

Committee(s) General Purposes Committee of Aldermen	Date(s): 7 December 2021
Subject: Report of Action Taken – Supplemental Charter for the Worshipful Company of Dyers	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
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This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman of the Magistracy & Livery Sub-Committee, the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen, the senior Alderman (Alderman Luder) acting in place of the Deputy Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen and the Chairman of the Court of Aldermen, in accordance with Standing Order No. 46 (Court of Aldermen).

Recommendation:

- that members note the report.

Main Report

In July 2021 the Worshipful Company of Dyers presented a draft Supplemental Charter for approval to the Court of Aldermen via the Chamberlain's Court.

The draft Supplemental Charter sought to update elements of a Charter issued under Queen Anne in 1704, clarifying, among other matters, the name by which the Company is to be known, the composition of its membership and Court, the process of elections, the Company's objects and powers, and how its income and assets were to be applied. A schedule to the Supplemental Charter set out how the Wardens' accounts were to be audited, the oaths to be sworn by those joining the Company, and some disciplinary matters.

The Chair of the Magistracy and Livery Sub Committee and officers from the Chamberlain's Department and Remembrancer's Office made some initial observations to the Company in response to the draft, following which a revised draft was presented via the Chamberlain's Court in October 2021.

These observations were limited in scope and were largely confined to typographical changes and suggestions to aid clarity of meaning since the changes were otherwise acceptable and not controversial.

Current position

Due to imminent retirements at the Privy Council Office, it was noted that there would inevitably be delays to progressing this matter until such time that new staff were appointed and able to address outstanding work matters. The Magistracy & Livery Sub-Committee was not scheduled to meet until 16 December: any recommendation on the part of the Sub-Committee that the Court of Aldermen approve the Supplemental Charter would then have needed to go the next meeting of the Court of Aldermen, which at that stage would not take place until February 2021. In order to avoid delays therefore, it was agreed that it would be beneficial if the matter could be expedited by the City Corporation.

The decision taken in accordance with Standing Order 42 is:

that the Court of Aldermen agrees the Supplemental Charter and the Schedule to the Supplemental Charter for the Worshipful Company of Dyers.

Conclusion

Members are asked to note the report of action taken.

**Standing Order 46 states that: "Where in the opinion of the Town Clerk, urgent matters arise which require a decision before the next meeting of the relevant committee or the Court, the Town Clerk shall refer the matter to the relevant Chairman, or in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman or in the Deputy Chairman's absence the Senior Alderman, who shall decide whether it is necessary to call a special meeting or, alternatively, to authorise the officers to act."*

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NB: Relevant background papers are available upon request.