



RUSSELL, MAYOR

LUDER, LOCUM TENENS

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

7th October 2021
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman
Professor Emma Edhem
John Garbutt
Sheriff Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal OBE

David Andrew Graves
Timothy Russell Hailes
Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Gregory Jones QC
Susan Langley

Ian David Luder
Sheriff Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley,
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

John David Absalom, Deputy
Caroline Kordai Addy
Munsur Ali
Rehana Banu Ameer
Randall Keith Anderson
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Douglas Barrow
Matthew Bell
John Bennett
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

Thomas Cowley Clementi
Graeme Doshi-Smith
Karina Dostalova
Simon D'Olier Duckworth
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy
Mary Durcan
John Ernest Edwards
Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy
Helen Lesley Fentimen
Sophie Anne Fernandes
John William Fletcher
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Tracey Graham
Caroline Wilma Haines
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines
Graeme Harrower
Christopher Michael Hayward
Tom Hoffman, Deputy
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson

Wendy Hyde, Deputy
Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy
Clare James, Deputy
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi
Vivienne Littlechild
Oliver Arthur Wynlayne Lodge
Edward Lord, Deputy
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Andrew Paul Mayer
Jeremy Mayhew
Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Wendy Mead
Robert Allan Merrett, Deputy
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers,
Deputy
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney,
Deputy
Benjamin Daniel Murphy
Barbara Patricia Newman,
Deputy
Graham Packham
Susan Jane Pearson

John Petrie
Judith Pleasance
James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy
Stephen Douglas Quilter
Deputy Richard David Regan
Elizabeth Rogula, Deputy
James de Sausmarez
Ruby Sayed
John George Stewart Scott,
Deputy
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Oliver Sells QC
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilton,
Deputy
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Tom Sleigh, Deputy
John Tomlinson, Deputy
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Dawn Linsey Wright

Locum Tenens

The Town Clerk reported that the Lord Mayor was unable to preside over this meeting of the Court as he was engaged on an official visit. Accordingly, this day was produced and read in Court a Warrant, signed by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, appointing Alderman Ian Luder as Locum Tenens to transact all the business appertaining to the Office of Mayoralty of this City during his absence.

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, subject to an amendment to record the attendance of Alexander Barr, Nicholas Bensted-Smith, and Tracey Graham.

Urgent Action
Taken: Live-
streaming of
Meetings

Report of Action Taken: Live-streaming of Meetings

At this point in the meeting, Members were advised that the Lord Mayor had given leave for urgent action taken to be reported to the Court, concerning the live-streaming of meetings.

Since the outset of the Covid-related lockdown, arrangements had been in place for the recording and live-streaming of public meetings, in the interests of transparency. As a question had been raised as to the plans for continued streaming of meetings post 7 October 2021, a decision had been taken under urgency procedures to confirm that such arrangements will continue for the time-being, with the Policy & Resources Committee to consider a report on the matter at its meeting the next week.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

4. Mayoral
Engagements There was no report.

5. Election of
Chief
Commoner The Court proceeded to elect a Chief Commoner for 2022/23.

Two valid nominations had been received in accordance with Standing Order No. 18; namely, Simon Duckworth and Ann Holmes.

The Court therefore proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot.

The Lord Mayor requested the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to be the scrutineers of the ballot.

After the votes had been counted, the results were as follows:-

Duckworth, S.D., O.B.E. D.L.	-	52 votes
Holmes, A.	-	33 votes

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Simon Duckworth to be elected to the office of Chief Commoner for 2022/23.

Simon Duckworth spoke to thank Honourable Members for their support.

6. Policy
Statement There was no statement.

7. STATUES WORKING GROUP

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

6 September 2021

The Future of Statues in the Guildhall

On 21 January 2021, the Policy & Resources Committee had considered the recommendations of its Tackling Racism Taskforce, which had been tasked to consider what the City of London Corporation currently did to tackle racism in all its forms and to assess whether any further action could be undertaken. The Tackling Racism Taskforce recommended the removal of the statues of William Beckford and Sir John Cass from Guildhall.

Subsequently, it was agreed that a Working Group, reporting directly to the Court, should be established to consider the future of these two statues specifically, located within the Guildhall. The Court of Common Council considered and made appointments to the Statues Working Group at its meeting on 4 March 2021 and, following expressions of interest from the full Court, Policy & Resources did the same at its meeting on 11 March 2021.

The recommendations of the Working Group were now presented to the Court, following consideration of options open to the Corporation in relation to the statues of Sir John Cass and William Beckford, located within the Guildhall.

In reaching its recommendations, the Working Group had been particularly mindful of the need to consider past, present, and future in how it informed the approach to addressing the two items of contested heritage. It was necessary for the Corporation's past and the history of the statues to be fully acknowledged and understood, with present actions reflecting this and future actions to improve diversity and inclusion, in addition to providing educational opportunities, across the City of London and beyond be considered.

The Chair spoke to introduce the report, reflecting on the genesis of the Working Group and the way in which it had sought to fulfil its remit. In particular, he detailed the various options the Group had considered and the rationale or constraints which had impacted the decision in respect of each, culminating in the final proposals. He reiterated the City Corporation's commitment to equality, inclusivity and diversity, and to tackling slavery and racism in all its forms, and observed the fundamental importance of education to this end, which was reflected in the recommendation before the Court.

Resolved – That:-

1. The Working Group's proposal that the statues of Sir John Cass and William Beckford be retained in the Guildhall be endorsed, with explanatory plaques or notices being placed alongside them in order to provide contextual information.
2. To further support the above recommendation of the Statues Working Group, the educational activities as set out in paragraph 55 of the report be referred to the relevant committees for further consideration.

8. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
CULTURE HERITAGE & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)
(Deputy Wendy Hyde)**

22 September 2021

Destination City: Strategic Review

The *Destination City Strategic Review* was a proposed programme of work setting out a renewed vision for the Square Mile to become the world's most attractive destination for workers, residents and visitors.

The Policy and Resources and Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committees had considered that delivery of this renewed vision was vital for stimulating the City's post-Covid recovery. In order to achieve this expeditiously, the Committees presented proposals for streamlined governance of the work programme, identifying the primary Committees with responsibility for overseeing the review and suggestions for wider engagement. The governance proposal aimed to facilitate a fast-paced and agile project that could best equip the City Corporation to swiftly develop an ambitious and long-term plan.

Resolved – That proposed strategic review streamlined governance proposals (as outlined at paragraphs 11-15 of the report) be endorsed.

9. **BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES BOARD**

(Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson)

15 September 2021

Request for Uplift to the Central Contingency Budget

The Court considered proposals relating to an uplift to the central contingency budgets held by Bridge House Estates (BHE), so as to enable the BHE Board to meet unforeseen and/or exceptional items that may be identified during the year. This request had been scrutinised and endorsed by the Bridge House Estates Board.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council, in discharge of functions for the City Corporation as Trustee of Bridge House Estates (charity reg. no. 1035628) and solely in the charity's best interests:-

1. Approves an uplift in central contingency budgets of £810,000.
2. Approves the use of currently held contingency budgets of £108,000 as set out within the report.

10. Motions

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.'

Mark Wheatley spoke to introduce the Motion, urging colleagues to consider the treatment of the Uyghur people in Xinjiang province in the context of the City Corporation's ESG commitments. He reminded Members of the genesis of ESG as a concept, as well as the City's specific undertakings in relation to it, whilst stressing the fundamental indivisibility of the individual aspects of ESG. The relevance of that was particularly pertinent in the context of the Peoples' Republic of China, which he recognised did much good in relation to Environmental matters but, as highlighted by the UK Government amongst others, gave cause for significant concern in respect of the Social element of ESG. He urged support for his Motion that all procurement from Xinjiang province be halted, suggesting that this represented a measured step which spoke to the Corporation's values and allowed for a considered assessment of the position to inform further steps.

The Chair of Policy & Resources spoke to oppose the Motion, urging Members to think very carefully about the implications thereof. Whilst sharing a strong belief in the fundamental importance of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and condemning human rights abuses across the world, she cautioned that this Motion would single out a specific trading partner which UK Government policy prioritised by name for the deepening of financial services relationships, and with whom the world needed to engage on climate challenge, where the City's contribution and connection was already strong. She argued that this Motion could prejudice the City's ability to pursue that important work without any balancing improvement in human rights, adding that the Corporation had already conducted a review of its procurement system and could find no suppliers of goods and services in Xinjiang. The Chair encouraged Members to reject the Motion accordingly and seek to preserve the City Corporation's historic role in championing trade, business, and the City of London.

During the ensuing debate, a Member expressed deep concern at the singling out of one particular nation, commenting that, sadly, the list of countries in which human rights concerns were prevalent was extensive. They questioned the ability and appropriateness of the City Corporation to act as moral gatekeeper for the planet and called for a focus on problems in the City itself, particularly in responding

to the COVID crisis and its effects. Another Member countered that the steadfast refusal of the City Corporation to engage in this topic amounted to a policy of appeasement on behalf of private interests, echoing the words of John Stuart Mill that “bad men need nothing more to compass their ends than that good men should look on and do nothing”, and asked Members to consider their own actions in that context.

Christopher Hayward proposed an Amendment to the Motion, seeking to reflect the range of views held by the Court and identify a solution which balanced the principles expressed by the Motion with the responsibilities of the City Corporation. He cautioned against the Court seeking to take on the responsibilities of the UK Government, as well as the singling out of an individual nation whilst ignoring others, reflecting on the damage that could be accrued through an incoherent approach which would achieve nothing, not least given the lack of procurement activity already identified.

Hayward, C.M.;
Langley, S.,
O.B.E., Alderwoman

Amendment – ‘That the Motion be altered as follows:-

- The addition of the words “wherever they occur” at the end of the fifth bullet point of the Motion, which relates to acts of genocide, slavery, and forced labour.
- The deletion of the sixth bullet point, relating to Parliament.
- The deletion of the subsequent resolution proposed through the seventh and eighth bullet points.
- The addition of a new section replacing those bullet points, which reads as follows:

This Honourable Court therefore believes that the City of London Corporation should continue to:

- Condemn all human rights abuses across the world; and
- Engage in direct and open dialogue with governments across the world to drive up standards of global regulation, leading to a significant improvement in ESG standards.’

During debate on the proposed Amendment, Members raised the following points:-

- Whilst accepting that foreign policy should be set by Westminster, there was a distinct difference in this case, given the recent Chinese sanctions placed on City professionals for undertaking their jobs in relation to investigations concerning China. Given the interests of the Corporation in supporting the Rule of Law and in protecting UK businesses and UK workers’ rights to do their jobs, this moved the issue of China into the remit of the Court and caused it to be a legitimate topic of discussion.
- Another Member reflected on similar sanctions to British Members of Parliament, arguing that the Peoples’ Republic of China would not respond to appeasement and nor would this approach aid the City’s relationship with it. They added that the treatment of the Uyghur people was an egregious human rights abuse which was not comparable to anything going on elsewhere in the

world; thus, singling out the particular instance was appropriate and action should be taken.

- Concern was expressed that there should be any suggestion of a willingness to accept censure, or to self-impose any such limitations, in respect of the freedom of individuals or organisations to criticise China or any other nation.
- A Member reflected on the existence of human rights and corruption concerns in many other nations with whom the City traded, adding that the City's success had always relied to some extent on dealing with other nations with whom it may not share the same morals. Continued engagement with China was clearly in the interests of businesses in the City and Members had a responsibility to their electors to promote City businesses and represent their interests, allowing them to pursue business opportunities.
- Several Members reflected on the lack of impact the Motion would have whilst damaging the ability to influence change, should it be pursued, whilst others urged the fundamental importance of taking a stand and speaking on behalf of the Uyghur people and reflecting commitments made in respect of ESG and Modern Slavery.

Lord, C.E., O.B.E.,
J.P., Deputy;
Broeke, T

Motion – That, pursuant to Standing Order No.2, Standing Order No. 12(6) suspended for a period of thirty minutes to enable debate to continue.

Upon the Motion being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried and debate permitted to continue.

Christopher Hayward and Mark Wheatley both then spoke to close debate on the Amendment, summing up their respective positions.

A Division being demanded and granted in respect of the Amendment, there appeared:-

For the Affirmative – 53

ALDERMEN

Bowman, Sir Charles
Edhem, Prof. E.
Garbutt, J.
Gowman, A.J., Sheriff
Goyal, P.B., O.B.E.

Graves, D.A.
Hailes, T.R.
Howard, R.P.S.
Langley, S., O.B.E.

Lyons, N.S.L., Sheriff
Luder, I.D.
Parmley, Sir Andrew
Wootton, Sir David

COMMONERS

Anderson, R.K.
Barr, A.R.M.
Barrow, D.G.F., M.B.E.

Edwards, J.E.
Everett, K.M., Deputy
Graham, T.

Bennett, J.A.
Bennett, P.G.
Bensted-Smith, N.M., J.P.

Haines, C.W.
Hayward, C.M.
Hoffman, T.D.D., M.B.E.

Merrett, R.A., Deputy
Mooney, B.D.F., Deputy
Newman, B.P., C.B.E.,
Deputy
Packham, G.D.
Petrie, J., O.B.E.
Pleasance, J.L.

Boden, C.P.	Deputy Hyde, W.M., Deputy	Regan, R.D., O.B.E., Deputy
Bottomley, K.D.F., Deputy	Ingham Clark, J., Deputy	Rogula, E., Deputy
Bradshaw, D.J., Deputy	Joshi, S.J., M.B.E.	de Sausmarez, H.J.
Cassidy, M.J., C.B.E., Deputy	Martinelli, P.N.	Scott, J.G.S., Deputy
Chadwick, R.A.H., O.B.E., Deputy	Mayhew, J.P.	Seaton, I.C.N., M.B.E.
Chapman, J.D.	McGuinness, C.S., Deputy	Wright, D.L.
Clementi, T. C.	McMurtrie, A.S., J.P.	
Duckworth, S.D., O.B.E., D.L.	Mead, W., O.B.E.	

Tellers for the affirmative – Caroline Addy (negative) and Deputy Keith Bottomley (affirmative).

For the Negative – 23

COMMONERS

Addy, C.K.	Fentimen, H.L., O.B.E.	Littlechild, V., M.B.E.
Ali, M.	Fernandes, S.A.	Lord, C.E., O.B.E., J.P., Deputy
Ameer, R.B.	Fletcher, J.	Mayer, A.P.
Bell, M.L.	Fredericks, M.B.	Quilter, S.D.
Bostock, M.	Haines, Revd. S.D.	Simons, J.L., O.B.E.
Dostalova, K.	Harrower, G.G.	Tomlinson, J., Deputy
Dunphy, P.G., Deputy	Holmes, A.	Wheatley, M.R.P.H.D.
Durcan, J.M.	Hudson, M.	

Tellers for the negative – Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark (affirmative) and Munsur Ali (negative).

Upon the results of the Division being announced, the Lord Mayor declared the Amendment to be carried.

Debate proceeded on the substantive Motion as amended.

Deputy Edward Lord spoke to suggest that one root cause of the Court's divisions on matters such as this was the lack of an agreed statement of ethical policy, adding that the existence of such a document would go some considerable way towards helping to resolve such tensions. Having consulted with the Mover of the substantive Motion before the Court this day, as well as the Mover of the Amendment just approved, they now proposed a further Amendment in relation to this.

Amendment – 'That the Policy and Resources Committee be invited to return to the Court in 2022 with a draft statement of the Corporation's Ethical Policy in respect of procurement, investment, and international engagement.'

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

The twice-amended Motion now being before the Court, Members proceeded to vote.

Upon the amended Motion being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

Resolved – 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.
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This Honourable Court therefore believes that the City of London Corporation should continue to:

- Condemn all human rights abuses across the world.
- Engage in direct and open dialogue with governments across the world to drive up standards of global regulation, leading to a significant improvement in ESG standards.

This Honourable Court therefore invites the Policy and Resources Committee to return to the Court in 2022 with a draft statement of the Corporation's Ethical Policy in respect of procurement, investment, and international engagement.

11. Questions

Bostock, M. to
the Chair of the
Barbican Centre
Board

Barbican Renewal

Mark Bostock asked a question of the Chair of the Barbican Centre Board concerning the Barbican renewal programme and engagement with the residential community.

Responding, the Chair emphasised that the Barbican Centre's location at the heart of the Barbican Estate was at the forefront of his mind as work on the Renewal project began, advising that Barbican officers had met with the Chair of the Barbican Residents' Association in advance of the publication of the brief and would be undertaking a significant programme of engagement with Barbican estate residents to ensure their views were taken into account. This would be essential to fulfilling the ambition of the brief to deliver 'a sustained programme of outreach and engagement to co-design spaces that meet the needs of local communities', which would naturally include Barbican estate residents.

The Chair added that the initial design brief also highlighted the ambition to 'preserve and respect the complex's architectural vision', alongside referencing the Barbican Centre's development as part of the Barbican Estate. The Centre viewed the consistency of design and relationship between the Barbican Centre and

Barbican Estate as essential to this architectural vision, and would be emphasising this to shortlisted teams in advance of their tender submissions.

In closing, the Chair expressed his belief that the Renewal project had the potential to significantly benefit all residents of the Barbican Estate, and he looked forward to discussing and consulting on plans with residents as the project developed. Responding to a supplementary question from Mark Bostock, the Chair reiterated his enthusiasm for engagement with residents on the matter.

Following an additional supplementary question from Deputy Edward Lord, the Chair made reference to the deeply concerning issues raised through the recent Barbican Stories publication. He outlined the significant activity being undertaken to address this, including a thorough review of all HR policies and procedures; however, he recognised that the Centre's actions had not been good enough historically and it was important to recognise this and do everything possible to rectify the position now.

India Engagement and Member Involvement

Ameer, R.B., to
the Chair of the
Policy and
Resources
Committee

Rehana Ameer asked a question of the Chair of Policy & Resources concerning the City Corporation's engagement with India and the opportunity for Member involvement.

In reply, the Chair made reference to the Corporation's international market strategy, which itself was a key component of the Competitiveness Strategy. This had been approved in July 2021 and India was one of two high-growth markets where the Corporation operated a significant programme of activity. The Corporation's India engagements were led by the Lord Mayor and the Policy Chair, primarily, with Members are kept up to date via the monthly Member' Briefing and through readouts of the Lord Mayor's visits programme. The last visit by the Lord Mayor visit took place virtually in November 2020, while the Chair herself had last conducted a virtual visit to India in July 2021. The Chair also touched on recent efforts such the CFLI-India partnership with Bloomberg, Tata Group, Macquarie Group, and the Global Infrastructure Facility, to catalyse investment into India's green infrastructure sector.

Reference was also made to the regular Member deep-dives on sectors and markets, which were ideal opportunities to extract Member input into these strategies. The Chair strongly encouraged participation at these sessions and also urged any interested Member to relay any insight or idea to her directly in between sessions.

Following a supplementary question from Rehana Ameer, the Chair observed that it was a matter for the Policy & Resources Committee to consider how best it managed engagement with particular markets through its relevant strategies. She encouraged the Honourable Member to raise suggestions at meetings of that Committee so that they might be looked into in more detail with the assistance of officers, who could add further detail and insight.

12. 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: -

His Excellency Khaldoon Khalifa Al Mubarak <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Stephen Voyager Beresford <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Writer <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Battersea, London
Ann Christine Bessey <i>Ann-Marie Jeffreys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Principal Quality Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Bilton, Warwickshire
Mark Christopher Bowden <i>Steven George Pennell</i> <i>Graham John Peacock</i>	a Bank Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Carmen</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Paddock Wood, Kent
Roderick Keith Ogilvy Bremner <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	a Comedian and Impressionist <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Faringdon, Oxfordshire
Katherine Jane Bygrave <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i> <i>Tony Gabriel Willens</i>	a Learning Project Officer <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire
Daniel Francis Dwyer <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Uxbridge, Middlesex
Charles Richard Edwards <i>Peter Hubert William Ruddy</i> <i>Melvyn Stuart Davis</i>	a Compliance Officer <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i>	Maldon, Essex
Robert William Mumford Flavin <i>Victoria Elizabeth Russell</i> <i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i>	a Communications Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Arbitrator</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Bere Ferrers, Devon
Jack William Alexander Francois <i>Brian Derek Francois</i> <i>Christopher Thomas Albrow</i>	a Police Officer <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	Swanley, Kent
Emma Mevagh Glyn <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck</i> <i>Bowman</i>	a Private Equity Officer <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Wandsworth, London
George Edward Godfrey <i>Shravan Joshi</i> <i>Ald. Prof. Michael Raymond</i> <i>Mainelli</i>	a Chartered Accountant and Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Fueller</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Hammersmith, London

Ethan Gorsuch-Browne <i>Felipe Gorsuch-Browne</i> <i>Melvyn Helia Gorsuch-Browne</i>	an Accounts Assistant <i>Citizen and Cooper</i> <i>Citizen and Cooper</i>	Brentwood, Essex
Olga Romana Harper <i>Roger Alan Harper, MBE</i> <i>Judy Senta Tayler-Smith</i>	an Employment Judge, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Upholder</i>	Portishead, Somerset
Thomas Hedley Fairfax Harwood <i>Deputy Thomas Sleigh</i> <i>Andrew Paul Mayer</i>	a Journalist and Political Commentator <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councilman</i>	Vauxhall, London
Jennifer Ann Hastings <i>Ann Marie Blackburn</i> <i>Graham Williams</i>	a Headteacher, retired <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i>	Bromley, Kent
Mujibul Islam <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i> <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i>	a School Teacher <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Bromley-by-Bow, London
Ann Kenrick, OBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	The Master of the Charterhouse <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Charterhouse Square, City of London
Meher Taj Khan <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>David Robert Boston</i>	a Charity Worker (retired) <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Barkingside, London
Richard Matthew Killmister <i>Ann-Marie Jeffreys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Technical Account Manager <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Farnborough, Hampshire
Jeremy Richard Bruce King, OBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Restaurant Group Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Westminster, London
Marcus Andrew Le Grice <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	an Investment Banker <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Putney, London
Hugo Richard Shaw <i>Ann-Marie Jeffreys</i> <i>Jeremy Christopher Charles Cross</i>	an Operations Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	Brighton, Sussex
John James Moore St John <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Financial Advisor <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Hildenborough, Kent
Paul Dominic Vail <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	a Banker	Wixoe, Suffolk

*Hilary Ann Russell**Citizen and Farmer***Lt. Col. Desiree Wineland**

a Chief Executive Officer

Dallas, Texas, USA

*Teresa Wickham**Citizen and Farmer**Richard Tufton**Citizen and Butcher*

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.

13. Letter A letter of the Lord Mayor Elect, declaring his assent to take upon himself the Office of Lord Mayor, was received.
14. Draft Vote of Thanks, outgoing Lord Mayor Deputy Giles Shilson, for the Ward of Bread Street, read the draft terms of a vote of thanks to the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, which was intended to be Moved formally at the next meeting of the Court.
15. 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

The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Residential Tenancies and Notices) (Amendment and Suspension) (England) Regulations 2021 No. 994

30 September 2021

In order to protect tenants during the pandemic, the Coronavirus Act 2020 provided that during the “relevant period” landlords are, in some circumstances, required to provide a longer period of notice of intention to claim possession of housing let under various specified types of tenancy. These Regulations extend the “relevant period” by amending the end date of 30th September 2021 to 25th March 2022. The Regulations also suspend the operation of some provisions of the Act, with the effect that the required periods of notice in respect of relevant tenancies revert, from 1st October 2021, to the pre-pandemic periods of notice, whilst the flexibility to impose longer periods of notice, if necessary, is retained until 25th March 2022.

The Alcohol Licensing (Coronavirus) (Regulatory Easements) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 No 1049

16 September 2021

These Regulations amend the Business and Planning Act 2020, which made temporary modifications to the Licensing Act 2003 in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. The modifications provide automatic extensions of premises licences that only permit sales of alcohol for consumption on

the premises (“on-sales”) to allow sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises (“off-sales”). They also apply temporary conditions to licences where there is a pre-existing permission for off-sales, to enable those premises to operate in the same ways as those granted the new permission. These Regulations extend the end of the period of application of these modifications from 30 September 2021 to 30 September 2022.

The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer’s Office.

Read.

16. Hospital Seal There were no docquets for the Seal.

17. Awards & Prizes There was no report.

18. Resolutions There were no resolutions.

19. *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 items considered whilst the public were excluded:-

20. **Policy and Resources Committee**
The Court approved proposals relating to the Markets Co-location Programme and the deposit of a Private Bill.

21. **Finance Committee**
The Court approved proposals relating to the annual pay award for Museum of London staff.

22. **City of London Police Authority Board and Establishment Committee**
The Court approved the creation of a Grade I post.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 3.18 pm

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