The Lady 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 8th day of October, 2026.**

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 30th September 2026

Alexander Barr

Michael Mainelli

} *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 10 September 2026.

For Decision
(Pages 5 - 28)

4 **Election of Chief Commoner**

To elect a Chief Commoner for 2027/28.

Two nominations have been received in accordance with Standing Order No. 18, as follows:

- Shravan Joshi, MBE
- Deputy Deborah Oliver

The candidates' supporting statements are the subject of a printed and circulated report.

(N.B. A notice listing the candidates and their nominees is on display in the Members' Reading Room).

For Decision
(Pages 29 - 30)

5 **Letter**

The Right Honourable the Lady Mayor to lay before the Court a letter of the Lord Mayor Elect declaring his assent to take upon himself that office.

6 **Mayoral Engagements**

The Right Honourable The Lady Mayor to report on her recent engagements.

7 **Policy Statement**

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

8 **Appointments**

9 **Planning and Transportation Committee**

(A) **Reform of Planning Committees - Outcomes and Proposed Implementation**

To consider a proposal in responding to new powers in the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 concerning Planning Committee reforms.

For Decision
(Pages 31 - 60)

(B) **Annual On-Street Parking Accounts 2025/26 and Related Funding of Highway Improvements and Schemes**

To consider the annual On-Street Parking Accounts and approve submission to the Mayor of London.

For Decision
(Pages 61 – 66)

10 **Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee**

To consider a proposal concerning a Cultural Strategy for the City of London.

For Decision
(Pages 67 - 224)

11 **The Freedom of the City**

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

For Decision
(Pages 225 - 228)

12 **Motions**

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 229 - 230)

15 **Ballot Results**

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 Paragraph 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972; or, they relate to functions of the Court of Common Council that 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 10 September 2026.

For Decision
(Pages 231 - 232)

21 **Corporate Services Committee**

To consider a proposal concerning a Director of London Programmes role.

For Decision
(Pages 233 - 236)

22 **Civic Affairs Sub-Committee**

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

For Information
(Pages 237 - 238)

23 **Investment Committee**

To receive a report setting out action taken under urgency procedure concerning the sale of City Corporation freehold and long leasehold interests (City Fund and City's Estate)

For Information
(Pages 239 - 242)