



KEAVENY, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

10th March 2022
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman (Alderman)	Timothy Russell Hailes (Alderman)	Ian Luder (Alderman)
John Garbutt (Alderman)	Robert Picton Seymour Howard (Alderman)	Sheriff Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons (Alderman)
Sheriff Alison Gowman (Alderman)	The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor Vincent Keaveny (Alderman)	Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli (Alderman)
Prem Goyal (Alderman)	Alastair John Naisbitt King DL (Alderman)	Bronek Masojada (Alderman)
David Andrew Graves (Alderman)	Susan Langley (Alderwoman)	Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, (Alderman)

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams	Thomas Cowley Clementi	Angus Knowles-Cutler	Stephen Douglas Quilter
Caroline Kordai Addy	Simon D'Olier Duckworth, Deputy	Gregory Alfred Lawrence	Deputy Richard David Regan
Munsur Ali	Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy	Tim Levene	James de Sausmarez
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy	Mary Durcan	Vivienne Littlechild	Ruby Sayed
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy	John Ernest Edwards	Edward Lord, Deputy	John George Stewart Scott, Deputy
Alexander Robertson Martin Barr	Kevin Malcolm Everett, Deputy	Paul Nicholas Martinelli	Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Douglas Barrow	Anne Helen Fairweather	Andrew Paul Mayer	Oliver Sells QC
Matthew Bell	Sophie Anne Fernandes	Jeremy Mayhew	Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy
John Bennett	John William Fletcher, Deputy	Catherine McGuinness	Jeremy Lewis Simons
Peter Gordon Bennett	Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, Deputy	Andrew Stratton McMurtrie	Tom Sleigh
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith	Caroline Wilma Haines	Wendy Mead	James Michael Douglas
Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy	Graeme Harrower	Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy	Thomson, Deputy
Mark Bostock, Deputy	Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy	Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy	John Tomlinson, Deputy
Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy	Tom Hoffman, Deputy	Barbara Patricia Newman, Deputy	James Richard Tumbridge
David John Bradshaw, Deputy	Ann Holmes, Deputy	Graham Packham, Deputy	Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Tijs Broeke	Michael Hudson	Susan Jane Pearson, Deputy	Delano Wheatley
Michael John Cassidy, Deputy	Wendy Hyde	John Petrie	Philip Woodhouse, Deputy
Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, Deputy	Jamie Ingham Clark, Deputy	Judith Pleasance	Dawn Linsey Wright
John Douglas Chapman	Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, Deputy	Jason Paul Pritchard	

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

After reflecting on the ongoing Russian aggression in Ukraine, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent overseas visits to USA, Mexico, Dublin, and local engagements in Manchester and Liverpool,

5. Policy
Statement

The Policy Chair delivered a statement regarding support for Ukraine, condemning the Russian invasion. She summarised the practical measures taken by the City Corporation, including visual, economic and regulatory. The Chair expressed support for the urgent motion to be brought forward by the Deputy Chairman.

A question was raised about whether the City Corporation would use its influence to ensure the most rigorous sanctions possible in response to the actions of the Russian Government against Ukrainian people. It was hoped that all Members could have had the opportunity to sign the motion, but they did not.

The Chair confirmed that the City and others were liaising with Government Regulators and Financial Professional Services on additional measures. These sectors were working hard to implement sanctions being brought in at pace by the Government. The City continues to work with all agencies, including Financial Action Task Force, but recognised that there was always more to be done. These sectors continued to work with Government on the design and implementation of further sanctions. The Chair concluded by stating that unity amongst the Court on this matter was important and asked everyone to support the urgent motion to be put before them.

Following a further question, the Chair of Policy confirmed that it is the Russian aggressors that the City was opposing in this war, not the Russian people.

At this point in proceedings, the Court's leave was obtained to consider item 17.

17. Motions

Hayward, C.;
Dunphy, P.,
Deputy

Motion – “This Court of Common Council of the City of London Corporation condemns in the strongest possible terms the unprovoked attack and invasion of the sovereign Nation of Ukraine by Russia. It pledges to stand united with the people of Ukraine in their fight for liberation from the invading power.

The City of London Corporation further fully supports the actions of Her Majesty's Government in their imposition of wide-ranging sanctions against Russia and welcomes the swift and effective implementation of these sanctions by City businesses.

We reiterate our commitment to the highest standards of integrity and transparency from all financial and professional services businesses. Alongside City businesses, we totally condemn any engagement with money obtained from illegal sources anywhere in the world”.

Christopher Hayward introduced the urgent motion and explained there had not been sufficient time to seek support from all Members in its signing. He went on to express outrage at the action taken by Russian Government, and the solidarity with Ukraine that could be demonstrated through support for the motion. The situation was an unprovoked and unjustified attack, with many innocent lives already destroyed by military weapons.

Deputy Peter Dunphy seconded the motion, welcoming the comments from the Lord Mayor and Chair of Policy on the actions the City intends to take. The City was in a unique position, it had limited direct responsibility for financial regulation but there was a tremendous pool of resources between officers, Members, and the City of London Police as leaders on Economic Crime in the UK. Now was not the time to debate wider international policy, but to focus on the situation in Ukraine.

Deputy Tom Hoffman wished to commit further financial support for humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine.

Amendment – to insert a fourth paragraph: “Further, the City Corporation resolves to donate a total of £250,000, to be met from the unallocated balances within the Finance and Policy & Resources Committee Contingency Funds for 2021/22, to the Disaster Emergency Committee in support of humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine.”

This amendment was seconded by the Chairman of Finance, Deputy Ingham Clark, who confirmed that the figure of £250,000 had been arrived at by pooling the funds available. It would be in addition to £25,000 already donated to Unicef in response to the present crisis in Ukraine.

Christopher Hayward confirmed that he wished to accept the amendment.

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

Hoffman, T,
Deputy;
Ingham Clark,
J.I, Deputy

Clarification was sought on comments previously made on behalf of the Corporation about refraining from intervening in foreign policy, and

Concern was raised over the support for Ukraine and alleged inaction in respect of other breaches of human rights in the world.

Further comments were made on the deeply troubling nature of some media commentary on the invasion of Ukraine and the restrictions on movement of black and Asian students in the area. Clarification was sought on why the City was condemning this particular crisis over any other.

A Common Councillor pointed out that the Livery Committee had been actively providing support in respect of the situation in Ukraine.

Randall Anderson suggested that an amendment be put, to include reference to welcoming refugees from Ukraine, which was seconded by Marianne Fredericks.

Amendment – To insert after the second paragraph “However, it urges the Government to go further with expanded sanctions. It also urges the Government to greatly improve the processes for accepting refugees from Ukraine.”

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

The Court was reminded that the Policy & Resources Committee had already been

mandated to produce an ethical engagement, ethical investment and ethical procurement policy, which would return to the Court for consideration in due course.

A Member requested that sponsorship of Ukrainian refugees be explored, as it had been for Afghan refugees who had been supported within the City.

Closing the debate, Christopher Hayward welcomed the two amendments, the spirit of the debate and the support for the motion.

Anderson, R.;
Fredericks,
M.

Resolved unanimously – That this Court of Common Council of the City of London Corporation condemns in the strongest possible terms the unprovoked attack and invasion of the sovereign Nation of Ukraine by Russia. It pledges to stand united with the people of Ukraine in their fight for liberation from the invading power.

The City of London Corporation further fully supports the actions of Her Majesty's Government in their imposition of wide-ranging sanctions against Russia and welcomes the swift and effective implementation of these sanctions by City businesses.

However, it urges the Government to go further with expanded sanctions. It also urges the Government to greatly improve the processes for accepting refugees from Ukraine.

We reiterate our commitment to the highest standards of integrity and transparency from all financial and professional services businesses. Alongside City businesses, we totally condemn any engagement with money obtained from illegal sources anywhere in the world.'

Further, the City Corporation resolves to donate a total of £250,000, to be met from the unallocated balances within the Finance and Policy & Resources Committee Contingency Funds for 2021/22, to the Disaster Emergency Committee in support of humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine

6. Bill for Act
of Common
Council

(A) Bill for an Act of Common Council: Supplementary arrangements for the Presiding Officer at a Wardmote

A Bill for an Act of Common Council, intended to introduce more flexibility into the arrangements for presiding at a Wardmote by allowing a Lord Mayor's Aldermanic Representative to preside where none of the traditional presiding officers are available, was presented to the Court for its third reading, together with a report of the Policy and Resources Committee thereon.

Resolved – That proposals to make supplementary arrangements for the presiding officer at a wardmote be approved; and, the draft Bill for an Act of Common Council to effect these changes be approved, as set out in the Appendix to this report.

(B) Bill for an Act of Common Council: To Clarify the nationality requirement for Aldermen

A Bill for an Act of Common Council, intended to clarify the nationality requirement for Aldermen by removing the erroneous reference in Acts of Common Council suggesting that there is a pre-existing requirement for Aldermen to be British subjects and making the current position clear that Aldermanic candidates must either be British, Irish, or citizens of a Commonwealth country was presented to the Court for its first and second reading, together with a report of the Policy and Resources Committee thereon.

Resolved – That the report be agreed to and that the Bill be read a first and second time.

7. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark)

15 February 2022

(A) City Fund 2022/23 Budget Report and Medium-Term Financial Strategy

The Court considered a Report presenting the overall financial position of the City Fund (i.e. the City Corporation's finances relating to Local Government, Police and Port Health services).

The Chairman spoke to introduce the budget, together with the City Cash budget at item 7(B), as well as clarifying a number of elements.

Concern was raised by a Member in respect of the proposal to not increase the core Council Tax level; the City's medium-term financial outlook was, as per the wording in the Report, on "a knife-edge", with the upcoming loss of the Business Rates Growth Fund, and significant changes from the Fair Funding settlement compounding the risks. The decision not to increase, would in addition, send an unhelpful signal to central government that the City's finances were, over the medium-term, in a better shape than was the case. Whilst currently the projections indicated a small surplus over 2022/23, it was incumbent upon the Court to use this opportunity to reinforce the City's finances and "fix the roof whilst the sun was shining", given the likelihood of further demands throughout this year and other cost pressures which need to be taken into account, including the national insurance surcharge and increased audit fees. The Member added that whilst increasing Council Tax would not deliver huge sums immediately, over five years an increase of 1.99% would result in a cumulative income of £2.1m, which would have a material and positive impact on the City's financial sustainability over the medium-term. The Member therefore moved to amend the recommendation concerning the Core Council Tax to increase it by 1.99%.

Luder, I.,
Alderman;
Tomlinson, J.

Amendment – That the Core Council Tax increase by 1.99%.

Several Members spoke in support of the amendment, with one emphasising that,

whilst it was important to shield poorer residents from increases, those with broader shoulders can and should pay a greater contribution. It was also vital to recognise that a failure to increase Council Tax now could very well lead to the need to increase it by a greater sum (with the potential for the need to hold a local referendum) further down the line in order to “catch up”.

The Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee spoke in opposition to the amendment; he highlighted that the current total UK wide tax take and the size of state as a proportion of national income was at a level not seen in the last 50 years; he emphasised the need to increase the downward pressure on costs, “cutting our cloth”, and raising productivity in the public sector as far more desirable solutions at this point than raising further taxes.

The Chairman added that the maximum the City would be able to raise through an increase to core Council Tax in 2022/23 would be circa £140K, which would not make a material difference to the City’s finances; however, he emphasised that the Finance Committee and officers were not complacent, and, in keeping the finances under close and constant review were fundamentally committed to ensuring the sustainability of the City’s finances over the medium-term.

Upon the amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be lost.

Resolved – That the report be agreed to and the Court do pass a Resolution in the following terms:-

- Note the overall budget envelopes, this incorporates additional one-off funding from Government of £1.88m and retained business rates growth of £27m in 2022/23. For Police, an increase of additional grant to support the officer uplift plus £6.1m mitigations combined with £2.3m Business Rate Premium reinstated – noting this leaves the Police budget in deficit for 2022/23.
- Continue to monitor COVID income risk during 2022/23 and maintain a COVID contingency fund, not releasing £30m of general fund reserves for major project spend – to be reassessed in December 2023.
- Approve the overall financial framework and the revised Medium-Term Financial Strategy (paragraph 24).
- Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2022/23, including the treasury indicators.
- Approve the City Fund Net Budget Requirement of £167.3m (paragraph 57)

Key decisions:

The key decisions are in setting the levels of Non-Domestic Rates and Council Tax:

Business Rates

- To approve an increase of 0.4p in the £ in Business Rate Premium

(paragraph 39), in line with your Finance Committee's support for this increase at its meeting on 15th February.

- Set a Non-Domestic Rate multiplier of 52.4p and a Small Business Non-Domestic Rate Multiplier Rate of 51.1p for 2022/23.
- Note that, in addition, the GLA is levying a Business Rate Supplement in 2022/23 of 2.0p in the £ on properties with a rateable value of £70,000 and above (paragraph 61).
- Delegate to the Chamberlain the award of discretionary rate reliefs under Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (paragraphs 60).

Council Tax

- To approve an increase in the Adult Social Care Precept of 1.00% (paragraph 36).
- To otherwise consider whether to freeze council tax (paragraph 38).
- Determine the amounts of Council Tax for the three areas of the City (the City, the Middle Temple and the Inner Temple to which are added the precept of the Greater London Authority (GLA) - appendix A.
- Determine that the relevant (net of local precepts and levies) basic amount of Council Tax for 2022/23 will not be excessive in relation to the requirements for referendum.
- Determine, the current 100% discount awarded to unoccupied and unfurnished and uninhabitable dwellings is continued at zero (0%) for the financial year 2022/23 and future years.
- Determine that the premium levied on long-term empty property for 2022/23 and future years of 100% and 200% is continued and that for properties that have been empty for over ten years, a premium of 300% is levied.
- It is recommended that, having regard to the government guidance issued, the Chamberlain be given the discretion, delegated to the Head of Shared Services, to reduce or waive the long-term empty premium charge in exceptional circumstances.
- Approve that the cost of highways, street cleansing, waste collection and disposal, drains and sewers, and road safety functions for 2022/23 be treated as special expenses to be borne by the City's residents outside the Temples (appendix A).
- Should a general increase of 1.99% be agreed in addition to the 1% Social Care Levy, the information contained in Appendix I will need to be agreed. This appendix will supersede appendix A and H.

Capital Expenditure

- Approve the Capital Strategy (appendix E).

- Approve the Capital Budgets for City Fund and the allocation of central funding from the appropriate reserves to meet the cost of the 2022/23 new bids– release of funding being subject to approval at the relevant gateway and specific agreement of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee at gateway 4(a) (paragraph 67).
- Approve the continuation of the allocation of central funding in 2022/23 to provide internal loan facilities for police and the HRA, currently estimated at £4.9m and £19.0m respectively (paragraph 70).
- Approve the Prudential Code indicators (appendix C).
- Approve the authorised limit for external debt (which is the maximum the City Fund may have outstanding by way of external borrowing) at £216.6m for 2022/23; and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for 2022/23 at £1.2m (MRP policy is included within appendix D – Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy Statement 2022/23 – sub appendix 2).

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy Statement 2022/23 (Appendix D)

- Approve the addition of multi-asset funds to the list of permitted non-specified investments subject to an overall limit of £50m (Appendix D, sub appendix 3). The Corporation is expected to maintain significant surplus cash balances for the foreseeable future. Multi-asset funds enable the Corporation to mitigate the gradual erosion of the real value of these long-term cash balances from the effects of inflation.
- Approve the new policy for managing environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks within treasury investment activity (Appendix D, paragraph 5.4).

Chamberlain's Assessment

- Take account of the Chamberlain's assessment of the robustness of estimates and the adequacy of reserves and contingencies (paragraphs 78-81 and appendices B and G respectively).

(B) 2021/22 City's Cash Budgets and Medium-Term Financial Plan

The Court considered a report of the Finance Committee presenting the overall financial position of City's Cash.

Resolved – That Members of the Court of Common Council:-

1. Note the latest revenue budgets for 2021/22 (paragraphs 19 to 22).
2. Agree the 2022/23 revenue budgets, including the following measures:
 - Note the **overall budget envelope** for City Cash.
 - Approve the overall financial framework and the revised Medium-Term Financial Strategy (paragraphs 2-18).

- **Unfunded additional revenue bids:** To be avoided during 2022/23 - 2025/26 with a zero-based budget review to take place to reprioritise spend in line with new Corporate priorities.
 - Carry forwards from 2021/22 to be minimised, however where significant pressures have been highlighted by departments these are reviewed in light of on-going challenges.
3. Approve the 2022/23 Capital and Supplementary Revenue Project Budgets for City's Cash amounting to £20.4m (paragraph 27).
 4. Approve the allocation of central funding of up to £9.0m for City's Cash to meet the cost of the 2022/23 capital schemes. Release of such funding being subject to approval at the relevant gateway and specific agreement of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee at Gateway 4(a). In addition, a contingency is held under the capital programme up to £1.0m - given the pressures on construction and labour inflation rising up to 15% (paragraph 30).
 5. Delegate authority to the Chamberlain to determine the final financing of capital and supplementary revenue project expenditure.

8. **BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES BOARD**

(Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson)

16 February 2022

The Court considered a report of the Bridge House Estates Board presenting the overall financial position of Bridge House Estates.

A question was raised regarding the timeline of replacing the temporary security barriers on the bridges, with permanent structures. The Chairman confirmed that there were security implications in publishing when the removal of temporary barriers would take place but confirmed that the Bridge House Estates Board were in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

A Member asked whether further consideration could be given by the Board on the commitment of further funds for Ukrainian refugees. The Chairman committed to taking this proposal back to the Board.

Resolved – That, Members of the court of Common Council, acting for the City Corporation as the charity trustee of Bridge House Estates and solely in the charity's best interests:

- a) Note the latest revenue forecast for 2021/22 (paragraphs 8 to 11);
- b) Approve the 2022/23 revenue budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for period 2023/24 – 2025/26 (paragraphs 12 to 15);

- c) Approve the creation of a designated fund for the Climate Action Strategy, with £15m to be moved to this fund from Unrestricted Income Funds. The amount held within this designated fund to be reviewed on an annual basis with permitted spend in any year to be within the full balance available in the designated fund (paragraph 15(m));
- d) Approve a level of £55m of free reserves to be maintained over and above the agreed minimum policy of £35m across the period of the Medium-Term Financial Plan as a mitigation against the uncertain period in which the charity is operating (paragraph 16);
- e) Approve the 2022/23 capital and supplementary revenue project budgets, which have been included within the calculations for reserves (paragraph 20);
- f) Approve that all departments within the City Corporation managing budgets on behalf of BHE prepare these for 2023/24 under a zero-based budgeting basis (paragraph 22); and
- g) Note that a revised Medium-Term Financial Plan for the charity will be developed, once the power for total return accounting for endowed charities is granted by Supplemental Royal Charter, currently under final approval by the Privy Council's Office (paragraph 19).

(B) Bridge House Estates (BHE) – Petition for Grant of Supplemental Royal Charter

In 2018 the City Corporation initiated a strategic review of the governance and administration of Bridge House Estates (BHE) with a view to ensuring *inter alia* that the charity was well-run and operating effectively, consistent with the City Corporation's duties as charity Trustee. Following specialist charity law advice and upon the advice of the City Remembrancer, the City Remembrancer led discussions with the Privy Council Office on the grant of a Supplemental Royal Charter to amend the BHE governing documents to provide greater clarity, support good governance, and provide further and more modern powers and flexibilities in relation to the administration of the charity. Following those discussions, it was now proposed that the City Corporation formally petition the Privy Council for a new Supplemental Royal Charter for the charity.

The Court, in its capacity as Trustee of BHE and on the recommendation of the BHE Board, was asked to approve a draft petition and draft Supplemental Charter in respect of BHE in the form appended to the printed and circulated report thereon, for presentation to Her Majesty The Queen in Council.

Resolved – That the Members of the Court of Common Council, acting for the City Corporation as the charity trustee of Bridge House Estates and solely in the charity's best interests:

1. Petition Her Majesty The Queen in Council for a Supplemental Charter in the form attached to this resolution, subject to such changes as the Privy

- Council may require; and
2. Authorise the City Remembrancer to make the petition to the Privy Council and to agree any changes in matters of form that the Privy Council may require on behalf of the City Corporation as Trustee.

9. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)

28 February 2022

The Court considered a report of the Policy & Resources Committee proposing changes to the Standing Orders.

The following amendments to the report's recommendations were proposed by Christopher Hayward:-

Amendment – Recommendation 1. to be replaced by:-

- “1. the Court approves the wording of the amendments in Appendix 1 except those amendments to Standing Order 30 that provide for the abolition of the posts of the two Vice Chairs of the Policy and Resources Committee;*
- 2. the Court approves the amendments recommended by the Policy and Resources Committee in Table 2, and instructs the Town Clerk to draft the wording for the Court's approval in a future meeting; and*
- 3. the Court defers consideration of the amendments described in Table 3 to a future meeting to enable them to be debated fully, which will not be practicable in view of the packed agenda for today's meeting.”*

Christopher Hayward, as the Mover of the Amendment, spoke to introduce the proposal and outline the rationale associated with it. He started by commenting on the divided views of the Court with respect to changes presented to Standing Order 30, which had been previously agreed in principle by the Court. Members on both sides have shared strongly held views, to uphold the decision in December would cause issues of internal governance that should not prevent the rest of the changes from being made. It was hoped that the next Policy Chair would utilise other Members with specialist knowledge and interest as Policy Leads, following a transparent process. This would be an effective way to broaden Member involvement and engagement across the Court.

Christopher Hayward explained that the changes in Table 2 should be supported, requesting that these be drafted and brought back to the Court for final approval. He concluded with the request to defer items in Table 3, requesting that they be brought back for full debate at a future meeting.

Deputy James Thomson, as the seconder of the Amendment, expressed his support.

Members debated the amendment and whether previous Policy Chairs had expressed a preference over the correct model for the Deputy Chairman and Vice Chairmen with views expressed on both sides of the debate.

It was also requested that thought be given to a suggestion that the report in its entirety be deferred until after the elections, possibly for consideration in an informal setting, to allow new Members to provide comment.

Closing the debate, the Mover of the amendment suggested that the matter had already been discussed at length over a long period of time. He recognised there were views on both sides of the debate concerning Standing Order 30 and suggested that the support be expressed by way of vote on the amendment, hoping that it unify the Court.

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

A question was put to the Chair of Policy regarding the matter being brought back to an informal meeting. It was felt that there had already been significant debate on the matter and that the matters outlined in recommendation 2 and 3 would be put to the appropriate fora in due course.

The report as amended being then before the Court, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

Resolved – That Members of the Court of Common Council:-

1. approve the wording of the amendments in Appendix 1 except those amendments to Standing Order 30 that provide for the abolition of the posts of the two Vice Chairs of the Policy and Resources Committee;
2. approve the amendments recommended by the Policy and Resources Committee in Table 2, and instructs the Town Clerk to draft the wording for the Court's approval in a future meeting; and
3. defer consideration of the amendments described in Table 3 to a future meeting to enable them to be debated fully, which will not be practicable in view of the packed agenda for today's meeting.

10. **HOSPITALITY WORKING PARTY OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.**

(Brian Mooney, Deputy, Chief Commoner)

15 February 2022

Applications for Hospitality

(a) Central London Bench Reception

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception for the Central London Bench in the Grand Hall at the Central Criminal Court on

Wednesday 5th October 2022.

The City Corporation has hosted an annual reception for the Central London Bench at the Old Bailey since 2018. The event aims to further relations between the City of London Corporation and the Central London Bench.

This event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to tackle terrorism, violent and acquisitive crime, fraud, cyber-crime and anti-social behaviour and facilitate justice (outcome 1a); to advocate and facilitate greater levels of giving time, skills, knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d); and to promote regulatory confidence founded on the rule of law (outcome 6a).

It was, therefore, **recommended**, that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

Resolved – that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(b) Emergency Services Day Flag Raising and Reception

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a flag raising ceremony and breakfast reception on Friday 9th September 2022 to mark Emergency Services Day.

Emergency Services Day was a nationally recognised annual event that takes place on 9th September each year to show public support for those who work and volunteer in the emergency services. It promotes using emergency services responsibly and encourages people to consider the many volunteering opportunities available.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to prepare our response to natural and made-made threats (outcome 1a); to tackle terrorism, violent and acquisitive crime, fraud, cyber-crime and anti-social behaviour and facilitate justice (outcome 1b); to protect consumers and users of buildings, streets and public spaces (outcome 1c); and to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk (outcome 1d).

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a flag-raising ceremony followed by light refreshments and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for a flag raising ceremony followed by light refreshments with arrangements made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(c) London Port Health Authority 150th Anniversary Reception

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an evening reception on 6th September 2022 to mark the 150th anniversary of the London Port Health Authority.

The Mayor and Commonality and Citizens of the City of London were first constituted as the Port Sanitary Authority for the Port of London under the Public Health Act 1872. The reception would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to the work of the Authority and London's wellbeing and environment while maintaining and promoting international trade.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to protect consumers and users of buildings, streets and public spaces (outcome 1c); to attract and retain investment and promote exports of goods and services across multiple global markets (outcome 6d); and to influence UK and global policy and regulation and international agreements to protect the environment (outcome 11d).

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an evening reception with arrangements made under the auspices of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash with approved parameters.

(d) Private View for the launch of the Guildhall Art Gallery Exhibition 'Inspired!'

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a private view in Guildhall Art Gallery to mark the launch of the exhibition 'Inspired!' on Thursday 21st April 2022.

The Exhibition 'Inspired!' would be on display from 8th April until 11th September 2022 in Guildhall Art Gallery and would be the first major exhibition following the Gallery's three-month closure for a sprinkler replacement project. Works featured in the exhibition would be drawn from the Gallery's permanent collection. The exhibition would examine ways in which visual arts, particularly the Victorian narrative painters, have been inspired by the literary arts and also music.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to provide access to world-class heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); to promote the City, London and the UK as attractive and accessible places to live, learn, work and visit (outcome 8a); and to protect, curate and promote world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening private view and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening private view with arrangements made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(e) Early evening reception prior to the Centre for Young Musicians' 50th Anniversary Gala Concert

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception prior to the Centre for Young Musicians' 50th Anniversary gala concert at the Barbican Centre on Wednesday 25th May 2022.

The Centre for Young Musicians was founded in 1970 and was a division of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. 2020 marked the Centre's 50th Anniversary and a planned gala concert and reception had to be cancelled owing to Covid restrictions that were in place at the time.

The occasion would provide an opportunity to highlight the City Corporation's role as a leading provider of culture within London and the UK as well as its commitment to the Centre, the London School Symphony Orchestra and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to provide access to world class-heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); to promote the City, London and the UK as attractive and accessible places to live, learn, work and visit (outcome 8a); and to protect, curate and promote world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception with arrangements made under the auspices of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(f) Memorial Reception for Archbishop Desmond Tutu

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a memorial reception at Guildhall on the evening of Tuesday 21st June 2022.

The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, died in December 2021 and a Memorial Service was planned to take place at Westminster Abbey on 9th June 2022. Archbishop Tutu received the Honorary Freedom of the City in 2013. It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts an evening reception to provide an opportunity to celebrate the life of Archbishop Tutu and reflect the City Corporation's commitment to promoting a diverse and inclusive society.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 2a); and to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a).

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

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

(g) Early evening reception following Pride Flag Raising

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception on Monday 27th June 2022 following the Pride Flag raising at Guildhall to mark the Pride in London Festival. 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the first UK Gay Pride Rally which was held in London.

The Pride in London Parade was the UK's largest LGBT+ event. The 2020 and 2021 Parades were cancelled as a result of the Covid pandemic; however, the Pride Flag was raised at Guildhall and other City Corporation buildings to demonstrate support for the LGBT+ community. The occasions were marked by small ceremonies in Guildhall Yard.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 2a); and to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a).

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

Resolved, That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception with arrangements made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(h) Early evening reception for the "Safe to Be Me: A Global Equality Conference"

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception on Wednesday 29th June 2022 to welcome delegates to the "Safe to Be Me: A Global Equality Conference" to London.

The UK Government would host its first global LGBT+ conference later this year. The "Safe to be Me: A Global Equality Conference" aims to bring together governments, business, civil society and parliamentarians to share best practice, develop policy, and take action to improve the safety and wellbeing of LGBT+ people throughout the world. The conference would take place in London from 29th June to 1st July 2022, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the first official Pride rally held in London. It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception on the first day of the conference to welcome delegates to London.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 2a); to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); and to strengthen local, regional, national and international relationships to secure new opportunities for business, collaboration and innovation (outcome 7b).

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

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception with arrangements made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(i) Performance by the Commonwealth Youth Choir and Orchestra

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a performance by the Commonwealth Youth Choir and Orchestra in the Great Hall followed by an early evening reception in the Old Library on Thursday 14th July 2022.

The Commonwealth Youth Choir was established in 2010 with a mission to “engage-educate-empower”. Through the Commonwealth Music Partnership it aims to link musicians, choirs, orchestras and music schools in all 54 nations of the Commonwealth and provide opportunities for fully funded international exchanges, education and collaboration.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote effective progression through fulfilling education and employment (outcome 3c); to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); and to advocate and facilitate greater levels of giving time, skills, knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d).

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

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following a performance by the Commonwealth Youth Choir with arrangements made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(j) Early Evening Reception to celebrate Diwali

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception in the Crypts to celebrate Diwali on Friday 28th October 2022.

Diwali was the five-day Hindu, Sikh and Jain festival of lights, celebrated every autumn. The reception would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to celebrate the contribution of the British Indian community and would also present

an opportunity to develop further the City's relationship with the Hindu Council UK.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 3a); to provide access to world-class heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); and to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a).

It was, therefore, **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to celebrate Diwali and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(k) Industry and Parliament Trust Programme 2022

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts in 2022 a series of approximately six parliamentary meetings in association with the Industry and Parliament Trust (IPT).

IPT was a non-partisan registered charity, based in Parliament, that provides a platform for engagement between parliamentarians and UK business. It was supported by cross-party representation of senior parliamentarians. The City Corporation's relationship with IPT has resulted in meetings arranged each year to discuss a range of issues relevant to the City. Meetings are planned in liaison with City Corporation departments to reflect City Corporation priorities.

These events would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to influence UK and global policy and regulation and international agreements to protect and grow the UK economy (outcome 6b); and to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c).

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

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for a series of parliamentary meetings with arrangements made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(l) Report of Urgent Action Taken: International Women's Day networking breakfast and panel discussion

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, urgent authority was sought to the City Corporation hosting a networking breakfast and panel discussion on Friday 4th March 2022 to mark International Women's Day.

International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It aims to raise awareness about women's equality, lobby for accelerated gender parity, and raise funds for women focused charities.

Urgent approval was sought and granted to the City Corporation hosting a panel discussion and networking breakfast. The event was intended to provide an opportunity to highlight the City Corporation's commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion in the City and the UK.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party at its meeting on 20th January 2022 to approve the application for hospitality, it became apparent that waiting until the next formal Court of Common Council meeting to be held on 10th March 2022 would not allow for the necessary arrangements to proceed and the event to take place.

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

11. **Annual On-Street Parking Accounts 2020/21 and Related Funding of Highway Improvements and Schemes**

The Court received a report advising of action taken in respect of any deficit or surplus in its On-Street Parking Account for 2020/21. This information was required to be reported to the Mayor of London.

The report informed Members that:

- the surplus arising from on-street parking activities in 2020/21 was £10.138m;
- a total of £5.712m was applied in 2020/21 to fund approved projects; and
- the surplus remaining on the On-Street Parking Reserve at 31st March 2021 was £47.125m, which will be wholly allocated towards the funding of various highway improvements and other projects over the medium term.

Resolved - That the contents of the report be noted and its submission to the Mayor of London be approved.

12. **ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE**

(Tracey Graham)

19 January 2022

The Court considered a Report presenting the organisational design of the Environment Department and the creation of two new roles

The Deputy Chair spoke to introduce the Report and stressed that, given the particular breadth and scale of the Environment Department, Honourable Members

will appreciate that there is a lot which sits behind these proposals. Indeed, the full report to the Establishment Committee contained some 55 separate appendices.

Therefore, where the report refers to the overall structure having been approved by the various committees, it does in fact mean that each committee approved each of the relevant sections appropriate to them – which, given the size of the department, varied significantly from area to area.

As a consequence, in some areas, such as Epping Forest, only phase 1 of the TOM proposals have been progressed so far. It was important to make this clear for the record so as to avoid any potential risk of confusion or misunderstanding.

The two posts presented here have been approved by the relevant service committees and endorsed by the Establishment Committee. They are important pieces in the structure of the new Department.

Resolved – That Members of the Court of Common Council:-

- a) Approve the creation of a new Strategic Director of Natural Environment at Grade J; and
- b) Approve the creation of a new Assistant Director Policy and Projects post at Grade I.

13. **BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA**

(Graham Packham)

21 February 2022

Amendments to Instrument and Articles of Government

The Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama had recently reviewed its governance arrangements and made various proposals arising from the City of London Corporation's Governance Review and the Target Operating Model comprising changes to its composition and quorum and a request to appoint a second Deputy Chair from amongst its external co-opted Members consistent with the governance model adopted by other committees. The Establishment and Policy & Resources Committees considered and approved these proposals in January 2022 and consequential amendments were now required to be incorporated formally within the School's Instrument and Articles of Government

Resolved – That the proposed amendments to the Instrument and Articles of Government be approved, as set out in the appendix to this report.

14. 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:-

James William Adams <i>Steven John Turner</i> <i>Simon Peter McIlwaine</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Framework Knitter</i> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i>	Upminster, Essex	
Victoria Louise Adams <i>John Gavin</i> <i>Guy Leppard</i>	an Insurance Broker Manager <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Welling, Kent	
David Malcolm Bailey <i>Calogero Alu</i> <i>Russell Chweidan</i>	a Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Billericay, Essex	
Andrew Lester Ball <i>Eric Charles Dodd</i> <i>Timothy St John David Stuart</i>	a Managing Director	City of London	
Michael Barrington-Hibbert <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Leadership Development Company CEO <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Woodbridge, Suffolk	
Alexander William Aldridge Bartram <i>Edward Wright</i> <i>David John Westgate</i>	an Investment Banker <i>Citizen & Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	Earls Court, London	
Matthew Betts <i>Rupert William Uloth</i> <i>James Michael Douglas Thomson</i>	a Beadle of a Livery Company <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Wolverhampton, Midlands	West
Thomas Joseph Francis Brannigan <i>John Charles Jordan</i> <i>Richard Gary Stephen Miller</i>	a Music Retail Director, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Shoeburyness, Essex	
Jacob Madway Bressman <i>John Welch</i> <i>Robert Andrews</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Rockville, Maryland, United States	
Lorraine Brook <i>Ald. Ian David Luder, Ald.</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Cooper</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Roydon, Essex	
Stephen Bryan <i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i> <i>David Andrew Harry McGregor Smith, CBE</i>	a Senior Authorised Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Chelmsford, Essex	
Andrew Stuart Buchanan <i>Phillip John Davis</i> <i>Alan Roughan</i>	a City of London Police Officer <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i> <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	Chiselhurst, Kent	
Martin Sean Buckle	an Accountant	Toronto, Ontario,	

<i>John Welch</i>		<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Canada
<i>Robert Andrews</i>		<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
Sam Archer	Christopher Carr-	a Software Product Owner	Bicester, Oxfordshire
<i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i>		<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Geoffrey Spurrier</i>		<i>Citizen and Mason</i>	
Sharad Chandak		a Banker	Westminster, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>			
<i>Deputy</i>	<i>Catherine Sidony</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<i>McGuinness</i>			
John Freeman Collins, OBE		a Solicitor	Robertsbridge, East Sussex
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>			
<i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>		<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
Matthew Robert Collins		a Tax Associate	Bow, London
<i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i>		<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Geoffrey Spurrier</i>		<i>Citizen and Mason</i>	
Richard William Condon		an Ophthalmic Surgeon, retired	Leatherhead, Surrey
<i>Michael Ernest Garrett, MBE</i>		<i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i>	
<i>John Robert Cowie</i>		<i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i>	
Lucy Ann Craig		a Health and Safety Manager	Harpenden, Hertfordshire
<i>Timothy Luke Fitzgerald-O'Connor</i>		<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
<i>Malcolm Alastair Craig</i>		<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
Kerry-Anne Dignam		an Administrator	Mottingham, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>			
<i>Vincent Dignam</i>		<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Maureen Teresa Dignam		a Senior Operations Manager	Mottingham, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>			
<i>Vincent Dignam</i>		<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Brendan Kelly Dixon		a Wealth Management Company Director	Ealing, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>			
<i>Vincent Dignam</i>		<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Ruth Dombey, OBE		a Councillor	Sutton, London
<i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>		<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>		<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
Dhiren Rajendra Doshi-Smith		an Information Technology Professional	Loughton, Essex
<i>Graeme Martyn Doshi-Smith, CC</i>		<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	
<i>Henry James Arthur Smith</i>		<i>Citizen and Constructor</i>	

Paul Anthony Dudley <i>Alexander Barr, CC</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	a Local Government Officer <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Chesham, Buckinghamshire	
John Robert James Eastwood <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i> <i>Diane Irene Warman</i>	a Clean Energy Company Director <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i>	Southwark	
Graham Thomas Elms <i>Donald Henry McGarr</i> <i>Dr David Nunn</i>	a Train Service Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>	Raynes Park	
Martin Esposito <i>Michael Vaughan Cooper</i> <i>Wg Cdr Edna Felicity Partridge</i>	a Freelance Consultant <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Founder</i>	Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire	
Richard Frederick Everton <i>Garry Wykes</i> <i>John Jefferson Skarratt</i>	a Broadcast Television Engineer <i>Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler</i> <i>Citizen and Joiner & Ceiler</i>	Fitzrovia	
Ben Adam Fitzpatrick <i>Susan Mary Harrison</i> <i>Basil Roy Hodgson</i>	a Railway Engineer <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i>	Bromham, Bedfordshire	
Charles Hubert Gallagher <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Builder <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Gerrards Buckinghamshire	Cross,
Patricia Agnes Gallagher <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Housewife <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Gerrards Buckinghamshire	Cross,
Claire Patricia Marie Isabelle Giraud <i>Matthew Leigh Preston Bell, CC</i> <i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC</i>	a Senior Public Health Practitioner <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Mile End, London	
Georgia Gould <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony</i> <i>McGuinness</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, CC</i>	a Councillor <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Camden, London	
Elizabeth Anne Grumitt <i>Rupert William Uloth</i> <i>James Michael Douglas Thomson</i>	a Livery Company Assistant Beadle <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Chiswick, London	
Father Robert Timothy Halshaw <i>Roland Hayes</i> <i>Gerg Craig Waller</i>	a Clerk in Holy Orders <i>Citizen and Woolman</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	Millom, Cumbria	

David Sean Hitchcock <i>Calogero Alu</i> <i>Russell Chweidan</i>	an Accountant <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Islington, London
Matthew Matias Alexander Hope <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Blackheath, London
Alan Kruise Houmann <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Tower Hamlets, London
Edward James Hussey <i>Malcolm Alastair Craig</i> <i>Timothy Luke Fitzgerald-O'Connor</i>	a Consultant & Facilitator <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire
Peter Anthony Johnson <i>Dr David Michael Johnson</i> <i>Dr Marily Anne Wedgwood-Johnson</i>	an Information Technologist, retired <i>Citizen and Engineer</i> <i>Citizen and Framework Knitter</i>	Exeter, Devon
Helen Josephine Jones <i>Graeme Martyn Doshi-Smith, CC</i> <i>Henry James Arthur Smith</i>	an International Sales Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Constructor</i>	Woodbridge, Suffolk
Dr Mark Phillip Jones <i>Michael Ernest Garrett, MBE</i> <i>John Robert Cowie</i>	a General Practitioner <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i>	Epsom, Surrey
Emmet Britton Keffe <i>Ald. William Anthony Bowater</i> <i>Russell</i> <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman</i>	an Information Technology Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Radstock, Somerset
Alexander John Lethem <i>Timothy Luke Fitzgerald-O'connor</i> <i>Malcolm Alastair Craig</i>	an Energy Bid Manager <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Acton, London
Simon Robert Levine <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Solicitor & Global Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Radlett, Hertfordshire
Bryan Charles Longman <i>David Robert Attwood</i> <i>Alan Victor George Croucher</i>	an Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	Great Totham, Essex
Hermann Cornelius Luitingh	a Barrister	Vancouver, Columbia, Canada

Keith Richard Stevens
Dmytro Tupchiienko

Citizen and Management Consultant
Citizen and Stationer & Newspapermaker

David Charles Lyon
Richard Leslie Springford
Dr Iain Reid

a Marketing Manager
Citizen and Carman
Citizen and Ironmonger

Twickenham, Middlesex

Sajid Iqbal Mahmood
Deputy Andrien Meyers
James Henry George

a Professional Cricketer (retired)
Citizen and Goldsmith
Citizen and Skinner

Bolton, Greater Manchester

Devon Eugene Malcolm

a Cricket Match Referee

Spratton,
Northamptonshire

Ald. William Anthony Bowater
Russell
Deputy Andrien Meyers

Citizen and Haberdasher
Citizen and Goldsmith

Richard James Mansfield
Deputy Andrien Meyers
Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE.

a Sports Group Director
Citizen and Goldsmith
Citizen and Goldsmith

Ashford, Middlesex

David James Marks

a Higher Education Planning Director
Citizen and Information Technologist
Citizen and Constructor

Tower Hamlets, London

Graeme Martyn Doshi-Smith, CC
Henry James Arthur Smith

Edward Meacham
John Nicholas Woolf
John Paul Rochford

a Turf Company Director
Citizen and Tax Adviser
Citizen and Gardener

Leigh On Sea, Essex

Muhi Uddin Muhammad Mikdad
Ann-Marie Jefferys
Anne Elizabeth Holden

an Office Administrator
Citizen and Glover
Citizen and Basketmaker

Tower Hamlets, London

Lisa Miller
Rupert William Uloth
James Michael Douglas Thomson

an Executive Assistant
Citizen and Grocer
Citizen and Grocer

Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex

Joyce Abba Mooney
William Joseph Browning
Michael Peter Cawston

a Hospitality Consultant
Citizen and Glass Seller
Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer

Horsham, West Sussex

Sean Patrick Mooney
William Joseph Browning
Michael Peter Cawston

a Hospitality Manager
Citizen and Glass Seller
Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer

Horsham, West Sussex

Matthew James Newman
Donald Howard Coombe, MBE
David Peter Coombe

an Insurance Underwriter
Citizen and Poulter
Citizen and Poulter

Fulham, London

Oliver Charles Worthington Oates
Jonathan Martin Averbs
Geoffrey Spurrier

a Chartered Accountant
Citizen and Fletcher
Citizen and Mason

Battersea, London

Teresa Ann Jude O'Neill, OBE

a Councillor

Bexleyheath, Kent

Deputy Catherine Sidony Citizen and Solicitor
McGuinness
Christopher Michael Hayward, Citizen and Pattenmaker
CC

Minas Psychoulis a Consultant Gynaecologist Epsom, Surrey
Michael Ernest Garrett, MBE Citizen and Water Conservator
John Robert Cowie Citizen and Scientific Instrument
Maker

His Excellency Vadym Prystaiko The Ambassador of Ukraine Holland Park, London
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
Deputy Catherine Sidony Citizen and Solicitor
McGuinness

Darren Rodwell a Councillor Dagenham, London
Deputy Catherine Sidony Citizen and Solicitor
McGuinness
Christopher Michael Hayward, Citizen and Pattenmaker
CC

Peter Sander a Playground Equipment Colchester, Essex
David Robert Attwood Company Director
Alan Victor George Croucher Citizen and Plumber
Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer

Joseph Louis David Shearer a Chartered Certified Little Clacton, Essex
David James Sales Accountant
Philip Splett Citizen and Insurer
Citizen and Butcher

Dr Mary Kathleen Sherry an Occupational Physician Wandsworth, London
Wendy Mead, OBE, CC Citizen and Glover
Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE Citizen and Wheelwright

Heath Price Tarbert a Chief Legal Officer Kenilworth, Illinois, USA
Deputy Catherine Sidony Citizen and Solicitor
McGuinness
Jeremy Paul Mayhew, OBE, CC Citizen and Loriner

James Richard Terzian a Business Relationships Santa Barbara, California, USA
John Petrie, OBE, CC Company Director
Stephen John Klimczuk Citizen and Draper
Citizen and World Trader

Alexander William Watson a General Practitioner Epsom, Surrey
Michael Ernest Garrett, MBE Citizen and Water Conservator
John Robert Cowie Citizen and Scientific Instrument
Maker

Alice Emma Yexley an Office Coordinator Brentwood, Essex
Trevor Dawson Yexley Citizen and Security Professional
Stephen Emmins Citizen and Security Professional

John Forbes Kerry a Special Envoy Washington DC, USA
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor
Deputy Catherine Sidony Citizen and Solicitor
McGuinness

Daniel Lopez	a Technology Company CEO	East Sheen, London
<i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	Citizen and Solicitor	
<i>Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	Citizen and Pattenmaker	
Tina Allison	a Chartered Certified Accountant	Banstead, Surrey
<i>Deputy Robert James Ingham Clark</i>	Citizen and Clothworker	
<i>Jeremy Mayhew OBE, CC</i>	Citizen and Loriner	

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.

15. Irish
Society

- (A) The Court proceeded to appoint six Members on **The Honourable The Irish Society**, for three-year terms expiring in March 2025.

**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment.*

Nominations received:-

Peter Bennett
John Chapman
Mary Durcan
Shravan Joshi, M.B.E.
Deputy John Scott, J.P.
Oliver Sells, Q.C.
*Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Dawn Wright

Read.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on the foregoing contested vacancies.

The Lord Mayor appointed the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or their representatives, to be the scrutineers of the ballots.

Resolved – That the votes be counted at the conclusion of the Court and the results printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

- (B) The Court noted that Alderman Sir William Russell would continue to serve as Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society, having previously been appointed for a three-year term, expiring in March 2024.
- (C) The Court endorsed the appointment of Alderman Robert Howard as one of the appointed Aldermen on The Honourable The Irish Society, for a term expiring in

March 2025, in the room of Alderman & Sheriff Nicholas Lyons.

- (D) The Court noted that Alderman Gregory Jones Q.C. would continue to serve as one of the appointed Aldermen on The Honourable The Irish Society, having previously been appointed for a term expiring in March 2023.

16.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider following appointments to Outside Bodies:
**denotes a Member standing for re-appointment.*

(A) Four Members on Christ's Hospital, for four-year terms expiring in March 2026.

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Kevin Malcolm Everett

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Kevin Everett to be appointed to Christ's Hospital.

(B) One Member on the City & Metropolitan Welfare Charity, for a four-year term expiring in March 2026.

Nominations received:-

*Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Henry Colthurst to be appointed to the City & Metropolitan Welfare Charity.

(C) Three Members on the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry, for a one-year term expiring in March 2023.

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, O.B.E.

*Simon D'Olier Duckworth, O.B.E., D.L.

*Alderman Gregory Percy Jones, Q.C.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Roger Chadwick, Simon Duckworth, and Alderman Gregory Jones to be appointed to the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry.

(D) One Member on the Thames Festival Trust, for a three-year term expiring in March 2025

Nominations received:-

*Deputy John George Stewart Scott, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy John Scott to be appointed to the Thames Festival Trust.

(E) Two Members on the Mitchell City of London Charity & Educational Foundation, for a five-year term expiring in March 2027 and the balance of a term expiring in March 2023.

Nominations received:-

*Marianne Bernadette Fredericks

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Marianne Fredericks to be appointed to the Mitchell City of London Charity & Educational Foundation.

(F) One Member on Dr Johnson's House Trust, for the balance of a term expiring in December 2022.

Nominations received:-

John Douglas Chapman

Jeremy Paul Mayhew, O.B.E.

Read.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on each of the foregoing contested vacancies.

The Lord Mayor appointed the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or their representatives, to be the scrutineers of the ballots.

Resolved – That the votes be counted at the conclusion of the Court and the results printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

18. Questions

Representation of women at within civic life in the City

Anne Fairweather asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, seeking information on initiatives to help increase the number of women involved in civic life in the City.

Responding, the Chair said that this was an issue on which she and Ms Fairweather shared a particular interest. The focus for the 2022 elections has been on opening up participation to people of all backgrounds, including those from under-represented groups. The City of London Corporation had engaged in its largest-ever programme of digital engagement to promote the election and encourage potential candidates to stand, with adverts seen by approximately half a million City workers. Eligible voters were also contacted by post and by email. Informational events for potential candidates were also held, to which women leaders across the City were invited. A number of new candidates standing in the 2022 election were women, including women of colour, although the Chair

expressed her disappointment that the total number of women standing remained lower than she would have hoped for.

In terms of initiatives to help improve the issue, the Chair said that she felt this area would be best explored by the new Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Sub Committee, which was being established following this Court's consideration of the Governance Review recommendations in December. The new sub-committee will take on responsibilities from the Member Diversity Steering Group, including "the consideration and making of recommendations to help promote the merits of standing for office as an Alderman or Common Councillor, to enhance the diversity of the Court of Common Council to represent better its constituency.

The Chair felt that the new sub-committee was a natural home for discussion of these issues, and she was confident that it will review and address the matter of diversity on the Court in all forms.

Tijs Broeke asked a supplementary question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, asking if she would recommend to her successor that the new sub-committee take on the issue of candidate diversity as a matter of urgency.

The Chair responded to say that she was happy to encourage the new sub-committee and her successor as the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee. She also said that she hoped the new sub-committee would work to increase depictions of woman around the City.

Rehana Ameer asked a supplementary question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, seeking further information on how the City Corporation is working to have representation from the various diverse groups to show that the City is an inclusive and global city. In reply, the Chair referred back to the work that had been done to broaden diversity in elections, and reiterated that this was an area for the new sub-committee to work on.

Alderman Ian Luder asked a supplementary question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, asking if the Chair agreed that, while there was still work to be done, that there were several wards with a majority of female candidates standing was a success that should not be underplayed. The Chair replied that while she was happy to be corrected on these figures, the proportion of female candidates was still a concern.

Statues Working Group Proposals

Doug Barrow asked a question of the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee, seeking information on the work that had been done to implement the recommendations of the Statues Working Party. These questions covered the arrangement of temporary explanatory plaques for the Beck and Cass statues in the Guildhall, the actions regarding references to the implications of Slavery and the City's involvement in historic slavery, and the introduction of resources offering education on slavery into the City's schools.

Responding, the Chair sympathised with the Member's regret that action to implement the recommendations of the Statues Working Party had not been taken as quickly as might have been hoped, but hoped that he understand that in order to

get things right, it sometimes takes a little longer.

In relation to the question on signage, the Chair informed Members that the temporary signage for the statue of Sir William Beckford had been approved and installed in the Guildhall, with text providing information on the statues and informing readers of the City Corporation's agreed approach. The Chair said that she had also been assured that similar signage would be installed for the statue of Sir John Cass for the following week.

The Chair also provided Members with an update on the plans for the permanent plaques: a youth panel and an integrated intergenerational panel, with representation from the youth panel, were being formed; these panels would feed into the creation of appropriate permanent wording for the final installation.

Answering the question on speeches, the Chair agreed that there was scope for further work, and hoped that Mr Barrow's question would serve as a helpful reminder for members and speechwriters to incorporate this subject in the future. The Lord Mayor had referenced the City's involvement with historic slavery, and the implications of slavery, in his speech introducing Professor Olusoga's Tacitus Lecture, and the Chair expected that the installation of new signage and the creation of the panels would provide greater impetus.

Regarding the question on the implementation of the Working Party's resolution on introducing virtual educational resources, the Chair confirmed that the City Corporation was already financing this through the 'Find Fusion' online resources. There had also been considerable teacher and governor professional development, including training in post-colonial curriculum and in "Difficult Conversations" training. The Chair said that this was a nascent piece of work, and that there will be much more to do going forward.

In reference to the questions from both Anne Fairweather and Doug Barrow, the Chair provided Members with further information on the work done to highlight the stories of woman and diversity in the City.

During 2019 and 2020, the City Corporation commissioned new research to explore hidden histories of women in the City and identify significant individuals with inspiring stories who contributed to the Square Mile over the centuries.

The research highlighted the role of incredible women from different ethnicities who helped to shape the City's history in a positive way. These women include Phillis Wheatley, the first African American author of a published book and Mary Filis, a black Tudor seamstress.

This work demonstrates the many people who the City can celebrate to increase representation and diversity throughout our storytelling of the City of London.

In the City, there were also landmarks that remind us of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and the context in which people from different ethnicities had to endure. The Gilt of Cain is one of these, a powerful sculpture that was unveiled by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu in 2008 to commemorate the abolition of the

transatlantic slave trade in 1807.

The Chair said that she hoped these responses provided Members with assurance that work was being undertaken to implement the recommendations of the Statues Working Group. In order to maintain the focus, the Chair would be suggesting that the new EDI sub-committee would have a specific remit in its terms of reference monitoring their implementation.

The Chair thanked Doug Barrow for all his work in chairing the Statues Working Party and his commitment to a sensitive and important issue.

Restrictions on the monies for Ukrainian Aid

This question from Ann Holmes was withdrawn.

19.
Resolutions

The Chief Commoner took the opportunity to express the gratitude of the Court to the following Members, who had chosen to retire from the Court, for their service:

- Doug Barrow
- Adrian Bastow
- John Bennett
- Deputy David Bradshaw
- Thomas Clementi
- Anne Fairweather
- Tracey Graham
- Stephen Haines
- Graeme Harrower
- Christopher Hill
- Deputy Tom Hoffman
- Deputy Clare James
- Angus Knowles-Cutler
- Vivienne Littlechild
- Oliver Lodge
- Robert Merrett
- Barbara Newman
- William Pimlott
- Stephen Quilter
- Deputy Richard Regan
- Deputy Elizabeth Rogula
- Jeremy Simons
- Deputy John Tomlinson

Due to the limited time available, the Chief resolved to share his full words of thanks as an addendum to the minutes of the meeting.

20.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(A) Report of Action Taken: London Councils Grant Scheme Levy

The Court received a report of action taken under urgency procedures concerning a decision on the London Councils Grant Scheme Levy.

Resolved – That the report be received.

(B) Report of Action Taken: Indemnity for Officers on Outside Bodies

The Court received a report of action taken under urgency procedures concerning a decision to provide indemnity for Officers on Outside Bodies.

Resolved – That the report be received.

21. **FINANCE COMMITTEE AND POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Report of Action Taken: Establishment of a Business Rate Pool

The Court received a report of action taken under urgency procedures concerning a decision on the establishment of the Eight Authority Pool, with the City of London Corporation as host.

Resolved – That the report be received.

22. 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 Environment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2022 No. 48**17th January 2022

These Regulations bring into force certain sections of the Environment Act 2021 over the course of several months. Sections on environmental targets, improvement plans and monitoring, as well as provisions related to the new Office for Environmental Protection, are brought into force on 24th January 2022. Provisions relating to the local air quality management framework and smoke control areas will come into force on 1st May 2022. Further parts of the Act will be brought into force on 1st April 2022 and 30th September 2022.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 No. 7227th January 2022

These Regulations amended existing Coronavirus Self-Isolation Regulations in relation to exemptions to self-isolation for those vaccinated against coronavirus, those participating in clinical trials, and those unable for clinical reasons to be vaccinated against coronavirus. These

Regulations are no longer applicable, as the Self-Isolation Regulations have been revoked as outlined below.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation etc.) (Revocation) (England) Regulations 2022 No. 161 24th February 2022

These Regulations revoke Coronavirus Regulations made in July and September 2020. The July 2020 Regulations made provision for local authorities to give directions relating to premises, events and public outdoor places in its area where it considered that public health, necessity and proportionality conditions were met. The September 2020 Regulations imposed self-isolation requirements in relation to persons who tested positive for coronavirus and their contacts, and increased the fixed penalty amount for offences under Coronavirus Regulations.

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

Read.

23. Hospital Seal There were no docquets to be sealed.

24. Awards & Prizes There was no report.

25. *Mooney, B.D.F., Deputy; Mayhew, J.P.* **Resolved** – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

Summary of exempt items considered whilst the public were excluded:-

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

27. **Policy and Resources Committee**
The Court considered a report concerning the negotiated deal with the SMTA in support of the Museum of London Programme and Markets Co-Location Programme.

28. **Finance Committee**

(A) Highway Construction & Maintenance Tender

The Court was asked to consider a report on the Highway Construction & Maintenance Term Contract Tender.

(B) Museum of London Pay Award

The Court was asked to consider a report regarding the Museum of London Pay Award.

29.

Freedoms Applications Committee

The Court was asked to consider a report regarding proposals for the increase in Freedom Application fees.

The meeting commenced at 1.05pm and ended at 4.07pm

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