Item No: 3 $^{\prime}$



RUSSELL, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

9th September 2021 MEMBERS PRESENT

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Minute's Silence

In view of the imminent 20th anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11, the Court proceeded to pause for a moment's silence and reflection, in order to pay tribute to those killed, injured, or otherwise affected.

- 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 Engagements The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor took the opportunity to update the Court on his recent engagement programme.
- 5. Policy The Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee provided the Court with an

Statement

update touching on the recovery and re-opening of the City post-Co, the Corporation's response to the crisis in Afghanistan, and the recent Extinction Rebellion protests.

6. CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)

17 July 2021

External Member Appointment

The constitution of the City of London Police Authority Board allows for the recruitment of four external individuals (i.e. not Members of the Common Council) to the Board, through an open process. Two of these were new posts created in April 2021.

In July 2021, a selection panel recommended one candidate for appointment to a vacant position – Sir Craig Mackey.

Following the unanimous support of Members of the City of London Police Authority Board, the Court's approval was now sought for the appointment of external member, Sir Craig Mackey, to the City of London Police Authority Board for a four-year term commencing 9 September 2021.

Resolved – That Sir Craig Mackey be appointed to the City of London Police Authority Board for a four-year term, commencing 9 September 2021.

7. BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES BOARD

(Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson)

17 July 2021

Protocol for Co-option to the Bridge House Estates Board and Sub-Committees

In support of the Bridge House Estates Board in its effective administration and governance of Bridge House Estates (Charity Reg. No. 1035628), the Court was asked to consider the adoption of a Protocol for Co-option of External Members to the Board and its sub-committees, reflecting best practice in the charity sector and also the City Corporation's ambitions to draw upon wider external skills, experience and knowledge, and to increase diversity and inclusion.

Resolved – That, it being considered to be in the best interests of the Bridge House Estates (Charity No. 1035628), the Court:

- 1. Approves the protocol for Co-option of External Members to the Bridge House Estates Board and its Sub-committees; and
- 2. In approving the Co-option Protocol, agrees to waive the requirements of the protocol on a one-time basis in order to allow the two previous external members of the City Bridge Trust Committee to be appointed to the Grants Committee of the Bridge House Estates Board until the next civic year.

8. HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Chief Commoner)

19 July 2021

Applications for Hospitality

(a) Early evening reception to mark the 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh Independence and to celebrate the contribution of the Bangladeshi community to London

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception on Thursday, 16 December 2021 to mark the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh independence and to celebrate the contribution of the Bangladeshi community to London and to the City.

London's large Bangladeshi community had made a significant contribution to the UK in many areas including commerce, politics, art, culture and food. 2021 was the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence and, to mark the occasion, it was proposed the City Corporation host a reception on Tower Bridge. The event would provide an opportunity to celebrate the contribution of the Bangladeshi community to London and the UK and to exemplify the City Corporation's commitment to promoting a diverse and inclusive society.

It was, therefore, recommended that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

(b) Early evening reception to celebrate Diwali

It was proposed the City Corporation host an early evening reception in the Old Library on Wednesday 10 November 2021 to celebrate Diwali.

The City Corporation had, for a number of years, hosted an event to mark Diwali and this year intended an early evening reception, together with small dinners focusing on cultural themes and Green Finance. The events would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to bringing together different communities and celebrating London as a multifaith city.

It was, therefore, recommended that hospitality be granted and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

(c) International Counter Terrorism and Intelligence Conference Dinner It was proposed the City Corporation host a dinner for the 2022 International Counter Terrorism Conference on Monday 16 May 2022.

Counter Terrorism UK, the Metropolitan Police and City of London Police were to host a conference on counter terrorism in London from 16 - 18 May 2022. The annual conference was organised by the Leadership in Counter Terrorism Association and this would be the first time it had taken place in the United Kingdom. It was proposed the City Corporation host a dinner on the first night of the conference for the leading participants, which would provide an opportunity to promote the City Corporation and City of London Police in being at the forefront of counter terrorism initiatives internationally and demonstrate their commitment to support global counter terrorism initiatives and sharing best practice among security professions.

It was, therefore, recommended that hospitality be granted and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Police Authority Board; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Police Authority Board; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

(d) Early evening reception following a seminar on Civil Justice

It was proposed the City Corporation host an early evening reception following a seminar to be delivered in partnership with the Bingham Centre and the Magna Carta Trust on 'Build Back Better: Online Civil Justice after the Pandemic' in the Livery Hall on 20 October 2021.

Regulatory confidence founded on the rule of law was a crucial foundation for the services provided by the City and generally in maintaining the UK's reputation as a place to do business. The City Corporation had worked with the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law to promote the UK as being, from the Magna Carta onwards, the home of the rule of law. A seminar was to be held, to be delivered in partnership with the Bingham Centre and Magna Carta Trust, which would examine the acceleration of legal innovation in online civil justice and consider its future after the pandemic. It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception following the seminar and a small dinner, which would provide an opportunity to promote the City Corporation's commitment to the rule of law and access to justice.

It was, therefore, recommended that hospitality be granted and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within the agreed parameters.

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Dinner for the Global Investment Summit (e) 2021 at Guildhall on Monday 18 October 2021

The UK Government was hosting a Global Investment Summit in October 2021. Hosted by the Prime Minister and supported by Members of the Royal Family, the summit was intended to galvanize foreign investment in the UK's Green industries ahead of COP26 in November. The one-day meeting would attract senior level representation from the world's leading businesses and investors and showcase the UK's clean technologies and innovative companies.

The City Corporation had received a proposal to host a dinner preceding the Summit. This would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's leading role in promoting inward green investment to London and the UK, and promote the ongoing activity surrounding the build up to COP26. It would also provide a platform to strengthen the City Corporation's regional programme as the Summit would aim to drive investment to all parts of the UK in line with the recently announced Trade and Investment Hubs.

An urgent decision was sought and obtained for the award of hospitality, pursuant to Standing Order No.19, to allow arrangements to be progressed immediately and ensure invitations were sent out with as much notice as possible to secure the required high-level attendance.

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

9. 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: -

Patricia Ann Babbitt John A Welch Robert Andrews	a Telecommunications Manager Citizen and Pattenmaker Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer	Haverhill, Massachusetts, United States of America
Wesley Wilde Babbitt	a Ship's Captain	Haverhill, Massachusetts, United States of America
John A Welch	Citizen and Pattenmaker	
Robert Andrews	Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer	
Elsa Christina Margareta Bjorling	a Medical Doctor	City of London
Gregory James Kirby	Citizen and Glover	
Peter John Lambert	Citizen and Pavior	
Peter Ignatius Bruemmer	a Real Estate Title Examiner	Perkasie, Pennsylvania, United States of America
John A Welch	Citizen and Pattenmaker	
Robert Andrews	Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer	
Neil John Alexander	an Advertising and Exhibitions	Tonbridge, Kent

Vincent Dignam

Buckley Company Director Citizen and Insurer Jeremy Christopher Charles Cross Citizen and Glover Ann-Marie Jefferys **Harrison Helford Butler** a Student Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire Gerald Michael Edwards Citizen and Fruiterer Martin Victor Edwards Citizen and International Banker Ahmed Us Samad a Television Company Chigwell, Essex Chowdhurv Chairman Munsur Ali, CC Citizen and Common Councillor Rehana Banu Ameer, CC Citizen and Common Councillor **Sylvia Pearl Cristofori** an Administration Officer Chafford Hundred, Essex Deputy Charles Edward Lord, Citizen and Broderer OBE, JP Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP Citizen and Pewterer **Professor Sir Partha** Cambridge, Cambridgeshire a University Professor Sarathi Dasgupta **Emeritus** Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Citizen and Glover Dominic Gerard Christian Citizen and Insurer Lee Harry Peter Dorman a Security Consultant Harlow, Essex Scott Marcus Longman Citizen and Educator John Francis Purnell Citizen and Security Professional Albert George Doyle a Student Kensington, London Citizen and Fletcher Brian Martin Jones Gerald Michael Edwards Citizen and Fruiterer a Cultural Director & Musician **Gary Dunne** Dublin, Ireland Ald. Vincent Keaveny Citizen and Solicitor Vincent Dignam Citizen and Carman **Mohammed El Husseiny** a Technology Investment Chelsea, London Company Director The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Citizen and Grocer Bowman a Member of Parliament John Philip Glen, MP Salisbury, Wiltshire The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Deputy Catherine Sidony Citizen and Solicitor **McGuinness James Scott Goolnik** a Dental Surgeon Wimbledon, London The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Sir Michael Snyder, Kt. Citizen and Needlemaker Georgina Rose Longworth a Strategy Consultant South Kensington, London Hansen Gerald Michael Edwards Citizen and Fruiterer Martin Victor Edwards Citizen and International Banker **Maeve Francis Heath** an Administrator Camden Town, London Ald. Vincent Keaveny Citizen and Solicitor

Citizen and Carman

Michael Thomas a Business Development Alpharetta, Georgia, United States of America Limongello Consultant John A Welch Citizen and Pattenmaker Robert Andrews Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer a Theatre Producer Wincanton, Somerset Sir Cameron Anthony Mackintosh The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor John Alfred Bennett, MBE Citizen and International Banker Joana Agyeiwaa Marfoh a Chartered Accountant Thornton Heath, Surrey Deputy Andrien Meyers Citizen and Common Councillor Prem Babu Goyal, OBE, ALD. Citizen and Plumber Sean Dermot O'Leary a Tv and Radio Presenter Primrose Hill, London Ald. Vincent Keaveny Citizen and Solicitor Vincent Dignam Citizen and Carman **Frederick Earle Francis** a Royal Navy Officer, retired Ottery St Mary, Devon Price, MBE Citizen and Glover Gregory James Kirby David Arnold Raines Citizen and Distiller Sheikh Aliur Rahman a Tea Merchant Bethnal Green, London Munsur Ali, CC Citizen and Common Councillor Citizen and Common Councillor Thomas Sleigh, Deputy **John Vincent Romeo** Holland Park, London a Management Consultant The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Deputy Catherine Sidony Citizen and Solicitor **McGuinness Edward Christopher** a Musician Framlingham, Suffolk Sheeran, MBE Citizen and Solicitor Ald. Vincent Keaveny Vincent Dignam Citizen and Carman **Charles Henry Buys** Blackheath, London a Sales General Manager Stevenson Mark Raymond Peter Citizen and Draper Wheatley, CC James Henry George Pollard, Citizen and Skinner Deputy Devam Sukhija an Insurer Epsom, Surrey Ann-Marie Jeffervs Citizen and Glover Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker a Catering and Hospitality Shenfield, Essex **Katy Thompson** Company Director Citizen and Coachmaker & Coach David Anthony Barrett Harness Maker Citizen and Plaisterer Robert Exton Dalrymple Kirsten Alexandra Watkins a Police Detective, retired Brentwood, Essex Keith Ian Low Citizen and Security Professional Yasmeen Stratton Citizen and Security Professional

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.

10. Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following committees:-

(A) One Member on the Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2022.

Nominations received:-

Matthew Bell

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Matthew Bell to be appointed to the Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2022.

(B) One Member on the Health & Wellbeing Board, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2022.

Nominations received:-

Randall Keith Anderson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Anderson to be appointed to the Health & Wellbeing Board, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2022.

- 11. Questions There were no questions.
- 12. Motions There were no Motions.

13. CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)

18 August 2021

City of London Police: Annual Report 2020/21

The Annual Report, setting out the achievements and performance of the City of London Police over the past financial year, was submitted to the Court for information.

The Chairman introduced the item to the Court and provided a comprehensive overview of the City Police's achievements over the year, as well as a summary of the constructive challenge provided by the Police Authority Board across the period.

Resolved – That the report be received.

14. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)

16 August 2021

Report of Urgent Action Taken: 9 September 2021 meeting of the Court of Common Council – physical / formal meeting arrangements

In April 2021, the Court of Common Council resolved that all of its local and police authority meetings should be conducted on an informal basis for the coming period, in view of the ongoing Covid-19 related restrictions. This decision was taken bearing in mind the prohibitions on remote / virtual participation in formal meetings under relevant legislation and the impracticalities of holding formal meetings (particularly of the Court itself, given its size), with the Court also resolving to allow for virtual participation in non-local or police authority business more generally. These arrangements expire on 7 October.

On 5 July 2021, Her Majesty's Government announced that all Covid-related work from home guidance and social distancing restrictions were anticipated to come to an end as of 19 July 2021. The decision was, therefore, taken (on the recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee) to hold the next meeting of Court of Common Council on 22 July as a formal, in-person meeting, but with committees and sub-committees continuing to operate on an informal basis, thereby facilitating virtual / remote participation for those meetings. The Covid-related situation could then be monitored over the summer recess, with a view to taking a longer-term decision in September.

The 22 July 2021 meeting of the Court subsequently proceeded on a physical basis and was held successfully, utilising various mitigations to help alleviate concerns associated with Covid (for example, an outdoor luncheon, spaced seating, reduced public attendance, and so on). At that meeting, in response to a query around the format of the September Court meeting, hope was expressed that the Corporation would be in a position to repeat the arrangements but that there would need to be a "wait and see" approach over the coming weeks, depending on the situation with Covid and any subsequent response by the Government.

Consequently, the position was assessed during the month of August, with a view to determining arrangements and ensuring that Members were provided with sufficient notice ahead of September's meeting. In reviewing the position it was felt that, whilst the threat of Covid remained, there was no indication that the Government was likely to introduce any new restrictions and, indeed, the message of returning to the workplace was one they continued to promulgate. Accordingly, it was determined that September's Court meeting should proceed on a physical basis and be held in a similar manner to the July meeting, i.e. employing Covid mitigation measures so far as was practical, notwithstanding the removal of restrictions generally.

A decision was taken under urgency procedures in view of the summer recess and the need to provide sufficient notice for requisite arrangements to be made and the Court Summons published within statutory timeframes.

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

15. STATUES WORKING GROUP

(Douglas Gordon Fleming Barrow, M.B.E.)

2 August 2021

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Statues Working Group – Request for extension to timetable

In March 2021, the Court of Common Council endorsed the establishment of the Statues Working Group and granted authority to it, under Standing Order No. 9(2), to report directly to the Court. In so doing, it requested that the Working Group's recommendations be submitted to it by the end of September 2021.

The Working Group had since met on multiple occasions and was now almost in a position to submit its findings. However, given the importance of the subject, it was felt that one further meeting in early September was required to finalise the proposals and ensure a robust report could be submitted to the Court. In view of the timing of the Court meeting in September, this meant that, although the Working Group's proposals would be published within the Court papers (for October's meeting) by the end of September, the Court would not have the opportunity to consider proposals until its 7 October 2021 meeting.

The approval of the Court was, therefore, sought and obtained under urgency procedures for an extension to the timescale set, facilitating an October submission.

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

16. Legislation

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 1st August 2021

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development etc.) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021 No. 814

This Order amends the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (GPDO), which provides for the granting of permission for certain classes of development without the requirement for a planning application to be made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Order amends the GPDO to require developers to obtain the prior approval of the local planning authority as to certain matters relating to fire safety, where it is proposed to introduce dwellinghouses in buildings 18 metres or more in height or containing 7 or more storeys. Where a prior approval application is made pursuant to these provisions, the local planning authority must consult the Health and Safety Executive.

The School Admissions Code (Appointed Day) (England) Order 2021 No. 833

1st September 2021

This Order appoints 1st September 2021 as the day on which the School Admissions Code comes into force. The Code imposes requirements and includes guidelines setting out aims, objectives and other matters in relation to the arrangements for admission to maintained schools. This applies to the Aldgate School, the only City of London school that is a maintained school. The Code replaces the previous School Admissions Code, which came into force in 2014, except in relation to applications for places at a maintained school made before the Code comes into force.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps etc.) (England) (Revocation and Amendment) Regulations 2021 No. 848

18th July 2021

These Regulations revoke a raft of existing Coronavirus Regulations, including those providing for lockdown and social distancing requirements, the wearing of face coverings in certain places, the collection of contact details by businesses, and other obligations on and undertakings by businesses. They do not, however, revoke all COVID restrictions, for example those relating to travel and self- isolation remain in force. The Regulations also postpone the expiry of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 from 19th July 2021 to 28th September 2021. The 2020 Regulations give local authorities powers to give directions relating to premises, events and public outdoor places in their areas, if they consider that specified the public health, necessity and proportionality conditions are met.

The Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 No. 866

20th July 2021

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Business and Planning Act 2020 made temporary provision for a fast-track process to allow businesses selling food or drink to obtain pavement licences from local authorities, which authorise the placement of furniture such as tables and chairs on highways adjacent to their premises. These Regulations extend the application of the Act's provisions on pavement licences, and the date until which pavement licences may run, from 30th September 2021 to 30th September 2022. This extension to 2022 only applies to pavement licences for which applications are made on or after 20th July 2021. The 2021 expiry date will continue to apply in relation to any pavement licence applied for before 20th July 2021, though the holder of such a licence may be able to apply for a further licence.

(The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer's Office)

Read.

17. Resolutions There were no resolutions.

18. Hospital Seal

There were no docquets for the Seal.

19. Awards & Prizes

There was no report.

20.

Mooney, B.D.F., Deputy; Ingham Clark, R.J., Deputy Resolved – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business below on the grounds that it involves 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 whilst the public were excluded:-

21. Non-public minutes

Resolved – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and ended at 1.30pm

BARRADELL.