



GIFFORD, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

12th September 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Nicholas Anstee
Sir Michael David Bear BSc (Eng) MBA
Charles Bowman
Sheriff Jeffrey Richard Evans
Sir Robert Finch
John Garbutt

Alison Gowman
David Andrew Graves
Timothy Russell Hailes
Gordon Warwick Haines
Benjamin Robert Hadley Hall
Peter Hewitt, FCSI, FRSA
Sir David Howard Bt MA DSc

Ian David Luder JP BSC (Econ)
Julian Henry Malins QC
Dr Andrew Charles Parmley MusM Hon FGS
Neil Graham Morgan Redcliffe
William Anthony Bowater Russell
Fiona Woolf CBE
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams
Randall Keith Anderson
Kenneth Edwin Ayers MBE,
Deputy
Alex Bain-Stewart MSc JP
John Alfred Barker, OBE Deputy
John Bennett Deputy
Christopher Paul Boden
Mark Boleat
David John Bradshaw
Raymond Michael Catt
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick
Nigel Kenneth Challis MA FCA
FCSI (Hon)
John Douglas Chapman, Deputy
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Dennis Cotgrove BA
Karina Dostalova
William Harry Dove MBE JP,
Deputy
Simon D'Olier Duckworth DL
The Revd Dr Martin Raymond
Dudley
Peter Gerard Dunphy

Anthony Noel Eskenzi CBE DSc,
Deputy
Kevin Malcolm Everett DSc
John William Fletcher BSc
William Barrie Fraser OBE
Deputy
Stuart John Fraser CBE
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Lucy Frew
George Marr Flemington Gillon,
Chief Commoner
Stanley Ginsburg JP Deputy
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines MA, Deputy
Brian Nicholas Harris
Christopher Michael Hayward
Tom Hoffman
Robert Picton Seymour Howard,
Deputy
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde
Jamie Ingham Clark
Clare James MA
Gregory Percy Jones QC
Alastair John Naisbitt King MSc
Deputy

Stanley Keith Knowles MBE
Deputy
Gregory Alfred Lawrence
Vivienne Littlechild JP
Charles Edward Lord OBE JP
Professor John Stuart Penton
Lumley
Jeremy Paul Mayhew MA MBA
Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Wendy Mead
Gareth Wynford Moore
Hugh Fenton Morris
Alastair Michael Moss
Sylvia Doreen Moys
Joyce Caruthers Nash OBE,
Deputy
John Richard Owen-Ward MBE,
Deputy
Judith Lindsay Pleasance MA
(Hons)
James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy
Emma Charlotte Louisa Price
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Gerald Albert George Pulman JP,
Deputy

Chris Punter
Stephen Douglas Quilter BSc
(Hons)
Richard David Regan, Deputy
OBE
Delis Regis
Elizabeth Rogula
Virginia Rounding
John George Stewart Scott JP
BA (Hons) FRPSL
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilton,
Deputy
Jeremy Lewis Simons MSc
Tom Sleight
Graeme Martyn Smith
Angela Mary Starling
Patrick Thomas Streeter
David James Thompson
James Michael Douglas
Thomson Deputy
John Tomlinson, Deputy
James Richard Tumbridge
Michael Welbank, Deputy
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Philip Woodhouse

Minutes

Resolved – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

Gillon, G.M.F.,
Chadwick,
R.A.H.

Resolved unanimously - That, the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to Her Majesty The Queen in the following terms:-

“May it please Your Majesty.

We, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, wish to offer to Your Majesty and to His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, our warmest congratulations on the birth of a son to Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

We are confident that this happy and auspicious event has given Your Majesty great pleasure, as it has to the Citizens of this City, this Country and throughout the Commonwealth.”

Gillon, G.M.F.,
Chadwick,
R.A.H.

Resolved unanimously - That, the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall in the following terms:-

“We, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, desire to offer to Your Royal Highness and to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall our sincere congratulations on the birth of a son to Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

We are confident that this happy event will be a source of great pleasure to Your Royal Highness, to all the people of this Country and throughout the Commonwealth.”

Gillon, G.M.F.,
Chadwick,
R.A.H.

Resolved unanimously - That, the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in the following terms:-

“We, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, desire to express our great pleasure, which is shared by all the citizens of this City, on the birth of a son to Your Royal Highnesses, and to offer our most cordial congratulations on this auspicious and happy event.

We look forward to seeing reflected in the young Prince those characteristics which have so endeared you both to the people of this Nation.”

Overseas Visits

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent visits to Chile, Peru, Columbia, Panama, Mexico and Jersey.

Policy Statement

There was no report.

Hospital Seal

Sundry documents were sealed with the Hospital Seal.

Freedoms

The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Orders of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned persons who had made application to be admitted to the Freedom of this City by redemption:-

Paul John Sorrell	an Airline Pilot	Weston Turville, Buckinghamshire
Maurice John Howell	a Lecturer	Wimborne, Dorset

George Harry Rutledge	a Student	Southgate, Enfield
Christopher John Bane	a Business Development Manager	Anerley, Bromley
Paul Stedman	a Health and Safety Company Director	Billingsley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire
Anne Elizabeth Longfield, OBE	a Charity Chief Executive	Ilkley, West Yorkshire
Breda Marie White	an Educator	Cape Elizabeth, Maine, United States of America
James Paul Latchford	a Para Planner	Stanford-le-Hope, Essex
David Xavier Victor	a Software Company Director, retired	Chapel Leigh, Taunton, Somerset
Stephen Anthony Jackson	a National Accounts Manager	Wednesbury, West Midlands
George Jappy Barbour	a Customer Development Manager	Alloa, Clackmannanshire
Richard Stafford Botwright	a Metropolitan Police Officer, retired	Hythe, Kent
Paul Max Nissen	a Landlord	Stanmore, Middlesex
Julian Ivan Peter Simpole	an Art Teacher, retired	Clapham, Wandsworth
Jonathan Ian Waterman	a Toastmaster	Barkingside, Ilford, Redbridge
Christopher Richard Day	a Prison Officer, retired	Yate, Bristol, Gloucestershire
Nicholas George Alan Black	an Investment Trust Relationship Manager	Thame, Oxfordshire
Thiagarajah Rajkumar	a Chartered Accountant	Northwood, Hillingdon
Beryl Moore	an Administrative Assistant, retired	St Ives, Ringwood, Hampshire
Rebecca Joanne Thompson	a Superintendent of Works	Bubwith, North Yorkshire
Shaun Michael Thompson	a Police Officer, retired	Bubwith, North Yorkshire
Penelope Vivyen Hilda Chesterman	a Personal Assistant, retired	Edmonton, Enfield
Emma Deborah Kraiss	a City of London Guide	Mill Hill, Barnet
Christopher Liang	a Real Estate Investments Associate Director	Hong Kong
David Ian Bailey	a Metropolitan Police Officer	High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
Raymond Mark Steve Austin	a Local Government Consultant	Enfield
Michael Arthur Smith	a Comedy Entertainer	Ashford, Kent
Deborah Annette Smith	a Childrens Entertainer	Ashford, Kent
Clare Veronica Barnett	an Organisational Development Company Director	Haughton, Staffordshire
Thomas Peter Hobson	a Customer Services Agent	Islington
Steven Charles Pedlar	a School Master, retired	Market Rasen, Lincolnshire
Lesley Margaret Clarke	a Civil Servant, retired	Fareham, Hampshire
Dorian Trevelyan Evans	a Chartered Mechanical Engineer	Dormansland, Lingfield, Surrey
Keith Bennet Forster	a School Master	Wormley, Godalming, Surrey
His Excellency Witold Sobkow	The Polish Ambassador	Westminster
Dariusz Laska	a Diplomat	Westminster
James Richard Sproule	an Economist	Fulham, Hammersmith and Fulham

Christopher Edward Gogarty	a Building Maintenance Engineer	Hartley, Kent
Gary Alan Holding-Parsons	a Cobbler	Rayleigh, Essex
Ailsa Claire Edwards	a Metropolitan Police Officer	St Albans, Hertfordshire
Toby Alexander John Edwards	a Teacher	Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire
Jonathan Duncan Cooper	a Further Education Lecturer	Isleworth, Hounslow
Lisa-Ann Lockey	an Office Manager	Emerson Park, Havering
Mark William Lockey	a Foreign Exchange Dealer	Emerson Park, Havering
Janet Louise Rosalind Ward	an Administration Manager, retired	Avington, Winchester, Hampshire
Matthew David Knox	an Environmental Health Officer	Chingford, Essex
Alistair Neil Steward	a Chartered Loss Adjusting Company Director	Harston, Leicestershire
John Joseph Venables	a Director of Music	Wormley, Surrey
Anthony William Fraser Curl	an Investment Manager	Westminster
Joy Alexandra Young	a Secretary	Londonderry, Northern Ireland
His Excellency Ephraim Waweru Ngare	The High Commissioner of Kenya	Westminster
Giles Benedict Clapp	a Civil Servant	Sandgate, Folkestone, Kent
Michael Laszlo Chelk	a Chartered Accountant, retired	Ipswich, Suffolk
Michael George German	a Promotions Planner	West Ealing, Ealing
Augustine Diggu Chipungu	a Parliamentary Assistant	Tower Hamlets
Mark Lewis Emmerson	an Academy Principal	Crouch End, Haringey
Kevin Martin McKeever	a Public Affairs Consultant	Tower Hamlets
Harvey Waterworth	a City of London Police Officer	Maidenbower, Crawley, Sussex
Jonathan Richard Moules	a Journalist	Lime House, Tower Hamlets
Keith Martin Collier	a Metropolitan Police Officer	Biggin Hill, Kent
Ian Sinclair Cornwall	a Chartered Accountant	West Clandon, Surrey
Vincent Michael Dignam	a Business Improvement and Performance Manager	Mottingham, Greenwich
John Davis	a Civil Engineer	Orsett, Essex
John Brendan Riney, MBE	a Construction Company Director	Westerham, Kent
Rosalie Rivett	a Diplomatic Charity Director	Westerham, Kent
Keith French	a Head Forest Keeper	Loughton, Essex
Gabrielle Mary Lawrence, RD	a Secretary, retired	Fulham, Hammersmith and Fulham
Count Waldemar Jerzy Wilk	a Businessman	Stockholm, Sweden
Roger Stuart Dawe	a Construction Company Director, retired	Penshurst, Kent
Daniel Alexander Boulet	a Software Developer	Alberta, Canada
Penelope Rose Boulet	a Principal Software Engineer	Alberta, Canada
Andrew James Lee McIntee	a Recruitment Company Director	Kirkby Overblow, North Yorkshire
Edward David Carter	a Police Officer	Loughton, Essex
James Frederick Cross	an Information Technology Consultant, retired	Twickenham, Richmond upon Thames

Nicola Susan Linsell	an Architect	Ashtead, Surrey
Timothy David Jenkins	a Photographer	Esher, Surrey
Alan Geoffrey Clark	a Building Maintenance Company Chief Executive	Bexleyheath, Bexley
Graham Brian Clark	a Haulage Company Logistics Officer	Belvedere, Bexley
The Honourable Marion Naggar	a Property Company Director	St John's Wood, Westminster
The Honourable Carole Lawson	a Spiritual Healer	Munstead, Godalming, Surrey
His Excellency Pekka Juhani Huhtaniemi	The Ambassador of Finland	Kensington, Kensington and Chelsea
Ian David Park	a Royal Naval Officer	Hartford Hall Estate, Northumberland
Martin Ian Cargill	an Area Operations Manager, retired	Leytonstone, Waltham Forest
Simon Phillip Hugh Callow, CBE	an Actor, Writer and Theatrical Director	Islington
Penelope Anne Shepherd, MBE	a Trade Association Chief Executive , retired	Folkestone, Kent
Diane Lucy Genova	a Solicitor	Brooklyn, New York, United States of America

Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons to the Freedom of this City by redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

Result of Ballot

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

	Votes
Affirmative	85
Negative	4

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared the recommendation of the Establishment Committee to have been agreed.

Appointments

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.

Read.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on the foregoing vacancy.

The Lord Mayor requested the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or their representatives, to be scrutineers of the ballot.

Resolved – That the votes be counted at the conclusion of the Court and the result printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

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

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Anderson to have been appointed 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.

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.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jeremy Mayhew to have been appointed as a Non-Resident of the Barbican Estate on the Barbican Residential Committee for the balance of a term to expire in April 2015.

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

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Philip Woodhouse to have been appointed on the Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School for the balance of a term to expire in April 2014.

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

Nomination received:-
John Fletcher

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared John Fletcher to have been appointed on the St Andrew Holborn Charity for the balance of a term to expire in July 2015.

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

Nomination received:-
Ann Marjorie Francescia Pembroke

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ann Pembroke to have been appointed on Christ's Hospital for the balance of a term to expire in January 2018.

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

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Douglas Mobsby to have been re-appointed on the Mitcham Common Conservators for a four year term to expire in September 2017.

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

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Marianne Fredericks to have been re-appointed on the Aldgate & Allhallows Barking Exhibition Foundation for a three year term to expire in September 2016.

Letter of
Thanks

Letter of Peter Nelson thanking the Court for the resolution passed following his retirement from the City of London Corporation.

Received.

Questions

Vivienne Littlechild asked a question of the **Chairman of the Finance Committee** regarding any assessment that had been made of the effect of the LIBOR scandal on the City Corporation's investments and pension funds which were held with banks and other financial institutions.

In reply the **Chairman** reported that it was impossible to say whether the City Corporation's finances were affected over the five years in question. He added that although there were financial instruments relating to borrowing that had a direct link to LIBOR, the City Corporation was not a borrower. He confirmed that none of the City Corporation's money market activities were linked directly to LIBOR, activity was based on market rates that offered the best return so any exposure would be on the basis of an indirect link between LIBOR and interest rates. He concluded that there was not enough useful evidence on the impact or extent of how LIBOR was managed, for fund managers to make an assessment of consequential financial losses or gains. On the pension fund it was considered that any financial effect would be unquantifiable and, in case, it was unlikely to have been a negative impact.

In response to a supplementary question from **Vivienne Littlechild**, the **Chairman** confirmed that the Corporate Treasurer was in regular, if not daily, contact with the City Corporation's treasury and investment advisors and although no formal guidance had been issued by them, the matter was likely to have been discussed.

Revd. Dr Martin Dudley asked a question of the **Chairman of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee** regarding the omission of the Health and Wellbeing Board from the Members' Pocketbook.

In reply the **Chairman** apologised for the administrative error which caused the omission and reminded Members that the Town Clerk had sent a note providing them with the information that would have been included in the Pocketbook as soon as he became aware of the error. He took the opportunity to remind Members of the survey seeking their views on what should be in the Pocketbook, what could usefully be omitted and whether or not it had been superseded by electronic devices and stated that a report would then be submitted to his Committee with recommendations on its future.

In response to a supplementary question from **Revd. Dr Martin Dudley** the **Chairman** confirmed that he was pleased to learn that the Health and Wellbeing Board was the vehicle for City of London Corporation to meet its public health responsibilities to promote the health and wellbeing of everyone who lives or works in the square mile and that it was responsible for holding health and social care commissioners and others to account for their decisions, to ensure that local populations live longer and healthier lives.

Motions

There were no Motions.

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; Ashted 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 Ashted 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.”

Received.

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.”

Received.

Rates Committees - Reports

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.

Read and agreed to.

(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.

Read.

A number of Members were heard in support of and against the proposals.

Luder I.D., J.P.
BSc. (Econ),
Alderman,
Simons, J.L.,
MSc.

Amendment – 'That an additional recommendation (d) be added as follows:-
d) that the City of London Corporation liaise with the GLA, London Councils and the Local Government Association to seek to build support for changes in the law so that speed limits apply to all road users, other than emergency vehicles using their blue lights, and that cyclists be obliged to wear appropriate helmets?'

Upon the question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the amendment not to be carried.

The original motion being before the Court again.

Lord, C.E.,
O.B.E., J.P.
Luder I.D., J.P.
BSc. (Econ)

Amendment – 'That an additional recommendation (d) be added as follows:-
d) that the Planning and Transportation Committee be requested to:-
i) bring forward a comprehensive Road Safety Strategy Plan to the Court; and
ii) together with the Policy and Resources Committee, work with GLA and London Councils to build a consensus with surrounding boroughs on road traffic safety measures?'

Upon the question being put, the Lord Mayor declared the amendment not to be carried.

The original motion being before the Court again.

Dudley, Revd. *Resolved* - That the question now be put.

Dr. M.R.,
Regan, R.D.
O.B.E., Deputy

Resolved - that the report be read and agreed to.

Gillon, G.M.F.,
Chadwick,
R.A.H.

Resolved - 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:-

Summary of exempt items considered while the public were excluded

The Court -

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

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.40 pm

BARRADELL.