



General Purposes Committee of Aldermen

Date: MONDAY, 15 MAY 2023
Time: 10.15 am
Venue: ALDERMEN'S COURT ROOM, MEZZANINE FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members:

Alderman Sir William Russell (Chairman)	Alderman Robert Howard
Alderman Sir Charles Bowman (Deputy Chairman)	Alderman and Sheriff Alastair King D
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Nicholas Lyons	Alderman Gregory Jones KC
Alderman Ian David Luder	Alderman Prem Goyal
Alderman Sir David Wootton	Alderman Professor Emma Edhem
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley	Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin	Alderwoman Susan Langley
Alderman Vincent Keaveny	Alderman Bronek Masojada
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli	Alderman Alexander Barr
Alderman Alison Gowman	Alderman Christopher Makin
Alderman Timothy HaiLes	Alderman Tim Levene
	Alderwoman Jennette Newman
	Alderman Kawsar Zaman
	Alderwoman Susan Pearson

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Ian Thomas
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

Part 1 - Public

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
3. **MINUTES**
To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 21 March 2023.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 10)
4. **PRESENTATION - FINANCE FOR GROWTH: A ROADMAP - SONIA VIRDEE (CHAMBERLAIN'S DEPARTMENT)**

For Discussion
5. **OLD BAILEY UPDATE - MR RECORDER, HHJ MARK LUCRAFT**

For Discussion
6. **MAYORAL THEME 2023-24 - ALDERMAN MICHAEL MAINELLI (SUBJECT TO ELECTION)**
Joint report of the Deputy Town Clerk and the Executive Director and Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor.

For Information
(Pages 11 - 14)
7. **ANNUAL WARDMOTE REFLECTIONS**
An opportunity for all Aldermen to formally feedback on any key points from March Annual Wardmotes.

For Discussion
8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**
MOTION - That, in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Disclosure Arrangement (Standing Order 25), the public shall be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen have determined, having had due regard to the Disclosure Arrangement, that disclosure should not be permitted.

For Decision

Part 2 - Non-Public

11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**
To approve the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 21 March 2023.

For Decision
(Pages 15 - 24)

12. **PROGRESSION TO MAYORALTY & SHRIEVALTY - VOTING AT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**
Report of the Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 25 - 30)

13. **PETITION OF THE COMPANY OF NURSES FOR COMPANY WITH LIVERY STATUS**
Report of the City Remembrancer.

For Decision
(Pages 31 - 34)

14. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS**
Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information
(Pages 35 - 38)

15. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST**
To note the non-public outstanding actions in respect of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen's work programme.

For Information
(Pages 39 - 40)

16. **STRATEGY GROUP THREE - COMMUNICATIONS/STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT – UPDATE**

For Discussion

17. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF ALDERMEN Tuesday, 21 March 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held at Committee Rooms 3 & 4 - 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir William Russell (Chairman)
Alderman Sir Charles Bowman (Deputy Chairman)
Alderman Ian David Luder
Alderman Sir David Wootton
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Alderman Alison Gowman
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Alderman Robert Howard
Alderman and Sheriff Alastair King DL
Alderman Gregory Jones KC
Alderman Professor Emma Edhem
Alderwoman Susan Langley
Alderman Bronek Masojada
Alderman Alexander Barr
Alderman Christopher Makin
Alderman Tim Levene
Alderman Kawsar Zaman
Alderwoman Susan Pearson

Officers:

Ian Thomas	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Bob Roberts	- Deputy Town Clerk
Paul Double	- City Remembrancer
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Caroline Jack	- Executive Director & Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor
Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
Rhiannon Leary	- Executive Officer to the Court of Aldermen

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Aldermen Nicholas Lyons, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Aldermen Prem Goyal, Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney and Alderwoman Jennette Newman.

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 7 February 2023.

RESOLVED: - That the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 7 February 2023 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2023/24**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk concerning nominations for the appointment of Aldermen on City of London Corporation Committees for 2023/24 as of 27th April 2023.

The Chairman reported that the appointments presented here for formal approval were the result of conversations with individual Aldermen. He highlighted that there was one outstanding appointment still to be determined for the Planning and Transportation Committee but that he would finalise this under delegated authority ahead of the April Court of Common Council meeting.

Resolved: - That the Aldermen:

- i) Approve the nominations set out in the report and authorise their submission to the Court of Common Council at its meeting on 27th April 2023, excluding the appointments to the Honourable Irish Society which will had been settled separately on 9th March 2023; and
- ii) Delegate authority to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen to approve any necessary revisions to the list of appointments.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL ALDERMANIC ALMONER**

The Committee considered the appointment of an Aldermanic Almoner to Christ's Hospital.

The Town Clerk reported that this was an appointment within the gift of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen but explained that any appointee put forward would also then need to be ratified by the Council of Christ's Hospital.

The Chairman reported that Common Councillor Jamal Banda was in nomination for this appointment and was very enthusiastic about taking up the position. He also highlighted that Alderman Goyal would be stepping down as an Aldermanic Almoner in September 2023 and that this would therefore necessitate a further nomination in due course.

An Alderman articulated that this appointment did not necessarily need to be made from within the Court of Aldermen but could be drawn from the wider Court of Common Council.

Resolved: - That Jamal Banda be put forward to the Council of Christ's Hospital as in appointment for the position of Aldermanic Almoner.

6. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no additional, urgent items of business for consideration.

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - That, in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Disclosure Arrangement (Standing Order 25), the public shall be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen have determined, having had due regard to the Disclosure Arrangement, that disclosure should not be permitted.

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Committee considered the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 7th February 2023.

10. **PETITION OF THE COMPANY OF NURSES FOR COMPANY WITH LIVERY STATUS**

The Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer relative to the petition of the Company of Nurses to be constituted as a Livery Company of the City of London and related documents.

11. **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE - VOTING FOR MAYORAL AND SHRIEVAL CANDIDATES**

The Committee discussed voting methods at the Nominations Committee of the Court of Aldermen concerning progression to the Mayoralty and Shrievalty.

12. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST**

The Committee considered the Non-Public Outstanding Actions List which had been updated since the last meeting on 7th February 2023.

Resolved: - That –

1. the Non-Public Outstanding Actions List be noted; and
2. that completed items be removed from the list.

13. **UPDATE REPORT - STRATEGY GROUP TWO - INTERNAL PRIORITIES**

Members of Strategy Group Two, focused on Internal Priorities were given the opportunity to update the Committee on their work and progress against various actions.

14. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions raised in the non-public session.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

The Committee discussed forthcoming Annual Wardmotes and Equality of Arms in non-public session.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm

Chairman

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Committee(s): Communications & Corporate Affairs Sub-Committee	Dated: 19/04/2023
General Purposes Committee of the Court of Aldermen	15/05/2023
Subject: Mayoral Theme 2023-24 – Alderman Michael Mainelli (subject to election)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?	N/A
Report of: Caroline Jack, Bob Roberts	For Information
Report author: Benjamin Dixon, Town Clerk’s	

Summary

1. This report outlines the proposed 2023-24 Mayoral theme which will be championed, subject to election, by the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Michael Mainelli.
2. The Mayoral theme – **Connect to Prosper** – will bring together thought leaders from the scientific, academic and business worlds to demonstrate how the City’s strengths and leadership can help to solve global challenges.
3. This report sets out the high-level theme for consultation. A final report will be provided in June/July which will set out a final version of the theme and the activities that will be undertaken during the Mayoral year.

Recommendation

4. Members are invited to note the draft Mayoral theme and provide comments.

Main Report

Background

5. The Mayoral theme identifies the key areas of focus to be championed, convened around and communicated by the Lord Mayor during their term of office.
6. The theme does not encompass every activity during the Mayoral year but sets out where the Lord Mayor will provide additional focus and profile within the wider context of corporate activities.

Mayoral Theme Proposal

7. *Connect to Prosper* will bring together thought leaders from the scientific, academic and business worlds to demonstrate the City's strengths in solving global challenges.
8. The Mayoral theme will showcase the City's leadership role as *the world's coffeehouse*, where connections between people, firms and institutions lead to new ideas and inventions that benefit the world.
9. The theme will emphasise the City's strengths:
 - We are connected – The City of London is the world's most successful concentration of knowledge connections both locally and globally. More than 40 learned societies, 70 universities and 130 research institutions surround the City.
 - We have major talent clusters – Knowledge-based businesses thrive when they cluster and have access to talented people, financing and markets. The Mayoral year will highlight this in line with the Competitiveness Strategy.
 - Things happen here – The Mayoral year will showcase the City's inventiveness through demonstrations and experimentation.
10. The Mayoral theme will be split into three pillars of activity. The pillars will be matched against groupings of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), representing the major challenges facing the world, which the City of London can help to answer: Posterity & Planet, People & Possibility and Prosperity & Productivity.
11. There will be read across to the Corporate Plan but also to key elements of the Competitiveness Strategy. This will ensure that there is a clear link between activity and the Corporation's ambitions on, e.g. green finance, technology etc.

THEME PILLARS	UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL	CORPORATE PLAN LINK	COMPETITIVENESS STRATEGY
POSTERITY & PLANET:	6: Clean water & sanitation	Businesses are trusted and socially and environmentally responsible	NURTURE: Mainstream sustainable finance as core UK offer
	7: Affordable & clean energy		
	11: Sustainable Cities & Communities	We have clean air, land and water and a thriving and	NURTURE: Build UK profile as the global destination for green and impact finance.

	13: Climate action	sustainable natural environment	
	14: Life below water		
	15: Life on land		
PEOPLE & POSSIBILITY	1: No poverty	People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential	<p>REDUCE FRICTIONS: Increase access to FPS talent</p> <p>RETAIN: Increase inclusion in the sector</p>
	2: Zero hunger		
	4: Quality education	We have access to the skills and talent we need	
	5: Gender equality	We inspire enterprise, excellence, creativity and collaboration	
	8: Decent work & economic growth		
	10: Reduced inequalities		
PROSPERITY & PRODUCTIVITY	9: Industry, innovation & infrastructure	We are a global hub for innovation in financial and professional services, commerce and culture	NURTURE: Integrate technology across UK FPS
	12: Responsible consumption & production		<p>ATTRACT: Drive growth for FPS-tech and Green tech across the UK</p> <p>NURTURE: Support FPS-tech to scale</p>

12. The Mayoral year will seek to:

- **Convene** experts and industry leaders highlighting and promoting new ideas and solutions.
- **Promote** the City's strengths and ability to meet global challenges through major set-piece events and engagement, including through COP28 in UAE, hosting a Net Zero Delivery Summit at Mansion House in 2024 and promoting Global Investment Futures and Financing for Growth, shaping the future of London's FPS sectors.
- **Showcase** the City's inventiveness through a Lord Mayor's Demonstrators programme. This programme will promote experimentation as a way of solving global challenges.

Implications

Strategic implications – Link with Corporate Plan outcomes 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 & Competitiveness Strategy as set out above.

Financial implications - None

Resource implications - None

Legal implications - None

Risk implications - None

Equalities implications – None

Climate implications - None

Security implications - None

Conclusion

The Mayoral theme will undergo further development over the coming weeks before being brought back before Members in June and July. That report will set out a final version of the theme and what activities will take place in pursuit of the theme during the Mayoral year.

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