

## KEAVENY, MAYOR

### COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

#### 8th September 2022 MEMBERS PRESENT

#### ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr (Alderman)
Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman (Alderman)
Professor Emma Edhem (Alderman)
Sir Peter Estlin (Alderman)
Alison Gowman (Alderman)
Prem Goyal (Alderman)
David Andrew Graves (Alderman)
Timothy Russell Hailes (Alderman)

Robert Picton Seymour Howard (Alderman)
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney (Alderman)
Gregory Jones KC (Alderman)
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor Vincent Keaveny
(Alderman)
Sheriff Alastair John Naisbitt King DL
(Alderman)
Susan Langley (Alderwoman)
Tim Levene (Alderman)
Ian David Luder (Alderman)

Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons (Alderman) Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli (Alderman) Christopher Makin (Alderman) Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, (Alderman) Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell (Alderman) Sir David Hugh Wootton (Alderman)

#### **COMMONERS**

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie George Christopher Abrahams Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy Shahnan Bakth Jamel Banda Brendan Barns Matthew Bell The Honourable Emily Sophia Wedgwood Benn Ian Bishop-Laggett Mark Bostock, Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy Tijs Broeke James Bromiley-Davis Timothy Richard Butcher Michael John Cassidy, Deputy Dominic Gerard Christian Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst, Deputy Anne Corbett Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan D'Souza

Simon D'Olier Duckworth, Deputy Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy Mary Durcan John Ernest Edwards Helen Lesley Fentimen John William Fletcher, Deputy John Foley Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, Deputy Steve Goodman Martha Grekos John Griffiths Jason Groves Madush Gupta, Deputy Caroline Wilma Haines Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy Jaspreet Hodgson Ann Holmes, Deputy Wendy Hyde Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, Deputy Florence Keelson-Anfu

Elizabeth Anne King Frances Leach Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP, Deputy Antony Geoffrey Manchester Paul Nicholas Martinelli Catherine McGuinness Timothy James McNally Wendy Mead Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers, Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy Eamonn James Mullally Deborah Oliver TD Graham Packham, Deputy James Henry George Pollard, Deputy Judith Pleasance Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest Jason Paul Pritchard Nighat Qureishi, Deputy Alpa Raja

Anett Ridea **David Sales** Ian Christopher Norman Seaton Oliver Sells KC Alethea Silk Paul Singh Tom Sleigh Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy Naresh Hari Sonpar Mandeep Thandi James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy Luis Felipe Tilleria Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia Ceri Edith Wilkins Glen David Witney Dawn Linsey Wright Irem Yerdelen

Her Majesty The Queen

The Lord Mayor addressed the Court following the very recent announcement concerning the ill health of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. On behalf of the City of London, he extended his thoughts and prayers to Her Majesty and he Royal Family at this time.

Introduction of Newly-Admitted Alderman

On behalf of the Common Council, the Chief Commoner welcomed Tim Levene and Jennette Newman, following their recent elections as Alderman for the Ward of Bridge & Bridge Without and Alderwoman for Walbrook, respectively. Alderman Levene and Alderwoman Newman were heard in reply.

- 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 The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor reported on his recent engagements, including visits to Birmingham and the Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh, and HMS Queen Elizabeth in Portsmouth.
- 5. Policy Statement The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity to update the Court on his activities during the first 100 days of his chairmanship and to reflect on his priorities, including Destination City, green City, and tech City as key aspects of work to support the City's competitiveness.

In response to a question from Natasha Lloyd-Owen concerning the ability for the public to submit questions for meetings of the Common Council, the Chair noted that it had taken longer than was ideal for proposals to be forthcoming due to staffing pressures. He added that he would ask officers to endeavour to present a report to the 20 October meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Tom Sleigh asked a question concerning the sanctions imposed on Russia following the invasion of Ukraine and the City Corporation's leadership role in respect of Financial and Professional Services. In particular, he highlighted the issue of of beneficial ownership of multiple asset classes, especially property. Responding, the Chairman agreed that it would be a timely opportunity, with a new Government in post, to explore the potential to draw up recommendations in this area for Government's consideration.

John Fletcher asked a question concerning Destination City events, urging that these be spread across the City, including the east, to allow all residents to participate fully. The Chairman agreed with the Member and noted in particular the excellent space at Aldgate Square which would be ideally suited for certain activities.

#### 6. CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

#### (Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)

20 July 2022

#### **External Member Appointment**

The constitution of the City of London Police Authority Board (PAB) allows for the recruitment of four external individuals to the Board, through an open process. In July 2022, a selection panel recommended two candidates for appointment to the vacant positions – Michael Mitchell and Melissa Collett.

Following the unanimous support of Members of the City of London Police Authority Board, the Court's approval was now sought for the appointment of external members, Michael Mitchell and Melissa Collett, to the City of London Police Authority Board for a four-year term commencing 8 September 2022.

Resolved – That the appointment of Michael Mitchell and Melissa Collett to the City of London Police Authority Board for four-year terms, commencing on 8 September 2022, be approved.

## 7. BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA

(Deputy Graham David Packham)

31 September 2022

## Addition of two External Governors and Amendment to Instrument and Articles of Government

At the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama (GSMD) on 16 May 2022, Governors discussed the increasing regulatory requirements being imposed upon the School. Areas such as Higher Education compliance and Safeguarding had seen a growing need for expert support from Governors while, at the same time, the demand for expertise in other areas (such as fundraising) has also increased in importance.

To meet some of these specialist requirements, the Board had recruited new external Co-opted Governors in years past but, as demands on these Governors grow, the Board of Governors was of the opinion that the ability to recruit two additional Co-optees, to provide specialist knowledge and experience, was now essential in order to enable the School to continue to flourish and develop. The Court of Common Council is recommended to agree a change to the Board's composition accordingly.

It was noted that the proposal would change the balance of Court and External Members to eight each (the current balance being eight Common Councillors and six External Co-optees).

#### Resolved - That:-

1. The proposed amendments to the GSMD's Instrument and Articles of Government and also its Constitution, set out in the appendices to the report (with the new amendments highlighted as grey and deletions also with strikethrough), be

- approved. These reflect the ability to appointment up to two new Co-opted Governors (increasing the total of permitted Co-optees from 6 to 8), to allow for requisite specialisms in fundraising, artistic practice and industry representation.
- 2. It be noted that the Board of Governors would also review their quorum arrangements and that associated amendments will be reported back to this Honourable Court for consideration.
- 3. It be noted that the revised Instrument and Articles will be presented to the Office for Students as a reportable event.

## 8. CIVIC AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Edward Lord, OBE JP)

18 July 2022

#### **Applications for Hospitality**

#### (a) Early evening reception to celebrate Hannukah

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception in the Art Gallery on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to celebrate the Jewish festival of Hannukah.

The City Corporation had hosted a reception to celebrate Hanukkah since 2019. There was a long association between the City and the Jewish community, and the reception would provide an opportunity to mark and enhance this relationship.

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

# (b) Networking breakfast reception and panel discussion to mark International Women's day

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a networking breakfast reception and panel discussion on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 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 womenfocussed charities. International Women's Day had been marked by a reception at Guildhall since 2007.

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

#### (c) Armed Forces Flag Day 2023

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a flag-raising ceremony followed by light refreshments at Guildhall on the afternoon of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

June 2023 to mark Armed Forces Flag Day.

Armed Forces Flag Day was established in 2009 to provide an opportunity to show support for members of the Armed Forces and Service families. It forms part of a week of activities across the country to raise public awareness of the contribution made by the Armed Forces.

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

(d) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Afternoon reception to recognise the achievements of Team England at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an afternoon reception on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to recognise the achievement of Team England following the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games.

The event would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's ongoing commitment to sport and physical activity and to promote the facilities and activities across the City Corporation's Open Spaces. It would also be an opportunity to network with key Commonwealth sport partners and stakeholders, as well as national and international sports representatives. Support for this event would also allow the City Corporation to build on its role in promoting the importance of elite sport and major sporting events to the UK's trade and soft power position and leave it well placed to support future Commonwealth Games bids and overseas competitions.

Following the decision of Civic Affairs Sub-Committee at its meeting on 18 July 2022 to approve the application for hospitality, it was clear that waiting until the Court of Common Council meeting to be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 would not allow for the necessary arrangements to proceed. Urgent approval was, therefore, sought and obtained in accordance with Standing Order No.19. Members are asked to note the urgent action taken.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

- 9. Appointments The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments:
  - (A) One Member on the **Cripplegate Foundation Ltd**, for a balance of a term expiring in December 2024.

#### Nominations received:-

Elizabeth King

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Elizabeth King to be appointed to the Cripplegate Foundation. (B) One Member on the Board of Governors of the City of London **School**, for the balance of a term expiring in July 2025.

#### Nominations received:-

Alderman Tim Levene

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Tim Levene to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School.

10. Freedoms (A) 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:-

Ibrahem Alheyali Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP Shravan Joshi, MBE, Deputy	a Trainee Solicitor Citizen and Pewterer Citizen and Fueller	Waterloo, London
Ahtsham Anwar Malik Alan Montague Ware, MBE Graham Edward Bamford	a Transportation Company Director Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer Citizen and Farmer	Ilford, Essex
Ashkhen Andrea Aviet, BEM Christopher Punter Dominic Charles Yeardley	an Author Citizen and Information Technologist Citizen and Carman	Croydon, London
Christopher Barrett Barry Murray Woodman Neil Richard Barnes	an Investment Manager Citizen and Mason Citizen and Mason	Battersea, London
James Alexander Barry Keith Lawrey	a Film Financer Citizen and Chartered Secretary & Administrator Citizen and Educator	Greenwich, London

Helen Jane Lawrey Citizen and Educator

Susan Saw Gaik Bathija Ontario, Canada a Nurse, retired

Robert Andrews Citizen and Gold and Silver Wyre

Drawer

The Rt Revd Robert Todd Giffin, Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker &

**OStJ** Tobacco Blender

Vincent Keith Baughan a Software Developer, retired Bath, Somerset

Richard Gary Stephen Miller Citizen and Glover Hilary Miller Citizen and Glover

Paul Anthony Bayliss, MBE a Hotel Regional General Manager Liverpool, Merseyside

Citizen and Innholder David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt Citizen and Innholder Philippe Roland Rossiter

Alasdair Macgregor Brown a Police Officer Aldershot, Hampshire Richard Gary Stephen Miller Citizen and Glover Hilary Miller Citizen and Glover Celia Anne Brown a Nurse, retired Angmering, West Sussex Daphne Edwina Cave Citizen and Glover Sandra Diane Cahill, DL Citizen and Glover Kay Burbidge a Royal Navy Officer Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire Jani Levanen Citizen and Stationer Gerard Heanue Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker a Civil Servant **Dr Andrew John Burgess** Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire Jani Levanen Citizen and Stationer Gerard Heanue Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker **Daniel Byrne** a Grounds Person/keeper Clapham, London Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy Citizen and Wheelwright Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP, Deputy Citizen and Broderer Valeria Cadena a Community Safety Manager Croydon, London Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CC Citizen and Solicitor Ald. Emma Edhem Citizen and Woolman **Shaun Thomas Carey** Velvet Retail Chester-le-Street, an Online Durham Company Owner Ian Sidney Balcombe Citizen and Pattenmaker Timothy John MacAndrews, TD JP Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer Joao Pedro Castanheira Do The Ambassador of Portugal Belgravia, London Vale De Almeida The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Christopher Michael Hayward, Citizen and Pattenmaker Deputy **Patrick Brendan Connell** a Company Director Hanwell, London Citizen and Carman Vincent Dignam John Paul Tobin Citizen and Carman **Dr Hilary Jane Cooke** a Hospitality Company Director Ealing, London and Consultant Citizen and Innholder David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt Philippe Roland Rossiter Citizen and Innholder **Matthew John Craker** an Estate Agent Nazeing, Essex Alan Leslie Warman Citizen and Clockmaker Citizen and Clockmaker Diane Irene Warman

**Canon Daniel Patrick Cronin** a Priest Surbiton, London The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Amanda Josephine Keaveny Citizen and Fletcher Guðjón Þór Erlendsson an Architect Walworth, London Jennifer Lynn Schwalbenberg Citizen and Glazier Paul Joseph McAneary Citizen and Woolman **Paul Charles Eveleigh** Supply Chain Company White City, Executive London Ann-Marie Jefferys Citizen and Glover Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker Patricia Ann Eyles-Thomas a Human Resources Director West Malling, Kent Mark Robert Jason Eyles-Thomas Citizen and Security Professional Citizen and Security Professional Paul Holmes Sir Douglas Jardine Flint, CBE Chairman of a Banking and Ewhurst Green, Finance Company East Sussex Citizen and Pattenmaker Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL, Citizen and Skinner Deputy Alan Foster a Property Developer Benfleet, Essex Citzen and Fueller Laurence Holder Citizen and Painter Stainer Stephen Lawrence Purdy Roger John Friend a Property Consultant, retired Bromley, Kent Christopher James Caine Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley Citizen and Musician a Teacher Stonegate, East Vanessa Maria Lyrian Gilbert Sussex Veronica Anne Spofforth Citizen and Baker Citizen and Art Scholar Sonya Zuckerman **Antony Kenneth Gosling** an Engineering Company Chief Muswell Hill, **Digital Officer** London Ann-Marie Jefferys Citizen and Glover Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker Stephen John Gow a Hotel General Manager Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt Citizen and Innholder Philippe Roland Rossiter Citizen and Innholder **Toby Jones Hanington** a Venture Capital Company Putney, London Founder The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Citizen and Haberdasher Russell

Owen John Hanmer	a Consultant Paediatrician, retired	Woodford Green, London
Gillian Lawson Melissa Scott	Citizen and Musician Citizen and Turner	Green, London
Ulrich Hansen	a Renewable Materials Company Managing Director	Richmond- upon-Thames, London
James Nicholas Bromiley-Davis Ald. Emma Edhem	Citizen and Gardener Citizen and Woolman	
Thomas Charles Harty	a Coworking Spaces Provider Director	Lambeth, London
The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell		London
Samantha Tracey Holmes Paul Holmes Mark Robert Jason Eyles-Thomas	a Civil Servant Citizen and Security Professional Citizen and Security Professional	Sidcup, Kent
Kevin Horne	a Property Development Company Director	Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
Timothy McNally, CC Shailendra Umradia, CC	Citizen and Glazier Citzen and Information Technologist	ESSEX
Harry Llewellyn De Berdt Hovell	a Registered Osteopath	Merton Park, London
Michael Rodney Goodridge, MBE Christopher Peter Hare	Citizen and Arbitrator Citizen and Merchant Taylor	London
Thomas John De Berdt Hovell	a Gentleman	Merton Park, London
Michael Rodney Goodridge, MBE Christopher Peter Hare	Citizen and Arbitrator Citizen and Merchant Taylor	London
Robin Charles Hutson, OBE	a Hotelier	Winchester, Hampshire
David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt Philippe Roland Rossiter	Citizen and Innholder Citizen and Innholder	Hampsinie
Gary Vincent Hutton Ricky James Toomey Jashvant Joshi	a Tutor Citizen and Blacksmith Citizen and Blacksmith	Bexley, Kent
Warren Michael Charles Jones Steven John Turner Simon Peter Mcllwaine	a Contract Coordinator Citizen and Art Scholar Citizen and Clockmaker	Swansea
Harry Edward Kane, MBE	a Professional Footballer	Hampstead,
Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy	Citizen and Pattenmaker	London
Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy	Citizen and Wheelwright	
Fukhera Khalid	a Property and Film Studio Company Director	Upminster, Essex

Ann-Marie Jefferys Citizen and Glover
Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker

Vickneswaren Krishnan a Barrister Ilford, Essex

Alan Montague Ware, MBE Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer

Graham Edward Bamford Citizen and Farmer

Samuel Adeiza Adebayo a Technology Company Vice- Sevenoaks, Lawrence President Kent

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater

Russell

Citizen and Haberdasher

Daniel Michael David Leonard an IT Project Manager Crockham Hill,

Kent

David John Leonard, TD

David John Stockford Citizen and Farrier

Stephen Michael Lyon a Professor of Anthropology Finsbury Park,

London

Roger Antony Prentis Citizen and Arbitrator
Derek Edward Dowling Prentis, Citizen and Arbitrator

MBE

Simon Mahon a Hotelier York, Yorkshire

David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt Citizen and Innholder Philippe Roland Rossiter Citizen and Innholder

**Lyndsay Elizabeth Mason** a Fashion Technology Platform Winchester, Founder Hampshire

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater

Russell

Citizen and Haberdasher

lan Robert McDermid a Mechanical Engineer Gravesend,

Kent

Ann-Marie Jefferys Citizen and Glover
Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker

The Right Reverend Dr Damien a Clerk in Holy Orders Romney
Steven Robert Mead Marsh, Kent

The Rt Revd Robert Todd Giffin, Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker &

OStJ Tobacco Blender

Dr Craig Patterson, OStJ Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker &

Tobacco Blender

John Joseph Mellor an IT Consultant, retired Hounslow,
Middlesex

Ann-Marie Jefferys Citizen and Glover

Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker

Shahid Mirza an Energy Company Director Luton,
Bedfordshire

Ann-Marie Jefferys Citizen and Glover
Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker

**Hayley Rose Mole** Investment Company Vice West Brompton, President London The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Citizen and Haberdasher Russell a Customer Service Manager John Anthony Newman Luton, Bedfordshire Graham John Peacock Citizen and Loriner Richard Eaglesfield Floyd Citizen and Basketmaker Hamish Macgregor Ogston, CBE a Businessman and Philanthropist Kensington, London Citizen and Musician Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley Wendy Davina Calder Parmley Citizen and Information Technologist Jyoti Ishwarlal Patel a Legal Business Analyst Marlow, Buckinghamshire Ann-Marie Jefferys Citizen and Glover Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker **Martin Paul** a General Practitioner, retired Botolph Claydon, Buckinghamshire Robert James Ingham Clark Citizen and Clothworker Nigel Turnbull, CVO A Citizen and Chartered Accountant John William Powell a Chartered Surveyor Bromley, Kent Martin Bernard Robinson Citizen and Poulter Donald Howard Coombe, MBE Citizen and Poulter a Chief Executive Officer of Youth Rosemary Jill Prescott, DL Chiswick, Hostels, Retired London Citizen and Farrier Martin Henry Charles Russell, TD Paul Malcolm Kennerley, RD Citizen and Coachmaker and Coach and Harness Maker Giles lain Radford a Civil Engineer Babraham, Cambridgeshire Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, CC Citizen and Baker Vincent Dignam Citizen and Carman Kazi Shazanur Rahman Norton Canes, a Solicitor Staffordshire Ann-Marie Jefferys Citizen and Glover Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker Mark Daniel Rann an Online Retail Driver Haywards Heath, West Sussex Steven John Turner Citzen and Art Scholar Anthony Clayton Citizen and Baker Christopher Michael Reilly a Shipbroker Corsham, Wiltshire John Rowland Blades McBeath Citizen and Gunmaker Charles Basil Woodd, OBE Citizen and Salter

Anthony Robert Smith an Engineering Company Owner Watford, Hertfordshire Keith Richard Stevens Citizen and Management Consultant Neil Phillips Citizen and Mason **Andrew Francis Thomas** Bradford On an Airline Captain, retired Avon, West Wiltshire Howard Sutton Citizen and Basketmaker Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker Alison Louise Thompson an Insurance Company Head of Romford, Essex Compliance Philip Woodhouse, Deputy Citizen and Grocer Graeme Martyn Doshi-Smith, CC Citizen and Information Technologist Manish Tiwari Marketing and Advertising Hornsey, London Company Director Timothy McNally, CC Citizen and Glazier Citzen and Information Technologist Shailendra Umradia, CC Raffaele Trombetta The Ambassador of Italy Mayfair, London The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Citizen and Pattenmaker Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy Marco Truffelli a Hotel Managing Director Edinburgh, Scotland David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt Citizen and Innholder Citizen and Innholder Philippe Roland Rossiter **Nicola Ashley Twinn** a Property Services Officer Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, Citizen and Common Councillor Deputy Jason Pritchard, CC Citizen and Common Councillor **Thomas Derrick Waldron-Lynch** a Hotel General Manager Newark, Nottinghamshire David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt Citizen and Innholder Citizen and Innholder Philippe Roland Rossiter Captain **Francis** Michael a Soldier Aldershot, Whelan-Mellor Hampshire Ann-Marie Jefferys Citizen and Glover Anne Elizabeth Holden Citizen and Basketmaker Jacqueline Whitmore a Sheltered Housing Manager, King's Lynn, retired Norfolk Mary Durcan, CC Citizen and Common Councillor John William Fletcher, CC Citizen and Common Councillor **Matthew Winn** a Technology Engineer Leader Westminster, London Brian Lawrence Williamson Citizen and Master Mariner David Jonathan Taylor Citizen and Needlemaker

Malcolm Mendel Wolpert a Utility Provider Company Woodford,
Director, retired London

Lionel Correya Citizen and Poulter

Gerald Nathanson Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver

#### Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons, as amended, 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.

- (B) The Court noted action taken in approving applications for the Freedom of the City of London under urgency procedures, as there had been insufficient time for the Court's approval to be obtained in the usual way, for the following 23 members of the England Women's Football Team (together with the Head Coach), all being nominated by the Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor and Deputy Edward Lord (Citizen and Broderer):
  - Millie Bright
  - Lucy Roberta Tough Bronze
  - Jessica Leigh Carter
  - Rachel Ann Daly
  - Mary Alexandra Earps
  - Bethan England
  - Alex Greenwood
  - Hannah Alice Hampton
  - Lauren May Hemp
  - Chloe Maggie Kelly
  - Francesca Kirby
  - Bethany Jane Mead
  - Nikita Josephine Parris
  - Ellie Roebuck
  - Alessia Mia Teresa Russo
  - Jill Louise Scott, MBE
  - Georgia Marie Stanway
  - Demi Lee Courtney Stokes
  - Ella Ann Toone
  - Keira Fae Walsh
  - Sarina Petronella Weigman
  - Ellen Toni White
  - Leah Catherine Williamson
  - Carlotte Mae Wubbon-Moy

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

11. Resolution

Resolved unanimously – That, on his retirement from this Honourable Court, Members wish to place on record their warmest thanks to:

Thomson, J. M. D., Deputy; Duckworth, S.D., O.B.E., D.L., Deputy

#### JOHN GARBUTT

for the service that he has given to the Corporation and to the City for over the past thirteen years.

John was elected as Alderman for the Ward of Walbrook in 2009. As well as having served on many of the City Corporation's committees, John has also been a very active and enthusiastic member of several livery companies. He was Upper Bailiff and is currently a Court Assistant of the Worshipful Company of Weavers, the City of London's oldest Livery Company. He is Honorary Court Assistant of the Joiners & Ceilers Livery Company, is a Liveryman of the International Bankers Livery company and, as a former investment manager himself, is the Sponsoring Alderman of the Guild of Investment Managers, one of the City's newest Guilds.

John is President of Walbrook Ward Club and a member of two others, Cheap and Coleman Street, as well as being Lay Chairman of the Parochial Church Council and a Church Warden at St Stephen Walbrook Church. In 2020/21 John was appointed as High Sheriff of Greater London by Royal Warrant— because of the pandemic restrictions, instead of occurring at the Royal Courts of Justice as would normally be the case, John actually declared his Oath by video conference from home (this being a first), in front of the Lord Chief Justice, the Queen's Remembrancer and other senior High Court Judges from the Royal Courts who were also at their homes. As an Under Warden and High Sheriff of Greater London Alderman John Garbutt JP was the first City Alderman to occupy both roles simultaneously for 125 years.

John is also involved in numerous UK and international charitable organisations, including being a Life Vice President of the British Red Cross. In 2013, he and his wife Solangela spent many months organising the British Red Cross Christmas Market, held here at the Guildhall, which not only spread plenty of Christmas cheer but, more importantly, raised much needed and much welcome funds for the charity.

In taking their leave, his colleagues wish John their very best for a long, happy and healthy retirement from the Court and hope that he and his family will long retain many happy memories of a successful civic life.

12. Questions Ameer, R. B., Deputy to the Chairman of Policy & Resources

#### **Global Economic Outlook**

Deputy Rehana Ameer asked a question of the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee concerning the current global economic outlook.

In response, the Chairman recognised the inflationary pressures that businesses and individuals alike were experiencing at the time, and assured Members that the City Corporation continued to monitor the economic situation very closely.

The new Prime Minister had committed to tackling the crisis and we await further details of announcements which were expected in the following days. In the

meantime the City continued to signpost both residents and businesses to the existing Government support that is available. The City Corporation already has a track record of stepping in to help businesses in the City weather periods of economic disruption.

Last year the City Corporation provided direct support to business via its COVID Business Recovery Fund where £10.3m was distributed to businesses that were amongst the hardest hit by the COVID restrictions. This was direct support from the City, in addition to the £4.4m in business support provided via government grant. Overall £14.7m was provided to businesses. The City Corporation had also distributed almost £60m in Covid Additional Relief. This has equated to a 20% reduction in the 21/22 business rate bill for over 12,000 business properties, which is around 50% of the business properties in the City.

The Chairman believed that this demonstrated the commitment the City Corporation had to supporting businesses in the Square Mile, and committed to working hard to continue this.

Destination City was to transform the Square Mile's leisure offer, creating a leading destination for UK and international visitors, workers, and residents to enjoy. With our £2.5 million annual investment, Destination City will drive the Square Mile's recovery from the pandemic, enhancing the City's vibrancy, revitalising our streets, reinvigorating our businesses, and boosting our attractiveness to talent.

In relation to staffing, this was a matter for the Town Clerk but the Chairman explained that he was assured by Officers that they are fully aware of the issues and are taking action to resolve them. However, the Chairman did reflect upon the very high calibre officer team.

The economic climate, especially with the current inflationary pressures, was a key financial risk which the Finance Committee was working to mitigate. Specific inflation provisions were included in the City Fund and City's Cash budgets for this year, which had been supplemented by an additional £15m from underspends from last financial year.

For the major programme of works, had mentioned, the City held large contingences called 'optimism bias' which would be the first port of call. Each project maintains a risk register with mitigations in place to address a wide range of risks appropriate to each programme. When agreeing contracts appropriate clauses are included to enable the City to withdraw from commitments if significant risks materialise beyond our control. But more widely, the Resource Allocation Sub Committee had agreed, given construction inflation levels, to pause the current capital programme and assess which schemes needed to continue through the current conditions and which schemes could run to a later timeframe to avoid the peak in construction costs.

Given the significant slippage in the capital programme, there would not be an annual bidding process for new capital schemes this year. Instead, monies are being put aside to respond to any urgent health and safety works that may be needed during the present financial year.

This will assist the Corporation in flexibility of response to the economic conditions and the Finance Committee would bring recommendations to this Honourable Court as part of the budget setting process.

Deputy Rehana Ameer asked a supplementary question concerning his view on commissioning a report for consideration by this Honourable Court, on the mitigations in place if such an economic catastrophe occurs?

The Chairman reiterated that the Finance Committee would bring recommendations to this Honourable Court as part of the budget setting process. The City Corporation would continue to monitor the economic situation and he would update this Honourable Court in the usual way.

Deputy Henry Colthurst, Chairman of the Finance Committee, asked a supplementary question. He began by stressing that the current economic conditions could not be more challenging. The situation was unlikely to improve soon, and this effected the City's of London Corporation's own financial position. City Cash had no spare cash and was committed for the next 15 years. The Chairman likened City's Cash to Its an endowment. He then noted the need to balance City Fund in next four years, with income generation and tax setting all being considered. There were huge pressures construction inflation in the context of the Corporation's aging operational estate. There was a need to reset current capital programme, reprioritise and re-cost within envelope available and consider third party capital. Work over next 18 months would ensure aligned resources with our corporate priorities. The Finance Committee would return with more details as the situation developed. Difficult decisions would need to be made and the Chairman reflected that this would inevitably lead to tensions. He asked the Chairman of Policy & Resources if he shared hopes that all Members should recognise situation and give support in dealing with challenging times.

The Chairman of Policy & Resources agreed with realities faced from an economic perspective, as outlined by the Chairman of Finance. He was confident that colleagues on Finance Committee would be extremely prudent in assessing what needed to be done to protect and maintain services through budget setting process. The Chairman committed to working together closely, and had every confidence to that the City could steer through economic gloom to brighter days.

#### **Destination City**

Grekos, M., to the Chairman of Policy & Resources Martha Grekos asked the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee about the basic infrastructure required to support Destination City. In particular, she sought assurances around the management of cleansing, licensing and events.

The Chairman took pride in the new Destination City programme and was pleased that the Member agreed that a new vision for the City is required to ensure that the Square Mile remains a world-leading destination for workers, visitors and residents.

The City Corporation, its contractors and colleagues in the City Police understand & appreciate the issues caused by anti-social behaviour in all its forms and the impact

it has on those who live, work and visit the City. A proactive approach to monitoring trends and identifying hot spot locations would be taken, clarifying whether underlying patterns of behaviour or background conditions help encourage such activity, and work with partners to take forward a series of initiatives to help address these issues. Indeed, tackling neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour, including that linked to the night-time economy, was a priority within the new Safer City Partnership strategy. This involved a multi-agency approach and included a combination of enforcement, public engagement to address behaviour and wider initiatives to help change the environment to discourage such activity from taking place. The Chairman provided an example in the form of Operation Reframe which had been established to ensure the night time economy is a safe environment, and involved Partners include City of London Police, City of London Corporation (Licensing and Environmental Health teams), London Fire Brigade, the Security Industry Association, Street Pastors, Park Guard, Network Rail, Samaritans and the British Transport Police.

Cleansing crews proactively visit known and previously identified problem areas, with operations reviewed regularly to ensure the available resources are used as effectively as possible. It was well understood that the vision for Destination City, both in terms of specific cultural activation events and a more general drive to bring people back to the Square Mile, required a coordinated effort across the City Corporation.

With the appointment of the respective Director and Curator for Destination City, the Corporation would be looking to establish close working relationships between the Destination City team and those whose front-line services support those objectives.

Funding pressures on the City's front-line services remained, particular given contract indexation uplifts, resource allocation constraints and the City's wider budgetary position. That meant in order to safeguard the success from this core City ambition, affordable and sustainable solutions must be identified in the relevant service areas in partnership with the Destination City team, the Chamberlain's Department and the respective responsible committees.

The Chairman noted that the ambition of Destination City is to increase visitor footfall in the City by 1 million only by 2025. We are currently nowhere near that level – indeed, most attractions are at around 50% of pre-Covid footfall.

On your point regarding the events programme, the Chairman assured Members that major events will strive to ensure that footfall benefits the City's broad and diverse cultural offer, as well as its retail and hospitality. The Destination City Launch Event would be the first major event following the announcement of this new agenda and has been designed so that audiences visit and engage with venues and areas right across the Square Mile. A press release was scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> September which would announce more details of the event. In advance of that, the Chairman confirm that the event would host activations across over a dozen additional locations - from the City's parks and gardens and smaller heritage attractions to its retail hubs, hotels and rooftop bars. The footprint will span from Fleet Street Quarter to the EC BID.

Martha Grekos asked a supplementary question regarding a further concern in relations to communications. No advance programme of events was circulated nor

has something been issued on future events to all stakeholders and a few examples were provided. She queried how bids and institutions were integrated, particularly the Fleet Street Quarter, who had questioned the timing of the event in relation to half term. She asked how the Chairman would ensure that there was an advance programme in place, that it would be informed by stakeholders involved and then communicated to people in advance to maximise benefit.

In reply, the Chairman suggested that the communications to date did take into account or give due weight to speed in which work had given rise to a major flagship policy, which had been agreed in May.

Time had been taken to recruit a top-class Destination City Director and Curator. The Chairman was keen to make the Destination City a reality in 2022, and to do that the first event needed to take place before the end of the calendar year. The 15 October launch date was deemed the most appropriate and was agreed following input from experts (including external experts) in event management. These external providers were commissioned at short notice and had come up with ideas at short notice. The Chairman was certain it would be a memorable event.

The Chairman felt that it had been difficult given time scales and efforts taken in recruiting staff, to be efficient on communication. He assured the Court that he took this matter of communication seriously. Members should hear of matters first, not last. The Chairman would ask teams to redouble efforts to ensure the first notice goes out to Members on what the future events post-2022 will look like.

Finally, he reflected on the Fleet Street Quarter. Having recently met the Chair of the bid, who was excited about Destination City and the first event - no concerns were mentioned about the date.

Deputy Brian Mooney wished follow up on question posed by Martha Grekos in relation to the state of litter in the streets.

The Chairman looked forward to hearing how the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee would address the issue of City cleanliness. However, he noted that there was a need for financial resource and that this was where the challenge lay. Within the existing resources in budgetary terms, how good a service can the City Corporation deliver? The Chairman accepted that the streets and service were not at the level the Court wanted it to be. Work toward righting that would need to be initially through budgetary process.

Tom Sleigh noted that Destination City was important but that the Barbican Centre was at the epicentre of the City's cultural offer. He asked the Chairman of Policy & Resources whether he agreed that the Centre was in a bad state of disrepair, with several problems across the estate. He expressed optimism following an announcement for the upcoming renewal, which would help the City Corporation meet climate commitments, improve commercial viability, enable the City to engage differently and reach to new diverse audiences. Whilst the price tag would be high, it was imperative as stewards of this asset, to double down to look after and optimise the wonderful asset for future generations.

The Chairman felt that the Member raised an important point of issue of renewal of Barbican Centre. He very much shared the view that the City needed to bring it up to scratch particularly in the areas of tech advancement, and state of building. Some visionary architects had been appointed to guide and advise, and the Chairman looked forward to seeing the plans. There would be no blank cheque, but we will do whatever possible to ensure the project, once brought forward, be executed to the very highest possible standards.

#### Negotiations over the City Corporation's pay offer to staff

Leach, F., to the Chairman of Corporate Services Frances Leach asked a question of the Chairman of Corporate Services Committee regarding the work undertaken with unions to avert strike action and find a solution of the rejection of the recent pay offer. She noted that an updated offer had been announced this week but that this was undertaken outside of the usual collective bargaining agreement.

The Chair initiated his response by extending thanks and acknowledgement to the City Corporation staff for their hard work and dedication, particularly through challenging times over the last few years.

Members and officers had been working with our Trade Union partners over many months to attempt to find a resolution to this year's Pay Award negotiation. The Chairman outlined the detail of the offer to which the Member refers would have given.

The Unions made clear that this offer was not acceptable to them. The Chair had therefore, and in concert with other senior Members, worked hard with officers to try to find an acceptable and affordable solution to the issue. In trying to find an acceptable and affordable position the City was constrained by the current position of Corporation finances. There remained notable uncertainty on a number of key income streams for the Corporation and account had to be taken for inflationary effects across capital programmes and service contracts. Those involved had been clear to Union colleagues on these matters, and provided them with considerable detail on the financial position and constraints.

Conciliation services with the Unions had been sought through ACAS but no agreement was able to be reached

Earlier this week the Joint Consultative Committee met, and the Corporation confirmed its best and final position of the award. It brought the City in line with the offer from Local Government in London, provides an uplift of at least 3% to all graded employees, and gave an additional payment for those at the top of their grade. Many of the terms and conditions were already better than those offered through Local Government, for example in annual leave allowances and working hours.

This offer would see all Full-Time graded staff receive a minimum of £2,300 in 2022/2023. This award will be implemented in October pay without agreement as collective bargaining is at an end.

To summarise, the new agreement meany that all graded staff would get a

minimum increase of 4% this year, with our lowest paid staff in Grade A this year receiving an increase of 16.4% on their contractual pay compared to last year. This is a sizeable award which has sought to benefit our lowest paid employees most. The Corporation has been and remained a London Living Wage employer and this award further reinforces our commitment to fair pay.

It was suggested that neither Trade Union was known to have formally consulted their members nor had they started a formal ballot, however they had undertaken some indicative consultations which were against the pay award outlined at the start of the update. The Unions had repeated that they were looking for an inflationary award. Noting that inflation is 12.3% as of July, even if a 10% increase was provided, this would mean an annual cost of over £20million.

Should the Unions run a formal ballot on the position, the Chairman suspected that the Unions would recommend that the offer is not accepted. However, their members may choose to take a more realistic position and see that the offer made will provide them with cash up-front and therefore be of considerable and immediate help to them.

At this point the Chairman re-iterated his thanks and acknowledgement to Corporation staff for their hard work and dedication as well as the challenges all parts of the UK are facing.

In closing, the Chairman noted that Members were aware that the Corporation was not alone in facing challenges in reaching an acceptable pay solution in the current climate. He also suggested that Members might concur with his view that the City Corporation should not treat lightly the difficulties that may be faced by our employees under those circumstances, nor that any prospect of industrial action being undertaken by our employees was one to be viewed with equanimity. However, all was being done to meet the challenges in such a way that benefited employees at the earliest opportunity, and in a manner which did not endanger the immediate and longer-term financial health of the organisation.

Frances Leach sought a response to a supplementary question. She noted that that Trade Unions had experienced staff using food banks and that household debt was increasing due to low pay at City of London. A council worker employed by the City of London in 2013 on a £30k salary had almost £9k less buying power as a result of below inflation pay awards. There were stories of staff sleeping in cars parked in close proximity to square mile to reduce commuting costs and rising cost of living. Although offer as £1k lumpsum payment was step in the right direction, it did not address the crux of the issue. Workers up and down the country were struggling to keep their head above water and whilst this may pay off a few extortionate energy bills, it was not as good as a meaningful pay offer, nearer the rate of inflation. If Members appreciated staff as they say they did, we need to lead the way and get back to negotiation table and get back to the collective bargaining agreement. Would the Chair agreed to do this?

The Chair responded by explaining that if one accepts that we have limited resources, we have to allocate to those in most need. For reasons outlined, for diversity and lowest grade, that was precisely what had been done. The Chair had

heard the issues and data, listened intently to what the Unions has provided. It was the Chair's belief that this latest offer would make a tangible benefit. He disagreed with the suggestion the City Corporation had Victorian era conditions and felt that it was a modern and progressive employer. The Chair offered an emphatic 'no' to reopening negotiations. Collective bargaining had been exhausted and he had a strong believe we should be getting this money to people right now, which is why it is going into the next pay run.

13. Motions

Resolved – That Alderman Tim Levene be appointed to the Finance Committee for the Ward of Bridge & Bridge Without.

14. 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 Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2022

19th July 2022

These Regulations amend earlier Regulations from 2019 by adding new financial sanctions. This includes new restrictions relating to investments and services in respect of land located in Russia, persons connected with Russia, relevant entities, joint ventures, and opening a representative office or establishing a branch or subsidiary located in Russia. The Regulations provide for exceptions to, and licensing powers in relation to, these new provisions.

The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 14) 21st July 2022 Regulations 2022

These Regulations amend earlier Regulations from 2019 by imposing new restrictions in relation to trade in professional and business services; specified essential goods required for the functioning of the Russian economy; oil and oil products; gold; and coal and coal products. The Regulations also supplement the 2019 Regulations by making provision in relation to energy related goods, as well as providing for trade exceptions and enforcement.

#### The Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2022

22nd July 2022

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Business and Planning Act 2020 made temporary provision for a fast-track process to allow businesses selling food or drink to obtain authorisation from their local authority for the placement of furniture such as tables and chairs on highway adjacent to their premises. The Act provided for such pavement licences to expire by 30th September 2022. These Regulations extend the expiry to 30th September 2023. The extension only applies to a pavement licence for which application is made on or after 22nd July 2022. The previous date of 30th September 2022 will continue to apply in relation to any pavement licence

applied for before

22nd July 2022, although the holder of such a licence may be able to apply for a further licence.

#### Read.

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

15. Ballot Results The Town Clerk reported the results of ballots taken at the last Court.

16. Hospital Seal

There were no docquets for the Seal.

17. Awards & Prizes

There was no report.

18. Exclusion of Public

Duckworth. S.D., O.B.E., D.L., Deputy; Colthurst. H.N.A., Deputy Resolved – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they are exempt from publication as they relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, or which relate to matters provided in confidence by Her Majesty's Government.

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

19. Non-Public Minutes Resolved – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

#### 20. **Finance Committee**

The Court approved proposals relating to the pay award for Museum of London staff.

#### 21. **Property Investment Board**

The Court noted:-

- (A) Report of Action Taken: Purchase of a Property action taken in relation to the purchase of a property.
- (B) Report of Action Taken: Purchase of a Property action taken in relation to the purchase of a property.
- (C) Report of action taken: Development and Ground Leases action taken in respect of a development agreement and the grant of associated ground leases.
- (D) Report of Action Taken: Lease Restructure and Acquisition action taken relative to the restructure of a lease.
- (E) Report of action taken: Headlease Variation action taken in relation to the variation of a headlease.

#### 22. Application for Hospitality

The Court approved proposals relative for hospitality associated with a visiting Head of State.

The meeting commenced at 1.03 pm and ended at 2.19 pm

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