints (as advised by Lord Lisvane and supported by this Honourable Court) they very quickly went on to express the view that the size of the Panel should be increased from nine to twelve in total. The Complaints Procedure stipulates that no Independent Person may sit on more than one sub-panel in relation to the same complaint and, essentially, a larger Panel was therefore felt necessary in order to allow for illness or other non-availability of a panel member or for instances where a panel member may need to recuse themselves for any other reason where a complaint exhausts all three stages. A Subject Member is also entitled to consult with one of the Independent Persons, taking the total required on the Panel to at least ten.

The proposal to expand the pool of Independent Persons from nine to twelve for the reasons set out above were put to and supported by the Court of Common Council at the end of 2022, with the Town Clerk instructed to re-constitute the Independent Persons Appointment Panel (consisting of the Chair of Policy & Resources, the Chief Commoner, and the Chair of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen or their representatives) to progress a further round of recruitment to appoint three additional Panel Members.

The purpose of this report is therefore to now seek the Court's approval of the recommendations of the Appointment Panel once again following a recent, successful, round of recruitment and to agree to the appointment of the final three individuals named within this report as Independent Persons to ensure that the desired panel of twelve is achieved.

## Recommendations

Members are asked to endorse the recommendations of the Appointment Panel in securing the valued services of Mr Andrew Ayre, Ms Karen McArthur and Ms Amina Hossain and approve their appointment as Independent Members of the City of London Corporation.

## MAIN REPORT

### Background

#### *Creation of an Independent Panel*

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

#### *Process*

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

- The third stage to be the Appeal stage, the Panel for which should also include a minority of Members of the Court of Common Council, to help provide any relevant internal context.

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

#### *Composition*

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

#### *Recruitment and Appointment*

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

#### *Appointment Process to date*

5. The appointment process for the new Independent Panel originally commenced in February 2021 and ran until March 2021. This resulted in the appointment of seven individuals, approved by this Court in May 2021. Following this, a second recruitment round was launched in May 2021 and this ran until June 2021. This resulted in the appointment of a further two candidates, approved by this Court in July 2021 and creating the existing 'pool' of nine Independent Persons.

#### *Panel Size*

6. Given that the Panel are operating a three-tier process for dealing with complaints, as advised by Lord Lisvane and supported by the Court of Common Council, they were quickly of the view that the size of the Panel should be increased from nine to twelve in total. The first two tiers of the Complaints process (Assessment and Hearing) require three panel members each and the third (Appeal) at least two.
7. The Complaints Procedure stipulates that no Independent Person may sit on more than one sub-panel in relation to the same complaint and a larger Panel was therefore felt necessary in order to allow for illness or other non-availability of a panel member or for instances where a panel member may need to recuse themselves for any other reason. In addition to this, one Independent Person may be required to consult with the subject member of a complaint, which then takes them out of the available pool for dealing with this same complaint in any capacity.

8. The Court of Common Council endorsed this view and instructed that the Independent Persons Appointment Panel be reconstituted to progress a further round of recruitment to appoint three additional Panel Members.

*Recent Appointment Process*

9. Following consultation with the Appointment Panel as well as with the existing Chair of the Independent Persons, advertisements for the vacancies were, on this occasion, placed on the City of London's webpages, the Guardian online, Law Society Gazette, in City AM online and also in The Voice Newspaper online, with a view to attracting applicants from a more diverse background.
10. Applicants were informed that the City were seeking to appoint a panel of individuals with relevant experience in the private or public sectors and individuals who would both promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Corporation's elected Members and co-opted Members when dealing with the business of the Corporation.

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

- has been a Member, Co-opted Member or officer of the City of London Corporation in the previous five years; or
  - is a relative or close friend of a Member or officer of the City of London Corporation.
11. Members will recall that the Court of Common Council was also supportive of remuneration for Independent Persons recommending the utilisation of the standard rate for public appointments, to help ensure strong candidates could be attracted and retained. The position was, therefore, advertised with a daily attendance allowance of £300 and reasonable travel expenses also reimbursed. Attendance depends on the number and complexity of cases to be dealt with as well as any necessary briefing and training sessions.
  12. A total of 44 applications were received on this occasion. Following a shortlisting process and assessment by the Panel, it decided unanimously on six candidates to shortlist and invite to attend interview on either 25 or 26 September 2023.
  13. Following face to face interviews held at the Guildhall (with the exception of one candidate for whom virtual arrangements were made to accommodate a medical procedure), the Panel were unanimously of the view that three of the six candidates invited to interview on this occasion were particularly strong and that all three would be a great asset to the City of London's Standards Regime in terms of the breadth and relevance of their knowledge and experience.
  14. The purpose of this report is, therefore, to seek formal approval for the recommendations of the Appointment Panel – that a further three candidates (Mr Andrew Ayre, Ms Karen McArthur and Ms Amina Hossain) be appointed as Independent Persons. So as not to unnecessarily delay due process following interview, these appointments have been signed off under urgency procedures by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of both your



Member Development and Standards Sub Committee and Policy and Resources Committee, neither of whom were scheduled to meet until after the October meeting of this Honourable Court.

15. The Committee on Standards in Public Life had recommended that Independent Persons be appointed for a fixed term of two years, renewable once. The Court considered this at their 14 January 2021 meeting and resolved that a fixed term of office of two years, renewable twice, be adopted for the City Corporation's Independent Persons. It was also felt that the terms of the Independent Persons should, ideally, be staggered, the Town Clerk was authorised to draw lots to ensure that staggered terms can be achieved.

*Details of Recommended Appointees*

16. **Andrew Ayre** has 37 year's experience as a Crown Servant in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In 2011, he was appointed British High Commissioner to Guyana and HM Ambassador to Suriname. From 2015-17, he was one of the Deputy Heads of the FCO's Europe Division and then from 2017-21, one of the Deputy High Commissioners to India.

Mr Ayre states that he believes passionately in doing the right thing whilst listening to the broadest possible spectrum of views before coming to a decision. He is committed to high standards of conduct, fairness, transparency and accountability.

17. **Karen McArthur** serves as a lay member on professional misconduct and fitness to practice panels. The other aspect of her portfolio involves serving on Boards which have a clear social purpose where she has also worked with consumer interest groups and regulators to address common issues.

Ms McArthur states that, whether as Chair or Lay, she brings an independent view and challenges colleagues in a professional and respectful manner. Across all of her roles, she is frequently required to review complex information, often relating to events or activities outside her scope of knowledge or experience and synthesising the key issues. She is confident in her ability to question articulately and separate fact from opinion, identify the cogent facts, weigh the evidence and work through decision making in a structured rational format which is robust. Many of her roles are subject to legal challenge so she must ensure that full reasons are given which are supported by the facts, making them defensible and logical in their construction. Ms McArthur describes herself as 'a professional decision maker'.

18. **Amina Hossain** currently serves as an Independent Person for Sutton Council. In addition, she has worked as a lawyer in local government for 9 years and central government for 6 years. She has a solid understanding of the landscape of local government and the role of the different constituents of officers and members and is well versed in both adhering to and applying the Nolan Principles.

Ms Hossain states that she is familiar and comfortable with assessing large volumes of evidence before reaching fair, impartial and consistent decisions She prides herself on approaching her decision-making roles with an open-mind.

19. As a reminder, these final three appointees, should they be approved, would join our previously appointed nine (Miranda Carruthers-Watt, Robert Coyle, Christine Fraser, Tom Ketteley, Amanda Orchard, Gary Rogers, Rahul Sinha, Philip Thicknesse and Attiyah Younis) to form our panel of twelve Independent Persons. Further details of the previously appointed nine are set out within the May 2021 and July 2021 Court reports respectively.

### **Conclusion**

20. The Appointment Panel mandated by the Court of Common Council to oversee the recruitment of a panel of Independent Persons and put forward recommendations for appointment hereby recommend that the three persons named within this report (Mr Ayre, Ms McArthur and Ms Hossain) be appointed as Independent Members of the City of London Corporation.

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

DATED this 3rd day of October 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Deputy Christopher Hayward**  
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee

## Petition – Dron House Estate Officer

*Presented by Marianne Fredericks*

*To be presented on Thursday,*

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

**Petition:-**

“We, the undersigned, respectfully submit this petition to request that the role of full-time Estate Officer is reinstated. In particular, we petition that, subject to their agreement, the previous holder of the role is reinstated.

The role provided an effective means to deal with day-to-day events on the ground at the Dron House Estate and since the previous holder’s departure there have been growing concerns about the decline in the standards and level of service across the Estate.

Please see the [supplementary letter](#) laying out the background to this petition.”

*[Number of signatures indicated as appended to the Petition at the time of receipt by the Town Clerk’s Office: 55]*

Member presenting the Petition, pursuant to Standing Order No. 20:-

*Marianne Fredericks*

*(Ward of Tower)*

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## List of Applications for the Freedom

*To be presented on Thursday, 12th October, 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.

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| <b>Daniel Omoniyi Afilaka</b>           | an Information Technology Executive              | Coventry, Warwickshire      |
| <i>Antony Charles Greene</i>            | <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>                       |                             |
| <i>Derek Martin Morley</i>              | <i>Citizen and Furniture Maker</i>               |                             |
| <b>Faria Harooj Ali</b>                 | a Lawyer   | Cheadle, Greater Manchester |
| <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i>                | <i>Citizen and Alderman</i>                      |                             |
| <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>        | <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>                     |                             |
| <b>Christopher John Allen</b>           | a Lawyer   | Maldon, Essex               |
| <i>Ald. Vincent Thomas Keaveny, CBE</i> | <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>                     |                             |
| <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>          | <i>Citizen and Glover</i>                        |                             |
| <b>Kathryn Elise Rebecca Andrews</b>    | a Business Consultant                            | Oakville, Ontario, Canada   |
| <i>Robert Andrews</i>                   | <i>Citizen and Gold &amp; Silver Wyre Drawer</i> |                             |
| <i>Richard John Bean John</i>           | <i>Citizen and Gold &amp; Silver Wyre Drawer</i> |                             |
| <b>Richard William Angell</b>           | a Chief Executive Officer of a Charity           | Ilford, Essex               |
| <i>CC Thomas Charles Sleigh</i>         | <i>Citizen</i>                                   |                             |
| <i>CC Benjamin Daniel Murphy</i>        | <i>Citizen</i>                                   |                             |
| <b>Donato Briamonte</b>                 | an Event Manager                                 | Cricklewood, London         |
| <i>Calogero Alu</i>                     | <i>Citizen and Baker</i>                         |                             |
| <i>Russell Chweidan</i>                 | <i>Citizen and Baker</i>                         |                             |
| <b>George Steven Butler</b>             | a Marine Engineer                                | Rochester, Kent             |
| <i>CC Wendy Mead, OBE</i>               | <i>Citizen and Glover</i>                        |                             |
| <i>Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE</i>    | <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>                   |                             |

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| <p><b>Sarah Davina Clarke,<br/>CVO DBE</b><br/><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord<br/>Mayor<br/>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>      | <p>Lady Usher of the Black Rod<br/><br/><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor<br/><br/>Citizen and Musician</i></p>   | <p>Wandsworth, London</p>                                |
| <p><b>Anna Elizabeth Clayton</b><br/><br/><i>Andrew John Gillett<br/>Hugh Christopher Emlyn<br/>Harris</i></p>        | <p>a Charity Development<br/>Manager, retired<br/><i>Citizen and Founder<br/>Citizen and Turner</i></p>  | <p>Ascot, Berkshire</p>                                  |
| <p><b>Robert Thomas<br/>Ferguson Crothers</b><br/><i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman<br/>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>          | <p>a Solicitor<br/><br/><i>Citizen and Alderman<br/>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>  | <p>Bow, London</p>                                       |
| <p><b>Thomas Macknight<br/>Dawson</b><br/><i>Malcolm Alastair Craig<br/><br/>Rosemary Beaver</i></p>                  | <p>a United States Attorney At Law<br/><br/><i>Citizen and Gold &amp; Silver Wyre<br/>Drawer<br/>Citizen and Insurer</i></p>   | <p>Wilton, Connecticut, United<br/>States of America</p> |
| <p><b>Henry Dony</b><br/><br/><i>Sir Michael Bear<br/>Lady Barbara Anne Bear</i></p>                                  | <p>an Insurance Broker and Loss<br/>Assessor<br/><i>Citizen and Pavior<br/>Citizen and Musician</i></p>  | <p>Finchley, London</p>                                  |
| <p><b>Michael John Eakins</b><br/><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord<br/>Mayor<br/>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                   | <p>a Chief Investment Officer<br/><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor<br/><br/>Citizen and Musician</i></p>   | <p>Hammersmith, London</p>                               |
| <p><b>Dominic Arthur Craig<br/>Edwardes</b><br/><i>CC Thomas Charles Sleigh<br/>CC Benjamin Daniel<br/>Murphy</i></p> | <p>a Charity Communications<br/>Director<br/><i>Citizen<br/>Citizen</i></p>  | <p>Norwood, London</p>                                   |
| <p><b>Muneera Yusuf Esat</b><br/><i>Christopher John Robinson<br/>Christopher Charles Fisher</i></p>                  | <p>a Bookkeeper<br/><i>Citizen and Cutler<br/>Citizen and Cutler</i></p>   | <p>Ilford, Redbridge</p>                                 |
| <p><b>Alexandra Samantha<br/>Fontaine</b><br/><i>Ann-Marie Jefferys<br/>Christopher Charles<br/>Hipkins</i></p>       | <p>a Concierge Service Company<br/>Director<br/><i>Citizen and Glover<br/>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>  | <p>Pimlico, London</p>                                   |
| <p><b>Rosemary Pema<br/>Glazebrook</b><br/><i>Oliver Edward Gadsby<br/><br/>Wayne Campbell Sime</i></p>               | <p>a Commonwealth Enterprise<br/>Council Chief Executive<br/><i>Citizen and Stationer &amp; Newspaper<br/>Maker<br/>Citizen and Information<br/>Technologist</i></p> | <p>West Kensington, London</p>                           |
| <p><b>Nicholas James Ross<br/>Gordon</b><br/><i>Andrew John Gillett<br/>Hugh Christopher Emlyn<br/>Harris</i></p>     | <p>a Television Producer and<br/>Director<br/><i>Citizen and Founder<br/>Citizen and Turner</i></p>  | <p>Richmond, Surrey</p>                                  |

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| <p><b>Timothy John Douglas Gordon</b><br/> <i>Andrew John Gillett</i><br/> <i>Hugh Christopher Emlyn Harris</i></p>   | <p>a Publishing Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Founder</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Turner</i></p>                                      | <p>East Horsley, Surrey</p>          |
| <p><b>Karen Ann Green</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>  | <p>a Wellbeing Company Director and Adviser<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>         | <p>Chiswick, London</p>              |
| <p><b>Andrew John Griffith</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>  | <p>a Member of Parliament<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>                        | <p>Westminster, London</p>           |
| <p><b>Katherine Mary Hattrell</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>  | <p>a Chartered Accountant, retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>                  | <p>Clapham, London</p>               |
| <p><b>Martin Edward Michael Hattrell</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>   | <p>a Solicitor<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>                                      | <p>Clapham, London</p>               |
| <p><b>Nicholas Paul Hewlett</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>  | <p>a Headteacher<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>                                    | <p>Catford, London</p>               |
| <p><b>The Hon. Julia Anne Hoggett</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>CC Florence Keelson-Anfu</i></p>   | <p>a Stock Exchange Chief Executive<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen</i></p>                              | <p>Westminster, London</p>           |
| <p><b>General Gwyn Jenkins, CB OBE</b><br/> <i>Jeremy Mark Fox</i><br/> <i>Admiral Sir Philip Andrew Jones, GCB DL</i></p>                                      | <p>a Senior Royal Marines Officer<br/> <i>Citizen and Stationer &amp; Newspaper Maker</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i></p> | <p>Wareham, Dorset</p>               |
| <p><b>Lord Johnson of Lainston Dominic Robert Andrew Johnson, CBE</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p> | <p>a Minister of State<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>                           | <p>West Brompton, London</p>         |
| <p><b>Alexandra Emma Lyons</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>   | <p>a Solicitor<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>                                      | <p>Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire</p> |

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| <p><b>Catriona Mary Lyons</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                                      | <p>A Teacher<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>   | <p>Upper Holloway, London</p> |
| <p><b>Inderpal Singh Kalsi</b><br/> <i>Christopher Paul Grant</i><br/> <i>Russell Chweidan</i></p>  | <p>a Construction Manager, retired<br/> <i>Citizen and Baker</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>                                      | <p>Rochester, Kent</p>        |
| <p><b>Rupert Kaye</b><br/> <i>Andrew Yarrow</i><br/> <i>Neil Hendriksen</i></p>   | <p>a Chaplain<br/> <i>Citizen and Educator</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Educator</i></p>   | <p>Bathampton, Somerset</p>   |
| <p><b>Jamal Ahmed Khan</b><br/> <br/> <i>CC Shahnan Bakth</i><br/> <i>Deputy Christopher</i><br/> <i>Michael Hayward</i></p>                  | <p>a Public Relations Company<br/> Director<br/> <i>Citizen</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>                                 | <p>Hackney, London</p>        |
| <p><b>Dr Nicole Klynman</b><br/> <br/> <i>CC Mary Durcan, JP</i><br/> <i>Deputy Marianne</i><br/> <i>Bernadette Fredericks</i></p>            | <p>a Doctor and Director of Public<br/> Health<br/> <i>Citizen</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>                                    | <p>Muswell Hill, London</p>   |
| <p><b>Ian Kenneth Lazarus</b><br/> <br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                                | <p>a Recruitment Consultancy<br/> Company Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>   | <p>St John's Wood, London</p> |
| <p><b>Hannah Emily Doris Lea</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                                   | <p>a Management Consultant<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>                           | <p>Hammersmith, London</p>    |
| <p><b>Fiona Luck</b><br/> <br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>   | <p>an Insurance Company Non-<br/> Executive Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p> | <p>Smiths, Bermuda</p>        |
| <p><b>Stephen May</b><br/> <br/> <i>James Anthony Drabble</i><br/> <i>Alan Roy Willis</i></p>   | <p>a Construction Company<br/> Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Art Scholar</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>                           | <p>Hornchurch, Essex</p>      |
| <p><b>Sarah Kristen McLeod,<br/> CBE</b><br/> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br/> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>                           | <p>a Civil Servant<br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>                             | <p>Wimbledon, London</p>      |
| <p><b>Ajit Mishra</b><br/> <i>Deputy Christopher</i><br/> <i>Michael Hayward</i><br/> <i>Deputy Shravan</i><br/> <i>Jashvantrai Joshi</i></p> | <p>a Solicitor<br/> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i><br/> <br/> <i>Citizen and Fueller</i></p>  | <p>Belgravia, London</p>      |
| <p><b>Andrew Joseph<br/> Neilands</b><br/> <i>Bryan Rosslyn Spearman</i><br/> <i>Simon Victor Langton</i></p>                                 | <p>a Building and Security<br/> Company Director<br/> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i><br/> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>            | <p>Worthing, West Sussex</p>  |



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| <b>Finbar Anthony O'Dwyer</b><br><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br><i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>  | an Insurance Company Chief Executive<br><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br><i>Citizen and Musician</i>    | Ascot, Berkshire        |
| <b>Franck Robert Petitgas, Chevalier de la légion d'honneur</b><br><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br><i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i> | The Prime Minister's Special Adviser<br><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br><i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> | Chelsea, London         |
| <b>Aliyu Abayomi Salawu</b><br><i>Howard Andre Beber</i><br><i>Adewale Oladele-Ajose</i>  | a Bus Driver<br><i>Citizen and Poulter</i><br><i>Citizen and Poulter</i>                                     | Wimbledon, London       |
| <b>Mark Anthony Santos</b><br><i>CC Thomas Charles Sleigh</i><br><i>CC Benjamin Daniel Murphy</i>   | a Charity Executive Director<br><i>Citizen</i><br><i>Citizen</i>   | Chigwell, Essex         |
| <b>Dr Colin Anthony Sell</b><br><i>Fiona Josephine Adler</i><br><i>Peter Rook, KC</i>   | a Musician<br><i>Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker</i><br><i>Citizen and Makers of Playing Cards</i>            | Stoke Newington, London |
| <b>Colin Henry Stears</b><br><i>Simon Phillip Bannister</i><br><i>Paul Nigel Thomas Smith</i>   | a National Health Service Managing Partner<br><i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i><br><i>Citizen and Insurer</i>    | Carshalton, Surrey      |
| <b>Adam Carl Stiles</b><br><i>Anthony Francis Drewitt</i><br><i>Christopher James Drewitt, RVM</i>  | a Mortgage Brokerage Managing Director<br><i>Citizen and Firefighter</i><br><i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>   | Epping, Essex           |
| <b>Bruer William Tidman</b><br><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br><i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>  | an Artist<br><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br><i>Citizen and Musician</i>                               | Great Yarmouth, Norfolk |
| <b>Barbara Adedayo Tinubu</b><br><i>CC Thomas Charles Sleigh</i><br><i>CC Benjamin Daniel Murphy</i>  | a National Advice Supervisor<br><i>Citizen</i><br><i>Citizen</i>   | Carshalton, Surrey      |
| <b>Christy Edward Benjamin White-Spinner</b><br><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i><br><i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>                                   | a Writer<br><i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i><br><i>Citizen and Musician</i>                                | Highbury, London        |
| <b>Carl Vivian Woodall</b><br><i>Vincent Dignam</i><br><i>John Paul Tobin</i>   | a Director of Facilities, retired<br><i>Citizen and Carman</i><br><i>Citizen and Carman</i>                  | Hanwell, London         |

**Yesika Maritza Yopez  
Villegas**  
*Deputy John William  
Fletcher  
Ald. Prem Babu Goyal,  
OBE*

a Local Community Group  
Volunteer  
*Citizen  
  
Citizen and Goldsmith*

Wembley, Brent

## Report – Civic Affairs Sub-Committee

### Report of Urgent Action Taken: Welcome reception for the 10<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting

*To be presented on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons*

#### **SUMMARY**

This report sets out actions taken under urgency procedures in respect of applications for hospitality.

The City Corporation agreed to host a welcome reception for the 10<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting (10CYMM) on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Members are invited to note the decision taken under urgency procedures.

#### **MAIN REPORT**

The Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting is a significant conference held every four years, addressing youth policy for Commonwealth member states. The meeting contributes to broader social and sustainable development goals from a youth development perspective. This year's event was due to be held in Pakistan but, due to the flooding which has struck that nation, the meeting was being moved to London at short notice. Given this, it had been proposed that the City Corporation host a welcome reception for the meeting.

The 10CYMM serves as a platform for Ministers to discuss emerging youth development issues, assess the current post-pandemic realities in member states, celebrate 50 years of youth development in the Commonwealth, share practical ideas and approaches and identify collaborative opportunities. The London Mayor, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Speaker of the House of Commons all host events to welcome these delegations and give them a unique experience of London.

Members were invited to support a proposal that the City Corporation hosts a welcome reception for the 10<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting. The event presented an opportunity to showcase the City Corporation's support for the Commonwealth institutions and for encouraging and developing young people.

When the City was made aware of the application, a decision of Court of Common Council was sought under urgency procedure to allow the time necessary to prepare for the event, and granting approval as follows:

- The provision hospitality in the form of a reception on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting, with arrangements to be made

under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; costs to be within approved parameters.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023*

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

#### **Bills**

#### **Date of Royal Assent**

#### **The Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) Act 2023**

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

This Act amends provisions in the Pensions Act 2008 to give regulation making powers which will enable the Secretary of State to make regulations to reduce the lower age limit at which otherwise eligible workers must be automatically enrolled and re-enrolled into a pension scheme by their employers, and to make regulations to remove the Lower Earnings Limit (LEL) from the qualifying earnings band so that contributions are calculated from the first pound earned and to make regulations modifying the requirements of the annual review of the qualifying earnings band. The Government has stated its intention to implement these changes by the mid-2020s and so it is anticipated that Regulations will be brought forward under the powers in the Act in the next 12-18 months if that timetable is to be adhered to. This is of interest to the Lord Mayor and the Corporation as regards wider work on pensions and pensions provision.

#### **Statutory Instruments**

#### **Date in Force**

#### **The Data Protection (Adequacy) (United States of America) Regulations 2023**

12 October 2023

Identifies the United States of America as a country which provides an adequate level of protection of personal data for transfers under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR (also under the 2018 Act). This means that personal data which will be in the scope of the EU-US Data Privacy Framework Principles can be transferred to persons in the United States of America who participate in the UK Extension to the EU-US Data

Privacy Framework without the need for any specific authorisation.

**The Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023** 1 October 2023

These Regulations apply in relation to England only. They prohibit persons from supplying or offering to supply certain plastic or polystyrene items in the course of a business: they also prohibit the supply of single-use plastic plates, trays or bowls, balloon sticks and cutlery and the supply of single-use polystyrene food or drink containers and cups. This is of interest to the Corporation as an catered events venue.

**The Alcohol Licensing (Coronavirus) (Regulatory Easements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023**  28 September 2023

Prolongs an existing extension of permissions for automatic extensions of premises licences that only permit sales of alcohol for consumption on the premises (“on-sales”) to allow sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises (“off-sales”). This easement will continue to 31 March 2025.

**The Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2023** 20 September 2023

Brings into force provisions relating to the Regulator of Social Housing’s new powers to set standards and requiring providers to comply with future arrangements for remedying hazards. Also brings into force a power for the Secretary of State’s to give a direction about providing information to tenants.

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, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 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.

### **2024 Guardian University Guide – Music League Table**

I am delighted to announce that Guildhall School is the number one higher education for Music in the 2024 Guardian University Guide music league table, the only institution scoring 100/100 in the Guardian’s rating for excellence for music and the second year in a row it has topped the table.

In the Drama and Dance league table, the School was placed 8th, receiving an excellence score of 92.7 for Production Arts and Acting programmes.

Ranked number one in Arts, Drama & Music by the Complete University Guide 2024, and one of the top ten performing arts institutions in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2023, the School delivers world-class professional training in partnership with distinguished artists, companies and ensembles.

The table, together with further information, can be found at the following website:  
<https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2023/sep/09/the-guardian-university-guide-2024-the-rankings>

I commend this achievement to the Court.”

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

**Graham Packham**  
Chairman, Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama

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