

Motion –

by Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley

To be presented on Thursday, 7th October 2021

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

Motion:-

‘That this Honourable Court notes and supports:

- The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), and related texts in UK law.
- The United Nations Paris Agreement, and related texts in UK law.

This Honourable Court notes that:

- Progress towards the latter cannot be at the expense of the former.
- This denial of trade-offs in fundamental rights is clear in our Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG strategy).
- Acts of genocide, slavery and forced labour are breaches of the UDHR.
- The UK Parliament has determined that the Government of the People's Republic of China has engaged in such breaches on the Uyghur people particularly in the province of Xinjiang.

This Honourable Court therefore resolves that the City of London Corporation will:

- Review all direct procurement activity (including our investment portfolio), in light of comprehensive consideration of our ESG strategy, and refrain from any further direct purchase of goods or services from companies located in Xinjiang province until this is concluded.
- Commission the Chair of Policy and Resources to report on these matters to the Common Council at our meeting in January 2022.’

Signatories to the Motion, pursuant to Standing Order 12(3):-

Mark Wheatley (Mover)

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