



LANGLEY, MAYOR

COURT OF ALDERMEN

Tuesday, 9 December 2025

PRESENT

The Rt Hon. The Lady Mayor Dame
Susan Langley, DBE
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley
Alderman Sir Charles Bowman
Alderman Vincent Keaveny CBE
Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli

Alderman Timothy Hailes JP
Alderman Alison Gowman CBE
Alderman Robert Howard
Alderman Gregory Jones KC
Alderman Prem Goyal CBE
Alderman Professor Emma Edhem
Alderman & Sheriff Robert Hughes-
Penney
Alderman Bronek Masojada
Alderman Alexander Barr

Alderman Christopher Makin
Alderman Tim Levene
Alderman Kawsar Zaman
Alderdwoman Martha Grekos
Alderman Simon Pryke
Alderdwoman Elizabeth Anne King, BEM
JP

Minutes: That the minutes of the Court of Aldermen meeting held on 14th October 2025 were correctly recorded.

**Minutes,
Court of
Common
Council:** [The minutes of the Court of Common Council were on the table].

**Vote of
Thanks to
the Late
Lord
Mayor,
Alderman
Alastair
King:** **Resolved Unanimously:** - That this Court wishes to convey to,

Alastair John Naisbitt King DL

their gratitude and appreciation for the distinguished manner in which he has served as Lord Mayor of the City of London during the past year.

His Mayoral theme, 'Growth Unleashed', has focused on driving growth by celebrating the successes and diverse communities within the Square Mile, encouraging the adoption of technologies that provide London with a competitive advantage, and challenging industry to maximise opportunities through responsible risk-taking.

Alastair has achieved particular success through his tireless work to transform the UK's pension investment culture, championing a value-for-money approach that prioritises long-term returns for savers. Through the Mansion House Accord, an extra £50 billion of investment for UK businesses and major infrastructure projects is set to be unlocked, and his corresponding success through the Employer Pension Pledge, signed by the Chancellor in July, commits over twenty of the UK's

largest employers to pledge to prioritise retirement outcomes for their workforce, rather than focusing solely on cost reduction, when selecting or reviewing pension providers.

Throughout the year of office, the Lord Mayor undertook an extensive programme of international visits, travelling to over twenty countries by November and maintaining enthusiasm and good humour throughout, including visits to Australia, India, China, North America, Japan, the Gulf, and South East Asia. Notable highlights include hosting visiting dignitaries and officials, such as the State Visit by the President of the French Republic in July—celebrating ties between the UK and France and encouraging stronger collaboration on financial services—and hosting the Amir of Qatar at Mansion House during his State Visit.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, given his Scottish heritage, Alastair also made promoting investment into Scotland a personal priority, including through his co-hosting of Scotland's Global Investment Summit with Scottish Financial Enterprise in October, supported by both the UK and Scottish Governments.

And The Lord Mayor also demonstrated strong support for the Defence sector and Armed Forces by leading a series of breakfast roundtables on funding the UK defence supply chain with financial professional services firms.

In thanking Alastair, his colleagues on this Court also wish to express their gratitude to Florence, the Lady Mayoress, for her enthusiastic support throughout the year, particularly through her championing of the Armed Forces Covenant. We also record our thanks to Corinne Lee, who has often acted as Representative Lady Mayoress during the year.

In taking their leave of Alastair, their 696th Lord Mayor, Members unite in thanking Alastair for all that has been accomplished in his year and send best wishes to him and to Florence for their future good health and happiness.

**Resolutions
on
Retirements,
Congratulatory
Resolutions,
Memorials,
etc:**

There were no resolutions.

**The
Bridgemasters,
Oath Taking –
Giles Shilson
and Susan
Threader:**

The Bridgemasters, Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson and Susan Elizabeth Patterson Threader, made the prescribed declaration under the Promissory Oaths Act 1868 for the due execution of the Office.

**Applications
for
Freedom:**

The Chamberlain presented the names of two hundred and one persons to be made free of this City, and it is Ordered that they be admitted into the Freedom of this City accordingly, as follows:-

Name	Occupation	Address	Company
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Sharon Jane Affleck	a Business Unit Director	Northamptonshire	Fruiterers
Mark Anthony Aitkins	a Landscaping Company Director	Bedfordshire	Feltmakers
Zabir Ali	an Optometrist	Wandsworth, London	Spectacle Makers
Paul Frank Arden	a Farmer	Market Rasen, Lincolnshire	Farmers
James Lorenzo Argentieri	a Home & Garden Company Managing Director	Leigh-on-Sea, Essex	Glass Sellers
Keith Douglas John Atkins	a Civil Servant	Bristol	Carmen
Duncan Martin Owain Baldock	a Head of Procurement	Guildford, Surrey	Carmen
Andrew James Ballantyne	an Agricultural Director, retired	Sleaford, Lincolnshire	Poulters
Victoria Siobhan VR	Caroline Bannister, a Royal Air Force Personnel Support Adjutant	Essex	Chartered Secretaries & Administrators
Christopher Barker	Anthony a Civil Engineer	Brent, London	Engineers
Stephen James Bealey	a Pilot	Biggleswade, Bedfordshire	Air Pilots
Darren Mark Bell	a Group Fleet & Compliance Director	Camberley, Surrey	Carmen
Dr Delroy Sylvester Beverley, JP	a Hospital Non-Executive Director	Huddersfield, West Yorkshire	Educators
Charles Rupert Guy Biggin	a Chartered Accountant	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire	Chartered Accountants
Stephen Andrew Bilham	a Car Hire Company Director	Carshalton, Surrey	Hackney Carriage Drivers
Julia Jane Bird	a Ballet Teacher	Kent	Farriers
Nicholas John Black	a Contact Lens Optician	Hereford, Herefordshire	Spectacle Makers
Professor Alison Mary Blunt	a Professor of Geography	Barnet, London	Drapers
Marco Bottin	a Civil Servant	Ixelles, Belgium	Clockmakers

Jensen Mark Bourke	a Chartered Legal Executive	Burgess Hill, West Sussex	Wheelwrights
Roger Paul Bradburn	a College Principal	Hillingdon, London	Marketors
Jerome Philip Bradley	a Construction Company Managing Director	Buckinghamshire	Carpenters
Bruce Meikle Braes	a Security Consultant	Frome, Somerset	Security Professionals
Vanessa Ann Brett	a Milliner	Chelmsford, Essex	Feltmakers
Olivia Sylvia Brindle	an Insurance Professional	Tower Hamlets, London	Insurers
Michael Desmond Broadley	a Fire & Rescue Service Station Manager	Liverpool, Merseyside	Firefighters
David Andrew Brooks	an Information Technology Manager	Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire	Coopers
Neil Frank Buffin	a Solicitor	Cardiff, Wales	Spectacle Makers
Niamh Morgan Burke-Tomlinson	a Graduate	Wakefield, Yorkshire	West Bakers
David John Burton	a Fenestration Industry General Manager	Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	Gunmakers
Dr Alex James Byrne	a Medical Doctor	Godalming, Surrey	Apothecaries
Jose Antony Calvo	an Innovation Director	Lancaster, Lancashire	Spectacle Makers
Carol Ann Carter	a Secretary, retired	Hayling Island, Hampshire	Furniture Makers
Nigel James Chandler	a Business Development Director	Hampshire	Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers
Marie Foong Mei Cheong-Thong	a Food & Wine Writer and Consultant	Putney, London	Distillers
Maria Alexandra Ciucu	a Fundraising and Communications Director	Haringey, London	Makers of Playing Cards
Demi Lee Cole	a Human Resources Professional	Lambeth, London	Leathersellers
Dr Howard Pearce Collins	a Higher Education Teaching Fellow	Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Spectacle Makers

Brett Martin Cooper		a Solicitor	Morecambe, Lancashire		Carmen
Josephine Augusta Crowe	Maria Martyres	a Pipeline & Heating Company Managing Director	Lincoln, Lincolnshire		Builders Merchants
Marie Therese Crozier		a Registered Nurse	Rochester, Kent		Nurses
Amanda Davidson	Jane	an Optometrist	Eastbourne, Sussex	East	Spectacle Makers
Colin Philip Davidson		an Optometrist	Eastbourne, Sussex	East	Spectacle Makers
Jennifer Davies	Lorraine	a Media, Communications & Events Officer	Bridgend, Wales		Carmen
Douglas John Day		a Liquor Company C.E.O.	Suffolk		Gunmakers
John Simon Day		a Veterinary Surgeon	Suffolk		Loriners
Matthew Terence Day		a Banking Software Company Director	Havering, London		Coopers
Phoebe Elizabeth Day	Annie	an Insurance Broker	Havering, London		Coopers
Squadron Craig Edward Jonghe	Leader De	a Fuels Policy Manager	Buckinghamshire		Fuellers
Mario De Jimenez	Serranos	a Corporate Banker	Southwark, London		International Bankers
Mark Richard Dean		a Social Club Chairman	Greenwich, London		Gunmakers
Lucy Jane Demmon		a Solicitor	Westminster, London		Glass Sellers
Ashley Edward Digweed-Francis	Alex	a Brickwork Project Manager	Suffolk		Tylers & Bricklayers
James Doherty		a Farmer & Broadcaster	Suffolk		Butchers
Dr Anthony Doyle	James	an Electronics Manufacturing Company Chairman	Horsham, Sussex	West	Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers
Dr Amy Eccles	Elizabeth	a Medical Doctor	Lambeth, London		Cutlers
Jonathan Eshkeri	Reuben	a Solicitor	Hertfordshire		World Traders

Andrew Fairbairn	Amiel	a Capital Markets Investor & Charity Executive	Haringey, London	International Bankers
Richard Conor Farr		a Merchandiser	Newham, London	Coopers
Nicholas John Oxleigh Fell		a Shipping and Energy Company General Counsel	Singapore	Shipwrights
Sam Jess Fenton-Elstone		a Marketing Agency Chief Executive	Brighton, East Sussex	Marketors
Professor Christopher Ashley Ford		a Professor of International Relations	Bethesda, Maryland, United States of America	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Ian Norman Ford		an Independent Social Worker & Practice Educator	Greenwich, London	Fletchers
Natalie Forrest		a Senior National Health Service Manager	Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire	Nurses
Barbara Laura Franci		a Candlemaker	Genoa, Italy	Wax Chandlers
Karen Debra Gennard		an Optometrist	Gloucestershire	Spectacle Makers
Helen Anita Gibbons		a Lead Nurse	Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire	Nurses
Naomi Frances Gibson		a Scientist	Macclesfield, Cheshire	Fletchers
Dr Edward John Gillin		a University Professor	Devon	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Dame Anne Margaret Glover, DBE		a Venture Capitalist	Kensington Chelsea, London	& Merchant Taylors
Anne Elizabeth Glynn		a Business Manager	Cobham, Surrey	Insurers
Sally Barbara Goodsir		a Curator of Decorative Arts	Amersham, Buckinghamshire	Painter-Stainers
Simon John Reza Goodwin		an Electrical Contracting Company Director	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire	Lightmongers
Thomas Michael Gray		a Strategy Professional	Wiltshire	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Commodore Timothy Cooper Green, CBE		a Royal Navy Officer	Gosport, Hampshire	Fan Makers

Lata Gullapalli		an Investment Banker & Consultant	Camden, London	Glaziers
Captain Ahamed Hazari Hafeel		a Master Mariner	Kingston Upon Thames, London	Master Mariners
John Kendall Hall		a Master Distiller	Devon	Distillers
Timothy James Benedict Hallett		a Teacher	Malvern, Worcestershire	Educators
Penelope Hamilton, JP	Vivien	an Advanced Nurse Practitioner	Winchester, Hampshire	Nurses
Revd Timothy Handley	John	a Clerk in Holy Orders	Westminster, London	Skinners
Mark John Hargreaves		a Business Data Company Executive	Gloucestershire	Needlemakers
William Harrison	Richard	an Estate Manager	Suffolk	Farmers
Patrick Alois Hayes	Jardine	an Execution Analyst	Hammersmith & Fulham, London	Mercers
Rebecca Head	Elizabeth	a Property Lettings Negotiator	Wandsworth, London	Mercers
Carolyn Hayley Hilder	Jane	a Judge	Hertfordshire	Broderers
Alexander David Hill		a Building Services Engineer	Orpington, Kent	Constructors
Hayder Hoozeer	Rothschild	a Film Producer	Westminster, London	Tobacco Makers & Blenders
Mark Richard Hopking		a Sea Captain	Edinburgh, Scotland	Master Mariners
Lucy Jane Horncastle		an Operations Manager	Brent, London	Distillers
Jamie John Howes	Alec	a House of Commons Senior Doorkeeper	Brent, London	Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers
Carmen-Elena Iftode		an Actuary	Kingston Upon Thames, London	Actuaries
Andrew Stuart Jackson		an Animal Feed Company Commercial Director	Oswestry, Shropshire	Farmers

Himanshu Chooramun Jhoboo	an Actuary	Greenwich, London	Actuaries
Fay Susan Isobel Johnstone	a Human Resources Consultant, retired	Richmond Upon Thames, London	Human Resource Professionals
Karl Ashley Jones, MBE	a Part-Time Digital Communications Officer	Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Joanne Charlotte Jørgensen	a Creative Director	Lewisham, London	Cordwainers
William Charles Kay	an Airline Pilot	Henley Beach, Adelaide, Australia	Air Pilots
Shameem Kazmi	a Management Consultancy Company Director	Solihull, West Midlands	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Judith Ann Keeling	a Journalist	Oxfordshire	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Maia Khitarishvili	a Hydrogen Exploration Company Director	Cobham, Surrey	Fuellers
Anthony John Kingsley	a Clockmaking Company Director	Kensington & Chelsea, London	Clockmakers
Penelope Anne Lake	an IT Consulting Company Secretary	Henley On Thames, Oxfordshire	Farriers
John Paul Lennon	a Technical Director	Poole, Dorset	Butchers
Susan Beverley Lidstone	a Fine Artist	Farnham, Surrey	Painter-Stainers
Paul Michael Lincoln, CB OBE VR	a Management Consultant	Halton Village, Buckinghamshire	Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers
Silva Lukoseviciute	an Assistant Butler	Newham, London	Fishmongers
Alastair Sebastian Russell Lyon	a Journalist	Richmond Upon Thames, London	Dyers
Rosalind Jane Mabey	a Lead Nurse	Vale of Glamorgan, Wales	Nurses
David Macelvogue	a Project Manager, retired	Abingdon, Oxfordshire	Information Technologists
Brett Roderick Mackay	a Procurement Manager	Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire	Butchers

David James Mansfield	an Audio Research Company Non Executive Chairman	Wandsworth, London	Marketors
Mark William Marland	an Eye Health Consultant	Lancashire	Spectacle Makers
Nathalie Marshall	Catherine a Senior Service Designer	Swindon, Wiltshire	Mercers
Cheryl Rose Martin	an Executive Cyber Security Officer	Hertfordshire	Information Technologists
Geneviève Mather	Elizabeth a Property Letting Company Director	Newbury, Berkshire	Arts Scholars
Paul Gerard May	a Business Consultancy Director	Clitheroe, Lancashire	Carmen
Archie McAlpine	Robert a Wellbeing Research Consultancy Founder	Southwark, London	Paviors
Frederick Edwin Riddell	William McAlpine- a Sculptor	Hackney, London	Paviors
Felicity Alice McCallum	Petronelle a Finance Manager	Merton, London	Salters
Martyn McIntee	Thomas a Fleet Compliance Auditor	Ashford, Kent	Carmen
Ian Alexander McKerrow	Chiene a Whisky Academy Director	Stirlingshire, Scotland	Distillers
Thomas Henry McLaughlin	Ronan a Chartered Surveyor	St Albans, Hertfordshire	Carpenters
Claire Linzee Adam	Midgley- a Horticulturist	Westminster, London	Gardeners
Ian John Mills	an Airline Pilot	Camberley, Surrey	Air Pilots
Jocelyn Claire Mitchell	a School Governor	Putney, London	Skinners
Jason Harling Morris	an I.T. Company Engagement Manager	Waltham Forest, London	Information Technologists
Diane Jane Nash	a Contact Lens Optician	Trowbridge, Wiltshire	Spectacle Makers
Gordon Newlands	James a Brand Development Manager	Selkirk, Scottish Borders	Butchers

Grace Ibiyinka Ogedengbe	a Head of Financial Crime Operations	Croydon, London	International Bankers
Tony Derrick O'Leary	a Physician	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	Coopers
Luis Alberto Oliveira Fonseca	an Eyewear Manufacturing Company Director	Broxbourne, Hertfordshire	Spectacle Makers
Sarah Elizabeth Oliver	a Journalist and Author	Suffolk	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Okikiade Maria Jesse Oloyede	a Technology Consultant	Lewisham, London	Leathersellers
Fergal James O'Reilly	a Chartered Surveyor	Oxted, Surrey	Chartered Surveyors
Eleanor Mary Owen	a Sommelier	Newquay, Cornwall	Vintners
Ugbana Julius Isotuk Oyet	a Public Servant	Basingstoke, Hampshire	Engineers
Oliver Humphrey Umberto Padovan	an Investment Banking Associate	Brent, London	Drapers
Lorenzo Pandolfi	a Planning Consultant	Hackney, London	Chartered Architects
Cameron James McCausland Parham	a Technology Consultant	Guildford, Surrey	Insurers
Reena Rohit Parmar	a Solicitor	Harrow, Middlesex	Solicitors
Eyiyemi Olakitan Awobode Pearse	a Consultant Surgeon	Wandsworth, London	Cutlers
Dr Charlotte Margaret Rosina Perry	a Medical Doctor	Wandsworth, London	Apothecaries
Fiona Ellen Petch	an Architect	Hammersmith & Fulham, London	Chartered Architects
James Richard Pilbin	a Builders' Merchant Sales Director	Warwick, Warwickshire	Builders Merchants
Iryna Plastun	a Business Development Manager	Westminster, London	Fuellers
William Matthew Pohl	a Property Company Director	Chelmsford, Essex	Glass Sellers
Stefan Anders Poole	an Optical Retail Assistant Buyer	Bedfordshire	Spectacle Makers
Rupert John Preston-Bell	a Music Director, retired	Tunbridge Wells, Kent	Musicians

Simon Peter Protano	a Training & Recruitment Manager	Congleton, Cheshire	Carmen
Rachel Rayner-Lok	a Master Saddler & Saddle Fitter	Kent	Saddlers
Stephen Edward James Reid	an International Business Consulting Partner	St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands	Gunmakers
Anna Rennie	a Silversmith & Maille Maker	Truro, Cornwall	Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers
Brian Edmund Richardson	a Head of Agriculture	Harrogate, North Yorkshire	Farmers
Ian David Robinson	a Head of Strategy & Development	Lancaster, Lancashire	Paviors
Kevin Rodgers	a Chemical Company Director	Islington, London	Gunmakers
Alexander Frederick James Roe	a Fund Manager, retired	Alton, Hampshire	Skinners
Sarah Elizabeth Rollings	a Strategic Client Director	Ealing, London	Shipwrights
Nicholas Henry Rolls	a Motor Company Spatial Brand Design Manager	West Sussex	Tylers & Bricklayers
Lawrence Stuart Rose	an Insurance Broker Managing Director	Woodford Green, Essex	Hackney Carriage Drivers
Jack Ross	a Taxi Company Director	Bexley, London	Hackney Carriage Drivers
Dan-Andrei Ruse	a Software Engineer	Kingston Upon Thames, London	Information Technologists
Professor Vincent Vesa Savolainen	a University Professor	Eton Wick, Berkshire	Scientific Instrument Makers
Christian Henry Saxton	a Mining Company Director	Hammersmith and Fulham, London	International Bankers
Alexander James Scott	a Consultancy and Finance Company Director	Devon	Woolmen
Faraz Shibli	a Barrister	Northamptonshire	Pewterers
Emma Jane Shipley	an Artist & Designer	Haringey, London	Dyers
Professor Edmund Richard Simons	an Academic	Staffordshire	Pewterers

Professor Edward Spier	Steven	a	University Chancellor	Vice-	Southwark, London	Drapers
Joel Stanton	Elliot Dane	a	Nurse		Tower London	Nurses
Adam Timothy Stearns		a	Consultant Surgeon		Cambridgeshire	Barbers
Rachel Stonehouse	Alice	a	Baking Company Product Development Manager		Brighton and Hove, East Sussex	Bakers
Graham Paul Strachan		a	Software Company Senior Director		Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire	Information Technologists
Lorna Sheila Straker		a	Tax Manager		Oxfordshire	Tax Advisers
Matthew Stringer	Jackson	a	Charity Executive	Chief	Bath, Somerset	Spectacle Makers
Dr Samantha Strong	Louise	a	University Lecturer		Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Spectacle Makers
Joan Heather Stubbs		a	Music Teacher, retired		Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire	Merchant Taylors
Helen Clare Taylor		a	Teacher, retired		Horsham, Sussex	West Spectacle Makers
Simon Thacker		a	Manufacturing Company Director		Walsall, Midlands	West Builders Merchants
Vaishali Thakrar	Ashwin	a	Dispensing Optician		Harrow, London	Spectacle Makers
Philip Sherwood Roper Thompson		a	Contact Optician	Lens	Rotherfield, Sussex	East Spectacle Makers
Alexander Tozzi	Edward	a	Home Service Company Chief Executive		West Sussex	Plumbers
Danny Upson		a	Retail Sales & Marketing Director		Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear	Butchers
Alison Mary Vincent Dr John Hereward Wake, DL		a	Glass Artist Farm Managing Partner		Buckinghamshire Northampton, Northamptonshire	Glass Sellers Farmers
David John Walker		a	Technology Company Director		Northamptonshire	Information Technologists
Brett William Walwyn		a	Psychotherapist		Kettering, Northamptonshire	Stationers & Newspaper Makers

Haydn Philip Webb	a Film & T.V. Horsemaster	Reading, Berkshire	Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers
Lucy Rosanna Weld	a Solicitor	Wandsworth, London	Saddlers
Kristin Jane Wellenstein Kilshaw	a Property Manager & Landlord	Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire	Glovers
Martin David Ashcombe Wheatcroft	a Chartered Accountant	St. Neots, Huntingdonshire	Chartered Accountants
Hilary Margaret White	a Credit Controller, retired	Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire	Farriers
Martin Donald White	a Lawyer, retired	Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire	Farriers
Don Mathew Williams	an Optometrist	Kidderminster, Worcestershire	Spectacle Makers
Wing Robert Williams	Commander Benjamin a Royal Air Force Officer	Stourport On Severn, Worcestershire	Founders
Annette Elizabeth Wilson	an Investment Company Non-Executive Director	Richmond Upon Thames, London	Chartered Accountants
Dr Mervin Pak Ming Wong	a Medical Doctor	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Apothecaries
Claire Denise Wood	a School Improvement Executive	Sittingbourne, Kent	Glass Sellers
Stella Maria Wood	a Taxi Driver & Tour Guide	Southwark, London	Hackney Carriage Drivers
Pinar Yetgin	an Insurance Company Non-Executive Director	Merton, London	International Bankers
Aram Osep Zagikyan	a Railway Engineering Manager	Stanford-le-Hope, Essex	Carmen

**Reports –
General
Purposes
Committee
of
Aldermen:**

Governance of the Court of Aldermen – Amended Standing Orders

The Court of Aldermen considered recommendations of its General Purposes Committee on amended Standing Orders for the Court of Aldermen (together with additional guidance on the Pre and Post Mayoral Election period) and proposed Terms of Reference for the General Purposes Committee.

Resolved: - That the amended Standing Orders of the Court of Aldermen (including the appended Supporting Guidance for Immediate Pre and Post Mayoral Periods piece) and the Terms of Reference of the General Purposes Committee be approved to come into immediate force and be made publicly available, replacing any past such versions.

Trusteeship of the Samuel Wilson Loan Charity

The Court of Aldermen considered recommendations of its General Purposes Committee concerning accepting trusteeship of the Samuel Wilson Loan Charity (noting that this was *also contingent on a concurrent decision by the Policy and Resources Committee regarding resource allocation*). This historic Aldermanic charity, provides business loans to disadvantaged young people aged 18–39, and is currently overseen by individual trustees - the Chamberlain (ex officio) and five Aldermen. The most recent Corporate Charities Review again recommended transferring trusteeship to the City of London Corporation acting by the Court of Aldermen, a proposal supported by the Charity's trustees. If approved, a new sub-committee under the Court of Aldermen would be formed, mirroring the Emanuel Hospital structure, with aligned meetings and a proposed core group of Aldermen serving across both sub-committees to enhance and reinforce understanding of charity trustee regulation and compliance obligations, as well as to otherwise improve efficiency and oversight.

Resolved: - That this Honourable Court, subject to the concurrence of the Policy & Resources Committee regarding resource allocation:

- accept the transfer of trusteeship to the City of London Corporation, acting by the Court of Aldermen, for Samuel Wilson Loan Charity;
- appoint a sub-committee of the General Purposes Committee to undertake the management of the charity with wide discretion to consider and agree the governance and operational arrangements which should be adopted for the charity's effective administration accountable always to the General Purposes Committee and ultimately the Court of Aldermen in its capacity as charity trustee of the Samuel Wilson Loan Charity; and
- agree that the governance of the new sub-committee be aligned to that of the Emanuel Hospital sub-committee and that a core group of Aldermen should serve across both sub-committees.

Emanuel Hospital Charity

The Court of Aldermen considered recommendations of its General Purposes Committee on the Emanuel Hospital Charity's financial position as at the most recent year end (2024/25) and in the period to date (5 months to 31 August 2025), with a forecast for the remainder of the 2025/26 financial year alongside a cash flow forecast from 2025/26 up to 2026/27.

Resolved: - That, the Aldermen, acting collectively for the City of London Corporation as the charity trustee and only in the best interests of Emanuel Hospital:

- i. Approve the contents of the financial update report and Appendices.
- ii. Approve the draft Trustee's annual report and financial statements which have now been independently examined, and direct that they be signed by the Chairman of the Emanuel Hospital Management Sub-Committee and the Chamberlain under delegated authority.
- iii. Note the likely required drawdown from investments held, to take place in April 2026.

Letters:-
Surrender of
Office,
Alderman of
the Ward of
Coleman
Street:

The Town Clerk lay before the Court a letter of surrender of office from Alderman Sir Peter Estlin offering to surrender his Office of Alderman of the Ward of Coleman Street.

RECEIVED.

Court of
Hustings:

Resolved Unanimously:- That the Court of Hustings **NOTE** the appointment by the Lady Mayor of Gary Langley as Deputy Gauger for her Mayoralty.

At the conclusion of the Court of Hustings, the Lady Mayor wished all members of the Court, the High Officers, and all others present or observing the meeting online, a very happy festive period.

THOMAS.