



General Purposes Committee of Aldermen

Date: TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members:

Alderman Sir William Russell (Chairman)	Alderman Robert Howard
Alderman Sir Charles Bowman (Deputy Chairman)	Alderman & Sheriff Gregory Jones KC
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Alderman Alastair King DL	Alderman Prem Goyal, OBE
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley	Alderman Professor Emma Edhem
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin	Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE	Alderman Bronek Masojada
Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons	Alderman Alexander Barr
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli	Alderman Christopher Makin
Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley, DBE	Alderman Tim Levene
Alderman Alison Gowman, CBE	Alderwoman Jennette Newman
Alderman Timothy Hailes JP	Alderman Kawsar Zaman
	Alderwoman Martha Grekos
	Alderman Simon Pryke
	Alderwoman Elizabeth Anne King, BEM JP

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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. **MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 15 October 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 12)

4. **APPOINTMENTS:**

a) **City & Guilds of London Institute**

To approve the appointment of an Alderman to the City & Guilds of London Institute for a term ending April 2026.

b) **The Committee of Aldermen to administer the Sir William Coxen Trust Fund**

To approve the appointment of two Aldermen to the Committee of Aldermen to administer the Sir William Coxen Trust Fund, each for a three-year term.

For Decision

5. **PRESENTATION - DESTINATION CITY**

Executive Director Private Secretary to the Policy Chairman and Destination City Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) to be heard.

For Information

6. **PRESENTATION -THE FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP OF LIVERY COMPANIES (FSG) - MAYORAL AND CITY BRIEFING 2024**

For Information

7. **LIVERY CLOTH - AWARD OF ANNUAL GRANT**

To award the annual Livery Cloth grant (£1,700).

For Decision
(Pages 13 - 16)

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

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

10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

For Decision

Part 2 - Non-Public

11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To approve the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 15 October 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 17 - 22)

12. **PROPOSED 2025/26 REVENUE BUDGET**

Joint report of the Chamberlain, the Town Clerk and the Remembrancer.

For Decision
(Pages 23 - 32)

13. **REVENUE OUTTURN 23/24**

Joint report of the Chamberlain, the Town Clerk and the Remembrancer.

For Information
(Pages 33 - 38)

14. **MANSION HOUSE - INCOME GENERATION 2023 - 24 & HIRE CHARGES 2025 - 26**
- Report of the Executive Director & Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor Mansion House.
- For Decision**
(Pages 39 - 50)
15. **FINANCE UPDATE ON THE MANAGEMENT FOR THE EMANUEL HOSPITAL (CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 206952)**
- Report of the City Bridge Foundation Finance Director.
- For Decision**
(Pages 51 - 76)
16. **RISK REGISTER FOR EMANUEL HOSPITAL CHARITY (CHARITY REGISTRATION NO. 206952)**
- Report of the Acting Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation and Chief Charities Officer.
- For Decision**
(Pages 77 - 92)
17. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**
- Report of the Town Clerk.
- For Information**
(Pages 93 - 96)
18. **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF ALDERMEN TO ADMINISTER THE SIR WILLIAM COXEN TRUST FUND**
- To receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee of Aldermen to administer the Sir William Coxen Trust Fund held on 16 October 2024.
- For Information**
(Pages 97 - 100)
19. **MINUTES OF THE EMANUEL HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**
- To receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Emanuel Hospital Management Sub-Committee held on 23 October 2024.
- For Information**
(Pages 101 - 104)

20. **ALDERMANIC STRATEGY GROUP THREE UPDATE**

For Information

21. **KEY COMMITTEE ISSUES**

For Discussion

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**

Agenda Item 3

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF ALDERMEN

Tuesday, 15 October 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held at Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 15 October 2024 at 10.00 am

Present

Members:

Alderman Sir William Russell (Chairman)
The Rt. Hon the Lord Mayor Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE
Alderman Alison Gowman CBE
Alderman Timothy Hailes JP
Alderman Robert Howard
Alderman & Sheriff Gregory Jones KC
Alderman Prem Goyal, OBE
Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney
Alderman Bronek Masojada
Alderman Alexander Barr
Alderman Christopher Makin
Alderman Tim Levene
Alderwoman Martha Grekos
Alderman Simon Pryke
Alderwoman Elizabeth Anne King, BEM JP

Officers:

Michael Cogher	- Comptroller & City Solicitor
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain
Paul Wright	- City Remembrancer
Paul Wilkinson	- City Surveyor
Robert Murphy	- Investment Property Director
Polly Dunn	- Interim Assistant Town Clerk
Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
James Edwards	- Remembrancer's Department
Tim Rolph	- Swordbearer
Rhiannon Leary	- Executive Officer to the Court of Aldermen
Lisa Ward	- Interim Director of Communications Transformation and Strategy
Siobhan Harley	- Election Engagement Campaign Manager

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

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Sir Charles Bowman (Deputy Chairman), Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley, Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons, Alderman Alastair King, DL, Alderman Professor Emma Edhem, Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley, DBE, Alderwoman Jennette Newman and Alderman Kawsar Zaman.

Apologies were also reported from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

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

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 17 September 2024.

RESOLVED: - That the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 17 September 2024 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. **APPOINTMENTS: -**

a) **Emanuel School**

The Town Clerk reported that this vacancy was recently advertised to the full Court of Common Council having previously been advertised to the Court of Aldermen. One expression of interest from Common Councillor Paul Singh had been received and his supporting statement had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. The Committee were now therefore asked to consider their support of Mr Singh as the Aldermanic nominee for the School to then consider his Governorship in accordance with their own internal processes.

An Alderman spoke in favour of the nomination, noting that Mr Singh was also an alumnus of the School. They went on to ask, however, that consideration be given as to how all appointees to Aldermanic outside bodies might report back to the Court going forward.

An Alderwoman queried whether attendance records which were publicly available were a relevant consideration in making such nominations/appointments. The Chairman reiterated that, in this instance, a final decision would be taken by the School having first met with nominees and clarified to them the time commitment involved in their governorship. There were also mechanisms by which Outside Bodies could flag concerns as to attendance/levels of engagement with the Town Clerk and the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee.

In terms of reporting back and the system by which the Court of Aldermen appointed to Outside Bodies, the Chairman clarified that the

Town Clerk would be reporting back on this in more detail in the new year.

b) City & Guilds of London Institute

The Town Clerk reported that a nominee for the City & Guilds of London Institute for a term ending in April 2026 was sought in the room of Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli who was stepping down from this role after over a decade.

The Town Clerk undertook to circulate further details on the time commitment involved with the appointment and specific skills set sought.

In terms of wider appointments, the Chairman also reported that, by convention, the Senior Alderman Below the Chair (SABTAC) took up an Aldermanic spot on the Policy and Resources Committee after the Silent Ceremony – this would be Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley in this instance.

Finally, the Committee were asked to recommend the appointment of Alderman and Sheriff Gregory Jones as a Director of the Lord Mayor's Show in his capacity as the new Aldermanic Sheriff.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- a) Agree to nominate Paul Singh CC to Emanuel School, for a three-year term expiring in October 2027;
- b) Defer the appointment of an Aldermanic representative on the City & Guilds of London Institute to their next meeting pending further information as to the likely time commitment, meeting patterns and skills set sought;
- c) Agree the appointment of Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley to one of the Aldermanic slots on the Policy and Resources Committee after the Silent Ceremony;
- d) Recommend the appointment of Alderman and Sheriff Gregory Jones as a Director of the Lord Mayor's Show.

5. ACT OF COMMON COUNCIL - ANNUAL ELECTION OF WARD BEADLES

The Committee considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive, the Comptroller and City Solicitor and the Remembrancer.

An Alderman noted that whilst the Court of Aldermen was a sovereign body in its own right and part of the wider Court of Common Council, it required a sub-Committee of the Common Council to take the recommendation forward – in this instance the Policy and Resources Committee.

RESOLVED - That the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen approve the report for onward submission to the Policy and Resources Committee with the recommendation that they recommend to the Court of Common Council the passing of an Act of Common Council in the form set out in Appendix 1 for the reasons articulated here.

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

Special Meeting of the Court of Aldermen – 8 November 2024

An Alderwoman referred to notice of a special meeting of the Court of Aldermen to be held ahead of the Silent Ceremony on 8 November 2024 which had recently been received by all. She queried why the business to be transacted here could not be dealt with today or at the early December meeting.

The Town Clerk clarified that under Aldermanic Standing Orders, it was the Lord Mayor's prerogative to call additional meetings of the Court of Aldermen where there was sufficient business to transact. On this occasion, that business would involve the receipt of letters of resignation and, conscious of the workload of the Electoral Services Team in the lead up to the all-out March Common Council elections, it had been deemed a better use of resources for letters to be submitted in November. The Silent Ceremony was also the occasion on which the Lord Mayor stepped down and he had deemed it preferable to submit his letter of resignation at this juncture as opposed to today when he still had a month in office remaining.

The Alderwoman remarked that in terms of timetabling, it appeared that many Aldermanic elections seemed to be called around the Christmas and Summer Recess period which could translate to a lower turnout of voters. She therefore queried whether consideration should be given to fixing election dates for Aldermen going forward. The Chairman responded to underline that Aldermen were effectively elected for life and surrendered office by convention at the age of 75 or after having served six-year terms. Historically, therefore, it had been left to individuals to choose the timing of the submission of their letters of resignation within these parameters. The Comptroller and City Solicitor reiterated that Aldermen were elected for life as a matter of law and that neither this Court nor the Court of Common Council therefore had the power to fix the electoral period, they could agree conventions (and these could be altered) but they remained just that.

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

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

8. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

9. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Committee considered the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 17 September 2024.

10. **PRESENTATION - PROPERTY STRATEGY**
The Committee heard a presentation of the Investment Property Director and the City Survey on the City's Investment Property Portfolio.
11. **PRESENTATION - BEST PRACTICE SOCIAL MEDIA USE FOR ALDERMEN AND ALDERWOMEN.**
The Committee heard a presentation of the Interim Director of Communications Transformation and Strategy and the Election Engagement Campaign Manager on Social Media use.
12. **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SHERIFFS' YEOMEN**
The Committee considered and approved a report of the City Remembrancer relative to the Appointment of Honorary Sheriff's Yeomen.
13. **ALDERMANIC STRATEGY GROUP THREE UPDATE**
Aldermanic Strategy Group Three updated the Committee on progress on the 'Court of Aldermen 2024' document.
14. **KEY COMMITTEE ISSUES**
Aldermen were given the opportunity to report on recent, wider Committee issues of strategic importance.
15. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were no questions raised in the non-public session.
16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**
Items of business concerning the Honourable Artillery Company, the Purdah period for the late Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor elect and insignia for the Lord Mayor's Aldermanic Representatives (LMARs) were discussed.
17. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**
The Committee considered and approved the confidential minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 15 October 2024.

The meeting ended at 12.20pm

Chairman

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PROVIDENCE ROW

HELPING HOMELESS AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE SINCE 1860

**Impact Report thanks to the very kind support of the
City of London Court of Aldermen over the last 12 months**

Prepared by Tom Hill (Head of Philanthropy)



Thank you very much for supporting Providence Row via the Livery Cloth Grant which enabled us to help 1,530 people experiencing homelessness in East London and the City.

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How you have helped

The last 12 months proved to be a difficult period with our client numbers being the highest on record while we also faced increased costs due to ongoing high inflation. Despite these challenges, your very kind grant helped 1,530 homeless people via our Crisis and Progression services so they could move from times of crisis and develop the skills and independence to approach the future with confidence and hope.

You helped people like Lily (not her real name) through our Routes to Roots (R2R) hospital discharge project *N.B., for confidentiality purposes, the photo does not correspond to the person represented in the case study.

Lily was 53 and receiving care at the Royal London Hospital when she was referred to our R2R team following a heart attack; partly due to her addictions to alcohol, Crack Cocaine and Heroin.

She became homeless due to family complications many years ago causing her to lose contact with her mum, sister and daughter, who was placed into her sister's care around that time.

For four years, Lily was sofa surfing with people who were exploiting her. She was receiving Universal Credit benefits but the money was going to someone else's bank account and she never saw any of it.

After an assessment, our R2R Worker helped Lily apply for a birth certificate so she could start another benefits claim, open a new bank account and re-visit her housing options.

Following some intensive advocacy work with the Local Authority Housing Team, our R2R Worker helped Lily access temporary accommodation due to her vulnerabilities and health risks. We also bought her some essentials like a bed, food, clothing, pots, pans and toiletries.

While Lily achieved some positive outcomes, she remained quite chaotic and difficult for us to work with. After several more months, we began preparing to discharge her from our service and ensured she was linked up with substance use and other local health services; helping prevent any relapses.



"I'm over the moon with my new home ... before your help I thought I would end up back on the streets again. Now my life is back on track, I want to get in touch with my sister and eventually my mum and hopefully see my daughter again too!"

Thanks to you, and our other supporters, these 1,530 people benefitted from our numerous Crisis and Progression services with 1,021 clients using our Resource Centre/Welcome Area for showers, triage assessment and sign-posting to our other services to receive help in some of the following ways (below and on the following page):



349 people entered accommodation over the year.



548 people accessed substance use support and treatment.



50 people accessed our Severe Weather service over the winter when temperature dropped below 0°C.



320 people accessed our Health & Wellbeing service with over **30%** accessing more than three treatments.



139 people received support from our Routes to Roots hospital discharge team so they didn't return to the streets following treatment.



64 clients completed one or more of our accredited training opportunities and **14** secured employment.



1,022 people ate **15,169** nutritious meals between them, helping maintain their strength and energy levels.



193 people received support from our Outreach Psychotherapy team to deal with their past, present and recurring trauma.

What's the ongoing need

Having just completed our busiest 12 months on record in support of 1,530 clients, we know there is still a huge need for our work. In line with our experiences, Tower Hamlets, where we deliver most of our services, experienced a 36% increase in rough-sleepers over a 12-month period and, during 2023/24, there were 625 rough-sleepers in the borough compared to 460 in 2022/23.

Homelessness generally is also rising sharply with around 183,000 homeless/vulnerably housed people in London (London Councils', 2024), up 8% on 2023. The CHAIN database of rough-sleepers showed 4,332 people were rough-sleeping in London from April to June 2024, 20% higher than the same period in 2023.



Homeless Link's 'Unhealthy State of Homelessness' report (2022), found homeless people fare much worse than the general population in several health measures:

- 82% experience mental health issues in contrast to 12% of the population.
- 63% suffer from long-term illness, disability or infirmity compared to 22% of the population.

Looking ahead to the next 12 months

To continue providing the most effective support to our clients, we will carry on working closely with them to understand their evolving needs, and, adapting our services and partnerships in some of the following ways:

- Provide a **greater level of outreach services in the local community** (like our Psychotherapy and Employability & Progression projects) in support of our most vulnerable and desperate clients who often won't come into our day centre for various reasons.
- Increase the number and capacity of health & wellbeing services on offer through our **brand-new medical room**, crucial to our clients' recovery and route away from the streets.
- Explore ways to **provide some of our key services at weekends** following discussions with several of our City of London Business Improvement District partners.

We feel confident that, thanks to our generous supporters like the Court of Aldermen, our dedicated staff team and many partner organisations, we will be in a strong position to continue providing the unique, award-winning services our clients desperately need so they can break the cycle of homelessness and have more positive outlooks for the future.

Ways we could continue working in partnership

I hope you have found this report interesting and informative and if you have any questions having reviewed it then please do ask. Separately, if the Court of Aldermen felt there could be the possibility of continuing to work in partnership with Providence Row in support of our clients then we would be delighted to hear from you.

Some ways you might like to consider supporting our work in 2024/25 include:

£3,000 will help our **Welcome Area to assist around 800 new homeless people** accessing our support to have showers, receive breakfast, undergo assessments and be sign-posted for other vital help.

£5,000 will enable **five clients to access our Employability & Progression programme** so they can develop skills in IT, money management, CV writing, interview techniques and job searching, as a few examples, helping them gain employment so they can live independent, self-sustaining lives in the future.

£6,000 will help us **support around 1,500 clients to get off, and stay off, the streets** and provide access to our wide range of Crisis and Progression services, as well as our community of support, so they can get their lives back on track and work towards achieving their potential.

Thank you very much, once again, to the Court of Aldermen for supporting Providence Row via the Livery Cloth Grant and for taking the time to read this report.

If you have any questions about this report, our services in general and/or how we may continue working together in support of our clients in 2024/25 then please don't hesitate to get in contact with Tom Hill (Head of Philanthropy) via thill@providencerow.org.uk or 07968 148 990.

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