

Report – Ballot Result and Appointment (Bridge House Estates Board)

To be presented on Thursday, 13th May 2021

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. Ahead of the April 2021 meeting of the Court of Common Council, expressions of interest were sought in respect of the several vacancies on committees for the forthcoming year, with ballots held where the number of Members in nomination exceeded the number of vacancies available. This included a ballot for eight vacancies on the Bridge House Estates Board.
2. Following the close of poll for these vacancies, the ballots were counted and, for the Bridge House Estates Board, the vote resulted in a tie for the final place, between Paul Martinelli and Jeremy Simons.
3. Consequently, at the Court of Common Council on 15 April 2021, Members agreed to a further indicative ballot taking place between the two candidates, following which, the successful candidate would be appointed under urgency procedures (in accordance with the ballot outcomes), in the interests of expediency and thereby allowing the successful Member to join the Board in time for its first meeting.
4. A further indicative ballot was, therefore, undertaken electronically, with Members asked to submit their votes by 5.00pm on Monday 19 April.
5. Following the close of poll, at 5.30pm on Monday 19 April the ballots were opened under the watch of the scrutineers appointed by the Lord Mayor (Deputy Brian Mooney, the Chief Commoner, and Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark, the Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee), and the results confirmed as set out below:-

Bridge House Estates Board (one vacancy).

	Votes
Paul Nicholas Martinelli	61
Jeremy Lewis Simons, O.B.E.	28

Successful candidate:

- Paul Martinelli

6. Paul Martinelli was, therefore, appointed under urgency procedures to the Bridge House Estates Board for a two-year term, expiring April 2023, in keeping with the will of this Court.