



# RUSSELL, MAYOR

## COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

4th March 2021  
MEMBERS PRESENT

### ALDERMEN

Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman  
Emma Edhem  
Sir Peter Estlin  
Sir Roger Gifford  
Alison Gowman  
Prem Goyal  
David Andrew Graves

Timothy Russell Hailes  
Robert Picton Seymour Howard  
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney  
Vincent Thomas Keaveny  
Alastair John Naisbitt King  
Susan Langley  
Ian David Luder

Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons  
Sheriff Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli  
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman  
William Anthony Bowater Russell  
Sir David Hugh Wootton  
Sir Alan Colin Drake Yarrow

### COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams  
John David Absalom, Deputy  
Caroline Kordai Addy  
Munsur Ali  
Rehana Banu Ameer  
Randall Keith Anderson  
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr  
Douglas Barrow  
Adrian Mark Bastow  
Matthew Bell  
John Bennett, Deputy  
Peter Gordon Bennett  
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith  
Christopher Paul Boden  
Mark Bostock  
Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy  
David John Bradshaw, Deputy  
Tijs Broeke  
Michael John Cassidy, Deputy  
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy  
John Douglas Chapman  
Dominic Gerard Christian

Graeme Doshi-Smith  
Karina Dostalova  
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy  
Mary Durcan  
John Ernest Edwards  
Anne Helen Fairweather  
Helen Lesley Fentimen  
Sophie Anne Fernandes  
John William Fletcher  
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks  
Tracey Graham  
Caroline Wilma Haines  
The Revd Stephen Decatur  
Haines  
Graeme Harrower  
Sheriff Christopher Michael  
Hayward  
Christopher Hill  
Tom Hoffman, Deputy  
Ann Holmes  
Michael Hudson  
Wendy Hyde, Deputy  
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy  
Clare James, Deputy

Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Deputy  
Shravan Joshi  
Gregory Alfred Lawrence  
Tim Levene  
Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen  
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge  
Edward Lord, Deputy  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli  
Jeremy Mayhew  
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy  
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie  
Wendy Mead  
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy  
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers, Deputy  
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy  
Hugh Fenton Morris  
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy  
Benjamin Daniel Murphy  
Barbara Patricia Newman  
Graham Packham  
Dhruv Patel  
Susan Jane Pearson

John Petrie  
Judith Pleasance  
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy  
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest  
Stephen Douglas Quilter  
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy  
James de Sausmarez  
Ruby Sayed  
John George Stewart Scott  
Oliver Sells QC  
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy  
Jeremy Lewis Simons  
Tom Sleight, Deputy  
Sir Michael Snyder  
James Michael Douglas  
Thomson, Deputy  
John Tomlinson, Deputy  
James Richard Tumbridge  
William Upton QC  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley  
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy  
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Apologies      The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations    There were no additional declarations.
3. Minutes        *Resolved* – That the minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
4. Mayoral        The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor took the opportunity to update the Court on his virtual

Visits engagement programme.

5. Policy Statement There was no statement.

6. Questions **COVID-19 Vaccination – Prospective use of Great Hall**

Marianne Fredericks asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the prospective use of the Great Hall as a mass vaccination site, as part of efforts to assist with the COVID-19 response.

Responding, the Chair confirmed that officers had looked into the possibility but had been advised that NHS England were not engaging with further mass vaccination sites at this stage and, consequently, did not have interest in exploring this option further. The City Corporation was, however, continuing to work with the NHS to explore localised pharmacy options for vaccination within the Square Mile and across North East London, as well as with the City and Hackney's Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS partners to maintain the high rates of vaccination within the City.

The Chair noted that the Guildhall Yard was currently playing a significant role in the provision of testing and compatible uses of the Guildhall complex would be kept under review.

She also took the opportunity to invite Members to a briefing on Wednesday 31 March with Public Health colleagues and the Clinical Commissioning Group, adding that further details would be circulated by e-mail.

In response to a supplementary question from Marianne Fredericks concerning the prospective use of sites such as the Barbican Exhibition Halls, the Chair suggested that she might wish to discuss the matter further with relevant officers or at the Health and Wellbeing Board to see if there was any potential scope for this, but reiterated the general position of NHS England in respect of large venues for mass vaccination. She also added that, in respect of the Great Hall in particular, there would likely be a need to use this for City Corporation meetings in the near future so offering it as a potential site to the NHS could cause complications in due course.

Following a further supplementary question from Paul Martinelli relating to the possibility of a physical Court meeting in April, the Chair sympathised with the desire to reinstate physical meetings but observed the need to comply with Government guidelines and social distancing requirements, which would be prohibitive until a later stage in the Government's "roadmap" process.

## 7. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Jeremy Paul Mayhew)**

16 February 2021

### **(A) City Fund 2021/22 Budget Report and Medium-Term Financial Strategy**

The Court considered a report presenting the overall financial position of the City Fund (i.e. the City Corporation's finances relating to Local Government, Police and Port Health services).

The Chairman spoke to introduce the budget, together with the City Cash and Bridge House Estate budgets at items 7(B) and 7(C), as well as clarifying a number of elements.

Concern was raised by a Member in respect of the proposal to not increase the core council tax level. In particular, the requirement to draw significantly from capital reserves to achieve a balanced budget over the length of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) was highlighted, together with the significant risks and exposures in relation to bad debts, for which it was argued that insufficient provision was being made. It was argued that an increase was required now to ensure that the cumulative impact of the rises, as achieved through the compound nature of annual increases, was sufficient to meet the requirements of the MTFP across the period. The wisdom of not raising levels now and the commensurate political message this sent ahead of the Government's Fair Funding Review was also questioned, as it gave an incorrect impression as to the challenges faced by City Fund.

Responding, the Chairman agreed with the importance of fiscal discipline and emphasised the difficult budgetary challenges ahead; however, he advised that the Finance Committee had taken the view that now was not the correct time to increase such taxes in view of the challenges facing residents and businesses at this difficult time.

*Resolved* – That the report be agreed to and the Court do pass a Resolution in the following terms:-

1. That for the 2021/22 financial year the Court of Common Council approves:
  - the Premium multiplier on the Non-Domestic Rate and Small Business Rate multipliers be set at £0.008 to enable the City to continue to support the City of London Police, security and contingency planning activity within the Square Mile at an enhanced level;
  - an increase of 3% in the 'relevant basic amount' of Council Tax to £952.91 based on a 3% increase for Adult Social Care for a Band D property (excluding the GLA precept);
  - the overall financial framework and the revised Medium-Term Financial Strategy for the City Fund; and
  - the City Fund Net Budget Requirement of £161,559,574

### **Council Tax**

2. It be noted that in 2012 the Finance Committee delegated the calculation of the Council Tax Base to the Chamberlain and the Chamberlain has calculated the following amounts for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
  - (a) 8,169.64 being the amount calculated by the Chamberlain (as delegated by the Finance Committee), in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as the City's Council Tax Base for the year; this amount

includes a calculation of the amount of council tax reduction; and

(b) Parts of Common Council's Area

Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excl. Temples (special expense area)
85.39	61.11	8,023.14

being the amounts calculated by the Chamberlain, in accordance with the Regulations, as the amounts of the City's Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which the special items relate.

3. For the year 2021/22 the Common Council determines, in accordance with Section 35(2)(d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, that any expenses incurred by the Common Council in performing in a part of its area a function performed elsewhere in its area by the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple and the Under Treasurer of the Middle Temple shall not be treated as special expenses, apart from the amount of £20,807,000 being the expenses incurred by the Common Council in performing in the area of the Common Council of the City of London the City highways, street cleansing, waste collection and disposal, road safety, drains and sewer functions.
4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Common Council for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

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| (a) £477,493,000 | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Common Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act, including the local precepts issued by the Inner and Middle Temples                |
| (b) £469,708,068 | Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Common Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act;  |
| (c) 7,784,932    | Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its council tax requirement for the year; |
| (d) £952.91      | Being the amount of 4(c) above, divided by the amount at 2(a) above,  |

calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year;

(e) £21,186,928.70

Being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, including the local precepts issued by the Inner and Middle Temples;

(f) £1,640.46

Being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(g) Parts of Common Council's Area

Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excl. Temples (special expense area)
£	£	£
952.91	952.91	952.91

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 4(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Common Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one of the special items relate; and

(h) Council Tax Valuation Bands

Valuation Bands	Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excluding Temples (special expense area)
	£	£	£
A	635.27	635.27	635.27
B	741.15	741.15	741.15

C	847.03	847.03	847.03
D	952.91	952.91	952.91
E	1,164.67	1,164.67	1,164.67
F	1,376.43	1,376.43	1,376.43
G	1,588.18	1,588.18	1,588.18
H	1,905.82	1,905.82	1,905.82

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which, in that proportion, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Common Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

5. It be noted that for the year 2021/22 the Greater London Authority has proposed the following amounts in precepts issued to the Common Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	<u>Precepting Authority</u>
	Greater London Authority
	£
A	64.35
B	75.08
C	85.80
D	96.53
E	117.98
F	139.43
G	160.88
H	193.06

6. Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(h) and 5 above, the Common Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby proposes the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwelling as shown below:

Council Tax Valuation Bands Inclusive of GLA Precept

Valuation Bands	Inner Temple	Middle Temple	City excluding Temples (special expense area)
	£	£	£

A	699.62	699.62	699.62
B	816.23	816.23	816.23
C	932.83	932.83	932.83
D	1,049.44	1,049.44	1,049.44
E	1,282.65	1,282.65	1,282.65
F	1,515.86	1,515.86	1,515.86
G	1,749.06	1,749.06	1,749.06
H	2,098.88	2,098.88	2,098.88

7. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that the following amounts of discount be awarded:
- i. dwellings in Class B as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 should be nil;
  - ii. dwellings in Class C as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
    - (a) in the case of a vacant dwelling that has been such for a continuous period of less than 6 months ending immediately before the day in question: should be nil;
    - (b) in the case of a vacant dwelling that has been such for a continuous period of 6 months or more: should be nil;
  - iii. dwellings in Class D as defined in the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 prescribed by the Secretary of State under the provisions of Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 should be nil;
  - iv. care leavers within the City up to the age of 25, under Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 subject to liability considerations should be 100%; and
  - v. discretionary discounts up to 100% under Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to provide council tax support in exceptional circumstances as agreed by the Finance Committee at its meeting in November 2017.
8. The Common Council of the City of London determines that for 2021/22 a long-term empty property premium is levied under the provisions of Section 11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 at the maximum rate in accordance with legislation. (For 2021/22 this will result in an additional levy of 100% i.e. a council tax charge of 200% for applicable vacant dwellings empty over 2 years but empty less than 5 years. An additional levy of 200% i.e. a council tax charge of 300% will be applicable for dwellings empty over 5 years).

9. The Common Council of the City of London hereby determines that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2021/22, calculated in accordance with Section 52ZX of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 is not excessive in accordance with the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2021/22.

#### **Council Tax Reduction (formerly Council Tax Benefit)**

10. It be noted that at the Court of Common Council meeting in January 2017 Members approved the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2017/18 and future years to be the same as the scheme for 2016/17. There were no proposals to make any specific amendments to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for that or future years, beyond keeping the scheme in line with Housing Benefit.

Effectively, therefore, the City's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2021/22 will remain the same as was administered in 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 subject to the annual uprating of non-dependent income and deductions, and income levels relating to Alternative Council Tax Reduction, or any other uprating as it applies to working age claimants, adjusted in line with inflation levels by reference to relevant annual uprating in the Housing Benefit Scheme or The Prescribed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for Pensioners.

#### **Non Domestic Rates**

11. The Common Council of the City of London being a special authority in accordance with Section 144(6) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 hereby sets for the chargeable financial year beginning with 1st April 2021, a Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.520 and a Small Business Non-Domestic Rating Multiplier of 0.507 in accordance with Part II of the Schedule 7 of the said Act. (Both multipliers are inclusive of the City business rate premium of 0.008).
12. In addition, the levying by the Greater London Authority of a Business Rate Supplement in 2021/22 of 0.020 (i.e. 2.0p in the £) on hereditaments with a rateable value greater than £70,000, to finance its contribution to Crossrail, be noted.
13. A copy of the said Council Taxes and the Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers, signed by the Town Clerk, be deposited in the offices of the Town Clerk in the said City, and advertised within 21 days from the date of the Court's decision, in at least one newspaper circulating in the area of the Common Council.

#### **Capital Expenditure and Financing for the Year 2021/22**

It be further resolved that: -

14. The City Fund capital budget is approved, and its final financing be determined by the Chamberlain, apart from in regard to any possible borrowing options.



15. For the purpose of Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial years 2021/22 to 2023/24, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that at this stage the amount of money (referred to as the "Authorised Limit"), which is the maximum amount which the City may have outstanding by way of external borrowing, shall be £411,300,000.
16. For the purpose of Section 21(A) of the Local Government Act 2003, for the financial year 2021/22, the Court of Common Council hereby determines that the prudent amount of Minimum Revenue Provision is £1,100,000 using the asset life method over the useful economic life of the relevant assets and which equals the amount of deferred income released from the premiums received for the sale of long leases in accordance with the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy at Appendix E.
17. Any potential external borrowing requirement and associated implications will be subject to a further report to Finance Committee and the Court of Common Council.
18. The Chamberlain be authorised to lend surplus monies on the basis set out in the Annual Investment Strategy, with an absolute limit of £500m for maturities in excess of 365 days.
19. The following Prudential Indicators be set:

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Estimates of the ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream:			
HRA	0.24	0.30	0.35
Non-HRA	-0.27	-0.30	-0.32
Total	-0.23	-0.25	-0.26
Estimates of Capital Expenditure	£m	£m	£m
HRA	65.125	32.398	0.000
Non-HRA	179.993	201.331	232.469
Total	245.118	233.729	232.469
Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement – underlying need to borrow	£m	£m	£m
HRA	19.227	29.746	28.211
Non-HRA	104.755	232.140	270.860
Total	123.982	261.886	299.071

	Period 2021/22 to 2023/24 £m
Gross Debt	13.302
Capital Financing Requirement – underlying need to borrow	299.071

*Prudential indicators for affordability, prudence, capital expenditure and external debt:*

<b>TREASURY INDICATORS</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
		<b>actual</b>	<b>probable outturn</b>	<b>estimate</b>	<b>estimate</b>
		<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
<b>Authorised Limit for external debt -</b>					
Borrowing		145.3	164.9	224.0	361.0
other long-term liabilities		13.8	13.7	13.5	13.4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>159.1</b>	<b>178.6</b>	<b>237.5</b>	<b>375.3</b>
<b>Operational Boundary for external debt -</b>					
Borrowing		45.3	64.9	124.0	261.0
other long-term liabilities		13.8	13.7	13.5	13.4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>59.1</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>275.3</b>
<b>Actual external debt*</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Upper limit for total principal sums invested for over 365 days</b> (per maturity date)		<b>£300m</b>	<b>£500m</b>	<b>£500m</b>	<b>£500m</b>

<b>Maturity structure of borrowing during 2021/22</b>	<b>upper limit</b>	<b>lower limit</b>
- under 12 months	50%	0%
- 12 months and within 24 months	50%	0%
- 24 months and within 5 years	50%	0%
- 5 years and within 10 years	75%	0%
- 10 years and above	100%	0%

*Local Indicator focusing on revenue reserves:*

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Times cover on unencumbered revenue reserves	(1.8)	6.2	5.0	2.6
At this time last year	(3.8)	0.1	N/a	-

### Other Recommendations

20. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2021/22 are endorsed.
21. The Chamberlain's assessment of the robustness of budgets and the adequacy of reserves and contingencies is endorsed.

### (B) 2021/22 City's Cash Budgets and Medium-Term Financial Plan

The Court considered a report of the Finance Committee presenting the overall financial position of City's Cash.

Snyder, Sir  
Michael;  
Hayward, C.M.,  
Sheriff

*Amendment* – That the following additional recommendation be added, as follows:-

*“7. Agree the creation of a City of London Covid Business Recovery Fund to alleviate some of the worst effects of the pandemic upon the Square Mile's support infrastructure and to enable the City to emerge with a functional and thriving economy, by drawing-down up to £50 million from City's Cash balances and short-term financial investments, or alternatively financed through borrowing. Grants from the Fund will be made available to small and independent retailers and hospitality businesses together with those providing clinical and professional services (e.g. dentists and opticians) necessary for the successful return of all those who work in businesses in the City. Businesses applying for support from the Fund, the process of which must be easily accessible, must demonstrate that they are capable of surviving on a viable and going concern basis and that owners have taken necessary steps including, where possible, financial contributions to their business. Grants from the Fund would normally be dependent on the businesses also receiving substantial financial support (not just rent deferrals) from their landlords. Officers are instructed to bring forward a report to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, who will be responsible for the fund and its deployment, recommending arrangements and detailed criteria to implement the deployment of the Fund, including the appointment of professional firm(s) with relevant expertise necessary for providing advice and support to enable the Fund to commence making grants as soon as is reasonably practicable.”*

Sir Michael Snyder, as the Mover of the Amendment, spoke to introduce the proposal and outlined the rationale and urgency associated with it, commenting on the unprecedented challenges facing City businesses and the need to show leadership at this time more than ever. He reflected on the crucial role of the City for London and the nation in generating income and observed that, notwithstanding the Government's many support packages offered to businesses to-date, City businesses had particular issues which required further assistance to be offered, in particular those smaller enterprises so dependent on footfall given the proportion of

residents to workers in the City in normal times. The infrastructure provided by these small businesses in supporting the workforce of the larger businesses was essential to the success of the City; therefore, a robust plan for their support was imperative. Sir Michael outlined the content of the Amendment

Members proceeded to debate the Amendment. During discussion, a large number of Members spoke to express strong support for the proposal, with the following points arising:

- Members reflected on the cost of the proposal, noting that the likely detrimental impact of not acting to support businesses in this way would far outweigh the £50m cost of this particular package. It was observed that such extraordinary circumstances required extraordinary steps to be taken by the City Corporation and that the survival of small and micro businesses which supported the City infrastructure and sustained the larger businesses was vital.
- The detail of the scheme would be important to get right, both in terms of ensuring the application process was efficient so as not to be problematic for businesses, as well as ensuring that the grants were only given to sustainable businesses. In respect of the latter point, it was suggested that this sustainability should apply not only to financial sustainability, but also with a view to considering the nature of businesses in the City and their alignment with the City Corporation's wider corporate plan for the City including in relation to climate action, commitment to the London Living Wage, and so on. However, it was observed that many small and micro businesses did not have the capacity to have climate strategies or so on, with it urged that focus should instead be on making the scheme auditable, quick, and flexible. A suggestion was made that the United Nations' Principles of Responsible Investment approach be looked at, this being an aspirational approach in nature.
- Noting the source of the fund, it was observed that other areas of City activity paid for by City's Cash were currently subject to funding cuts and had also suffered from the impact of Covid. It was, therefore, urged that this be borne in mind in future when the costs of this Recovery Fund were being met and that such areas not be targeted for any further contributions. The open spaces in particular were referenced, as these had been particularly vital for Londoners during lockdown, both in terms of physical and mental wellbeing, and required significant investment in terms of maintenance as a result.
- Several Members commented on the fundamental importance of getting footfall back into the City, as this Fund would not work in isolation and custom was required to keep businesses going.
- It was urged that the scheme be made measurable so that its effectiveness could be assessed, both in terms of stimulating the re-opening of businesses and stimulating an increase in footfall through increased workers back in the City.
- A suggestion was also made that the application scheme should be digitally-led, so as to mitigate against fraud, although it was also urged that "perfect not be the enemy of the good" in respect of policies and controls on the

dispensation of funds.

Closing the debate, the Mover of the Amendment thanked Members for their support and reflected on the galvanising and enabling intention of this amendment. He stressed the importance of any system being user-friendly for businesses and, above all, focused on getting people back into the City.

Upon the amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried, unanimously.

The report as amended being then before the Court, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

*Resolved* – That Members of the Court of Common Council:-

1. Note the latest revenue budgets for 2020/21 (paragraphs 18 to 25).
2. Agree the 2021/22 revenue budgets, including the following measures:
  - Note the **overall budget envelope** for City Cash incorporates 12% savings as agreed by the Finance Committee in December and are consistent with the approved savings flightpath.
  - **Unfunded additional revenue bids:** To be avoided during 2021/22 - 2024/25 and carry forwards from 2020/21 to be minimised.
  - **Grants:** Application of 12% savings, unless agreed co-funding arrangement is in place.
3. Approve the 2021/22 Capital and Supplementary Revenue Project Budgets for City's Cash amounting to £33.3m (paragraph 27).
4. Approve the allocation of central funding of up to £17.7m for City's Cash to meet the cost of the 2021/22 capital schemes. Release of such funding being subject to approval at the relevant Gateway and specific agreement of your Resource Allocation Sub-Committee at Gateway 4(a) (paragraph 29).
5. Approve the allocation of central funding to provide an internal loan facility of up to £15.6m for the City of London School (CLSG) to progress its masterplan – release of such funding being subject to approval at the relevant Gateway and separate approval of the loan terms and conditions (paragraph 30).
6. Delegate authority to the Chamberlain to determine the final financing of capital and supplementary revenue project expenditure.
7. Agree the creation of a City of London Covid Business Recovery Fund to alleviate some of the worst effects of the pandemic upon the Square Mile's support infrastructure and to enable the City to emerge with a functional and thriving economy, by drawing-down up to £50 million from City's Cash balances and short-term financial investments, or alternatively financed through borrowing. Grants from the Fund will be made available to small and independent retailers and hospitality businesses together with those providing

clinical and professional services (e.g. dentists and opticians) necessary for the successful return of all those who work in businesses in the City. Businesses applying for support from the Fund, the process of which must be easily accessible, must demonstrate that they are capable of surviving on a viable and going concern basis and that owners have taken necessary steps including, where possible, financial contributions to their business. Grants from the Fund would normally be dependent on the businesses also receiving substantial financial support (not just rent deferrals) from their landlords. Officers are instructed to bring forward a report to the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee, who will be responsible for the fund and its deployment, recommending arrangements and detailed criteria to implement the deployment of the Fund, including the appointment of professional firm(s) with relevant expertise necessary for providing advice and support to enable the Fund to commence making grants as soon as is reasonably practicable.

### **(C) Bridge House Estates – Revenue Budget 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Plan**

The Court considered a report of the Finance Committee presenting the overall financial position of Bridge House Estates.

*Resolved* – That, Members of the Court of Common Council, acting for the City Corporation as the charity trustee of Bridge House Estates and solely in the charity's best interests:

1. Note the latest revenue forecast for 2020/21 (paragraphs 6 to 7 of the report).
2. Approve the 2021/22 revenue budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for period 2022/23 – 2024/25 (paragraphs 8 to 10).
3. Approve that the additional allocation of income reserves available for charitable funding be held at £180m, a reduction of £20m from the sum allocated in March 2020, until a further forecast is presented for review (paragraph 12).
4. Approve that free reserves are maintained at between £33-55m over and above the agreed policy of £35m across the period of the Medium-Term Financial Plan as a mitigation against the uncertain period in which the charity is operating (paragraph 11).
5. Approve the 2021/22 capital and supplementary revenue project budgets (paragraph 16).
6. Note that a revised Medium-Term Financial Plan for the charity will be presented for approval, should the power for total return accounting for endowed charities be granted by Supplemental Royal Charter currently under consideration by the Privy Council's Office – timing to be confirmed (paragraph 15).

Mooney, B.D.F.,  
Deputy; Moss,  
A.M., Deputy

*Further resolved* - That the thanks of the Court be given to the Chairman of the Finance Committee for his introduction to the budget reports before the Court this day and that a copy be circulated to every Member in the usual way.

8. **ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE****(Deputy Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.)****Draft Pay Policy Statement**

The Localism Act 2011 requires the City of London Corporation to prepare and publish a Pay Policy Statement setting out its approach to pay for the most senior and junior members of staff. This must be agreed each year by the full Court of Common Council.

The statement, having been updated for 2021/22 and approved by both the Establishment Committee and Policy and Resources Committee, was therefore presented to the Court of Common Council with the **recommendation** that it be approved.

*Resolved* – That the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved.

9. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)**

18 February 2021

**Governance Review: Competitiveness**

The Court was recommended to approve a series of proposals relating to Competitiveness, following a consultation process on the associated recommendations emerging from the Lisvane Review.

*Resolved* – That:-

1. The proposals in relation to Competitiveness made by Lord Lisvane in Section 6 of his Review (Appendix 1) be noted and the recommendations of the Policy and Resources Committee thereon, as set out in paragraph 15 of the report, be approved.
2. The Town Clerk be authorised to take such actions as are required to give effect to the decisions taken by the Court and facilitate their implementation.

18 February 2021

**(B) Proposed Terms of Reference for a Bridge House Estates Board**

In December 2020, the Policy & Resources Committee considered a report, for the City Corporation as Trustee for Bridge House Estates (charity no. 1035628) ("BHE"), relating to the creation of a dedicated committee of the Court of Common Council from April 2021 to be responsible for the administration of BHE under the oversight of the Court.

The recommendations relating to the establishment of a BHE committee of the Court reflected the views of professional officers and legal advisors arising from the BHE Strategic Governance Review ("the BHE Review"). A single committee was recommended to support regulatory best practice and ensure that, by the implementation of a governance and operational framework providing for cohesive

oversight of this large and complex charity in this way, the City Corporation as Trustee will better discharge its duties to administer the charity effectively, solely in the charity's best interests and in furtherance of BHE's charitable objects, thus helping to deliver maximum impact for beneficiaries.

The Policy and Resources Committee agreed in principle the recommendation to create a BHE committee in December 2020 but requested that the proposed arrangements be brought back for consideration in more detail in advance of any recommendations being presented to the Court. At the Committee's meeting in February, proposed Terms of Reference for the new BHE committee, to be called the "Bridge House Estates Board", were presented for approval, together with further details of the necessary changes to the City Corporation's corporate governance framework that would need to be made to support the effective implementation of the new BHE Board from April 2021. Members will be further engaged in implementing the corporate governance arrangements to be adopted in the administration of the charity, including for collaboration across all the City Corporation's functions (and Funds), particularly in relation to investment matters (refer paragraph 28 of the Report).

*Resolved* – That the Court of Common Council in the discharge of its functions for the City Corporation as Trustee for Bridge House Estates and solely in the charity's best interests, agrees:-

1. To constitute a committee to be named the "Bridge House Estates Board" to exercise day-to-day management and control of the charity solely in its best interests, on behalf of and under the oversight of, and with certain matters reserved to, the Court of Common Council, for implementation from April 2021;
2. To approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Bridge House Estates Board set out in Appendix A; and to delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee to settle the proposed Terms of Reference following any additional comments from the Court, to be presented to the Court of Common Council in April 2021 for approval in constituting all the Court's Committees for 2021/22.
3. To authorise the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Comptroller & City Solicitor, to make any other consequential changes to the City Corporation's corporate governance documents which are required to support the effective implementation of the new Bridge House Estates Board from April 2021.

18 February 2021

### **(C) Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Service - Governance**

The next generation Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service (FCCRAS) was to be a replacement for Action Fraud, the national fraud reporting service, which was a key component of the City of London Police's (COLP) function as National Lead Force for Economic Crime. Whilst the COLP had been nominated to lead the procurement of the new service, it remained majority-funded by the Home Office, so was subject to their governance requirements. Due to the estimated cost of the project exceeding £100m, it was also subject to HM Treasury governance and as well as being subject to the government's Infrastructure and Project Authority's (IPA) gateway process. The project was also currently required to report to a number of City of London Corporation Committees and Sub-



Committees.

'Governance overload' was cited as a critical risk to the project by the IPA in its recent Gateway 2 report. This was a view shared at the Home Office Finance and Investment Committee, which was due to consider the project on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for approval to the next stage. Given their stated concerns and in order to streamline the governance and provide assurance that this risk was being recognised and mitigated, it was **recommended** that a dedicated Committee be established to take on the oversight and decision-making roles of the Committees and Sub-Committees that the project would otherwise report to. The new committee would be called the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service Procurement Committee. The Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those Committees and Sub-Committees that the project would otherwise report to would comprise the membership of this new Committee, which would be time-limited for the duration of the procurement (no more than three years). This would address the serious concerns of the Home Office and IPA, while maintaining appropriate oversight and scrutiny of the procurement of what was a critical service for COLP and the Corporation.

*Resolved* - That the establishment of a Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service Procurement Committee be approved, to oversee the procurement of the next generation Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service. The new committee would be time limited to a period of three years (from April 2021 to April 2024) to cover the duration of the procurement of this service and would take on the responsibilities of those Committees and Sub-Committees currently overseeing this project, whose Chairs and Deputy Chairs will comprise the membership of the new Committee (as set out at Appendix 1).

4 February 2021

#### **(D) Report of Action Taken: London Councils Grant Scheme**

The Court received a report advising of action taken under urgency procedures regarding the issue of annual levies for subscriptions to the constituent councils of the London Councils Grant Scheme. Following consideration by constituent councils, the approval of the Court was required under urgency procedures to issue the levies before the statutory deadline of 15 February 2021.

*Resolved* – That the action taken under urgency procedures be noted.

10.

#### **CAPITAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE**

**(Sir Michael Snyder)**

13 January 2021

##### **Extension of Current Chairman's Term**

In accordance with Standing Order 29(2) the Chairman of Capital Buildings Committee was subject to annual re-election and was limited to serving a maximum term of three years. The current Chairman was now in his third and final year and was not currently eligible to seek election for a fourth year in this position.

However, the Capital Buildings Committee was currently at a critical stage in overseeing the range of projects it is responsible for delivering. Following a recommendation of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, the

Committee had unanimously agreed that maintaining continuity of leadership would be crucial in guiding the work of the Committee during the next year. It was, therefore, recommended that Standing Order 29(2) be waived in respect of this Committee for the coming year, to allow for a fourth year of service.

*Resolved* - That Standing Order No. 29(2) be waived in respect of the Chairmanship of the Capital Buildings Committee for a period of one year, to allow the current Chairman to be eligible to seek a fourth year as Chairman.

11. **AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**(Alexander Robertson Martin Barr)**

9 February 2021

**External Member Recommendation**

In September 2011, the Court of Common Council agreed that the Audit and Risk Management Committee should have the ability to recruit up to three External Members to provide additional expertise and challenge.

The final term of one of the current External Members was due to expire on 31 March 2021 and, in advance of this, a recruitment process had been undertaken to identify a suitable successor and the appointment of the successful candidate was now **recommended**.

*Resolved* – That Gail Le Coz be appointed as an External Member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, for an initial three-year term commencing 1 April 2021.

12. **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Alastair Moss)**

16 February 2021

**Annual On-Street Parking Accounts 2019/20 and Related Funding of Highway Improvements and Schemes**

The Court received a report advising of action taken in respect of any deficit or surplus in its On-Street Parking Account for 2019/20. This information was required to be reported to the Mayor of London.

The report informed Members that:

- the surplus arising from on-street parking activities in 2019/20 was £10.876m;
- a total of £5.005m was applied in 2019/20 to fund approved projects; and
- the surplus remaining on the On-Street Parking Reserve at 31st March 2020 was £42.713m, which will be wholly allocated towards the funding of various highway improvements and other projects over the medium term.

*Resolved* – That the report be noted and its submission to the Mayor of London be approved.

13. **PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley)**

20 January 2021

**Animal Reception Centre – Heathrow Airport: Annual Review of Charges**

It is necessary to submit periodic recommendations to the Court for an increase to be applied to the Schedule of Charges in respect of services provided at the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre (HARC), for the forthcoming financial year.

The Byelaws, incorporating a new schedule of charges for the services provided, were set out in Appendix 1 to the report and the Committee recommended approval thereof; the Comptroller and City Solicitor being instructed to seal the Byelaws accordingly.

*Resolved* – That the Byelaws, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved and the Comptroller and City Solicitor be instructed to seal the Byelaws accordingly.

## 14. Freedoms

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

<b>Alexandra Allan</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Headteacher <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Wandsworth, London
<b>Farouk Bastaki</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	an Investment Authority Managing Director  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Al Murqab, Kuwait
<b>Nilesh Kumar Maganlal Bathia</b> <i>Dr Chuba Cyprian Chigbo</i> <i>Hansraj Gudka</i>	a Pharmacist  <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Arkley, Hertfordshire
<b>Annabel Kate Bennett</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Charity and Media Worker. <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Old Hatfield, Hertfordshire
<b>Mansoor Bin Ebrahim Al-Mahmoud</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	an Investment Authority Chief Executive  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Doha, Qatar
<b>Geraldine Blake</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Charity Director. <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Camberwell, London
<b>Gemma Bowsher</b> <i>Neville John Watson</i> <i>Peter Francis Clark</i>	a Medical Student <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Barnes, London
<b>Roderick Grant Church Calton</b> <i>Peter Francis Clark</i> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i>	a Company Director  <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Chelsea, London
<b>Casper Cech-Lucas</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Funding Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Peckham, London
<b>Kenneth John Codd</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Hydrant Technician <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Garston, Hertfordshire

<b>Paul Crudgington</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Street Environmental Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Benfleet, Essex
<b>Clair Frances Dart</b> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Edgware, Middlesex
<b>James Peter Davis</b>  <i>Timothy Russell Hailes, Ald, JP.</i> <i>Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP</i>	a Health & Wellness Company Director <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>  <i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	Dartford, Kent
<b>Shaun Dellenty</b> <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i> <i>Carolyn Foreman Dwyer</i>	an Educator and Consultant <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>  <i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	Rotherhithe, London
<b>Andrew James Dias</b> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Camberley, Surrey
<b>Kay Phyllis Sheard English</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Traffic Manager  <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Frinton On Sea, Essex
<b>Clara Ann Espinosa</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Funding Officer. <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Levenshulme, Manchester
<b>Graham Neil Faggetter</b>  <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>Martin Robinson</i>	a Lloyd's Syndicate Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>  <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Orpington, Kent
<b>Jane Fitzgerald</b>  <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Community Centre Assistant <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Islington, London
<b>Nigel Anthony Francis</b>  <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Street Environment Officer. <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Wembley, Middlesex
<b>Damani Nicholas Goldstein</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Public Health Consultant <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Walthamstow, London
<b>Marek Habrda</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Funding Manager <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Stoke Newington, London
<b>Katherine Hannah Louise Halahan</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Funding Manager  <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Bristol, Gloucestershire
<b>His Excellency Erlan Idrissov</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	The Ambassador of Kazakhstan  <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Westminster, London
<b>Md Shohidul Islam</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Patient Co-Ordinator. <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Bethnal Green, London

<b>Ryan Philip Jones</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Communications Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Croydon, Surrey
<b>Ovssanna Kalenderian</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Library Assistant <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Islington, London
<b>Chloe Elizabeth Evans Kane</b> <i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC</i> <i>Deputy Robert James</i> <i>Ingham Clark</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Wood Green, London
<b>Suzanna Kate Evans Kane</b> <i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC</i> <i>Deputy Robert James</i> <i>Ingham Clark</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Hornsey, London
<b>Frederick Martin Kinahan</b> <i>James De Sausmarez, CC</i> <i>Alexander Barr, CC</i>	an Investment Company Director <i>Citizen and Joiner &amp; Ceiler</i> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i>	Shoreditch, London
<b>Edwina Koffie</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Weighbridge Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	New Addington, Croydon
<b>Xenia Jacovou Koumi</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Public Health Specialist <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	East Finchley, London
<b>Ian John Lacey</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Clerk <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Becontree, Essex
<b>Andrew Eric Law</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>William Francis Charnley</i>	an Asset Manager <i>Citizen and Draper</i>	Chelsea, London
<b>Wing Yen Lindsay</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Library Assistant <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Hackney, London
<b>His Excellency Manuel Lobo Antunes</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony</i> <i>McGuinness</i>	The Ambassador of Portugal <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Belgravia, London
<b>Suzanne Lyons</b> <i>Michael John James</i> <i>James Patrick Vaughan</i>	an Operations Director <i>Citizen and Stationer &amp; Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer &amp; Newspaper Maker</i>	Luton, Bedfordshire
<b>Alan Bruce Mackie</b> <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston</i>	a Data Company Director <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America
<b>Melanie Pinkerton Mackie</b> <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston</i>	an Information Technology Consultant <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America
<b>Sarah Maxwell</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	a Transport Fleet Compliance Manager <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Canvey Island, Essex

<i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i> <b>Sir Adrian Alastair Montague</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> an Insurance Company Chairman	Selbourne, Hampshire
<b>James Vincent Mraz</b> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Deputy Agent General, <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Islington
<b>Scott Myers</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Strategy Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Beckenham, Kent
<b>Arash Nassouri</b> <i>Abdul Latif</i> <i>Ali Reza Latif</i>	a Civil Engineer <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Colindale, London
<b>Katherine Agnieszka Oberc</b> <i>Mrs Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Post Graduate Student <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Twickenham, Middlesex
<b>Kevin Paul Ogilvie</b> <i>Anthony Ben Charlwood</i> <i>Donald Newell</i>	a Self-employed Bookkeeper <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Uxbridge, Middlesex
<b>Salvatore Olivari De La Moneda</b> <i>Matthew Timothy Schellhorn</i> <i>Julian Richard Cable</i>	a Marine Captain, retired <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Rome, Italy
<b>Scott Douglas O'Malia</b> <i>Erica Elliott Richardson</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	a Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen &amp; Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	St. John's Wood, London
<b>Lydia Grace Parr</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Funding Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Camberwell, London
<b>Catherine Elsie Robertson</b> <i>James De Sausmarez</i> <i>Alexander Barr, CC</i>	a Facilities Manager <i>Citizen and Joiner and Ceiler</i> <i>Citizen &amp; Ironmonger</i>	Southfields, Wimbledon
<b>Benjamin Robert Rooms</b> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i> <i>George Niblett</i>	a Medical Practitioner <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Newcastle Upon Tyne
<b>Angelo Anthony Sedacca</b>  <i>Mr Michael Forster Pisapia</i> <i>John Leslie Barber, DL</i>	a Police Officer, retired  <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Little Neck, New York, United States of America
<b>Lucy Victoria Sicks</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Charity Chief Executive Officer  <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Lutterworth, Leicestershire
<b>Nan Rachel Smart</b> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Student. <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Northwood Hills, Middlesex
<b>Karl Sprackling</b>  <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Street Environmental Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Leavenheath, Colchester
<b>Sally Priscilla Spry</b>	a Salvation Army Officer.	Hoxton.

<i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Alexis Grant Taw</b>	a Weighbridge Attendant.	Islington.
<i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Lee Turner</b>	a Local Government Manager	Lancing, West Sussex
<i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<b>Andrew George Philip Tusa</b>	a Banking Company Managing Director	Litlington, Cambridgeshire
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Hilary Ann Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	
<b>Bridget Ajua Uku</b>	a Chartered Accountant	Ealing
<i>Deputy Andrien Meyers</i>	<i>Citizen &amp; Common Councillor</i>	
<i>Prem Babu Goyal, OBE, ALD.</i>	<i>Citizen &amp; Plumber</i>	
<b>Colin Lynn Ussher</b>	an Almshouse Association Manager	Chelsea
<i>Wendy Davina Calder Parmley</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
<i>Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
<b>Ronald David Wood</b>	a Musician	Maida Vale, London
<i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Deputy Robert James Ingham Clark</i>	<i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	
<b>Jane Annis Wright</b>	an Educator, retired	Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire
<i>Mark Sutherland Johnson</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<i>Robyn Mary Allardice</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<b>Michael Richard Wright</b>	an Educator, Retried	Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire
<i>Mark Sutherland Johnson</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<i>Robyn Mary Allardice</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	

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.

#### 15. Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the Committees and Outside Bodies, as follows:-

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

- (A) At paragraph (A), it was noted that a vacancy on the Licensing Committee had been advertised in error.
- (B) One Member on the City & Metropolitan Welfare Charity, for a four-year term expiring in March 2025.

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

\*Mark Wheatley

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mark Wheatley to be appointed to the City & Metropolitan Welfare Charity.

- (C) Three Members on the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry, for a one-year term expiring in March 2022.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Deputy Roger Chadwick

\*Simon Duckworth

\*Alderman Gregory Jones

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Roger Chadwick, Simon Duckworth, and Alderman Gregory Jones to be appointed to the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry.

- (D) One Member on the Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, for a three-year term expiring in March 2024.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Randall Anderson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Anderson to be appointed to the Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

- (E) Five Members on the Statues Working Group.

**Nominations received:-**

Munsur Ali

Doug Barrow

Mary Durcan

Anne Fairweather

Ann Holmes

Natasha Lloyd-Owen

Andy Mayer

John Scott

Jeremy Simons

James Tumbridge

Mark Wheatley

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Statues Working Group of Doug Barrow, Ann Holmes, Jeremy Simons, James Tumbridge, and Mark Wheatley be confirmed.



16. Irish  
Society

- (A) The Court proceeded to appoint three Members on The Honourable The Irish Society.

\*denotes a Member standing for re-appointment.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Sheriff Christopher Hayward  
Deputy Edward Lord  
\*Deputy Richard Regan  
\*Ian Seaton

Read.

*Resolved* – That, in accordance with the outcomes of the indicative ballot process, the appointment to the Hon. The Irish Society of Sheriff Christopher Hayward, Deputy Edward Lord, and Ian Seaton be confirmed.

- (B) The Court noted that Alderman William Russell would serve as Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society for a three-year term, expiring in March 2024.
- (C) The Court noted that Alderman Nicholas Lyons would 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 2022.
- (D) The Court noted that Alderman Gregory Jones Q.C. would 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 2023.

17. The Court received a report on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

**Statutory Instruments**

**Date in force**

**The Whole of Government Accounts (Designation of Bodies) Order 2021 No. 6** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

This Order designates the Common Council of the City of London and the Board of Governors of the Museum of London as bodies which are required to prepare and present to the Treasury such financial information in relation to the financial year ending on 31st March 2020 as the Treasury may request to enable them to prepare 'Whole of Government Accounts', as provided by section 10 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000.

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 3) and (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 No. 8**

6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

These Regulations, which introduced the current 'lockdown', amend earlier Coronavirus Regulations to strengthen the Tier 4 restrictions and apply those restrictions to every area in England, and clarify the powers of police community support officers (PCSOs). The application of the Regulations relating to PCSOs was extended from 17 January to 17 July 2021; the application of the Regulations detailing the Tier-specific restrictions was extended from 2 February to 31 March 2021.

**The Public Health (Coronavirus) (Protection from Eviction) (England) Regulations 2021 No.15**

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

These Regulations prevent, except in specified circumstances, attendance at a residence for the purpose of executing a writ or warrant of possession or delivering a notice of eviction. The specified circumstances are where the court is satisfied that the claim is against trespassers who are persons unknown or where it was made wholly or partly on the grounds of anti-social behaviour, nuisance, domestic abuse in social tenancies, false statements, substantial rent arrears exceeding 6 months' rent or, in cases where the person attending is satisfied that the residence is unoccupied at the time of attendance, death of the occupant. These Regulations expire at the end of 21st February 2021.

18. There were no motions.
19. There were no resolutions.
20. There were no docquets for the Seal.
21. There were no awards or prizes.
22. *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 the Local Government Act, 1972.

Mooney, B.D.F.,  
Deputy; Mayhew,  
J.P.

**Summary of exempt items considered whilst the public were excluded:-**

23. *Resolved* – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
24. **Finance Committee**  
The Court:-
  - (A) approved the extension of an existing contract of a managed service temporary agency;
  - (B) approved an extension to an existing contract for supply of heat and chill; and
  - (C) approved an increase in contract value for the provision of mechanical and electrical maintenance services and building repairs and maintenance

services.

25. **Property Investment Board**

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the disposal of a freehold.

**The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and ended at 2.37pm**

**BARRADELL.**