

# KEAVENY, MAYOR

# COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

# 13th October 2022 MEMBERS PRESENT

#### **ALDERMEN**

Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman Professor Emma Edhem Sir Peter Estlin Prem Goyal Robert Picton Seymour Howard

Robert Charles Hughes-Penney

Vincent Keaveny Sheriff Alastair John Naisbitt King Susan Langley Ian David Luder Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli Christopher Makin Bronek Masojada Jennette Rachel Newman Sir Andrew Charles Parmley Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell Sir David Hugh Wootton

#### **COMMONERS**

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie George Christopher Abrahams Munsur Ali Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy Jamel Banda Brendan Barns Matthew Bell The Honourable Emily Sophia Wedawood Benn Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy Tijs Broeke James Bromiley-Davis Timothy Richard Butcher Michael John Cassidy, Deputy Dominic Gerard Christian Anne Corbett Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan D'Souza Graeme Doshi-Smith, Deputy Simon Duckworth, Deputy

Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy Mary Durcan Helen Lesley Fentimen Sophie Anne Fernandes John William Fletcher, Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks. Deputy Steve Goodman Martha Grekos John Griffiths Madush Gupta, Deputy Caroline Wilma Haines Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy Jaspreet Hodgson Ann Holmes, Deputy Wendy Hyde Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, Deputy Elizabeth Anne King Gregory Alfred Lawrence Frances Leach Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen, Deputy

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 Benjamin Daniel Murphy Deborah Oliver Graham Packham, Deputy Susan Jane Pearson Judith Pleasance James Henry George Pollard. Deputy Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest Jason Paul Pritchard Alpa Raja Anett Rideg Ruby Sayed

Charles Edward Lord, Deputy

Oliver Sells Paul Singh Tom Sleigh Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy Naresh Hari Sonpar Mandeep Thandi James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy Luis Felipe Tilleria James Richard Tumbridge Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia William Upton Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley Ceri Wilkins Glen David Witney Philip Woodhouse, Deputy Dawn Linsey Wright Irem Yerdelen

Duckworth, S.D'O., O.B.E., D.L., Deputy; Colthurst, H.N.A., Deputy

Resolved unanimously – That Andrew Marsden, one of the Sheriffs of the City, be invited to take his seat on the Dais.

 Introduction of Newly-Elected Members On behalf of the Common Council, the Chief Commoner welcomed Jennette Newman, following her recent election as Alderwoman for the Ward of Walbrook. Alderwoman Newman was heard in reply.

The following Member, lately elected to be of the Common Council, for the Ward

mentioned below, was introduced to the Court and having previously made the declaration prescribed by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, took their seat, viz:-

NameWardAmy HorscroftCordwainer

- 2. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
- 3. Declarations There were no additional declarations.
- 4. Minutes Resolved That the Minutes of the Court held on 8 September, together with the Minutes of the two special meetings of the Court held on 12 September, are correctly recorded.
- 5. Election of Chief Commoner

The Court proceeded to elect a Chief Commoner for 2023/24.

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

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

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

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

Dunphy, P.G., Deputy - 34 votes Holmes, A., Deputy - 58 votes

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Ann Holmes to be elected to the office of Chief Commoner for 2023/24.

Deputy Holmes spoke to thank Honourable Members for their support.

6. Draft Vote of Thanks to the Lord Mayor Deputy Ann Holmes, for the Ward of Farringdon Within, read the draft terms of a vote of thanks to the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, which was intended to be moved formally at the next meeting of the Court.

- 7. Letter A letter of the Lord Mayor Elect, declaring his assent to take upon himself the Office of Lord Mayor, was laid before the Court.
- 8. Mayoral Engagements

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor reported on his recent engagements, including the Accession Council and Proclamation for His Majesty the King and the funeral for Her Late Majesty the Queen. The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to place on record his thanks to all City Corporation Members, Officers, and volunteers who had worked so hard to support these national occasions.

The Lord Mayor also touched on his recent visits to the Gulf and India, as well as forthcoming activities including the 'Golden Key' event.

9. Policy Statement The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity to provide a statement in which he referenced the challenging national economic climate, the recent appointment of Policy Leads, and the imminent 'Golden Key' launch for the Destination City initiative.

#### **PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** 10.

# (Deputy Shravan Joshi)

20 September 2022 **Traffic Order Review** 

In May 2022, following a Motion passed in April by this Honourable Court, the Planning & Transportation Committee tasked officers with reviewing all traffic management orders (TMOs) currently in effect on the City's streets, which amounted to 755 TMOs covering around 1564 individual restrictions and measures.

The review of TMOs was being undertaken in three stages. This first stage had been completed. This consisted of compiling an index of all 755 experimental and permanent traffic orders, data collection and developing a methodology for carrying out the actual review of the TMOs.

At its meeting on 20 September, the Planning & Transportation Committee noted the very high number of traffic orders and associated measures that needed to be reviewed and the significant challenge of completing this task in line with the original deadline set by the Court Motion of December 2022. The Committee highlighted the risk of rushing the review and subsequent decisions, and were of the view that the original timetable did not allow time for sufficient Member scrutiny during the review process. There were also concerns that the timetable potentially limited the scope and depth of stakeholder engagement, including opportunities for Members to feedback on issues affecting their Wards.

Nevertheless, the Committee recognised the desire for the review to be completed in a timely manner and was, therefore, recommending that it should now be completed by March 2023, allowing the final recommendations to be submitted to the 27 April 2023 meeting of this Honourable Court.

#### Resolved - That the Court: -

- 1. Notes the outcome of the Stage 1 TMO review.
- 2. Agrees the Stage 2 TMO review methodology, detailed in paragraphs 11 to 15 and in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 3. Agrees the categories of TMOs to be excluded from the review process, detailed in paragraph 14 and in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 4. Notes the high number of traffic orders and associated measures that need to be reviewed and agrees to extend the deadline for completing the traffic order review to March 2023.

#### **PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** 11. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Shravan Joshi)

# (Deputy Christopher Hayward)

4 October 2022

## **Planning and Transportation Committee Meeting Arrangements**

Over the course of the past several months, consideration had been given as to how the functions of the Planning and Transportation Committee could be most effectively discharged. Emerging from this process was a recommendation for the establishment of a Planning Applications Sub-Committee to address the issues of (i) allowing Planning and Transportation Committee to major on strategic and policy issues; and (ii) planning application decisions on land or buildings for which Planning and Transportation Committee has responsibility. The proposals were made in the context of previous considerations around the retention of the Ward Committee format and essentially proposed the creation of a Sub-Committee with the same composition as the primary Committee, thereby satisfying the two aforementioned issues whilst also avoiding the creation of a Panel arrangement for consideration of applications.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the item, reminding Members of the genesis of the issue and the rationale for the proposals put forward.

Alderwoman-Elect Susan Pearson, whilst supportive of the broader proposals, spoke to express concerns in respect of recommendation 5 and the proposed approval route for changes to the Planning Protocol. Whilst it was right for the Committee to be able to propose changes to it, she held deep reservations in respect of the lack of check or balance that would be in place under the new arrangements, suggesting that there was a need to add a layer of additional scrutiny so as to provide reassurance to the public and add transparency to the process. She therefore moved an Amendment which would have the effect of requiring Court of Common Council to ratify any adjustments.

Pearson, S.J., Ald.-Elect; Makin, C.K., Ald. Amendment – That the words "subject to the final approval of the Court of Common Council" be added to the recommendation 5.'

During the ensuing debate, various Members spoke both in support of and in opposition to the amendment.

Those opposed to the amendment referenced previous debate at both the Planning & Transportation Committee and the Policy & Resources Committee on this very suggestion, noting that both committees had felt that it would not be appropriate. It was observed the Court operated with a system of delegations to committees and officers and that this proposal ran contrary to that, adding what they saw as an unnecessary level of bureaucracy to the process. Any Member was able to attend and request to speak at any meeting of the Planning & Transportation Committee at which changes would be considered; papers were public and circulated well in advance of the meeting such that transparency already existed. Members in support of the amendment argued that questions of public perception increased the need for scrutiny in this particular instance, adding that this amendment would provide for a safety valve of sorts. It was also suggested that, given many papers to the Court were not debated at length in view of their prior scrutiny at committee level, the additional bureaucratic burden would be minimal.

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

A Division being demanded and granted, there appeared:-

For the Affirmative – 28

# ALDERMEN

Makin, C.K.

# COMMONERS

Abrahams, G.C.	Goodman, S.	Pearson, S.J.
Ali, M.	Holmes, A., Deputy	Pritchard, J.P.
Ameer, R.B., Deputy	Lawrence, G.A.	Rideg, A.
Anderson, R.K., Deputy	Lloyd-Owen, N.M.C.	Singh, P.
Bell, M.L.	McNally, T.J.	Sonpar, N.
D'Souza, A.A.J.H.,	Mooney, B.D.F., Deputy	Wheatley, M.R.P.H.D.
Fentimen, H.L., O.B.E.	Mullally, E.	Wilkins, C.
Fredericks, M.B., Deputy	Oliver, D., T.D.	Woodhouse, P.J., Deputy

Tellers for the affirmative – Elizabeth King (affirmative) and Deputy Henry Pollard (negative).

# For the Negative – 62

# ALDERMEN

Bowman, Sir Charles	King, A.J.N., Sheriff	Parmley, Sir Andrew
Edhem, E.	Langley, S., O.B.E.	Newman, J.
Estlin, Sir Peter	Luder, I.D.	Russell, Sir William
Howard, R.	Mainelli, Prof. M.R.	Wootton, Sir David
Hughes-Penney, R.C.	Masojada, B.	

# COMMONERS

Abeyie, J.T., M.B.E.	Fletcher, J.W., Deputy	Pleasance, J.L.
Banda, J.	Griffiths, J.D.M.	Raja, A.
Barns, B.	Gupta, M., Deputy	Sayed, R.
Boden, C.P., Deputy	Haines, C.W.	Sells, O., K.C.
Bottomley, K.D.F., Deputy	Hayward, C.M., Deputy	Sleigh, T.
Broeke, T.	Hodgson, J.	Snyder, Sir Michael
Bromiley-Davis, J.	Horscroft, A.	Thandi, M.
Butcher, T.	Hyde, W.M.	Thomson, J.M.D., Deputy
Cassidy, M.J., C.B.E.,	Joshi, S.J., M.B.E., Deputy	Tumbridge, J.R.
Deputy		
Christian, D.G.	McGuinness, C.S.	Umradia, S.K.K.
Doshi-Smith, G., Deputy	Mead, W., O.B.E.	Upton, W.M., K.C.

Duckworth, S.D'O., O.B.E., Meyers, A.G.D., Deputy Witney, G.

D.L., Deputy

Dunphy, P.G., Deputy Moss, A.M., Deputy Wright, D.L. Durcan, J.M. Murphy, B.D. Yerdelen, I.

Fernandes, S.A. Packham, G.D.

Tellers for the negative – Anne Corbett (affirmative) and Deputy Edward Lord (negative).

Debate resuming on the substantive Motion, a Member spoke to express their opposition to the principle of establishing another Committee and in changing the current structures which they considered to work effectively.

Closing debate, the Chairman reminded the Court of the legal and practical considerations in respect of the consideration of applications submitted by the City Corporation itself and the need to take action in respect of this.

Resolved - That this Honourable Court agrees:-

- 1. The establishment of a Planning Applications Sub-Committee to determine all planning and listed building consent applications not delegated to officers under the Scheme of Delegation (with all other functions within the Terms of Reference of the Planning and Transportation Committee not delegated to officers continuing to be exercised by that Committee or any other Subcommittees to which it delegates functions)
- 2. That the membership, Chairmanship and Deputy Chairmanship of and arrangements for the Planning Applications Sub-Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee be as set out in the "Proposals" section of this report.
- 3. That the proposed membership of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee (to be constituted of all Members of Planning and Transportation Committee) should not be amended other than by Court of Common Council
- 4. That the Town Clerk, Executive Director Environment and Comptroller and City Solicitor be authorised to prepare such amendments to the Planning Protocol as may be necessary to give effect of Recommendations 1 & 2 and to report them to Planning and Transportation Committee (which shall be delegated the function of approving the Planning Protocol prior to implementation of the arrangements)
- 5. That any further updating of the Planning Protocol be delegated to Planning and Transportation Committee.

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

(Deputy Edward Lord, OBE JP)

26 September 2022

Members' Code of Conduct – Complaints Procedure and ancillary matters from the Panel of Independent Persons

Following the submission of Lord Lisvane's Review of the City Corporation's

Governance in September 2020, a resolution of this Honorable Court (dated 8 October 2020) had the effect that consideration of aspects of the Review relating to the Standards Regime would need to be taken first and, as such, following extensive engagement with Members, the Court were able to consider and approve a number of proposals in relation to Standards made by Lord Lisvane at its 14 January 2021 meeting. In doing so, the Court authorised the Town Clerk to take such actions as were required to give effect to the decisions taken and facilitate their implementation.

Nine Members of a new Independent Panel were appointed by this Court in Summer 2021 on the recommendation of the Independent Persons Appointment Panel (consisting of the then Chair of Policy & Resources, the then Chief Commoner, and the then Chair of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen). Since that time, the Panel of Independent Persons had met on numerous occasions, focusing initially on the production of a revised Complaints Procedure which has been in force since the beginning of February 2022 and with a revised version now being formally presented for the Court's information this day.

At its meeting on 5 May 2022, the Policy and Resources Committee considered a report updating Members on the implementation of the Members' Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure and asking it to consider a number of ancillary matters that had been raised by the Panel of Independent Persons. During consideration of the item, a number of concerns were raised by Members that there appeared to be no informal resolution aspect more explicitly set out within the Complaints Procedure which had been the express wish of this Court from the outset. The Policy and Resources Committee resolved to refer the matter to its Civic Affairs Sub-Committee for more in-depth consideration.

The Civic Affairs Sub-Committee subsequently considered the Members' Code of Conduct – Complaints Procedure at its meetings on 5 May and 18 July 2022 respectively. On the instruction of the Sub-Committee, its Chair and the Comptroller and City Solicitor met with the Chair of the Panel of Independent Persons to identify an approach whereby more explicit reference to informal resolution would be included within the Procedure. It was also agreed that the Complaints Form should be amended such that a complainant was able to indicate whether they would be willing to consider informal resolution from the outset. If complainants were open to this, the documentation would make clear that this avenue was to be exhausted before the complaint proceeded to the Assessment Panel stage.

This report now presented to the Court the updated version of the Complaints Procedure which had been in operation since August 2022. Furthermore, it asked that the Court now reflect upon the way in which it would like to see elected Members appointed to advise the Panel on contextual matters at Appeal stage as well as a number of ancillary matters raised by the Panel of Independent Persons as they have created and navigated this new system.

The Chair spoke to introduce the report and open debate.

Through the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:-

- A Member suggested that the report should either be referred back to the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee for further consideration or rejected, highlighting their particular objection to proposals which they felt had the effect of altering process in respect of an ongoing complaint. Another Member spoke to oppose this assertion, arguing that the report simply provided clarity and the proposals had no retrospective effect.
- Several Members reflected on the importance of ensuring that appropriate guidance and advice was in place for Members who were the subject of a complaint and it was asked that the Sub-Committee consider this question of appropriate support.
- An objection was raised in respect of the proposal detailed at paragraph 13
  and the creation of a secondary Panel of sorts, to provide additional advice.
  It was observed that the Court was being asked to increase the size of the
  Panel already and that the provision of advice would best come from
  properly appointed serving Independent Persons who had the benefit of
  knowledge of the current processes and context.
- A number of Members expressed their firm view that, as a matter of principle, Members should not be involved in any way with the process and particularly the selection of a Member to serve on any Appeals Panel; however, it was observed that the appointment was made by the Town Clerk and the consultation with Members was to provide contextual information to try and ensure an appointment was made who was acceptable to all parties.
- A Member welcomed the changes made in respect of the informal resolution aspect of the processes and the strengthening thereof.

In closing, the Chair confirmed that the proposals presented had no retrospective effect; the report before the Court concerned only the processes and their application moving forwards. The Chair also agreed with the request made in respect of considering support available to Members who were the subject of complaints.

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

A Division being demanded and granted, there appeared:

For the Affirmative – 39

### **ALDERMEN**

Estlin, Sir Peter King, A.J.N., Sheriff Luder, I.D. Mainelli, Prof. M.R. Masojada, B. Newman, J. Wootton, Sir David

#### COMMONERS

Banda, J. Barns, B.

Griffiths, J.D.M. Haines, C.W.

Packham, G.D. Sells, O., K.C.

Benn, E.S.W. Hayward, C.M., Deputy Sleigh, T.

Bottomley, K.D.F., Deputy Hodgson, J. Snyder, Sir Michael Butcher, T. Horscroft, A. Thomson, J.M.D., Deputy Christian, D.G. Hyde, W.M. Tumbridge, J.R.

Duckworth, S.D'O., O.B.E., Joshi, S.J., M.B.E., Deputy Upton, W.M., K.C.

D.L., Deputy

Dunphy, P.G., Deputy Lord, C.E., O.B.E., J.P., Wright, D.L.

Deputy

Durcan, J.M. Mead, W., O.B.E. Fernandes, S.A. Mullally, E. Fletcher, J.W., Deputy Murphy, B.D.

Tellers for the affirmative – Deputy Alastair Moss (affirmative) and Deputy Philip Woodhouse (negative).

For the Negative – 30

### **ALDERMEN**

Edhem, E. Makin, C.K. Parmley, Sir Andrew

Langley, S., O.B.E.

#### **COMMONERS**

Abrahams, G.C. Fredericks, M.B., Deputy Mooney, B.D.F., Deputy Ameer, R.B., Deputy Goodman, S. Oliver, D., T.D. Anderson, R.K., Deputy Gupta, M., Deputy Pearson, S.J. Bell, M.L. Lawrence, G.A. Pritchard, J.P. Boden, C.P., Deputy Leach, F. Rideg, A. Lloyd-Owen, N.M.C Sinah. P. Corbett. A.

D'Souza, A.A.J.H., McNally, T.J. Wilkins, C. Fentimen, H.L., O.B.E.

Tellers for the negative – Tijs Broeke (affirmative) and Elizabeth King (negative).

### Resolved - That this Honourable Court:-

- 1. Notes the revised Members' Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure and Complaints Form which now includes more explicit reference to the informal resolution of complaints and is therefore more in keeping with their original instructions.
- 2. Notes the proposed Terms of Refence of the Panel of Independent Persons.
- 3. Formalises and approves the process by which an elected Member is appointed to the Appeal Stage of any complaint to advise the Appeal Sub-Panel on any contextual matters.
- 4. Endorses the proposed responses to the ancillary matters raised by the Panel as set out in paragraphs 5 13 of the report pertaining to Panel size, terms of office of existing Panel members, Panel member training, and the engagement of former Panel members as consultees.

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13. 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:-

Godfrey Charles Allen	a Chief Executive and Serving Magistrate, retired	Battersea, Wandsworth
Ann-Marie Jefferys	Citizen and Glover	
Anne Elizabeth Holden	Citizen and Basketmaker	
Muhammad Tauseef Anwar	a Speaker and Ward Councillor	Honor Oak, London
Barry John Frederick Theobald-Hicks	Citizen and Scrivener	
John James Tunesi of Liongam, The Younger	Citizen and Scrivener	
Roland Orlando Butcher Deputy Andrien Meyers	a Director of Sports, retired Citizen and Goldsmith	Slough, Berkshire
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Citizen and Fletcher	
Vanesa Edit Canevsky Diez	a Tour Guide	Rotherhithe, London
Stephen Willis	Citizen and Musician	
Dr Millan Sachania	Citizen and Musician	
Diana Elisabeth	a Marketing and Diversity	Barnet, London
Chrouch, OBE	Consultant	
Paul Singh, CC David Sean Sheehan	Citizen and Constructor Citizen and Constructor	
David Seall Sheeman	Chizen and Constructor	
Michael James Edward Clifton	a Barrister	Hollerich, Luxembourg
The Rt. Hon The Lord		
Mayor Giles William John Turton	Citizen and Farmer	
Robert Martin Donaldson	an Attorney	Long Island City, New York
Stephan Urs Breu	Citizen and Scrivener	
Dr Craig Patterson	Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker & Tobacco Blender	
lan Francis Gerard Edwards	a Hotel Company Chief Executive Officer	Chepstow, Wales
David Alastair Morgan- Hewitt	Citizen and Innholder	
Philippe Roland Rossiter	Citizen and Innholder	
Giles Edward French	a Foreign Bank Association Chief Executive	Upper Sydenham, London
Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward		
Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CC	Citizen and Solicitor	
Samuel Charles James	a Hotelier	Warfield, Berkshire

David Alastair Morgan-Citizen and Innholder Hewitt Philippe Roland Rossiter Citizen and Innholder Bryan David Henderson a Director of Cricket Broadcasting Hampstead, London Deputy Andrien Meyers Citizen and Goldsmith Deputy Keith David Forbes Citizen and Wheelwright **Bottomley** Sands End, London **lain Michael Herity** a Plumbing Consultant Citizen and Carman Vincent Dignam John Paul Tobin Citizen and Carman Thomas Albert Heylen a Solicitor Guildford, Surrey The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Amanda Josephine Citizen and Fletcher Keaveny Woodford Green, Essex Joanna Clare Hughes a Solicitor Apprenticeships **Company Director** The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Amanda Josephine Citizen and Fletcher Keaveney Shujat Hussain a Security Supervisor Thornton Heath, Surrey The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Amanda Josephine Citizen and Fletcher Keaveny Joseph David Edward a Football Club Executive Liverpool, Merseyside Hutter Deputy Philip Woodhouse Citizen and Grocer Andrew Campbell Citizen and Fletcher McMillian **Emmanuel Nii Odartey** a Finance and Operations Holloway, London Lamptey Consultant Corinna Moira Edge Citizen and World Trader Citizen and World Trader David Christopher Edge Jason John Lavelle a Security Company Director West Kingsdown, Kent Vincent Dignam Citizen and Carman lain Golder Citizen and Carman **Katie Victoria Lockett** an Events Consultancy Company Camden, London Director The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Citizen and Haberdasher Bowater Russell Nosheen Malik Farringdon, London a Legal and Commercial Consultant The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Citizen and Fletcher

Amanda Josephine

Keaveny

John Barry Marlow a Technologist Researcher, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire retired Alan Leslie Warman Citizen and Clockmaker Diane Irene Warman Citizen and Clockmaker Elizabeth Marriott, JP an English Language Consultant, Market Harborough, Leicestershire retired John Alexander Smail Citizen and Distiller John Garbutt, JP Citizen and Weaver **Eric Masih** Bedford, Bedfordshire an Estate Agent John Garbutt, JP Citizen and Weaver Robert Adrian Joseph Citizen and Actuary Waddingham, CBE Alastair Robert McEwan an Information Technology Surbiton, Surrey Architect Graham John Peacock Citizen and Loriner Ernest Charles Peter Abbott Citizen and Plumber Joanna Myfanwy La Tzoumaz, Switzerland a Property Manager **Elizabeth McMahon** Michael Steele Keith Grant Citizen and Information Technologist Christopher Hugh Citizen and Information Technologist Treggiden Morrow **Ruth Mary Mitchell** an Information Technology Horsham, West Sussex Manager Gerald Michael Edwards Citizen and Fruiterer Martin Victor Edwards Citizen and International Banker **Christian François** a Student and Reserve Soldier Hurlingham, London **Santos Morgan-Hughes** The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Citizen and Fletcher Amanda Josephine Keaveny **Mark James Noble** a Professional Football Player, Hutton, Essex retired Caroline Wilma Haines, CC Citizen and Educator Gordon Warwick Haines Citizen and Horner **Odunola Olawumi** a Program Officer for Youth Luton, Bedfordshire Oladapo The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Citizen and Haberdasher Bowater Russell **Mohammad Ashikur** a Director of an Online Travel Stratford, London Rahman Agency Shahnan Bakth, CC Citizen and Common Councillor

Steffan Edwart Raw- a Chartered Engineer Earlsfield, London Rees

Citizen and Goldsmith

Paul Singh, CC Citizen and Constructor

Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE

Terry Withers Citizen and Constructor Angela Helen a Mayoral Services and Civic

Richardson Martin Henry Charles Russell, TD Colonel Jane Davis, OBE

TD DL

Citizen and Farrier

**Events Manager** 

Citizen and Blacksmith

**George Duncan Ritchie** Tijs Broeke, CC

Deputy Andrien Meyers

a Solicitor Citizen and Goldsmith Citizen and Goldsmith Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire

Hitchin, Hertfordshire

**Andrew Henry Matthew** Roger

David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt

Philippe Roland Rossiter Citizen and Innholder

a Hotelier

a Hotelier Stirling, Scotland

**Rohaise Rose-Bristow** 

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

Citizen and Innholder

Torridon, Highland, Scotland

**Richard Charles** Rowntree

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Amanda Josephine

a Bank Managing Director

Chelmsford, Essex

Keaveny

Citizen and Fletcher

**George Thomas** Spencer Seaton

Ernest Charles Peter Abbott

Graham John Peacock

Brentwood, Essex a Property Manager

Citizen and Plumber Citizen and Loriner

Richard Andrew See

an Information Technology Manager

Chelmsford, Essex

Christopher Denis Higgs Keith Richard Miller

Citizen and Joiner and Ceiler Citizen and Joiner and Ceiler

Damien Lee Shieber

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Amanda Josephine

a Head of Human Resources

Birmingham, West Midlands

Geoffrey Frank Tattersall, QC

Keaveny

Margaret Ann Coates Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Citizen and Plaisterer Citizen and Glover

a Barrister, retired

Citizen and Fletcher

Bolton, Lancashire

**Caroline Jane Thomas** Ald, Ian David Luder Lin Jane Luder

a Bank Trainer, retired Citizen and Cooper Citizen and Fletcher

Walthamstow, London

**Christopher William Timms** 

an Investment Manager

East Horsley, Surrey

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Deputy James Henry George Pollard, Ald. Robert Charles

Hughes-Penney

Citizen and Skinner

Citizen and Haberdasher

Nina Lydia Tsindides

an Operations Manager

Epping, Essex

The Rt. Hon The Lord

Mayor

Citizen and Fletcher

Amanda Josephine Keaveny

Syed Afsar Uddin, MBE

a Teacher, retired

Ilford, Essex

Shahnan Bakth, CC Ald. Prem Babu Goyal,

Citizen and Goldsmith

OBE.

**Tejinderjit Singh Walia** a Resort General Manager Livingston, West Lothian,

Scotland

David Alastair Morgan-

Hewitt

Woodward

Philippe Roland Rossiter Citizen and Innholder

Citizen and Innholder

Christopher John

a Dental Surgeon, retired

Bembridge, Isle of Wight

Simon Victor Langton Joanna Mary Cadman Citizen and Basketmaker Citizen and Plaisterer

**Knut Wylde** 

David Alastair Morgan-

Hewitt

Philippe Roland Rossiter

a Hotel General Manager Citizen and Innholder

Citizen and Innholder

Thames Ditton, Surrey

#### 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.

#### 14. **Appointments**

The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments:

(A) One Member on the **Barbican Centre Board** for a term expiring in April 2024.

# Nominations received:-

Alpa Raja Anett Rideg

Read.

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

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 be printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

(B) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**, for a four year term expiring in July 2026.

### Nominations received: -

Deputy Mark Bostock

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Mark Bostock to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls.

(C) Four Members on the **Bridewell Royal Hospital**, one for a six year term expiring in October 2028, two for a two year term expiring in October 2024 and one for a one year term expiring in October 2023.

#### Nominations received: -

Deborah Oliver \*Ian Seaton Dawn Wright

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deborah Oliver, Ian Seaton, and Dawn Wright to Bridewell Royal Hospital, for varying terms.

15. Resolutions on Retirement

Duckworth, S.D'O., O.B.E., D.L., Deputy; Anderson, R.K.,

Deputy

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

The Rt Hon The Baroness Scotland of Asthal, K.C.

for the service that she has given to the Corporation and to the City over the past eight years.

Patricia was elected as Alderman for the Ward of Bishopsgate in December 2014. Bishopsgate has long held a special place in her heart, given that it was the first place in which she worked in the City, as a clerk in N.B. Smith & Co, at the age of just 16 in 1971. Little did she imagine then, as the 10th of 12 children, born in Dominica but growing up in Walthamstow, that this would be the beginning of a journey which would lead her to represent the area in the City which she had come to love.

Patricia's CV is extensive, with her influence felt far beyond the Ward of Bishopsgate and the boundaries of this great City. When she was elected as Alderman for Bishopsgate, she became the first black or minority ethnic person to do so. Patricia is a pioneering lawyer and was first called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1977. She made legal history in that she was the first black woman, and

the youngest woman ever, to be made a Queen's Council in 1991. She became a life peer and gained the title Baroness Scotland of Asthal in 1997, subsequently serving as Attorney General.

Not long after her election as Alderman, international recognition of her significant talents followed, as she was elected as Secretary General of the Commonwealth in 2015 – the first woman and first British citizen to hold this post - and was, in recent months, successfully elected for a second term. She is, therefore, certainly no stranger to leading the way with a number of notable firsts under her belt. However, her championing of, and passion for, diversity and women's rights has meant that she was determined to not be the "only" in these fields.

Patricia is a great convener. Those working alongside her at the City were able to benefit from this in terms of our increased awareness of, and connectivity with, the Commonwealth and its agenda, and despite the significant calls on her time elsewhere, she contributed enormously to the strengthened relationship between the City Corporation and the Commonwealth. We were particularly proud to see her playing such a prominent role in this year's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and then, more recently, in the Proclamation of King Charles III and the funeral of Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

In taking their leave, her colleagues on the Court offer Patricia their very best wishes for the future and hope that she, her husband Richard and their two sons, will long retain many happy memories of her civic life in the City.

Pearson, S.J., Ald.-Elect; Duckworth, S.D'O., O.B.E., D.L., Deputy

Resolved unanimously - That, in taking its leave of

#### **David Andrew Graves**

upon his retirement as Alderman for the Ward of Cripplegate, this Court desires to place on record its most sincere appreciation of the service that he has given to the City Corporation and, in particular, to this Court, over the past fourteen years.

David was elected to the Court of Aldermen for the Ward of Cripplegate in 2008 and, during his tenure, represented ably the views of businesses, small and large, as well as residents.

A solicitor by trade, David demonstrated a professional and keen eye for detail, as well as an overwhelming sense of fairness, in all he did, including on the many Corporation Committees on which he served. In particular, he had a long-standing and deep involvement with the cultural and education sector, having served as a Governor of the City of London School for Girls, the City of London School for Boys, the Emanuel Hospital and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, as well as a Member of the Barbican Centre Board.

We owe him a debt of gratitude in particular for the lasting impact he has made for the Guildhall School, having served as its Chairman and been instrumental in the delivery of the new Milton Court site. David worked closely with the School for some years in helping to convince residents of the benefits of the development, which opened its doors during his tenure providing state-of-the-art performance and teaching spaces for both students and public visitors, including a 600 seat concert hall, enriching the lives and cultural experience of so many. David's Chairmanship also saw the School obtain degree-awarding powers, enhancing the prestige of the School and allowing it to respond more effectively to the changing demands of the performing arts sector.

As a Barbican resident, he was extremely adept in representing his fellow residents' interests and needs throughout his tenure, and his dedication and sage counsel will be sorely missed.

In taking their leave, his colleagues would like to express to David their most warm affection, together with the hope that he will long retain many happy memories of civic life and all he has achieved for the Corporation, the City and this Court.

16. Motions

Snyder, Sir Michael; Duckworth, S.D'O., O.B.E., Resolved – That Amy Horscroft be appointed to the Planning and Transportation Committee for the Ward of Cordwainer.

#### 17. Questions

# **Energy Costs for Tenants**

Anne Corbett asked a question of the Chair of Policy & Resources concerning the alarming increase in energy costs for residents and small businesses, querying what the City Corporation was intending to do to support those in need.

Responding, the Chairman reiterated the comments he had made in his earlier Policy Statement in relation to the challenging economic situation across the nation and shared his concern about the potential impacts across the City. He highlighted the range of responses being employed by the Corporation, including working with partners to mitigate pressures focusing on advice, food, winter warmth, employment, and wellbeing. These included the "emergency support scheme" which aimed to support and assist those experiencing a crisis by providing in-kind support, in the form of food vouchers or through fuel payments, and administering the various schemes from Government such as the energy rebate and Discretionary Housing Payments.

With regard to SMEs, there was continued support for businesses in the retail and hospitality sector via a 50% Business Rate reduction, in addition to the support announced by the Prime Minister recently. The City Corporation would also continue to signpost residents and SMEs to any government support available, with the Chairman observing that this was a national crisis that required a national response. The Government's recent announcements around residential energy cost price caps and confirmation of an equivalent guarantee for businesses for six months were welcome in this regard and the Chairman would continue to raise these pressures in his conversations with Government moving forwards.

In response to a supplementary question from Anne Corbett concerning the potential to appoint an energy doctor scheme to provide home visits to the elderly and to SMEs, the Chairman undertook to discuss this with officers to see what

might be possible. Following a query from Mark Wheatley in relation to timescales, the Chairman advised that absent prior notice he was not in a position to be able to provide such information; however, he would ask officers to act with alacrity.

A further supplementary question was asked by Elizabeth King, in relation to food prices and the higher rates charged in Inner London supermarkets. In response to the specific suggestion that Members use their allowances to support local SMEs and those in need, the Chairman welcomed the sentiment but noted that this was not within his remit. Similarly, he suggested that matters relating to the Guildhall Club should be raised at the Club's Annual General Meeting and it was not within his gift to legislate from the floor of the Court on such matters.

Responding to a final supplementary question from Greg Lawrence concerning the availability of affordable and high-quality meat at Smithfield market, the Chairman noted the offerings available to residents and thanked Mr Lawrence for highlighting this.

# **Epping Forest Wildfires**

Benjamin Murphy asked a question of the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee concerning the impact of extreme weather at the City's Open Spaces, including recent wildfires and flash flooding at Epping Forest. He asked the Chairman to join in sending the Court's thanks to staff and volunteers of the Natural Environment Department and officers of the Fire Brigades in London, Essex and Buckinghamshire who had worked tirelessly to keep the City's green spaces and their neighbouring communities safe, and asked the Chair to commit to visiting Epping Forest to see for himself the challenges faced.

The Chairman extended his sincere appreciation on behalf of the Court and took the opportunity to mention the City Corporation's work with a specialist consultant around wildfire management to provide regularly mown firebreaks and the 'defueling' of habitats at high risk, in anticipation of high summer temperatures. He added that the City took this work very seriously and that measures to minimise risk and damage were ongoing, in partnership with the fire brigades. He also agreed to ask his diary team to schedule an early visit for him to see at close hand the challenges faced at Epping Forest.

In reply to a supplementary question from William Upton, in which he highlighted the significant value brought to London and the nation by the Corporation's various open spaces, the Chairman stated that he would do his utmost to visit all the open spaces within the purview of the Corporation within his term of office.

#### **Rough Sleeping Support Provision**

Deputy Marianne Fredericks asked a question of the Chair of the Community & Children's Services Committee concerning the allocation of capital and revenue funding previously approved to deliver a high support hostel for those with complex needs, and an assessment centre to provide a place for safe assessment away from the streets and access to emergency beds and support. Specifically, she sought an update on the progress of both projects.

The Chair advised that a contract to deliver the high support hostel had been

awarded to St. Mungo's and this would be opening in November 2022, to help some of the Square Mile's most vulnerable rough sleepers with complex needs. This would provide accommodation for up to 29 people and represented a significant addition to City services and its commitment to tackle rough sleeping. She added that a building for the assessment centre had been located at Snow Hill Court within the Square Mile and heads of terms for agreement to lease had now been signed. As the building was Victorian and semi-derelict in parts, the City's investment would transform it into a facility providing 14 emergency bed spaces, with facilities to enable rapid support and safety to those sleeping on the streets, as a first step away from homelessness. The aim was for the build works to be completed by Spring 2023.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy Fredericks, the Chair echoed thanks to all those involved in achieving success with these projects.

#### **London Wall West**

Steve Goodman asked a question of the Chair of Policy & Resources concerning the current proposals for London Wall West and, in particular, the findings of the whole life carbon assessment report, asking whether consideration would be given to the refurbishment of the existing buildings instead of their demolition.

Responding, the Chairman reflected on the careful consideration given to date to the proposals for the London Wall West site, with plans intended to deliver cultural, community, and economic investment, as well as public realm improvements, for the benefit of City residents, workers and visitors alike. He emphasised the City's serious commitment to climate action, referencing the release of the detailed whole life Carbon Assessment during the consultation process, allowing for public scrutiny, as part of this. The assessment had been conducted by internationallyrespected engineering firm Buro Happold and identified that retaining the existing structures was not suitable, owing to significant structural issues, fire safety and very poor energy efficiency of the existing buildings. Buro Happold had had the benefit of being able to study these buildings in detail when preparing their report. Following the separate report subsequently commissioned by the Barbican Quarter Action Group, the City had again scrutinised options for refurbishment of existing buildings, and remained confident in findings of Buro Happold. Given the seriousness of the structural challenges inherent in the building and the limits on any meaningful refurbishment, redevelopment remained, therefore, the preferred option for the site.

In the interests of transparency, further meetings with the consultants retained by the Barbican Quarter Action Group had been arranged to discuss the matter in more detail. With the Museum of London moving to a new site, and Bastion House falling below modern standards of an office block, a viable new future for the site must be found.

In response to a supplementary question from Steve Goodman, the Chairman advised that he retained an open mind if facts changed or if new evidence was presented; however, in cases such as this where well-qualified consultants presented conflicting professional opinions, it could be difficult to separate subjective professional opinion from objective fact.

Responding to a further supplementary question from John Griffiths, the Chairman reminded the Court that it was not within his gift to commit the committee to pursuing alternative routes to that which had been agreed previously. He expressed the view that there was insufficient evidence to warrant a change of course at any rate at the current time; however, in the spirit of friendship, collaboration, and identifying the optimal solution he had extended an offer to the Barbican Quarter Action Group and others to hold conversations to see if such evidence existed. If such evidence could be brought forward, he would of course bring it before the committee, and it would be up for them to consider the way forward.

Following an additional supplementary question from Eamonn Mullally, the Chairman reiterated that the facts around this particular development had not changed, albeit there may competing professional opinions around them. With reference to the financial appraisal of the proposals, the Chairman reflected on the significant recent changes to the economic climate and the difficult decisions to be taken around the entire umbrella of capital programmes undertaken by the City Corporation, not least given the impact of construction inflation and the effects that would have on questions of overall affordability.

# **Salisbury Square Development**

Deputy Philip Woodhouse asked a question of the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee, concerning the Salisbury Square development and the specifics of that project, including the number of courts committed to and the business case for the project.

Responding, the Chairman advised that the City of London Corporation had signed an Agreement for Lease with His Majesty's Government for the provision of 18 courts; a mixture of Magistrates, Civil and Crown Courts at the Salisbury Square Development, and there was a legal obligation to Government to move forward with this programme.

The decision to build the City of London Law Courts, together with the Police HQ and commercial building at Fleet Street, had been based on a financial appraisal and feasibility studies carried out in 2018, approved by the relevant committees and this Court during 2018. The Court decision itself noted that a full economic appraisal had not been carried out and highlighted the wider economic and reputational benefits arose from the scheme, for example, the cementing of the Square Mile as a strategic centre for the UK Justice Centre of global significance.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy Woodhouse, the Chairman challenged an assertion that leases associated with this project had been rushed through, commenting that the approvals had been obtained in the proper way from all relevant bodies. Similarly, he challenged the assertion that the City Corporation was in financial difficulty, warning against the use of such careless language which implied something that was fundamentally untrue and unproven. He noted that the Honourable Member would be at the next meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee, as well as the Policy & Resources Committee, and welcomed the further opportunity for consideration of capital projects with the benefit of full context and information.

#### 18. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## (Deputy Henry Colthurst)

3 October 2022

# Report of Urgent Action Taken: Extension of Contract Waiver – Work and health Programme – Central London Works

The Court noted action taken under urgency in respect of Central London Works, a Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) funded employment programme managed by Central London Forward (CLF). Whilst the money derived from central Government and there were no direct costs to the City, the Corporation had taken on responsibility for its management and distribution under this programme. The contract had been awarded in 2018 for 5 years with the possibility of an extension of up to 2 years. The initial 5-year period was valued at £53.4m and jointly funded by the DWP and the European Social Fund (ESF). The programme provided support for residents who lost their jobs during the pandemic.

The programme had been due to stop taking new referrals in October 2022. DWP subsequently sought to use the clause in the original contract to extend the programme for 23 months, so it could take new referrals until the end of September 2024. The extension was to be fully funded by DWP, including CLF's management and administration costs, so there would be no resource implication or risk for the City of London Corporation.

The DWP had confirmed funding for the extension too late for the July cycle of committee meetings. Rather than seeking to extend the full contract under urgency procedures, it was felt that it would be preferable, in the interests of Member decision-making and transparency, to seek a contract extension waiver, so as to allow for services continue for a short period whilst formal approvals were sought through the appropriate committees for the full 23-month extension. Due to the timing of relevant committees, the final sign-off would be presented for consideration on 8 December 2022; therefore, a temporary extension was sought until that date.

Approval had, therefore, been sought and obtained to continue the temporary interim delivery of the Central London Works Work and Health Programme for a time-limited period (up to 8 December 2022).

Resolved – that the action taken be noted.

19. 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 force	in
The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals (Amendment)		
(England) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 No. 924	1st	
These Regulations amend EU Regulations on the non-commercial	October	
movement of pet animals and are therefore relevant to the	2022	
Common Council in its capacity as port health authority for the Port		

of London. They extend, for a period of 6 months until 1st April 2023, permission for the use of an alternative antibody titre test for pet animals entering England from a third country, following the expiry of existing Regulations on 1st October 2022.

# The Alcohol Licensing (Coronavirus) (Regulatory Easements) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 No. 978

29th September 2022

The Business and Planning Act 2020 made temporary modifications to the Licensing Act 2003 to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, for example through automatic extensions of premises licences that only permitted sales of alcohol for consumption on premises to allow sales of alcohol for consumption off premises. Previous Regulations extended the application of the modifications from 30 September 2021 to 30 September 2022. These Regulations further extend their application to 30 September 2023.

# The Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 (Commencement No. 29) Order 2022 No. 992

26th September 2022

The Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999 provides that, where a video recorded interview of a witness has been admitted as their evidence-in-chief, the court may also direct that any cross-examination and re-examination of the witness be video recorded and that recording admitted as evidence. This Order brings this provision into force on 26th September 2022 for the purposes of proceedings before the Crown Court sitting at the Central Criminal Court, where a witness is eligible for special measures in cases concerning sexual offences or modern slavery offences.

Read.

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

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

21. Awards & Prizes

There was no report.

22. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they either involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972; relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of that Act; or relate to matters treated in confidence at the request of His Majesty's Government.

23. Non-public Minutes

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

24. The Court approved a proposal relative to the provision of hospitality on behalf of His Majesty's Government.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 3.47 pm

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