



General Purposes Committee of Aldermen

Date: TUESDAY, 11 JULY 2023

Time: 11.00 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 DL
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 Dame Susan Langley, DBE
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE	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 CBE
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. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman for the year ensuing, in accordance with The Court of Aldermen's Standing Orders 11 and 12.

Nominations received: Alderman Sir William Russell.

For Decision

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Deputy Chairman for the year ensuing, in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Standing Orders 14 and 16.

Nominations received: Alderman Sir Charles Bowman.

For Decision

5. **MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 15 May 2023.

For Decision
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6. **LORD MAYOR'S APPEAL PRESENTATION**

Caroline Wright, Chief Executive of the Lord Mayor's Appeal to be heard.

For Information

7. **BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES PRESENTATION**

David Farnsworth, Managing Director of Bridge House Estates to be heard.

For Information

8. **APPOINTMENTS: -**

(a) **Governor of Christ's Hospital**

To approve the appointment of Alderman Alexander Barr as a Governor of Christ's Hospital.

(b) **Member Development and Standards Sub-Committee**

To approve the appointment of Alderman Alison Gowman to the new Member Development and Standards Sub-Committee.

(c) **Magistracy and Livery Sub-Committee**

To approve the appointment of Alderman Kawsar Zaman to the Magistracy and Livery Sub-Committee.

(d) **The Committee of Aldermen to Administer the Sir William Coxen Trust Fund**

To approve the appointment of Alderman Gregory Jones to the Committee of Aldermen to Administer the Sir William Coxen Trust.

(e) **St Paul's Cathedral Chorister Trust**

To approve the appointment of Alderman Bronek Masojada to the St Paul's Chorister Trust.

For Decision

9. **THE LORD MAYOR'S GREEN BURSARY (WORKING TITLE)**

Report of the Executive Director & Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor.

For Decision
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10. **MAYORAL PRIORITIES 2023-24 ALDERMAN PROFESSOR MICHAEL MAINELLI (SUBJECT TO ELECTION)**

Joint report of the Executive Director & Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor, the Director of Innovation & Growth, the Deputy Town Clerk and the Chief Strategy Officer.

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11. **SHRIEVAL PLAN 2023/24**

Report of the Executive Director & Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor.

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12. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN: FUNDING FOR WARDMOTE LIVESTREAM PILOT**
Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information
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13. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

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

15. **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

16. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To approve the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 15 May 2023.

For Decision
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17. **CATERING CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR MANSION HOUSE AND THE CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT**

Report of the Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor & Director of Mansion House.

For Decision
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18. **STRATEGY GROUP 2 - INTERNAL PRIORITIES - UPDATE**

For Information
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19. **SHERIFFS AND RECORDERS FUND**

For Information

20. **ALDERMANIC STRATEGY MORNING**

For Information

21. **MAGISTRACY AND LIVERY SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**
To receive the minutes of the Magistracy and Livery Sub-Committee meeting held on 9 June 2023.

For Information
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22. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
23. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF ALDERMEN Monday, 15 May 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held at Aldermen's Court Room, Mezzanine Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 15 May 2023 at 10.15 am

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir William Russell (Chairman)
Alderman Sir Charles Bowman (Deputy Chairman)
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Nicholas Lyons
Alderman Ian David Luder
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin
Alderman Vincent Keaveny
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Alderman Alison Gowman
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Alderman Alexander Barr
Alderman Christopher Makin
Alderman Tim Levene
Alderwoman Jennette Newman
Alderman Kawsar Zaman
Alderwoman Susan Pearson

Officers:

Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Bob Roberts	- Deputy Town Clerk
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Paul Wright	- Deputy Remembrancer
His Honour Judge Mark Lucraft	- The Recorder of London
Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
Rhiannon Leary	- Executive Officer to the Court of Aldermen
Ben Dixon	- Head of Policy Unit, Town Clerk's Department
Simi Shah	- Project Director, Town Clerk's Department

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Sir David Wootton.

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

Alderman Vincent Keaveny declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 13, stating that his wife was a member of the Company of Nurses.

3. **MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 21 March 2023.

RESOLVED: - That the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 21 March 2023 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman's Congratulatory Remarks

The Chairman congratulated Alderman Greg Jones who, with effect from 1st April 2023, was successfully appointed to the Government Legal Service for Northern Ireland's Senior Civil Panel for a period of 5 years. He commented that the Government relies on the Panel to represent its interests and seeks candidates of the highest quality.

The Chairman also went on to congratulate Alderman Prem Goyal for his recent appointment as Chair of the City's Audit and Risk Management Committee.

The Chairman encouraged all to continue to keep him informed of any future successes to report to the Committee.

4. **PRESENTATION - FINANCE FOR GROWTH: A ROADMAP - SIMI SHAH**

The Chairman welcomed Simi Shah who presented on Finance for Growth: A Roadmap.

The Committee were informed that this project was intended to document the future vision for the UK's Financial and Professional Services sector. It was recognised that there were a number of reports and reviews that had preceded this and that this was intended to build upon as opposed to replicate these. It was highlighted that this was a sector-led initiative and not explicitly endorsed by government although they were welcoming of the ideas coming out of it. This was inclusive of the entire UK, reflective of best practice and innovation across the world and built upon existing insight. Ms Shah commented that it was very important that this was part of a wider narrative around how the sector supports the economy across the UK. Finally, it was underlined that it was important to ensure that this was grounded in evidence and that there was an economical case for any suggestions made.

The focus of the report would be 'big moves' and big, clear, costed, tangible mechanisms to support big outcomes by 2030. The Committee were informed that there had been wide sectoral engagement around this which was already underway and would continue for the next few months. In terms of governance, the project had been presented to the Policy and Resources Committee in December 2022 and would come back in June 2023 before progressing to the Court of Common Council in July. It was reported that the project was jointly chaired by the Lord Mayor and the Policy Chair and was being championed via many avenues such as the Competitiveness Advisory Board. A Senior Advisory Group (also chaired by the Lord Mayor and Policy Chair) had also been set up and would allow for some critical challenge.

Ms Shah concluded by asking Aldermen to contact her with any thoughts they might have as to content or engagement.

The Chairman thanked Ms Shah for her presentation and invited questions from the floor.

An Alderman queried engagement with the trade associations. Officers confirmed that there had been early engagement with the trade associations and that they were all represented in some way on the Senior Advisory Group whether via City Number 1 or the Competitiveness Advisory Board. The Committee were informed that the intended launch date for this was September which would be followed by many months of further engagement and hopefully help form the policy and promotional programme of future Lord Mayor's and Policy Chairs over the next decade.

An Alderman questioned how individual organisations might also get involved in the project. Officers encouraged those who might know of individuals who would like to be involved to contact them on the dedicated email address provided so that they could make contact with them in good time.

Another Alderman questioned what the City were actively doing to engage with political parties as to the formulation of policy as we moved towards a general election. Officers reported that they had spoken to all three main political parties on this work. It was felt that if the correct big moves were presented and economically sound with a narrative as to how they would help the entire economy, they would be supported by all.

An Alderman queried how this linked with the current Lord Mayor's programme. He also questioned how success would be measured and at what stage. In terms of measuring success, it was reported that KPIs would be tied to the big moves – these would be longer-term in nature. In terms of 'initiative overload' it was hoped that this would be a longer-term, overarching project which could lessen this and focus on bigger moves. In terms of linkage with the current Lord Mayor's agenda and the continuum here, the Lord Mayor commented that his theme of 'Financing our Future' was designed to be something that put in place a number of initiatives that would be far-reaching. Industry had been pushing to look at where London would sit as a global financial future in the next decade but the same question was also being posed internationally. Future Lord

Mayors were therefore going to have to be able to answer this question and the thinking here was to provide a framework in which they could work and explain what the initiatives were and how they fit together in this respect. The Lord Mayor concluded by saying that this would launch in September and would coincide with party conference season which would present an opportunity to speak with all parties on it further.

An Alderman spoke on the challenges and opportunities presented by this and commented that one of the challenges would be around the medium-term vision and the framework that this would present alongside the City's ability to be nimble and respond to circumstances and opportunities that might arise. He went on to comment on the wealth of initiatives underway at the moment and the importance of ensuring that this framework was used as an additional platform for amplifying these within the context of the medium-term strategy.

An Alderman commented that the University of Coventry had a branch in the Ward of Bishopsgate and encouraged Officers to reach out to contacts here on this work. He went on to question to what extent local impact of this would extend to the City's surrounding boroughs. He also asked how the Court of Aldermen could best support this work. Officers reported that they had offered presentations on this work to all UK Universities and would therefore be very happy to reach out further to the University of Coventry. In terms of local impact/engagement, it was reported that further consideration needed to be given as to how the City would discuss this work with other boroughs as no direct engagement had taken place to date. In terms of support from the Court of Aldermen, Officers encouraged all to flag the dedicated email address and series of presentations to all in their respective Wards.

An Alderman commented that much work had already been done in this broad area including the Kalifa Review. He went on to comment that Financial and Professional Services was a significant, UK-wide industry and therefore questioned how engagement would be undertaken with the various regional hubs. Finally, he questioned how the City were getting a sense of where the real need for capital was, noting that much funding was going into infrastructure at present. Officers highlighted that there was a KPI dedicated to ensuring that there were appropriate regional representations at all sessions and also underlined a forthcoming event with the University of Leeds to be held at their Innovation Centre and to which the local regional development body, academics and local industry representatives would be invited. A further session would also be held with Scottish Enterprise. In terms of previous reviews of this type, Officers reported that the authors of these such as Mark Austin and Sir Ron Kalifa had agreed to speak with them on this project which was very much about extending some of the arguments already presented by them some years ago now. In response to the final query, Officers reported that sessions were planned on infrastructure and the digital/data side of things but stated that they would be very open to further discussions around this.

An Alderman commented that the international promotion of this work seemed key to moving things forward and questioned what the UK Development Agency were seeking to do in this vein. Officers highlighted that this was one of

the 'big moves' that had gained traction very early on both internally and with external stakeholders. It was reported that other jurisdictions were professionalising their promotional efforts and there was now an opportunity for the UK to do similar.

Another Alderman questioned whether the City were working alongside larger organisations such as the British Chamber of Commerce on this work. Officers confirmed that they were in touch with the British Chamber of Commerce and had offered a session on the project to them but were yet to secure a date in the diary for this. The Alderman commented that he would be very happy to facilitate introductions to help progress this.

The Chairman thanked Officers for their very informative presentation and, again, encouraged all to feed in any additional views directly to Simi Shah.

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

The Chairman welcomed the Recorder - His Honour, Judge Mark Lucraft, KC - to the meeting.

The Recorder updated the Committee on work at the Old Bailey. He stated that the Bailey were continuing to deal with 14 trials concurrently in the 14 large Courtrooms with the smaller court rooms being utilised for non-trial work. Reflecting on the impact of the pandemic, the Recorder reported that, pre-pandemic, there was a period of a year where defendants might be held in custody awaiting trial at the Old Bailey. However, with the pandemic affecting the ability to hold as many trials, some significant delays ensued adding a period of, on average, 9 months to the time that a defendant awaited trial. The ability to work once more at full capacity had, fortunately, seen these delays begin to reduce. The Recorder reported that trials for April 2024, were already in the process of being fixed.

The Recorder commented that the Old Bailey was very fortunate in having a loyal and committed group of staff from both the City of London and His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). He added that there were also now 14 permanent judges at the Old Bailey with 2 new judges being appointed in April – Judge Lynn Tafton KC and Judge Sarah Whitehouse KC – meaning that there were 7 male and 7 female judges now in post. A third new judge was to be appointed in September taking the Old Bailey's complement to 15.

The Recorder went on to talk about judicial diversity in a wider sense stating that the Bailey's 14 judges came from a variety of professional backgrounds. He highlighted that appointments were made by an independent body called the Judicial Appointments Commission with Old Bailey judges being drawn from senior circuit judges (of which there were only approximately 30 in total across England and Wales who sat in crime regularly). The Common Serjeant and Recorder are the two most senior circuit judges in England and Wales. It was underlined that appointment as a senior circuit judge was unusual before the age of 50 with the mean age of appointment being 57. There was therefore a very small cohort from which to appoint Old Bailey judges. The Recorder

commented that when he first began to sit at the Old Bailey full time, in 2015, there were just 2 female judges alongside 14 men with most being from private or public-school backgrounds and from Oxbridge. However, many judges were now from a state school background and from a wide range of universities. The Recorder added that, with time, he would also like to see the racial diversity of judges continue to change. The Recorder commented that, compared to many courts, the Old Bailey was outperforming in terms of both jurisdiction and background diversity – something which should be celebrated by the City.

In terms of the types of cases heard, the Recorder stated that these continued to be a mixture of homicide, murder, manslaughter and terrorism with many involving young defendants aged between 18-25 years. A typical day saw between 30 and 35 defendants in custody on trial with trials lasting between 2 and 12 weeks.

This year would see some significant works commencing in the area of the custody cells which was essential in terms of improving air flow here, particularly over the summer months. The Committee were informed that maintenance of the Old Bailey was a constant but essential piece of work to ensure that the building remained fit for purpose.

The Recorder went on to speak of the many outreach projects pursued including the work of the Secondary, Fiona Adler, around knife crime and the 'No Knives, Better Lives' project funded by the City of London. The Recorder was also keen to improve efforts around schools' outreach and reported that two pupils were currently selected as Old Bailey apprentices in conjunction with the Kalisher Trust. The Committee were informed that the Old Bailey hosted many visits from judges and lawyers around the world. The Recorder also took the opportunity to congratulate Alderman and Sheriff King for the events that he had organised at the Bailey this year with a legal theme. The Recorder reported that events focused on gender and the law, domestic violence, the menopause, free speech and the recent lecture given by John Major for the Prison Reform Trust were all examples of events that he had been extremely proud to support with each putting the Old Bailey at the forefront of these important issues.

The Recorder concluded by encouraging all Aldermen to visit the Old Bailey whenever they were allocated duties to do so.

The Chairman thanked the Recorder for his presentation and for all of his hard work at the Old Bailey to date. He welcomed any questions that the Committee may have.

An Alderman, also the Chairman of the Operational Property & Projects Sub Committee, commented that the City had just approved the last tranche of funding towards a comprehensive programme of repair work for the Old Bailey. He commented on the positive transformations that had taken place in recent years but asked that the Recorder reach out to him with any additional issues on this front if necessary.

The Recorder commented that the Bailey had a significant maintenance programme in place but added that unexpected issues, such as a current, mechanical issue with the gates into Newgate Street still tended to emerge. He undertook to keep the Committee informed of any significant, unforeseen projects which might emerge as opposed to any routine issues.

Another Alderman spoke on judicial diversity and questioned what activities the Recorder and his staff envisaged undertaking to promote greater ethnic diversity of the diversity. He added that he was thinking specifically of appointments to Senior and Junior Treasury Council who were based in the Old Bailey. The Recorder responded that many Old Bailey judges, including himself, were judicial mentors who met with those interested in potentially becoming judges in future years. They were also often asked to provide references for those applying to Treasury Council. The Recorder commented that he had worked very closely with Senior Treasury Council on a scheme launched last year which sought to broaden the ability of people to apply to Junior Treasury Council. It was well understood that senior judges of tomorrow would be drawn from the Treasury Council and from senior defence barristers. It was also reported that a number of Old Bailey judges were also significantly involved in the work of (WICL) Women In Criminal Law.

An Alderman asked further questions on Aldermanic duties at the Old Bailey and the system of allocation here. The Recorder reported that he now had a new PA that would be overseeing this system and encouraged all to attend as frequently as possible on their allocated dates to offer their support on the various different events hosted and topics covered. Another Alderman questioned whether the allocations could be set out for a longer period of time – for example for the year ahead. The Chairman commented that this was the plan and that there should also be a system going forwards whereby places were offered to the wider Court of Aldermen on a first come, first served basis in instances where those allocated to duties could not attend.

Another Alderman questioned the Recorder on his involvement with the new Courts development at Salisbury Square and its likely impact on the Old Bailey. The Recorder confirmed that he had not been involved in any in-depth discussions as to how the new Courts building would interact with the Old Bailey to date. He added that this would depend upon what work would actually go to the Crown Court part of the new development but added that he did not envisage this changing the core work undertaken at the Bailey.

6. MAYORAL THEME 2023-24 - ALDERMAN MICHAEL MAINELLI (SUBJECT TO ELECTION)

The Committee received a joint report of the Executive Director and Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Town Clerk outlining the proposed 2023-24 Mayoral Theme which would be championed, subject to election, by the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Michael Mainelli.

Alderman Mainelli took the opportunity to provide the Committee with some preliminary thoughts as to his year ahead as well as some thoughts as to the continuum. He highlighted that his mayoral theme would be 'Connect to

Prosper' with a tagline of 'celebrating our knowledge miles in the world's coffee house'. The focus would be on how we prosper through trade, ideas and culture. The theme recognised that the Square Mile contained many knowledge miles. Alderman Mainelli referenced the many universities and research institutes within close proximity to the City or in the Square Mile itself. He also highlighted that almost a third of the City's SMEs were in the science technical area, something that he was therefore keen to see more engagement with. He added that he was keen to show that the City of London was an active and interesting place to be and do business.

Alderman Mainelli highlighted that his theme was very much in line with the government's productivity theme and also followed on from the themes of recent Lord Mayor's around people and skills as well as finance, whilst also focusing on the importance of connectivity. He went on to speak on the importance of partnerships and mentioned that a connectivity app would be launched for the Lord Mayor's Show. He also highlighted that his Mayoral year would include a very full travel programme but that he hoped to supplement this with visits to science, research and university establishments whilst on tour.

The Committee were informed that a Knowledge Mile lecture series was also planned, featuring approximately 50 online lectures to be handled by the Gresham Society. The lectures would cover matters such as the Future of Fusion, Design for Life, Keeping Faith with Business and Bioengineering. In terms of getting things done, Alderman Mainelli was proud to report that, alongside MQ Mental Health, the first open source for mental health resource had been created and launched last month under the name 'Galenos'. Other events of a science/research and demonstration nature were also planned.

Alderman Mainelli reported that he was also exploring the idea of 'coffee colloquies' with the Mansion House Team – a system whereby guests would be invited to join at 9.15am with sessions then incorporating 10 short presentations in an hour followed by an opportunity to network. These would be themed around the 17 Sustainable Development goals (SDGs) and other topic areas such as Big Philanthropy Capital as volunteered by two other Aldermen.

He concluded by requesting any feedback or further ideas that the wider Court of Aldermen might have. He also encouraged all to consider whether they might wish to host a future 'coffee colloquy'.

An Alderman commented that this was a very ambitious programme and questioned how the 'Connect to Prosper' theme would be used to connect all SMEs in the City of London. Alderman Mainelli responded by stating that one of the planned coffee colloquies would be focused on the development of SMEs. He added that the Association of Business Schools ran the government's Help to Grow programme and held a budget for putting some 15,000 businesses through a training programme. Take up on this to date had been mediocre and he had therefore undertaken to make this a focal point of his Mayoral year. Finally he stated that he had also been working alongside the City's Policy Lead on SMEs to help advance these efforts.

Another Alderman commented on the various sub-themes set out and questioned which Alderman Mainelli felt would be the major or minor theme that might deliver the most traction by the end of his Mayoral year. He added that he felt reference to Health and Wellbeing and Peace and Justice was somewhat limited and asked how these might also be tied in. Alderman Mainelli confirmed that both of these SDGs were referenced in full as part of his Theme and apologised for any omission on these in what was presented here. He added that, given the current climate, he would expect the sub themes of 'posterity, people and prosperity' to land best throughout his Mayoral year.

An Alderman asked if Alderman Mainelli could speak further on plans around regional engagement. Alderman Mainelli spoke of events planned across the UK, in Cardiff for example. He also mentioned that the Lord Mayor had not visited the Channel Islands for some considerable time and highlighted that he had therefore queried whether a visit here might be possible during his Mayoralty. He commented that most regional engagement would be conducted through SMEs and the Association of Business Schools who were keen to reach out to their regional alumni.

An Alderman encouraged the Lord Mayor to draw upon the skills and expertise of the other 124 members of the Court of Common Council in helping to deliver on this very ambitious programme which had the ability to propel the City globally. Alderman Mainelli reiterated that he would be keen for Members to volunteer to host various colloquies throughout the Mayoral year but added that he would also be exploring other ways in which he might call upon the expertise of the wider Court.

Another Alderman queried how arts, culture and heritage would be incorporated. Alderman Mainelli recognised that other, former Lord Mayor's had focused on culture during their year in office and stated that he was keen to see a continuum here. He referenced some specific cultural events which he already had planned including Paganini's violin coming to the City and a week-long programme of events being crafted around this. He also spoke on the idea of utilising some of the City's historical sites such as The Monument and St Paul's Cathedral for scientific experiments, thereby highlighting not only a scientific but also a cultural aspect.

An Alderman questioned how the City's own family of schools/academies might plug into the Mayoral theme. He also questioned whether more could be done to protect or encourage the 'eco-system' of universities and the like situated in close proximity to the City. Alderman Mainelli stated that he had already reached out to the City's family of schools and referenced some specific events already planned with Christ's Hospital and the City of London School for example. He welcomed any further suggestions that the wider Court might have on this front. In terms of the wider university 'eco-system' – Alderman Mainelli recognised the difficulties that some were facing and reported that he had reached out to the Association of Business Schools and London Higher to offer support but recognised that there would likely be a limit to what was possible here.

RESOLVED :- That the Committee note the draft Mayoral theme.

7. ANNUAL WARDMOTE REFLECTIONS

The Aldermen took the opportunity to reflect upon the annual Wardmotes held in March.

The Deputy Chairman noted that the Grand Court of Wardmote would meet at the rising of this Committee where the formal resolutions put forward by respective Wardmotes would be received but felt that it would also be useful to reflect more generally on the running and relevance of the Wardmotes and consider whether there were any consistent messages arising from these. Aldermen were asked to comment on how long their Wardmote meetings had lasted, how many had attended and what matters were raised.

During the course of discussion the following points were raised:

- The Ward of Billingsgate had seen approximately 25 attendees – a record number;
- The Wardmote had lasted for 30 minutes;
- There were disadvantages of terming the meetings as ‘Wardmotes’ as many struggled to understand what this meant – some Aldermen had done their own marketing around the meetings to try and explain the purpose and relevance of these meetings. The historical importance of the terminology was recognised but it was felt that more explanation around this was certainly needed;
- The Ward of Bassishaw had attracted over 80 people and the meeting had lasted for over an hour – the level of engagement here was tangible different to in previous years;
- LinkedIn had been used to promote some Wardmotes which had proved successful, particularly with the business community;
- An Alderman praised the work undertaken by the City in terms of re-engaging the electorate around the all-out Common Council elections in March 2022 in terms of a baseline and stated that this should continue to be leveraged;
- The Ward of Portsoken had attracted approximately 50 attendees;
- An Alderman commented that it was not helpful to hold Wardmotes the day prior to an election, particularly when many voted via postal vote ahead of time;
- The Ward of Dowgate had had 26 attendees. The Alderman commented that her Ward often invited guest speakers along to Wardmotes and ensured that the electorate were made aware of this in the letter sent to all in advance – on this occasion the speakers had been from the Police and Fire Service. The Wardmote had lasted for 1 hour 15 minutes on this occasion;
- The Ward of Cheap had attracted approximately 40 attendees (around 10% of the electorate). The Ward team had marketed the Wardmote in advance and had also encouraged the submission of any questions in advance so that those attending could be provided with full responses to these;

- It was felt helpful to continue to hold all Wardmotes at the same sort of time in order to gain a useful overview of issues concerning the City electorate;
- The Ward of Aldersgate had attracted around 50 attendees and the Wardmote had lasted for around an hour. The Alderman commented that he had hoped to see more for a residential Ward. He added that he and his Ward colleagues had also advertised the meeting in advance.
- Where elections were contested, pre-election hustings were now held in the Barbican and organised by the Barbican Association so that Wardmotes the day prior to elections were not the only opportunity for the electorate to meet with all of the candidates;
- The Ward of Farringdon Without had a particular issue on timing given that many of their constituents were Smithfield Market traders – it therefore tended to be held at 12 noon;
- An Alderman commented that an agenda circulated to all in advance was helpful in terms of encouraging attendance;
- The Ward of Farringdon Within which had an almost 50/50 split of business and residential voters had met at 12.30pm. Around 30 had attended the Wardmote with some representatives from businesses who had not previously attended present. The turnout was approximately 2/3 business and 1/3 residential. The Ward had also held and would continue to hold informal meetings with the electorate throughout the year;
- It was commented that it was useful to invite the dedicated Ward Police Officer to attend Wardmotes where possible;
- The Ward of Bishopsgate had attracted 17 attendees, although the Aldermen commented that the vast majority of his constituents chose to engage with him via email;
- An Alderman commented that many electors had suggested that it would be extremely helpful to have Wardmotes livestreamed in terms of increasing attendance and engagement – he had therefore queried whether the forthcoming election Wardmotes for Castle Baynard in July 2023 might serve as a useful pilot for this;
- The Ward of Broad Street had seen 35 attendees;
- The Ward of Queenhithe had also attracted 35 attendees. The Wardmote here had coincided with the opening of the River Walkway which had also encouraged attendance;
- Some Aldermen spoke in favour of exploring hybrid Wardmote meetings as well as livestreaming. It was noted, however, that many venues may not have the infrastructure to facilitate this and that the Guildhall might therefore be considered as a future venue;
- The Ward of Cripplegate had held a bi-election Wardmote and had also held two hustings beforehand, ahead of postal votes being submitted;
- The Ward of Cripplegate had attracted 50 attendees and was attended by all Ward Members. They also held quarterly Ward meetings with the electorate;
- The Ward of Walbrook had attracted 20 attendees which was up on previous records. The meeting had lasted for over an hour;

- Issues raised across Wardmotes included tall buildings, cyclist behaviour, bicycles and e-cycles, potholes, the City's Capital Programmes, post-COVID reinvigoration of the City's retail offering and vacant retail units, the Elizabeth Line, streetscaping, broadband connectivity and speed, the City's Green targets and their feasibility, the night-time economy, nitrous gas cylinder and vape disposal, black taxi access to Bank Junction, litter and street cleansing, night-time antisocial behaviour, crime, policing, the Barbican service charge, Beech Street tunnel, rough sleeping, the City's Transport Strategy, pavement drinking, Culture Mile, new BIDs, the Liverpool Street Station redevelopment, the redevelopment of Smithfield Market and the Museum of London/London Wall West.

8. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

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

10. 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.

11. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The Committee considered the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 21 March 2023.

RESOLVED: - That the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 21 March 2023 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

12. PROGRESSION TO MAYORALTY & SHRIEVALTY - VOTING AT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk, written at the Committee's request, examining the benefits and disadvantages of two different voting systems (i.e., the current "first-past-the-post" system and ranked/preferential voting).

13. PETITION OF THE COMPANY OF NURSES FOR COMPANY WITH LIVERY STATUS

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

14. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY OR URGENCY POWERS

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk advising of action taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Court of Aldermen, in accordance with Standing Order No. 46 (Court of Aldermen).

15. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS LIST

The Committee considered the Non-Public Outstanding Actions List which had been updated since the last meeting on 21 March 2023.

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

Members of Strategy Group Three, focused on Communications and Stakeholder Engagement were given the opportunity to update the Committee on their work.

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

There were no questions raised in non-public session.

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

Aldermen raised matters pertaining to Member culture and the CRM database in the non-public session.

The meeting ended at 12.17 pm

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Committee: General Purposes Committee of Aldermen	Dated: 11 July 2023
Subject: The Lord Mayor's Green Bursary (<i>working title</i>)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	3, 5, and 8
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending? No	No
Report of: Caroline Jack, Executive Director, Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor	For Decision
Report author: Maggie Kozyniak, Programme Officer, Office of the Lord Mayor	

Summary

This report outlines the proposal for the City of London Corporation (the Corporation) to approve a new Lord Mayor's Green Bursary (*working title*) – funded by the Merchant Taylors' Foundation (MTF) and the City & Guilds Foundation (CGF) – which will support young Londoners to gain green skills and help their communities reach net zero.

MTF and CGF are seeking the support of the Lord Mayor and the Corporation to champion this initiative over the next five years.

Recommendation

Members are asked to approve the setting up of a Lord Mayor's Green Bursary.

Main Report

Background

1. MTF and CGF have match-funded bursaries over a number of years, with a focus on improving education and developing skills. MTF and CGF previously supported students at the City of London Art School and, most recently, helped former offenders gain rail-maintenance skills.
2. The proposed Lord Mayor's Green Bursary would refocus and develop the partnership between MTF and CGF into a three-way partnership bursary scheme with the Lord Mayor and the Corporation.
3. MTF and CGF are seeking to launch the bursary in the current Lord Mayor's mayoral year, given his ties to the Merchant Taylors' Company and position as ex-officio member of the City & Guilds Council. If the proposal is successful, it will be launched this Summer.
4. The £10,000 annual bursary – funded by the MTF and CGF – will be used to support two or more young people, aged 18 years or older, in their studies each year.

- 4.1. Further information on the industries and sectors that CGF fund bursaries for, including the different qualifications and apprenticeships available, can be found [here](#).

5. See Appendix A for an overview of MTF and CGF.

Proposal

6. The proposed bursary would enable two or more young Londoners, each year, to gain skills that they can use to find work and help their local communities move into the green economy. This aligns with the Corporation's focus on sustainability and commitment to achieving net zero.

- 6.1. Examples of green and sustainable qualifications include automotive maintenance and repair qualifications for electric and hybrid vehicles; retrofitting; smart metering; electric vehicle charging installation; and sustainable waste management and recycling.

Roles and Responsibilities

7. MTF and CGF will be responsible for running and overseeing the application process, as part of CGF's annual bursary programme – this includes calling for applicants, promoting the bursary within their wider bursary programme, and reviewing and shortlisting applications.
8. A shortlist of approximately 4-5 applicants will then be presented to the Lord Mayor, who will select the successful applicants.
9. The successful applicants will receive funding to support their chosen course or training for that upcoming academic year. They will also be invited to a morning tea/afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor, and MTF and CGF representatives.
10. Any shortlisted applicants who are not selected for the Lord Mayor's Green Bursary, will instead receive an alternative bursary from the CGF's wider programme.
11. The number of successful applicants will be based on the amount required to fund their specific course or training, with a minimum of two young people selected annually.
12. The proposal is for the bursary to run for a defined period of, initially, five years, as part of the Corporation's commitment to achieving net zero.

Communications

13. The launch of the bursary, and any related communications or press releases, will be led by MTF and CGF.
14. Co-ordinated communications or press releases, will need to be reviewed and signed-off by the Corporation's Media Team, with the support of the Lord Mayor's Programme Office.

Funding

15. The bursary will be funded by MTF and CGF, who will each contribute £5,000, for a total annual fund of £10,000.
16. The only proposed expense allocated against the City of London Corporation is an annual morning tea/afternoon tea at Mansion House with the Lord Mayor, bursary recipients, and MTF and CGF representatives.
17. See Appendix B for a draft timeline and overview of roles and responsibilities.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

18. The proposed Lord Mayor's Green Bursary supports the Corporation's vision of a 'vibrant and thriving City, supporting a diverse and sustainable London within a globally successful UK' and its aim to 'contribute to a flourishing society, shape outstanding environments and support a thriving economy'.
19. The bursary also supports the Corporation to deliver outcomes 3, 5, and 8 within the Corporate Plan for 2018-23.

Financial and Resourcing Implications

20. There are no financial or resourcing implications for the Corporation.
21. The bursary will be jointly funded by MTF and CGF.

Conclusion

22. The Lord Mayor's Green Bursary is an opportunity for the Corporation to support young Londoners to achieve green skills and use the Lord Mayor's role to champion sustainability and skills.
23. Members are asked to approve the setting up of the Lord Mayor's Green Bursary.

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Appendix A

The City & Guilds Foundation

The City & Guilds Foundation is part of the [City & Guilds charity](#), and has a specific focus on high impact social investment, recognition, and advocacy programmes. Each of the programmes it runs acts as a catalyst to make a difference to people, organisations, and society through investing part of its surplus and resources into helping everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from, get opportunities to succeed.

CGF has run a very impactful bursary programme for over 20 years which helps people who are in genuine financial need to develop their skills. The programme is application based, and each year supports around 100 individuals, roughly 90% of whom are in employment 6 months after completing the qualification/course that is funded.

The Merchant Taylors' Foundation

MTF tackles disadvantage and supports education. It makes grants that target education, homelessness, and projects to create positive lasting change to people's lives. MTF envisages a world where everyone can reach their full potential.

Its support for London-based education and charities has a particular focus on supporting communities in Southwark, Lewisham, Hackney, Tower Hamlets – though it is not essential that bursary recipients come from or study/work in these boroughs.

Appendix B

When	What	Who
<i>Subject to approval, the following annual cycle would apply</i>		
June 2023	Call for applications	CGF
August 2023	Shortlisting of applicants	CGF
September 2023	Interviews	CGF, MTF
September/October 2023	Bursary recipients selected	LM
October 2023	Announcement/launch <i>The launch event would only take place in 2023 and not be an ongoing commitment for the LM</i>	CGF, MTF and LM
November 2023	Mansion House morning / afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor (bursary recipients, MTF reps, CGF reps)	CGF, MTF, and LM
Spring 2024	'MTF alumni' event (bursary recipients meet MTF members and fellow bursary recipients)	MTF
Summer 2024	Green/sustainability and/or skills event that bursary recipients can attend	CGF, MTF
Summer 2024	Impact gathering/reporting	CGF, MTF

Committee(s)	Dated:
Communications and Corporate Affairs (Policy & Resources) Committee	14 th June 2023
General Purposes Committee of Alderman	11 th July 2023
Subject: Mayoral Priorities 2023-24 Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli (Subject to Election)	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
Report of: Caroline Jack, Executive Director & Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor Damian Nussbaum, Director of Innovation & Growth Bob Roberts, Deputy Town Clerk Dionne Corradine, Chief Strategy Officer	For Information
Report author: Catherine Rooney, Senior Programme Manager (Projects and Planning), Office of Lord Mayor & Mansion House	

Summary

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 Professor Michael Mainelli.

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.

This report sets out the final version of the theme and key activities that will be undertaken during the Mayoral year, following the preliminary 'high-level' theme that was agreed at previous C&CA and GPA committees.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the 2023-2024 Mayoral Priorities as set out in this Report.

Main Report

Background

1. The Mayoral Priorities identify the key areas of focus to be championed, convened and/or communicated by the Lord Mayor during their term in office.
2. The Mayoral Priorities highlight the specific areas of the City of London Corporation's Corporate Plan 2018-23 and Corporate Strategies that the Lord Mayor will amplify during their year in office.
3. The Mayoral Priorities provide an overview of the key deliverables, outcomes and primary workstreams to be undertaken during the Mayoralty. It identifies the specific areas of focus that consider the business, social and economic priorities of the City of London, the City Corporation, and the causes to be championed by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Michael Mainelli (subject to election).

Mayoral Priorities Proposal

4. *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, as established through the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
5. 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.
6. The Mayoral Theme is symbolised as our *Our Knowledge Miles*, representing and emphasising the multiple strength areas the 'square mile'.
7. 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. There are more than 40 learned societies, 70 universities and 130 research institutions in and around the City.

We have major talent clusters – The City of London is home to knowledge-based businesses which 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 communities' inventiveness through demonstrations and experimentation.

8. 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.
9. There will be read across to the Corporate Plan 2018-2023 as well as 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.
10. 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.

Showcase the City's inventiveness through a Lord Mayor's Demonstrators programme. This programme will promote experimentation as a way of solving global challenges.

11. Central activities for the mayoral theme are outlined in Annex A.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Strategic Implications

12. *Connect to Prosper* supports the City Corporation's vision of a 'vibrant and thriving City, supporting a diverse and sustainable London within a globally-successful UK' and its aim to 'contribute to a flourishing society, shape outstanding environments and support a thriving economy'. The Priorities support the City of London Corporation to deliver outcomes 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 within the Corporate Plan for 2018-23.
13. The following departments and teams have been involved and consulted on the objectives of the Mayoral Priorities: Innovation and Growth, Corporate Strategy, Environment, Communications and Corporate Affairs, Remembrancers, the Office of the Policy Chairman, and the Department of the Chief Operating Officer which leads on Digital and Information Technology. Other areas across the corporation may be engaged as the theme develops.
14. In 2020, COLC became a signatory to the UN Global Compact and its SDGs. *Connect to Prosper* strategically supports the COLC membership of the UN Global Compact.
15. The workstreams in the Mayoral Priorities align with current initiatives or those in development that are taking place across the City Corporation and aim to support the delivery of specific objectives in the Corporate Plan 2018-23 and Competitiveness Strategy, as outlined in Annex B.

Financial and Resourcing Implications

16. Existing departmental / project budgets will be used to deliver the activities outlined in this paper. Any supplementary budget required will be requested through Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) or other relevant Committees to amplify existing City Corporation activities and/or deliver additional activity under *Connect to Prosper*.

Conclusion

17. Members are asked to note the proposed Mayoral Priorities 2023-24 *Connect to Prosper* that will support, promote or amplify the City's Corporate Plan 2018-23.

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Annex A – Connect to Prosper flagship activities

Activity	Objective	Lead Delivery	Supported by
Coffee Colloquies	Convene	MH	Aldermen, external partners, Communications and Corporate Affairs (CCA), IG
695 th Lord Mayor Knowledge Miles lecture series (webinars) – draw on expertise within the livery companies and beyond to showcase the City's knowledge and expertise in identifying and meeting new global opportunities.	Convene	Gresham College	Livery companies, external partners, CCA
Net zero delivery summit 2024 at Mansion House	Promote	IG	MH, CCA, HMG
COP28	Promote	IG	MH, CCA
Global Investment Futures	Promote	IG	MH, CCA
VeraCity website – augmented reality map showcasing history and opportunities - a demonstration of technological invention that connects the city to its visitors and users.	Showcase	External delivery partner	CCA
Experiment series – promote experimentation as a way of solving global challenges including time dilation experiment at 22 Bishopsgate and biodiversity corridors.	Showcase	External delivery partners	Environment, CCA
University partnerships	Convene	MH	CCA
Galenos – mental health pre-print server	Showcase	External delivery partners	CCA
Royal Mathematical School 350 th Anniversary Lord Mayor's Bursary	Convene	Christ's Hospital School	
695 th Lord Mayor's Ethical AI Initiative	Convene	External Partners	CCA, IG

Annex B – Connect to Prosper link to Corporate Plan 2018-23, Strategies and UNSDGs

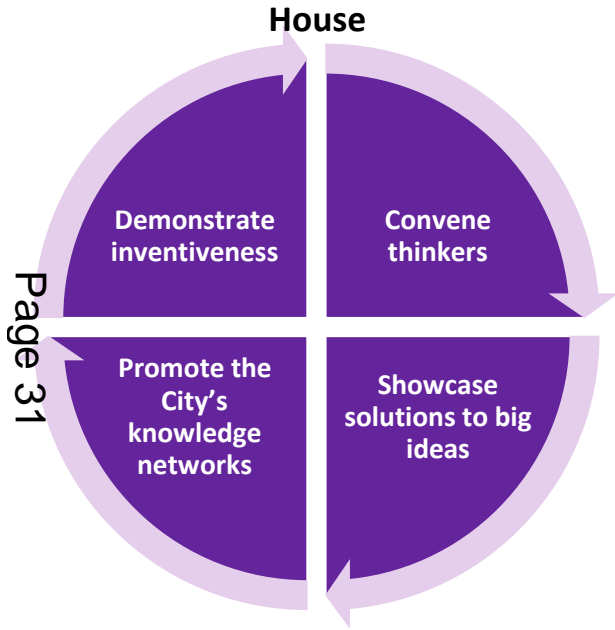
Mayoral Pillar and SDGs	Corporate Plan 2018-23	Competitiveness Strategy
POSTERITY & PLANET SDGs 6, 7, 11, 13, 14 and 15	<p>Businesses are trusted and socially and environmentally responsible (5).</p> <p>We have clean air, land and water and a thriving and sustainable natural environment (11).</p>	<p>NURTURE: Mainstream sustainable finance as core UK offer.</p> <p>NURTURE: Build UK profile as the global destination for green and impact finance.</p>
PEOPLE & POSSIBILITY SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 16	<p>People enjoy good health and wellbeing (2).</p> <p>People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential (3).</p> <p>We have access to the skills and talent we need (8).</p> <p>We inspire enterprise, excellence, creativity and collaboration (10).</p>	<p>REDUCE FRICTIONS: Increase access to FPS talent.</p> <p>RETAIN: Increase inclusion in the sector.</p>
PROSPERITY & PRODUCTIVITY SDGs 8, 9, 10, 12	<p>We have the world's best legal and regulatory framework and access to global markets (6).</p> <p>We are a global hub for innovation in financial and professional services, commerce and culture (7).</p> <p>We are digitally and physically well connected and responsive (9).</p>	<p>NURTURE: Integrate technology across UK FPS.</p> <p>ATTRACT: Drive growth for FPS-tech and Green tech across the UK.</p> <p>NURTURE: Support FPS-tech to scale.</p>

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“Connect To Prosper”

The City of London is the world’s most successful concentration of knowledge connections. More than 40 learned societies, 70 universities, and 130 research institutes surround the City. Of 24,000 businesses, nearly 8,000 are professional, scientific and technical enterprises. **Connect To Prosper** will bring together thought leaders from the **scientific, academic, and business worlds** to demonstrate how the City’s strengths are in **solving global challenges**.

Our Knowledge Miles – The World’s Coffee House



Convene: *Connect To Prosper* will bring together thought leaders from the scientific, academic and business worlds through Coffee Colloquies on Sustainable Development Goals and other topics and set-piece dinners. A Lord Mayor’s Knowledge Miles Lecture series will draw on expertise within the Livery companies and beyond to showcase the City’s knowledge and expertise in identifying and meeting new global opportunities.

Connect to Prosper activities are split in to three pillars matched against the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These represent the major challenges facing the world, which the City of London can help to answer.

	Posterity & Planet (Biosphere SDGs)		People & Possibility (Society SDGs)		Prosperity & Productivity (Economy SDGs)	
Global	COP 28	Net Zero Delivery Summit Green Pact	Knowledge Miles webinar series	International LMS	Global Investment Futures	Tech showcase
Local	Biodiversity Corridors	University Partnerships	SDG Coffee Colloquies	LM Royal Mathematical School Bursary	VeraCity App	Ethical AI
Demonstrate	Exp: Biodiversity corridors	Exp: Bicycle wheel air filters	Exp: Galenos & MQ Mental Health	Exp: Monument tethered drones	Exp: Time Dilation	Exp: Autonomous boats

Connect To Prosper 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.
- 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 communities’ inventiveness through demonstrations and experimentation.

Our Knowledge Miles
The City is made up of multiple, diverse miles, all co-existing and collaborating within our ‘Square Mile’.

The World’s Coffee House
Where connections between people, firms and institutions develop and grow, leading to ideas and inventions that solve global problems.

Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli – Draft Mayoral Priorities – 2023/2024
“Connect To Prosper” – SDG read across to Corporate Strategies

THEME PILLARS	CORPORATE PLAN LINK	COMPETITIVENESS STRATEGY	UN SDG	
POSTERITY & PLANET:	Businesses are trusted and socially and environmentally responsible (5). We have clean air, land and water and a thriving and sustainable natural environment (11).	NURTURE: Mainstream sustainable finance as core UK offer NURTURE: Build UK profile as the global destination for green and impact finance.	6: Clean water & sanitation	17: Partnerships for the Goals
			7: Affordable & clean energy	
			11: Sustainable Cities & Communities	
			13: Climate action	
			14: Life below water	
			15: Life on land	
PEOPLE & POSSIBILITY	People enjoy good health and wellbeing (2). People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential (3). We have access to the skills and talent we need (8). We inspire enterprise, excellence, creativity and collaboration (10).	REDUCE FRICTIONS: Increase access to FPS talent RETAIN: Increase inclusion in the sector	1: No poverty	
			2: Zero hunger	
			3: Good health and wellbeing	
			4: Quality education	
			5: Gender equality	
			16: Peace, justice and strong institutions.	
PROSPERITY & PRODUCTIVITY	We have the world’s best legal and regulatory framework and access to global markets (6). We are a global hub for innovation in financial and professional services, commerce and culture (7). We are digitally and physically well connected and responsive (9).	NURTURE: Integrate technology across UK FPS ATTRACT: Drive growth for FPS-tech and Green tech across the UK NURTURE: Support FPS-tech to scale	8: Decent work & economic growth	
			9: Industry, innovation & infrastructure	
			10: Reduced inequalities	
			12: Responsible consumption & production	

Committee(s): General Purposes Committee of Aldermen – For Information	Dated: 27/06/2023
Subject: Shrieval Plan 2023/24	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
Report of: Caroline Jack, Executive Director & Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor	For Information
Report author: Doug Precey, Head of Secretariat, Office of the Lord Mayor & Mansion House	

Summary

This report outlines the proposed 2023-24 Shrieval Plan to be championed by the Sheriffs, Alderwoman Susan Langley & Alderman Bronek Masojada.

The 2023-24 Shrieval Plan outlines how the Sheriffs will support the Lord Mayor of the City of London, uphold the rule of law as custodians of the Central Criminal Court (Old Bailey) and advance the City's engagement and influence across the three pillars of Connectivity, Community and Resilience.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note and endorse the Shrieval Plan for 2023/24.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Shrieval Plan 2023-24

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**Shrieval Plan
2023-2024**

**Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley DBE
&
Alderman Bronek Masojada**

July 2023

Preface

During what have been, and remain, turbulent times, one thing that has certainly emerged is a renewed appreciation for the importance of stability. It is true to say that the economic backdrop that the country faces remains challenging. The impacts of Brexit, Covid and the war in Ukraine continue to be felt in many ways, and the UK will head into a general election next year where divisions and fault-lines are likely to be exposed once more.

Throughout this period, the enduring importance of the City of London – its institutions, its values, its communities – holds true. The role and status of the City, both within the UK and internationally, is under increasing scrutiny. Competitiveness on a global stage is key to the wider prosperity and economic health of the nation. Recognising that, and balancing stability with innovation and creativity, is fundamental to the role of the City of London Corporation – promoting and protecting the City as a global financial centre, a workplace, a visitor destination and a home.

The impacts of what the City and the Corporation does are felt far beyond our geographical boundaries. The connectivity and influence embodied within the Square Mile are at the forefront of the Mayoralty Priorities for 2023-24. Through this year's Shrieval Plan, the Sheriffs will complement and amplify the Mayoral and Corporation strategic objectives, ensuring that the roles and institutions of the Corporation continue to deliver a strong and sustainable future for the City and beyond.

Summary

The 2023-24 Shrieval Plan outlines the priorities to be championed by the Sheriffs – Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley DBE and Alderman Bronek Masojada – during their year in post.

As is fundamental to a role dating back to the 7th century, the integral aspects of the Shrievalty will continue:

- Promoting and supporting the rule of law and the links between the Corporation and the judiciary at the Old Bailey;
- Supporting the activity and objectives of the Lord Mayor and wider Corporation; and
- Advancing the City's engagement with the wider civic, philanthropic, legal and business communities through events and lunches hosted at the Old Bailey.

Alongside, and in tandem with, this, the Sheriffs will focus their activity around the three pillars of Connectivity, Community and Resilience.

Main Report

Role of Sheriff

1. Elected by the Livery, and subsequently approved by The King as his Judicial Representatives, the Sheriffs uphold the rule of law as custodians of the Old Bailey, liaise with and support HM Judges, support and represent the Lord Mayor as part of the Civic Party and, through the hosting, facilitating and the promotion of lunches and events at the Old Bailey, advance the City's engagement and influence.
2. The Sheriffs will support the Lord Mayor in their role as an ambassador for the UK financial and professional services (FPS) sector, as well as in their civic, diplomatic and ceremonial activities. They will also, as key senior City of London Corporation representatives, play an important role in advancing key areas of the Corporation's strategic plan and the City of London's Competitiveness Strategy.
3. In support of the Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs will advance the 2023-24 Mayoral Priorities – *"Connect to Prosper"* – with its focus on the City's strengths in solving global challenges and its leadership role in terms of connectivity and creativity. This will build on the current Mayoral Priorities – as set out through *"Financing our Future"* – of promoting a resilient, resourceful and responsible City, to drive economic growth and investment.

Shrieval Priorities

4. As part of their work to support the Lord Mayor, the judges at the Old Bailey and the wider Corporation, the Sheriffs will take forward their own programme of priorities for 2023-24. This activity will be brought together through three interlinked areas of focus, building on the convening and 'soft' power of the roles of Sheriff along with their individual experience, professional expertise and areas of particular interest:

A. Connectivity

The Sheriffs will look to showcase, utilise and enhance the City's connectivity and ability to reach far beyond its borders. In concert with the 2023-24 Mayoral theme of *"Connect to Prosper"*, the Sheriffs will ensure a broad range of diverse groups, perspectives and individuals are brought together, both to access the opportunities that the City can offer, but also to benefit eco-systems within the City and Corporation. Attracting new talent to the City, as well as access to jobs, capital and wider opportunities will be at the forefront of their activities.

B. Community:

The Sheriffs will use their year to continue work to encourage greater community cohesion, mutual understanding and co-operation. They will use their roles to support work to maintain and improve links between the Old Bailey, the Corporation and local communities, especially those that have less of a voice, charitable and education establishments and businesses. They will also look to use their own experience and charitable and local connections to engage with those communities who may not automatically come into contact with the City, through mentoring and virtual internship schemes as well as

ensuring broad representation at events, lunches and engagements through their year.

C. Resilience:

As befits a 14-century old institution, key to the way in which the Sheriffs will discharge their activities and duties across the course of the year is to build on the work of those who have served before, both in Mayoral and Shrieval themes, whilst ensuring that the Shrievalty remains relevant and evolves to fit modern times. The Sheriffs will do all that they can to uphold the dignity and importance of their posts. They will support the Recorder through his outreach work, recognising organisations and volunteers working across the justice system and connecting new community groups to these efforts. They will promote and help to raise funds for the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund and the Lord Mayor's Appeal, and will support the Sheriffs' Challenge and the Sheriffs' Award for Bravery.

5. Through the support that the Sheriffs provide to the Recorder of London, the Old Bailey judges and the City Law Officers to promote the rule of law, their support to the priorities of the Mayoralty and wider Corporation, and the furtherance of their own priorities, the Sheriffs will help to ensure that the Old Bailey – which is at the heart of the UK's criminal justice system – remains connected to and reflective of the communities that it serves, and that the Shrievalty continues to support the Corporation's overarching objectives of contributing to a flourishing society, supporting a thriving economy and shaping outstanding environments.

Delivery

6. The Sheriffs will host lunches for the Old Bailey judges on four days out of five, at which they will invite between four and eight guests of their own from across a range of fields, including charities, business, diplomatic, civic, livery, government, public service and personal. This is the most frequent channel for enhancing awareness of the Old Bailey and the City Corporation, and maintaining and establishing links with the City and wider communities.
7. The Sheriffs will host 12 Themed Lunches per year (six each), where up to 12 guests are invited in accordance with a central theme to the event. The Sheriff will host a pre-meeting and discussion with those guests prior to lunch, encouraging them to visit court afterwards to further their understanding of the role of the judiciary and the workings of the Old Bailey. See Proposed Themed Lunches and Events at Appendix 1.
8. The Sheriffs will additionally hold six events (three each) over the course of their year, specifically to further their Shrieval priorities, with further opportunities to host events in collaboration with charities or not-for-profit organisations, where Shrieval and philanthropic priorities can be advanced.
9. The Sheriffs will focus on increasing diversity and inclusion of guests received at the Old Bailey, looking to bring in those organisations and individuals who may not naturally come into contact with either the City of London Corporation or the Old Bailey itself, including students and those from communities that have less of a voice.
10. The Sheriffs will also continue to promote the Old Bailey as a commercial venue and support the Old Bailey's commercial strategy.

Conclusion

11. The Shrieval Plan 2023 – 2024 will support, promote and amplify Mayoral and Corporation priorities, promote the rule of law, advance the City's scope of engagement and influence and contribute to the growth of the global competitiveness of the UK.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Theme Lunches and Events

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Sheriffs 2023 - 2024

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Potential Topics

- National / Regional Days
- Faith Events
- Hidden Societies
- Access to careers in Law
- Supporting City Students
- Financial Services
- Rule of Law
- Connecting employability charities to employers
- Investment and Venture Capital
- Destination City

Potential Events

- Mansion House Scholarship Reception
- Magistrates' Reception
- High Sheriffs' Reception
- East End Charities
- SSAFA (the Armed Forces Charity) and the Criminal Justice system
- Sheriffs' Ball

Key Anniversaries

Equality & Inclusion

- 30th – first women priests ordained in the Church of England (March 2024)
- 10th – first same sex marriages took place in England and Wales (Mar 2024)
- 45th – Viv Anderson becomes the first black male footballer to represent England (Nov 2023)
- 45th – Margaret Thatcher becomes the first female British Prime Minister (May 2024)

Other

- 750th – appointment of first Town Clerk of the City of London
- 250th – establishment of the Royal Humane Society
- 200th – opening of the National Gallery in London (May 2024)
- 175th – abolition of the Corn Laws
- 150th – opening of Liverpool Street Station
- 200th – Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) founded (Mar 2024)
- 25th – Welsh Assembly opened in Cardiff (May 2024)
- 25th – Scottish Parliament opened in Edinburgh (Jul 2024)
- 25th – first minimum wage introduced in Britain (Apr 2024)
- 30th – Nelson Mandela elected President of South Africa (Apr 2024; inaugurated in May 2024)
- 40th – Thames Flood Barrier opened (May 2024)
- 60th – last judicial hangings in Britain (Aug 2024)

Committee(s): General Purposes Committee of Aldermen	Dated: 11 July 2023
Subject: Report of Action Taken: Funding for Wardmote Livestream Pilot	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	N/A
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	Yes
If so, how much?	£3,000
What is the source of Funding?	Aldermanic Contingency Fund
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	Yes
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
Report author: Gemma Stokley, Principal Governance and Member Services Manager	

Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Court of Aldermen, in accordance with Standing Order No. 46 (Court of Aldermen).

Recommendation:- That Members note the decision taken in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Standing Order No.46

Main Report

Background and reason for urgency:

1. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of London Corporation has livestreamed many meetings to improve public participation to meetings. In recent times, several Members have expressed an interest in exploring the extension of this provision to Ward Meetings, known as Wardmotes, with the issue raised at the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen.
2. Livestreaming Wardmotes would continue to build upon our continued programme of engagement with City of London Corporation electors; however, as with all such initiatives, there are cost and resourcing implications associated with any such decision. There is no legal obligation on the City of London Corporation to facilitate the livestreaming of Wardmotes, similarly there is no legal impediment either. Members will, therefore, have to balance the costs and benefits in coming to a considered decision.
3. In order to inform this decision, it was suggested that a pilot be trialled, utilising the forthcoming electoral Wardmote in Castle Baynard, at a cost of £3,000.

4. The Chairman was not of the view that a special meeting was necessary to discuss the proposal given the strong support already voiced for it at the last General Purposes Committee meeting.

Action Taken:

5. In accordance with Standing Order no.46, on 12th June 2023 following consultation with Alderman Sir William Russell (as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen) and the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Nicholas Lyons the Town Clerk agreed to allocate £3,000 to facilitate the livestreaming of the Castle Baynard Wardmote on 12 July, from the Court of Aldermen's contingency budget.

Conclusion:

6. Members are asked to note the report of action taken.

Gemma Stokley

Town Clerk's Department

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

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