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 12th day of September, 2013.

JOHN BARRADELL, Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

Guildhall, Wednesday, 4th September 2013

Gordon Warwick Haines

David Andrew Graves

Aldermen on the Rota

1 Question - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded?

- 2 Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials.
- The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor's report on overseas visits.
- 4 Statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 5 Docquets for the Hospital Seal.
- 6 List of applicants for the Freedom of the City:

(A list of names, together with those of the nominators, has been separately circulated).

7 The Town Clerk to report the result of a ballot taken at the last Court on a report of the Establishment Committee to approve the overall pay settlement for City of London Corporation staff for 2013/14.

	Votes
Affirmative	85
Negative	4

- 8 To appoint the following:
 - a) One Member on the Finance Committee for the balance of a term to expire in April 2014 to fill a vacancy not taken by the Ward of Candlewick.

Nominations received:-John Douglas Chapman, Deputy Clare James, M.A.

b) One Member on the Community and Children's Services Committee for the balance of a term to expire in April 2014 to fill a vacancy not taken by the Ward of Farringdon Without.

Nomination received:-Randall Keith Anderson

c) One Member (Non-Resident of the Barbican Estate) on the Barbican Residential Committee for the balance of a term to expire in April 2015.

Nomination received:-Jeremy Paul Mayhew, M.A., M.B.A.

d) One Member on the Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School for the balance of a term to expire in April 2014.

Nomination received:-Philip John Woodhouse

e) One Member on the St Andrew Holborn Charity for the balance of a term to expire in July 2015.

Nomination received:-John Fletcher

f) One Member on Christ's Hospital for the balance of a term to expire in January 2018.

Nomination received:-Ann Marjorie Francescia Pembroke

g) One Member on the Mitcham Common Conservators for a four year term to expire in September 2017.

Nomination received:-

Douglas James Leslie Mobsby, MBE, not now in Common Council, nominated by the Chief Commoner

h) One Member on the Aldgate & Allhallows Barking Exhibition Foundation for a three year term to expire in September 2016.

Nomination received:-Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

- 9 Letter of Peter Nelson thanking the Court for the resolution passed following his retirement from the City of London Corporation.
- 10 QUESTIONS
- 11 MOTIONS
- 12 Awards and Prizes

A) Open Spaces Awards

Report of the Chairman of the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee.

"I am delighted to announce that the City Corporation's Open Spaces and Gardens have again received several prestigious Green Flag and London in Bloom Awards.

The Green Flag Award is the national standard for parks and green spaces and aims to recognise and reward the best green spaces in the country. All sites must be freely accessible to the public and perform well against eight criteria, including safety and security, cleanliness, management and sustainability. This year the following Open Spaces retained the Award; Ashtead Common, Bunhill Fields, Burnham Beeches, Coulsdon Common, Epping Forest, Farthing Downs and New Hill, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood, Kenley Common, Queen's Park, Riddlesdown, Spring Park, West Ham Park, West Wickham Common and the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium.

Green Heritage Site accreditation, which is sponsored by English Heritage, is awarded in recognition of achieving the required standard in the management and interpretation of a site with local or national historic importance. The following Open Spaces retained their Green Heritage Site accreditation this year to acknowledge the heritage value of the sites:- Ashtead Common, Kenley Common, Bunhill Fields, Burnham Beeches, Epping Forest, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood, West Ham Park and of the Cemetery and Crematorium.

The City Corporation now holds 15 Green Flag and 9 Green Heritage Awards.

The achievement of these Awards is a great tribute to the dedication and hard work of all the staff in the Open Spaces Department and the large teams of local volunteers who help to maintain the high quality of our Open Spaces.

I commend these achievements to the Court."

B) Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation (CIHT)

Report of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

"I am delighted to announce that the City Corporation's Built Environment Department has received the 'CIHT/Enterprise Mouchel Streets' Award for the Cheapside scheme. The judges had considered the scheme to be outstanding and addressed the balance between movement and place as well as by the use of high quality materials."

Rates Committees - Reports

13 PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Michael Welbank, Deputy)

(A) Adoption of the Liverpool Street Area Enhancement Strategy

Your Committee seeks approval for the adoption of the Liverpool Street Area Enhancement Strategy to progress the delivery of public realm improvement. A separately printed and circulated report has been submitted thereon.

The Strategy will provide prioritised enhancement proposals for public realm and road danger reduction as well as an improved, accessible, functional and safe environment that would support the increased footfall caused as a result of the work being undertaken by Crossrail at the entrances in Liverpool Street and Moorgate stations and in the buildings of the nearby Eastern City Cluster. In addition, the Strategy would identify current issues and future demands, setting out a framework for addressing these in the context of existing policies and guidance and we **recommend** its adoption

(B) 20 mph Speed Limit Benefits and Dis-benefits Investigation

Your Committee seeks approval for the adoption of a 20mph speed limit in all City streets, including those managed by Transport for London, as part of the City's Road Danger Reduction Plan to address the recent rise in the number of road casualties in the City and a separately printed and circulated report has been submitted thereon.

The City's aim to tackle the recent rise in casualty numbers began with the adoption of the Road Danger Reduction Plan (RDRP) which detailed a range of methods to be undertaken between now and 2020. One of these called for an investigation into the reduction in the speed limit. A study was therefore undertaken which demonstrated that introducing a 20mph limit City-wide would be a cost-efficient and practical way to reduce casualty numbers quickly and we **recommend** its adoption, as set out in the report.

MOTION

14 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:-

- a) action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the Property Investment Board on the disposal of a long leasehold interest;
- b) action taken under urgency procedures approving recommendations of the Property Investment Board on the acquisition of an investment property; and
- c) the details of a proposed resolution concerning a hospitality event?"