

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU

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**This meeting will be  
preceded by a short  
Service in St Lawrence Jewry,  
at 11.30am.  
Members will wear  
gowns on this occasion.**

**The Lord Mayor will take the Chair at ONE  
of the clock in the afternoon precisely.**



## COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on **FRIDAY** next, **the 25th day of April, 2025**.

Members of the public can observe the public part of this meeting by visiting the [City of London Corporation YouTube Channel](#)

IAN THOMAS CBE,  
*Town Clerk & Chief Executive.*

*Guildhall,  
Tuesday 15th April 2025*

Sir William Russell

Kawsar Zaman

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*Aldermen on the Rota*

## 1 Introduction of Newly Elected Members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>
Sandra Jenner	Aldersgate
Lesley Cole	Aldgate
Leyla Boulton	Bassishaw
Melissa Collett	Billingsgate
Simon Burrows	Bishopsgate
Karina Dostalova	Bishopsgate
Elizabeth Corrin	Broad Street
Tana Adkin	Castle Baynard
Bethany Coombs	Castle Baynard
Susan Farrington	Castle Baynard
Josephine Hayes	Castle Baynard
Helen Ladele	Castle Baynard
Vasiliki Manta	Castle Baynard
Leyla Ostovar	Castle Baynard
Stephanie Steeden	Castle Baynard
Philip Kelvin	Coleman Street
Sushil Saluja	Coleman Street
Tessa Marchington	Cornhill
Sarah Gillinson	Cripplegate
Mercy Haggerty	Cripplegate
Adam Hogg	Cripplegate
Gaby Robertshaw	Cripplegate
Fraser Peck	Farringdon Within
Stuart Thompson	Farringdon Without
Matthew Waters	Langbourn
Samapti Bagchi	Portsoken
Sophia Mooney	Queenhithe
Stephen Hodgson	Vintry

## 2 New Chief Commoner to take their seat

## 3 Apologies

## 4 Declarations by Members under the Code of Conduct in respect of any items on the agenda

## 5 Minutes

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 6 March 2025.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 11 - 36)

## 6 Appointments

To appoint the Committees until the first meeting of the Court in April 2025 and to agree the terms of reference and constitution for each Committee.

(A list of the proposed appointments, terms of reference including proposed amendments, and constitutions has been separately circulated).

(Unless otherwise stated, the requirement for certain Committees to have a Member with fewer than five or ten years' service on the Court, at the time of their appointment, or where primary residence must be in the City, is fulfilled by the existing membership).

(Supporting statements in respect of the contested vacancies outlined below and in relation to Item 7 (A) and (B) are set out immediately following the White Paper, at pages 89-108).

Nominations received for vacancies of varying terms:-

*Where appropriate:*

*\* Denotes a Member standing for re-appointment by the Court of Common Council.*

*#Denotes a Member who has fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of the appointment*

*^ Denotes a Member who currently serves on the Committee as either a co-opted or external member, or in an ex-officio capacity or as a representative of another Committee with appointment rights.*

*† denotes a Member whose primary residence is in the City.*

### (A) **Policy & Resources Committee** (six vacancies) (Contest)

#### **Nominations received:-**

Deputy Emily Benn

\*Deputy Keith Bottomley

Deputy Timothy Butcher

Karina Dostalova

Simon Duckworth OBE DL

Sue Farrington

Deputy Marianne Fredericks

\*Deputy Caroline Haines

Josephine Hayes

\*Deputy Christopher Hayward

Amy Horscroft

Gregory Lawrence

Deputy Nighat Qureshi

\*Philip Woodhouse

Mark Wheatley

Irem Yerdelen

### (B) **Investment Committee** (four vacancies) (Contest)

#### **Nominations received:-**

#^Shahnan Bakth

#Deputy Timothy Butcher

\*Simon Duckworth OBE DL

Alderman Alison Gowman CBE

Alderman Prem Goyal OBE JP  
 #^Deputy Madush Gupta  
 #Stephen Hodgson  
 ^Deputy Henry Pollard

The requirement for this Committee to have a Member with fewer than five years' service on the Court, at the time of their appointment is not fulfilled by the existing membership.

(C) **City of London Police Authority Board** (three vacancies)  
 (Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

+^ Melissa Collett  
 + Deputy Helen Fentimen OBE JP  
 Deputy Benjamin Murphy  
 Sushil Saluja  
 James Tumbridge

The requirement for this Committee to have two Members whose primary residence is in the City of London, is not fulfilled by the existing membership. One further resident Member must be appointed this day.

(D) **Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama** (five vacancies)  
 (Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

#\*Deputy Emily Benn  
 #\*John Foley  
 #Sandra Jenner  
 #Tessa Marchington  
 #\*Suzanne Ornsby KC  
 #Naresh Sonpar

The requirement for this Committee to have a Member with fewer than five years' service on the Court, at the time of their appointment is not fulfilled by the existing membership.

(E) **Education Board** (four vacancies)  
 (Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Deputy Anne Corbett  
 \*Deputy Caroline Haines  
 \*Alderman Robert Howard  
 Timothy McNally  
 \*Naresh Sonpar

(F) **Gresham Committee** (two vacancies)  
 (Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

#Jason Groves  
 Shravan Joshi MBE  
 #Timothy McNally

#Fraser Peck  
 #\*Deputy Nighat Qureishi  
 #Sushil Saluja

The requirement for this Committee to have a Member with fewer than five years' service on the Court, at the time of their appointment, is not fulfilled by the existing membership.

(G) **Corporate Services Committee** (Seven vacancies)  
 (Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Simon Burrows  
 Lesley Cole  
 ^Steve Goodman OBE  
 \*Deputy Christopher Hayward  
 Stephen Hodgson  
 Adam Hogg  
 Sandra Jenner  
 \*Timothy McNally  
 David Sales  
 \*James Tumbridge

(H) **Barbican Centre Board** (three vacancies)  
 (Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Aaron D'Souza  
 Karina Dostalova  
 \*Alderman Sir William Russell  
 \*Irem Yerdelen

(I) **City Bridge Foundation Board** (five vacancies)  
 (Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

\*Deputy Henry Colthurst  
 \*Simon Duckworth OBE DL  
 Deputy Henry Pollard  
 Ruby Sayed  
 \*Dr Giles Shilson  
 \*Deputy James Thomson CBE

(J) **Livery Committee** (three vacancies)  
 (Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Nick Bensted-Smith JP  
 \*Deputy Keith Bottomley  
 Deputy Madush Gupta  
 Timothy McNally  
 Deputy Henry Pollard  
 Fraser Peck  
 David Sales  
 \*Irem Yerdelen

- (K) **Audit and Risk Management Committee** (seven vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Simon Burrows  
 Deputy Timothy Butcher  
 Stephen Hodgson  
 \*Alderwoman Elizabeth King BEM JP  
 David Sales  
 \*Ruby Sayed  
 \*Naresh Sonpar
- (L) **Markets Board** (eight vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Deputy Marianne Fredericks  
 \*Charles Edward Lord OBE JP  
 \*Wendy Mead OBE  
 \*Deputy Henry Pollard  
 Jason Pritchard  
 Deputy Nighat Qureishi  
 Mark Wheatley
- (M) **Digital Committee Services** (seven vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 #Simon Burrows  
 #Lesley Cole  
 \*James Tumbridge  
 \*Deputy Dawn Wright
- (N) **Board of Governors of the City of London School** (one vacancy)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 David Sales
- (O) **Natural Environment Board and West Ham Park Committee** (three vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Charles Edward Lord OBE JP  
 William Upton KC
- (P) **Epping Forest & Commons Committee** (three vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Elizabeth Corrin  
 \*Gregory Lawrence  
 \*Deputy Benjamin Murphy
- (Q) **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queens Park Committee** (six

vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Simon Burrows  
 \*Wendy Mead OBE  
 \*William Upton KC

- (R) **Barbican Residential Committee** (four vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 ^Dawn Frampton  
 ^Deputy Ceri Wilkins

- (S) **Licensing Committee** (eight vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 \*Deputy Peter Dunphy  
 \*Jason Pritchard  
 Sushil Saluja  
 \*Deputy Ceri Wilkins

- (T) **Health and Wellbeing Board** (two vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Deputy Helen Fentimen OBE JP  
 Sarah Gillinson

- (U) **Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee** (four vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Mercy Haggerty  
 \*David Sales  
 Ruby Sayed

- (V) **Local Government Pensions Board** (one vacancy)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Alderman Prem Goyal OBE JP

- (W) **Freedom Applications Sub-Committee** (two vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Deputy Madush Gupta  
 Charles Edward Lord OBE JP

- (Y) **Member Development and Standards Sub-Committee** (two vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Timothy McNally  
 Sandra Jenner

- (Z) **Capital Buildings Board** (three vacancies)  
 (No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 \*Charles Edward Lord OBE JP  
 Deputy Madush Gupta

**For Decision**  
 (Pages 37 - 108)

## 7 **Appointments to Ward Committees**

To appoint vacancies on Ward Committees (where not all places on Ward Committees are filled by Wards, vacancies can be filled by Members of the Court), viz.:

- (A) Four Members on the **Communities & Children's Services Committee**  
 (Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Samapti Bagchi  
 Deputy Anne Corbett  
 Dawn Frampton  
 Steve Goodman OBE  
 Adam Hogg  
 Jason Pritchard
- (B) Two Members on the **Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee**  
 (Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Matthew Bell  
 John Foley  
 Sophia Mooney
- (C) Two Members on the Port Health & Environment Services Committee  
 (No Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
 Deputy John Edwards  
 Stuart Thompson

**For Decision**

## 8 **Mayoral Engagements**

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor to report on his recent engagements.

## 9 **Policy Statement**

To receive a statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

## 10 **Planning and Transportation Committee**



To consider a report relating to property held for planning purposes.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 109 - 112)

11 **Motions**

12 **The Freedom of the City**

To consider a circulated list of applications for the Freedom of the City.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 113 - 120)

13 **Questions**

14 **Legislation**

To receive a report setting out measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation.

**For Information**  
(Pages 121 - 122)

15 **Ballot Results**

There were no ballots at the last Court.

**For Information**

16 **Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials.**

17 **Awards and Prizes**

18 **Docquets for the Hospital Seal.**

**MOTION**

19 **By the Chief Commoner**

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 Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, or they otherwise relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**For Decision**

20 **Non-Public Minutes**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting of the Court held on 9 January 2025.

**For Decision**

**21 Civic Affairs Sub-Committee**

**(A) City Events programme for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29**

To consider proposals relating to recurring City-hosted events

**For Decision**

(Pages 123 - 130)

**(B) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Applications for Hospitality**

To receive a report setting out action taken under urgency procedures concerning the provision of hospitality.

**For Information**

(Pages 131 - 132)

**22 City Bridge Foundation Board**

To receive a report setting out action taken under urgency procedures concerning a headlease variation.

**For Information**

(Pages 133 - 134)

**23 Policy and Resources Committee**

To receive a report setting out action taken under urgency procedures concerning the expansion of the City of London Academies Trust.

**For Information**

(Pages 135 - 136)

**24 Corporate Services Committee**

To receive a report setting out action taken under urgency procedures concerning the creation of Grade I posts.

**For Information**

(Pages 137 - 138)