

BOWMAN, LOCUM TENENS

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

25th July 2024 MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr (Alderman) Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman (Alderman) Professor Emma Edhem (Alderman) Sir Peter Estlin (Alderman) Alison Gowman CBE (Alderman) Prem Goyal OBE (Alderman)

Dr Joanna Tufuo Abeyie, MBE Munsur Ali Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy Shahnan Bakth Jamel Banda Brendan Barns Matthew Bell Ian Bishop-Laggett Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy Tijs Broeke Timothy Richard Butcher, Deputy Michael John Cassidy CBE Dominic Gerard Christian Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst, Deputy Anne Corbett Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan D'Souza Simon Duckworth, Deputy, OBE, DL

Martha Grekos (Alderwoman) Timothy Russell Hailes (Alderman) Gregory Jones KC (Alderman) Vincent Keaveny CBE (Alderman) Elizabeth Anne King, BEM JP (Alderwoman) Alastair John Naisbitt King DL (Alderman)

Chief Commoner Peter

Gerard Dunphy, Deputy

John Ernest Edwards,

Helen Lesley Fentimen

John William Fletcher,

Marianne Bernadette

Steve Goodman, OBE

Madush Gupta, Deputy

Caroline Wilma Haines

Christopher Michael

Hayward, Deputy

Jaspreet Hodgson

Henry Llewellyn

Ann Holmes, Deputy

Michael Jones MBE

Shravan Jashvantrai

Joshi, Deputy, MBE

Fredericks, Deputy

Mary Durcan JP

Deputy

OBF JP

Deputy

John Éoley

Dawn Frampton

John Griffiths

Jason Groves

Tim Levene (Alderman) Sir Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons (Alderman) Simon Pryke (Alderman) Kawsar Zaman (Alderman)

COMMONERS

Florence Keelson-Anfu Frances Leach Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen, Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP, Deputy Andrew Paul Mayer Catherine McGuinness CBE Andrew Stratton McMurtrie JP Timothy James McNally Wendy Mead OBE Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers, Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy, BEM Eamonn James Mullally Deborah Oliver, TD Suzanne Ornsby, KC James Henry George Pollard, Deputy Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest Jason Paul Pritchard Alpa Raja, Deputy

David Sales Hugh Selka Oliver Sells, KC Alethea Silk Paul Singh Naresh Hari Sonpar James St John Davis Mandeep Thandi James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy James Richard Tumbridge Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia William Upton, KC Jacqueline Roberts Webster Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley David Williams Philip Woodhouse Dawn Linsey Wright, Deputy Irem Yerdelen

Ahead of the formal items of business, the Chief Commoner welcomed Alderwoman Elizabeth King, following her recent election to the Court of Aldermen. Alderwoman Elizabeth King was heard in reply.

1. Newly-elected Member	The following Member, lately elected to be of the Common Council, for the Ward mentioned, was introduced to the Court and having previously made the declaration prescribed by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, took their seat, viz:-
	NameWardDavid WilliamsFarringdon Within
2. Apologies	The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
3. Declarations	There were no additional declarations.
4. Minutes	Resolved - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
5. Mayoral Engagements	The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens provided the Court with an update on the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor's recent engagements.
	He welcomed two visitors from the Universities of Arizona and Arizona State, both part of the London Bridge Rotary Education Scholarship.
	Reference was made to the success of the national livery weekend, with thanks extended to those who helped to organise it. Congratulations were extended to the new Sheriffs-Elect, following Common Hall in June. The Lord Mayor Locum Tenens also referenced the success of the state banquet for Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan.
	The Lord Mayor had visited Jersey and Guernsey, with a focus on sustainable finance, private equity and fintech. He had also visited the Netherlands, where they again discussed sustainable finance and the context of safe and ethical development of artificial intelligence.
	Following the General Election, the Lord Mayor was honoured to attend the state opening of Parliament and swearing in of the Lord Chancellor.
	Members had been delighted to take part in marking the 150 th anniversary of West Ham Park, with an exhibition in Guildhall Yard.
	The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs issued their apologies for today's meeting as they travelled to Sheffield for the annual feast hosted by the Cutlers of Hallamshire.
	Tomorrow, the Lord Mayor and Policy Chairman would be travelling to support Team GB at the Paris Olympics.
	Finally, the Lord Mayor Locum Tenens wished the Court all the best for the summer recess.

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6. Policy Statement The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity to provide a statement.

Ahead of his update, the Chairman wished to address a matter regarding the award of the Freedom to one of the City Scholars.

Accessibility arrangements for the ceremony to award them with the Freedom were not of the required standard. The City Corporation had offered its sincere apologies, both publicly and personally, to the individual involved and the Chairman had been assured that measures are being taken to ensure that this did not happen again.

The Chairman went on to notify Honourable Members of staffing news, including the appointment of a new Deputy Town Clerk and, separately, the new Senior Responsible Officer for Destination City.

Referencing the recent General Election, the Chairman underlined the City's role as a partner for growth, working with both government and industry. He referenced recent activities that had already taken place in support of this helping to demonstrate the significant role the City plays in the economic and cultural vibrancy of our capital.

It was expected that the new government would look to agree a London Growth Plan in the coming months and commitment was made to engaging with this, setting out the key role the Square Mile plays as the engine of London's economy. The Chairman noted how impact would extend beyond the City boundaries, bringing social and economic benefits to London and the whole country. noting the previous weekend's 150th anniversary celebration for West Ham Park.

The Chairman drew his statement to a close by wishing Honourable Members a well-deserved and restful summer recess.

7. The Court proceeded to make the following appointments, in respect of which the Town Clerk reported that the following nominations had been received:-

Where appropriate:-* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment

 (A) Audit and Risk Management Committee (one vacancy). (No contest)
Nomination received:-*Alderwoman Elizabeth King

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderwoman Elizabeth King to be appointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

(B) Education Board (one vacancy).

(No contest) Nomination received:- *Alderwoman Elizabeth King

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderwoman Elizabeth King to be appointed to the Education Board.

(C) Digital Services Committee (one vacancy).

(No contest) Nomination received:-Deputy Timothy Butcher

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Timothy Butcher to be appointed to the Digital Services Committee.

(D) Port Health and Environmental Services Committee (one vacancy).

(No contest) Nomination received:-Henrika Priest

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Henrika Priest to be appointed to the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.

(E) Board of Governors of the City of London School (two vacancies)

(Contest) Nominations received:-*Dominic Christian Michael Hudson Naresh Sonpar

Read.

(F) Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School (five vacancies).

(No contest) **Nominations received:-***Alderman Christopher Makin *Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Christopher Makin and Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School.

(G)Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls (two vacancies).

(No contest) **Nomination received:-**Deputy Shravan Joshi

Read.

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

(H) Community and Children's Services Committee (one vacancy).

(No contest) Nomination received:-David Williams

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared David Williams to be appointed to the Community and Children's Services Committee

(I) East London NHS Foundation Trust (one vacancy).

(No contest) Nomination received:-Ruby Sayed

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ruby Sayed to be appointed to the East London NHS Foundation Trust.

(J) Cripplegate Foundation (one vacancy).

(No contest) Nomination received:-Dawn Frampton

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Dawn Frampton to be appointed to the Cripplegate Foundation.

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

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

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

8. Motions (A) By Deputy Ceri Wilkins

"That Alderwoman Elizabeth King be re-appointed to the Finance Committee, for the Ward of Cripplegate."

(B) By Deputy Ceri Wilkins

"That Alderwoman Elizabeth King be re-appointed to the Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee, for the Ward of Cripplegate."

(C) By Deputy Charles Edward Lord

"To note action taken under urgency to appoint Oliver Sells KC, to the Finance Committee, in the room of George Abrahams."

9. Freedoms The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the uno mentioned persons, who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City Redemption.

Judith Louise Adams Benjamin Daniel Murphy, CC Caroline Wilma Haines, CC	Councillor	Loughton, Essex
Ferhat Akkaya	a Catering Equipment Manufacturing Company Owner	Leeds, West Yorkshire
Issa Tahhan	Citizen and Environmental Cleaner	
Andrew Charles Marsden	Citizen and Marketor	
Karen Jane Atkinson Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson		Woking, Surrey
Deputy Paul Nicholas Martinelli	Citizen and Butcher	
Zoe Heathwood Barwick	a Consultancy Director	Westminster, London
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, MBE, CC	Citizen and Common Councillor	
Deputy Sir Michael Snyder	Citizen and Needlemaker	
Edward Donald Andrew Baxter Deputy Alastair Michael	Management Consultant	Westminster, London
Moss Steven Paul Summers, JP	Citizen and Master Mariner	

Francesca Boschieri	a Professor of Italian Literature	Kensington and Chelsea, London
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor		London
Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	
Ingrid Stephanie Boyce	a Solicitor	Buckinghamshire
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor	Citizen and World Trader	
Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	
	•	Westminster, London
Redmond Brady The Rt. Hon The Lord	College Citizen and World Trader	
Mayor		
Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	
Heather Elizabeth	0,	Hertford, Hertfordshire
Butler The Rt. Hon The Lord	Planning Consultant Citizen and World Trader	
Mayor		
Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	
Martin John Chalker	a Student	Wiltshire
	Accommodation Charity Chief Executive	
John Garbutt, JP	Citizen and Weaver	
Kevin Richard Coyne	Citizen and Fan Maker	
Harriet Lily Clapp	a Civil Servant	Ashford, Kent
Paul Christian Bobjerg- Jensen	Citizen and Baker	
Christine Rigden	Citizen and Constructor	
Captain Katharine Clare	a Royal Navy Officer	Westminster, London
Dr Craig Paterson	Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker & Tobacco	
	Blender	
lan Brinsley Andrews	Citizen and Pavior	
Charles Castell Clark	a Sales Manager	Bromley, London
Barry John Frederick Theobald-Hicks	Citizen and Scrivener	
John James Tunesi of Liongam, The Younger	Citizen and Scrivener	

Lee Darren Nicholas Clarke Richard George Turk Claude Andrew Robert Fenemore-Jones	General Manager <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Isle of Man
Harry Crush Richard Leslie Springford Dr lain Reid	a Deckhand Citizen and Carman Citizen and Ironmonger	Gravesend, Kent
Bahadur Derry Singh Curry Timothy James McNally, CC Marianna Cherry	Company Chief Executive, retired	Camden, London
Amos Samuel Ezra Dadzie Deputy James Henry George Pollard Ald. Simon Tony Pryke	Manager	Richmond upon Thames, London
Dr Victor Phillip Michael Dahdaleh Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer	an Aluminium Company Chairman	Westminster, London
Natasha Glynne Davis Jonathan Martin Averns Mary Durcan JP, CC	a Solicitor Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Common Councillor	Woking, Surrey
Olori Atuwatse III Ivie Uhunoma Emiko Atuwatse The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Queen of the Warri Kingdom <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Brent, London
Robin Charles Freeman Judy Senta Tayler-Smith Simon Jonathan Tayler- Smith	retired <i>Citizen and Upholder</i>	Walton-on-Thames, Surrey

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Julian Glasspole Vincent Dignam John Paul Tobin	a Vehicle Weighing Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Oxfordshire
Graham Gervais Gratton Deputy Madush Gupta Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP		Loughton, Essex
	a Hotel Manager	Lewisham, London
Gregory-White David Alastair Morgan-	Citizen and Innholder	
Hewitt Philippe Roland Rossiter		
Timothy Roger Griffin David Alastair Morgan- Hewitt		Islington, London
Philippe Roland Rossiter	Citizen and Innholder	
Kenneth Guevara Dinarte	a City Scholar	Bloomsbury, London
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor	Citizen and World Trader	
	Citizen and Pattenmaker	
Denise Brenda Harris Vincent Dignam Jacqueline O'Donovan, OBE	Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Dublin, Ireland
Chief Inspector Caroline Peta Hay, MBE	a Police Officer	Letchworth, Hertfordshire
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor	Citizen and World Trader	
Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	
Professor Katrin Hohl, OBE	a Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice	Hitchin, Hertfordshire
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor		
Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	

Timothy John Hore Paresh Bhanji Modasia Adarsh Kumar Sharma Nicholas David Howard Gina Blair Dr Iain Reid	a Publican, retired <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered</i> <i>Accountant</i> a Barge Captain <i>Citizen and Master</i> <i>Mariner</i> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i>	Isle of Wight Kent
Jake Edward Howells Paul Christian Bobjerg- Jensen Christine Rigden	an Army Officer <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Constructor</i>	Ashford, Kent
Chilisune Nguen		
Mohammed Kodrul Islam	6	Barking and Dagenham, London
Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan D'Souza, CC Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE	Councillor	London
Karan Jain	an Information Technology Company Founder	Lewisham, London
Deputy Madush Gupta Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP	0	
Odon Maotela Kasindi		Bexley, London
Antonio Masella Daniel Mark Heath	Director Citizen and Mason Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver	
Jason Anthony Lamden	an Information	Reading, Berkshire
Gina Blair	Technology Manager Citizen and Master Mariner	
Claude Andrew Robert Fenemore-Jones		
Samantha Jane Lane	an Intellectual Property	Tower Hamlets, London
Yasmeen Stratton	Senior Paralegal <i>Citizen and Security</i>	
Terence Edwin Brand	Professional Citizen and Air Pilot	
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James Thomas Heald a Data Scientist Hertford, Hertfordshire

Laycock Ann-Marie Jefferys Anne Elizabeth Holden		
Jillian Leblanc The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor	a City Scholar <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Bloomsbury, London
Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward	Citizen and Pattenmaker	
Wayne Lee	a Senior Financial Services Executive	Westminster, London
Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE		
Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan D'Souza, CC		
Richard John Leonard <i>Ald. Sir Andrew Charles</i> <i>Parmley</i>	a Computer Programmer <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Cheshire
Harry Andrew Crook	Citizen and Apothecary	
Her Excellency Simona Leskovar	a Diplomat	Westminster, London
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor	Citizen and World Trader	
Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward	Citizen and Pattenmaker	
Sinead Clair Lester Jonathan Martin Averns Mary Durcan JP, CC		Lambeth, London
Andrew Mark Lewis	a Business Development Director	Ashford, Kent
Claude Andrew Robert Fenemore-Jones		
Richard George Turk	Citizen and Shipwright	
His Excellency Teodoro Lopez Locsin Jr	a Diplomat	Westminster, London
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor	Citizen and World Trader	
-	Citizen and Pattenmaker	

Katherine Sarah Lovén	a Leadership Development Specialist	Westminster, London	
Tijs Broeke, CC Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CBE, CC	Citizen and Goldsmith Citizen and Solicitor		
Carolyn Meier Mash	a Marketing Manager	Kingston upon Thames, London	
Jani Levanen Anthony Garrett Mash	Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker		
Professor Anthony Mathur The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	a Cardiology Clinical Director <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Surrey	
Revd Jennifer Eileen Midgley-Adam Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP		Westminster, London	
Elkhan Nasibov Munsur Ali, CC Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE	Company Chief Compliance Officer <i>Citizen and Common</i> <i>Councillor</i>	Wandsworth, London	
O'Donovan Jacqueline O'Donovan, OBE	a Plant Hire Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Enfield, London	
Julia Elizabeth Onslow- Cole Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE Deputy Rehana Banu	Citizen and Goldsmith Citizen and Common	Winchester, Hampshire	
Ameer	Councillor		

Dr Scott Allan Orr Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley	a University Lecturer Citizen and Musician	Newham, London
Jaspreet Hodgson, CC	Citizen and Vintner	
William Michael Palin The Rt. Hon The Lord	a Charity Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Islington, London
Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	
Sally Jane Paterson Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Epsom, Surrey
Jaspreet Hodgson, CC	Citizen and Vintner	
Terence John Pettit	an Actor, Producer and Director	Berkshire
Vincent Dignam Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, MBE, CC	Citizen and Carman	
Keith Allen Sabine Gerald Michael Edwards Robert Travers Smith	a Software Company Director <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i> <i>Citizen and International</i> <i>Banker</i>	Oxfordshire
Farrelle Sampson Peter Hubert William Ruddy Melvyn Stuart Davis	a Librarian Citizen and Bowyer Citizen and Bowyer	Surrey
Major-General James Matthew Senior, CBE	an Army Officer	Aldershot, Hampshire
James William Carrahar, MBE	Citizen and Educator	
Paul Christian Bobjerg- Jensen	Citizen and Baker	
David Brenton Simons,	a Genealogist	Boston, Massachusetts,
OBE John Michael Allen- Petrie, OBE	Citizen and Draper	United States of America
	Citizen and Fletcher	

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WilliamKennethSpinney SmithAld. Sir William Anthony		Kensington and Chelsea, London
Bowater Russell Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	
Lavinya Vinette Stennett The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL		Lambeth, London
Tamina Thobani The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL		Watford, Hertfordshire
James Thomson, OBE, DL David Alastair Morgan- Hewitt Philippe Roland Rossiter	Citizen and Innholder	East Lothian, Scotland
Henry Charles Walter Price	a Consultancy Company Partner <i>Citizen and Scientific</i> <i>Instrument Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Bromley, London
Tragheim Henry Charles Walter Price	a Lay Minister, retired Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker Citizen and Carman	Bromley, London
His Excellency Karel Jan Gustaaf Van Oosterom The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor	a Diplomat <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Kensington and Chelsea, London
-	Citizen and Pattenmaker	

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Trenham lan Weatherhead <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal,</i> <i>OBE</i>	a Defence & Security Company Director <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Barnet, London
Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan D'Souza, CC	Citizen and Common Councillor	
Adrian Patrick White Deputy Madush Gupta Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP	a Banker Citizen and Pewterer Citizen and Pewterer	Hampshire
Anthony Robert Withrington	a Vehicle Company Managing Director, retired	Ely, Cambridgeshire
William Simpson Haynes Richard Stuart Gough		
Dr Simon Jack Woldman	a Consultant Cardiologist	Harrow, London
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor	Citizen and World Trader	
Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	
Andrew Wragg The Rt. Hon The Lord	a Medical Doctor <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Islington, London
Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL	Citizen and Blacksmith	
Adelaide Graham Young	an Engineer	Brent, London
Gerald Michael Edwards Robert Travers Smith	Citizen and Fruiterer Citizen and International Banker	

Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons to the Freedom of this City by Redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

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10. Resolutions

Lloyd-Owen, N., Deputy; Dunphy, P.G., Deputy Resolved unanimously - That the sincere gratitude of this Court be offered to:

Susan Jane Pearson

for her dedication and service to the Ward of Cripplegate, the City Corporation, and the City of London over the past seven years.

Sue was elected to the Court of Common Council in 2017 with the highest number of votes received by any candidate across the City, an endorsement from Cripplegate constituents which was repeated during the 2022 Council election and again during the Aldermanic election in 2023.

Sue has made a huge contribution to her community and to the City more broadly. She will be particularly remembered for, and I know is rightly proud of, her work on the Planning and Transportation Committee. Sue's background as an architect, her thoughtfulness, commitment to Cripplegate residents and her unwavering dedication to her role made her an invaluable member of that committee. Sue contributed with ideas and questions at every meeting she attended and her absence will be greatly felt.

Sue also served on a number of other committees, including the Community and Children's Services and Finance Committees; the Capital Buildings Board; the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls; the Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation; and the Cripplegate Foundation Ltd.

She served on the Barbican Residential Committee for her entire seven years as an elected member; for two of those years as an adept and knowledgeable Deputy Chair. Sue cares passionately about the role residents have to play in the City and has worked tirelessly to support her constituents, including campaigning for increased funding for the City's social housing estates and successfully working with colleagues to campaign for the repeal of section 618 of the Housing Act 1985.

Over the last seven years, Sue's support for City residents extended well beyond formal Corporation activities. Most notably, during the Covid-19 pandemic, when Sue provided crucial support in the running of the Square Mile Foodbank.

Alongside Sue's contributions within the City, she has many wide and varied interests – she is an avid reader and has a passion for gardening - playing an active role in the Golden Lane Baggers allotments. She also manages to find time for tennis, jewellery making, knitting, fashion, rally driving and sailing – and these, as well as her unfailing commitment to her constituents, many of whom are now firm friends, keep her endlessly busy.

In taking its leave of her, this Honourable Court therefore extends to Sue its thanks and appreciation for her hard work and achievements over the past seven years, as well as its very best wishes for the future. Sue, you will be missed.

Resolved unanimously - That this Honourable Court wishes to extend:-

Broeke, T.; Thomson, J. M. D., Deputy

Angela McLaren

Its sincere gratitude to for her exemplary dedication and devotion to leading the City of London Police.

Angela joined the City of London Police in 2020 as our first Assistant Commissioner for Economic and Cyber Crime. This followed 24 years' service in Police Scotland, which culminated in her leadership of the Organised Crime, Counter Terrorism and Intelligence Portfolio as Assistant Chief Constable.

Angela moved seamlessly into the new role in the City and quickly made her mark, bringing her thoughtful and progressive approach to bear on the City Police's critical role leading the police response to economic and cyber crime.

However, it was not long before a further move ensued, and following a highly competitive field, Angela was appointed Commissioner in July 2021 – the first female to fulfil the role in the City Police's long and illustrious history. Angela smoothly stepped up to lead this renowned police service that lies at the heart of the City.

Angela's swiftly understood the need to balance important, long-standing traditions with ensuring the police service is relevant to the thriving City communities, while also being at the forefront of addressing the cutting-edge threats that are everpresent in the modern world.

During her time in post she oversaw the City of London Police play leading roles in key moments in the country's history – from the funeral of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the Proclamation of King Charles III and his Coronation – both high profile duties that the City police performed to much acclaim.

As Senior Responsible Officer, Angela also led the City Police closer to two significant milestones. Firstly, the delivery of the replacement for Action Fraud, which will see a transformation in the way fraud reports are handled, victims supported and investigations carried out. Secondly, the building of the new Police headquarters, which will provide state-of-the-art accommodation for the police as part of the wider Justice Hub in Sailsbury Square.

Leading by example, with compassion and thought, are hallmarks of Angela's leadership which helped drive a culture of respect and openness to new ways of working. She championed initiatives to improve neighbourhood policing, reduce violence against women and girls, put the needs of victims at the heart of everything the City of London Police does, and demonstrated visible leadership on improving the diversity and inclusivity of the City Police – committing to make them one of the most inclusive police services in the country.

The City's communities and I are all extremely sorry to see Angela leave the City of

London Police. Angela is a first-class Commissioner who has embodied the values of professionalism, integrity and compassion in carrying out her leadership responsibilities.

This Honourable Court and I are grateful for her commitment and determination to reducing crime and improving the public's experience of, and trust in, policing, while also protecting the UK from economic crime and cyber-crime. We wish Angela, and her family, all the very best for the future.

11. Questions Engagement with the new Government

Groves, J. to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee Jason Groves asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee seeking an update on the key topics the City Corporation was engaging with to support His Majesty's missions and legislative programmes, as set out in the King's speech.

In reply the Chairman explained that the advantage of the City Corporation being politically independent, means it can work effectively with the elected Government of the day to support the UK domestically and internationally. He noted that the City had already engaged with Ministers on their portfolios and looked forward to working together during their term.

The Chairman outlined the Government's five missions to rebuild Britain and what the City was doing in support of these.

First, *kickstart economic growth.* The Chairman referenced the measures captured in the Vision for Economic Growth. These measures would deliver high skilled jobs, opportunities and economic growth right across the UK and the City Corporation would continue to lobby for these recommendations. The Chairman also welcomed pensions reforms and creation of a national wealth fund.

Second, *make Britain a clean energy superpower*. The Chairman referred to the considerable work on Green Finance and transition finance review.

Third, *take back our streets*. The Chairman signposted the local and national responsibilities of the City of London Police, highlighting their role as the national lead on fraud, economic and cyber-crime.

Fourth, *breaking down barriers.* Progress Together was an independent taskforce looking at improving socio-economic diversity at senior levels in UK financial and professional services). The Chairman also referenced the Women Pivoting to Digital Taskforce, which addresses under representation to women in digital careers.

Finally, *build an NHS fit for the future*. The Finance and Insurance professional services industry generated £110bn in taxation annually. This made a significant contribution to funding public services such as the NHS.

Attracting visitors to open spaces

Mullally, E. to the Chair of the Natural Environment Board

Eamonn Mullally remarked on negative heath statistics relating to those living in central London and asked a question to the Chair of the Natural Environment Board about plans to attract Londoners over summer months to outdoor space managed by City.

The Chair responded by reminding Members of the Natural Environment Division's four strategies, these being: nature conservation, community engagement, access and recreation, culture heritage and learning. imbedded within these was a desire to attract visitors to spaces, thereby supporting the health and wellbeing of visitors, residents, learners and workers, amplifying Destination City. The Chair then went on to list the plethora of activities taking place over all the City Corporation managed spaces. This included various sports provisions and sporting events such as the night of 10,000 Personal Bests, cultural events such as outdoor theatre and visits from national organisations. The recent Natural Capital Audit suggested that the annual recreational benefits to the public amounted to £48.3m.

Eamonn Mullally asked a supplementary question, seeking examples of when the City had partnered with others to ensure the best value in the delivery of the strategies.

The Chair replied by acknowledging a number of the many partners that were vital to the outcomes of the four strategies. She referenced learning engagement with 18 London boroughs, numerous charitable organisations, and learning institutions. Given the locations of the many open spaces, the City Corporation regularly worked collaboratively with all the boroughs and district councils, county councils and MPs. The Chair noted the shared sense of stewardship and huge amounts of volunteer support across the portfolio.

Deputy Alpa Raja asked a supplementary question concerning how the Board was supporting the Fleet Street Quarter BID.

The Chair noted that of the 186 City gardens, many were churchyards that are managed in partnership with organisations such as the Church of England. In the BID area, rests St Bride's. Work was already underway to help make the space more attractive and vital space, working with partners on the shrub beds, railings and planters. There were plans for an outside Christmas concert as well as regular summer music and evening entertainment from summer 2025, in conjunction with plans to open outdoor entertaining space in each BID by next year.

Barbican Renewal and the Destination City

Irem Yerdelen asked a question of the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee concerning the Barbican Centre, the progress made in the development of a business case for its Renewal Programme and how this fitted within the Destination City programme of priorities.

The Chairman first took the opportunity to first put on record the Court's thanks to Claire Spencer, the outgoing Chief Executive Officer of the Barbican Centre, who had stepped down.

Yerdelen, I. to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee He then went on to note the importance of the Barbican Centre as an integral part of the Destination City programme, highlighting its potential to draw people into the City. The Centre was, however, over 40 years old and, like much of the City's built estate, was suffering from a long-term lack of investment in maintenance and essential works. From the again building infrastructure, to meeting accessibility and net zero requirements, keeping the Centre operational would require significant investment. To that end, the City Corporation had invested £25m in the previous year, to start addressing the first phase of critical works, including addressing health and safety issues, whilst developing a longer-term masterplan (Barbican Renewal Programme). Beyond that, the Policy and Resources Committee were aware of a business case being prepared for the Programme's priorities for the next five years. The Chairman concluded by remarking on the immense value provided to London and the UK, stating City Corporation's commitment to the Barbican Centre both now and into its future.

Irem Yerdelen asked a supplementary question, noting that if the Barbican Centre works were not undertaken, the City Corporation would fail on its climate action commitments, she asked for clarification on the internal governance process to secure the necessary funding.

In response, the Chairman noted that the business case for renewal was undergoing external assessment via the City Surveyor's Department. The intention of this was to ratify key assumptions and figures, before progressing. Once received, this will be formally submitted to the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and Policy and Resources Committee in September of this year, with a view to a recommendation being brought forward to this Honourable Court for decision after that. The City was seeking ways to fund the first five years of the programme, as it would require significant investment. In doing so, the corporate centre was working with Barbican Centre colleagues to support them on raising their own funds. A matter which the Chair had given a personal commitment to. Given the costs involved, it was inevitable that the Court would have some difficult decisions to make. The Chairman was confident that at appropriate time, the Honourable Could would take the necessary decisions, with long term future of City in mind.

Deputy Brian Mooney asked a supplementary question seeking confirmation that £1bn investment was required in order to bring the Barbican Centre back to its former, world class, state.

The Chairman of Policy and Resources explained that it would be irresponsible to speculate on costs before any form of external appraisal. He did, however, stress the fact that it would not be a cheap exercise and that considerable investment was needed. The Chairman explained that such investment could be programmed and delivered over time.

Sports Strategy

Lord, C. E., OBE, JP, Deputy to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee Deputy Edward Lord asked a question of the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee seeking an update on any positive progress that has been made since the City of London Sports Strategy was approved. They also asked whether the Chairman would further endorse the view that the City Corporation's sports engagement programme domestically and nationally, contributes significantly to its soft power and influence.

In reply, the Chairman stated that he whole heartedly agreed. The Sports Strategy sets out intention for the City of London to become a global destination for sport by 2030. Hosting major sporting events has huge positive impact on trade and soft power worth £4bn to the economy over the next ten years. The Chairman described a 'summer of sport', involving a series of activities hosted in partnership with City BIDs and Central London Alliance, designed to capitalise on major sporting events. For those wanting to get involved, they should visit www.sportinthecity.co.uk. Thanks to the City Corporation's convening power, it can play a unique role in enhancing UK's soft power.

Deputy Lord thanked CPR for generous endorsement and asked a supplementary question on whether consideration would now be given to sustainable funding stream to ensure work continues beyond initial three years agreed from his Committee's Policy Initiatives Fund.

Noting his personal support for this particular policy stream, the Chairman explained that the Policy Initiatives Fund was correctly utilised to get the strategy off the ground as seed support. He agreed that his Committee and the Court would need to consider funding for this, and other priorities, in future.

Deputy Natasha-Lloyd Owen asked a supplementary question about whether the City Corporation should be congratulating itself for sport engagement unless and until further work has been done to ensure delivery of accessible services to the local communities.

The Chairman agreed that there needed to be investment in sporting facilities for our electors, including residents. Whilst positive steps had been made in the implementation of the strategy, further progress was needed locally in the Square Mile.

Anne Corbett asked a supplementary question on the progress made on sports provision for children and young people in the City of London, particularly those from low income groups and those with Special Educational Needs.

The Chairman explained that, without advanced notice of this question, given the specific nature of the query, he would write to the Member and the Court with further information.

Anne Corbett asked a further supplementary question, asking for specific detail on the provisions for children at the Aldgate School, noting the distance they currently had to travel.

The Chairman agreed to include this.

Munsur Ali asked a supplementary question, remarking on the high level of poverty in London, the need to make sport accessible to all, and the possibility to make use of the opportunities arising with the new government. He sought assurances that work was not being undertaken in silos.

The Chairman provided a commitment that these issues were being considered in the round and that a fuller response would be provided to all Members alongside the further information sought by Anne Corbett.

Pursuant to Standing Order 13(9) and 13(10) the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor declared that the time limit of 40 minutes for Questions had passed and that any questions not dealt with shall be deferred for consideration at the following meeting or, with the consent of the questioner, be answered in writing within two working days and a copy placed in the Members' Reading Room.

12. CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

(Tijs Broeke)

City of London Police: Annual Report 2023/24

The Court received the City of London Police Annual Report 2023/2024 containing information on crime, financial and staff statistics, as well as a summary of the year.

In introducing the report, the Chair noted the Board's gratitude for the past Chair, Deputy James Thomson, for his steadfast commitment during his tenure. He then went on to remark on various areas of the Force's work, including counterterrorism, Safer City Partnership, tackling violence against women and girls, victim support, estate programme and new fraud reporting service.

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

13. DIGITAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Dawn Wright)

4 July 2024

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Future Network Programme – Gateway 4b The Court received a report concerning action taken under urgency procedures.

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

14. There was no report.

Legislation

15. Ballots There were no ballots at the last Court.

16. Hospital Seal There were no docquets.

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- 17. Awards and Prizes There was no report.
- 18. Resolved That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph (s) 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972; or relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of that Act.

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

19. *Resolved* – that the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

20. Policy and Resources Committee

(A) Markets Co-Location Programme

The Court considered and approved a report relating to the Markets Co-Location Programme. Specifically, the report proposed the cessation of the current proposed markets building on the Dagenham Dock site, whilst the City Corporation examines all options for a more affordable and sustainable solution.

(B) City of London Corporation: Revised Sponsorship Agreement between the City of London Academy Trust (CoLAT) and City of London Corporation

The Court considered and approved proposals relating to a revised Sponsorship agreement between the City of London Academy Trust and City of London Corporation.

21. Digital Services Committee and Finance Committee

The Court considered and approved a Gateway 4b report concerning the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Service Integrator Procurement Stage 2 Award, including a request to increase the programme budget, the appointment of the preferred contractor and permission to progress the project in line with the City Corporation's Projects Procedure.

22. Community and Children's Services Committee

The Court considered a report concerning a programme of window replacement and common parts redecorations across the City Corporation's housing estates, including Golden Lane, Holloway, Dron House, Sydenham Hill, William Blake and Windsor House, but with specific proposals in relation to the Southwark Estates

23. City of London Police Authority Board

The Court received a report providing notice of the City of London Police Commissioner vacancy. In accordance with the Member-Led Recruitment Policy, the report also detailed the planned recruitment campaign, as approved by the City of London Police Authority Board.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 3.02 pm

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