

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU

1

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  
**THURSDAY** next, the **22nd day of May, 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,  
Wednesday 14th May 2025*

Sir Nicholas Lyons

Sheriff Gregory Jones KC

}

*Aldermen on the Rota*

1 **Apologies**

2 **Declarations by Members under the Code of Conduct in respect of any items on the agenda**

3 **Minutes**

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 25 April 2025.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 11 - 38)

4 **Mayoral Engagements**

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

5 **Policy Statement**

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

6 **Appointments**

To consider the following appointments:

- (A) **Capital Buildings Board** (one vacancy)  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

James Tumbridge  
Philip Woodhouse

- (B) **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Sub-Committee** (two vacancies)  
(Contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Dr Joanna Abeyie  
Josephine Hayes  
David Williams

- (C) **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queens Park Committee** (three vacancies)

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Karina Dostalova

- (D) **Natural Environment Board and West Ham Park Committee** (one vacancy)

(No contest)

**Nominations received:-**

Karina Dostalova

- (E) **Digital Services Committee** (three vacancies)  
(No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
Philip Kelvin
- (F) **Licensing Committee** (four vacancies)  
(No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
Samapti Bagchi  
Alderman Prem Goyal  
Matthew Waters
- (G) **Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee** (one vacancy)  
(No contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
Alderwoman Elizabeth King
- (H) **Education Board** (one vacancy)  
(No Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
Timothy McNally
- (I) **Board of Governors of the London Museum** (two vacancies)  
(Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
Elizabeth Corrin  
Sarah Gillinson  
Gaby Robertshaw
- (J) **Trust for London** (one vacancy)  
(Contest)  
**Nominations received:-**  
Alderwoman Elizabeth King  
Philip Woodhouse

**For Decision**

## 7 **Appointments to the Honourable The Irish Society**

- (A) To appoint eight Common Councillors to **The Honourable The Irish Society**, for three-year terms expiring in May 2028.

*\* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment*

**Nominations received:-**  
Matthew Bell  
Deputy Keith Bottomley  
\*Deputy Anne Corbett  
Anthony Fitzpatrick  
Dawn Frampton  
\*Shravan Joshi

Fraser Peck  
 Gaby Robertshaw  
 \*Deputy Oliver Sells  
 \*Philip Woodhouse  
 \*Deputy Dawn Wright

- (B) To note that Alderman Robert Howard will continue to serve as one of the appointed Aldermen on The Honourable The Irish Society, having previously been appointed for a term expiring in March 2025.

**For Decision**

**8 Resolutions from the Grand Court of Wardmote**

To consider Resolutions of the Annual Wardmotes from the Wards of Aldersgate, Bishopsgate, Cripplegate and Dowgate.

**For Decision**  
 (Pages 39 - 42)

**9 Policy and Resources Committee**

To consider a report relating to the property transaction thresholds in the Standing Orders.

**For Decision**  
 (Pages 43 - 52)

**(A) Motions**

**(A) By Deputy Anne Corbett**

“To appoint Jacqueline Webster to the Barbican Residential Committee as a resident nominee of the Ward of Cripplegate (Without).”

**For Decision**

**(B) By Deputy James Thomson CBE**

“To appoint Alderwoman Jennette Newman to the Planning and Transportation Committee in the room of Alethea Silk for the Ward of Walbrook.”

**For Decision**

**11 The Freedom of the City**

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

**For Decision**  
 (Pages 53 - 54)

**12 Questions**

**13 City of London Police Authority Board**

To receive a report concerning the City of London Policing Plan 2025-28.

**For Information**  
 (Pages 55 - 56)

#### 14 **Policy and Resources Committee**

To receive a report on action taken under urgency procedures concerning the suspension of Standing Order 26.

**For Information**  
(Pages 57 - 58)

#### 15 **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 59 - 60)

#### 16 **Ballot Results**

The Town Clerk to report the outcome of the several ballots taken at the last Court:

*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.*

*★ denotes appointed.*

#### (A) SIX Members to the **Policy and Resources Committee**.

	<b>Votes</b>
Deputy Emily Benn	60 ★
*Deputy Keith Bottomley	60 ★
Deputy Timothy Butcher	14
Karina Dostalova	28
Deputy Simon Duckworth	23
Susan Farrington	13
Deputy Marianne Fredericks	22
*Deputy Caroline Haines	39 ★
Josephine Hayes	12
*Deputy Christopher Hayward	72 ★
Amy Horscroft	26
Greg Lawrence	32
Deputy Nighat Qureishi	27
*Philip Woodhouse	52 ★
Mark Wheatley	38
Irem Yerdelen	38 ★

*NB:- following the ballot, Mark Wheatley and Irem Yerdelen received an equality of votes for the final vacancy. Mark Wheatley consequently sought the leave of the Court to withdraw his nomination, which was granted in accordance with the urgency procedures set out in Standing Order 19. Irem Yerdelen is therefore appointed to the Policy and Resources Committee accordingly.*

(B) FOUR Members to the **Investment Committee**

	Votes
#^Shahnan Bakth	49 ★
#Deputy Timothy Butcher	25
*Simon Duckworth OBE	35
Alderman Alison Gowman CBE	50 ★
Alderman Prem Goyal OBE	64 ★
#^Deputy Madush Gupta	43
#Stephen Hodgson	30
^Deputy Henry Pollard	53 ★

(C) THREE Members to the **City of London Policy Authority Board.**

	Votes
†^ Melissa Collett	60 ★
†*Deputy Helen Fentimen OBE JP	66 ★
Deputy Benjamin Murphy	63 ★
Sushil Saluja	37
James Tumbridge	39

(D) FIVE Members to the **Board of Governors Guildhall School of Music and Drama**

	Votes
#*Emily Benn	82 ★
#*John Foley	75 ★
#Sandra Jenner	47
#Tessa Marchington	67 ★
#*Suzanne Ornsby KC	67 ★
#Naresh Sonpar	60 ★

(E) FOUR Members to the **Education Board**

	Votes
Deputy Anne Corbett	66 ★
*Deputy Caroline Haines	74 ★
*Alderman Robert Howard	72 ★
Timothy McNally	37
*Naresh Sonpar	66 ★

(F) TWO Members to the **Gresham Committee (City Side)**

	Votes
#Jason Groves	36
Shravan Joshi MBE	37 ★
#Timothy McNally	17
#Fraser Peck	14
#*Deputy Nighat Qureishi	59 ★
#Sushil Saluja	22

(G) SEVEN Members to the **Corporate Services Committee**

	Votes
Simon Burrows	52 ★
Lesley Cole	30
^Steve Goodman OBE	81 ★
*Deputy Christopher Hayward	72 ★
Stephen Hodgson	49 ★
Adam Hogg	36
Sandra Jenner	50 ★
*Timothy McNally	46
David Sales	49 ★
*James Tumbridge	62 ★

(H) THREE Members to the **Barbican Centre Board**

	Votes
Aaron D'Souza	56 ★
Karina Dostalova	54
*Alderman Sir William Russell	76 ★
*Irem Yerdelen	68 ★

(I) FIVE Members to the **City Bridge Foundation Board**

	Votes
*Deputy Henry Colthurst	93 ★
*Simon Duckworth OBE	63 ★
Deputy Henry Pollard	73 ★
Ruby Sayed	46
*Dr Giles Shilson	62 ★
*Deputy James Thomson CBE	88 ★

(J) THREE Members to the **Livery Committee**

	<b>Votes</b>
Nicholas Bensted-Smith JP	31
*Deputy Keith Bottomley	52 ★
Deputy Madush Gupta	24
Timothy McNally	13
Deputy Henry Pollard	57 ★
Fraser Peck	15
David Sales	26
*Irem Yerdelen	43 ★

(K) FOUR Members to the **Community & Children's Services Committee**

	<b>Votes</b>
Samapti Bagchi	39
Deputy Anne Corbett	66 ★
Dawn Frampton	64 ★
Steve Goodman OBE	70 ★
Adam Hogg	38
Jason Pritchard	62 ★

(L) TWO Members to the **Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee**

	<b>Votes</b>
Matthew Bell	48
John Foley	69 ★
Sophia Mooney	66 ★

**For Information**17 **Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials.**18 **Docquets for the Hospital Seal.**19 **Awards and Prizes****MOTION**20 **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 Paragraph 3 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**



21 **Non-Public Minutes**

(A) **9 January 2025**

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

**For Decision**  
(Pages 61 - 64)

(B) **25 April 2025**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting of the Court held on 25 April 2025.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 65 - 66)

22 **Audit and Risk Management Committee**

To consider proposals relating to the Risk Appetite Statement.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 67 - 74)

23 **Civic Affairs Sub-Committee**

To consider proposals relating to the provision of hospitality.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 75 - 76)

24 **Investment Committee**

To note action taken under urgency procedures relating to a City Fund investment property freehold disposal.

**For Information**  
(Pages 77 - 78)