

Members' Supporting Statements

To be considered in conjunction with Items 8 (A), (C), (F), (G), (L), and (M).

Candidates were invited to provide information in support of their application to join the various bodies and the following were received:-

Where appropriate:

** Denotes a Member standing for re-appointment by the Court of Common Council.*

#Denotes a Member who has fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of the appointment

^ Denotes a Member who currently serves on the Committee in either an ex-officio capacity or as a representative of another Committee with appointment rights.

† denotes a Member whose primary residence is in the City.

Item 8(A) - FIVE Members on the Policy and Resources Committee

***Mary Durcan**

I became a member of P&R two years ago, having been elected as a councillor in 2017. P&R is a challenging committee for any Member and I have learned so much more about the workings of the Corporation and its businesses. The City is my home so resident issues are well known to me.

I have spent much of my time promoting the City to others– GLA, Living Wage, finance associations, Members of Parliament etc and finding common ground on which we can work together. With co-operation we achieve everything.

I hope to make a further contribution if re-elected (with your support)

***Deputy Simon Duckworth**

With an Investment, Tech and Policing background, I've focused on critical issues to our City. I've worked with many of our partners across London and Government, enhanced by my Army mobilisation during the pandemic working with Cabinet Office, DHSC and MHCLG colleagues.

I've helped lead many areas of Corporation activity, working with London Councils when Deputy Chairman of P&R.

The Committee's wide ranging work, developing strategy and implementing it, requires a team approach. My year as Chief Commoner helped me listen to the diverse views of colleagues; I want to help foster genuine collaboration across the Court and help shape our City's future.

Helen Fentimen

Since election in 2019 I've demonstrated the ability to work with members across court making thoughtful well considered contributions to committees. Drawing on NHS and Department of Health experience I understand political process, am confident speaking in public effectively engaging different audiences and communities.

My leadership skills are evidenced as Chair Middlesex Street/Eastern Hub Steering Group, involving residents, Col and CoLP, Chair City & Hackney Integrated Health and Care Board (multiagency) representing CoL and as CCSC Deputy have effectively supported the Chair.

I offer P&R my skills, experience and commitment to deliver City ambitions and fully support a successful residential reset.

Jason Groves

In addition to my perspective as a working member of the FPS sector, I'm standing for three principal reasons:

- **UK Competitiveness:** The imminent passage of the Financial Services & Markets Bill presents urgent and important opportunities to improve the attractiveness of the UK for inward investment.
- **Broadening relationships:** In addition to the "residential reset", we need to deepen and broaden our links into the businesses we serve.
- **Cultural Strategy:** A co-ordinated Cultural Strategy will help deliver Destination City more effectively. As a board director of cultural charities and a senior communications professional, I want to help make this a reality.

Deputy Madush Gupta

Why vote for Madush?

1. I am a purposeful, values-driven banking and civic leader. Delivering for the City of London is my top priority.
2. Since July '22, I have attended 80% of P&R and RASC committee meetings.
3. I am diversity. I am Bipolar II and a Lloyds Banking Group National Ethnic Role Model.
4. I am a liveryman and celebrate our heritage.
5. I shape the Corporation's Technology and Innovation Policy. In April, I will speak in the House of Commons about our strategic policy ambitions.
6. Aldermen Russell, Levene and I successfully co-curated the Tech Banquet experience to try a different way of delivering the banqueting experience for the City's guests at Mansion House.

^Wendy Hyde

I am asking for your vote in the election to P&R as I think that my recent experience as Chair of Culture Heritage & Libraries & resulting knowledge of the wide range of our cultural activities is relevant to the development of the key Destination City strategy. I have a long-standing commitment to diversity issues in the City & would work to see that Destination evolves with respect for all our communities, residents & workers.

My professional background in a range of relatively senior roles at the Bank of England can also be useful in the policy context.

***Deputy Shravan Joshi**

I have served on P&R for one term and believe I made a strong contribution during that time, demonstrated by the Sub-Committees I actively serve on: Resource Allocation, OPP (formerly Corporate Asset, as Deputy Chair) and Communications & Corp Affairs. I've also previously served on the Investment Committee and PIB (as Deputy Chair).

My approach has always been to work collaboratively on the committee and offer a sincere perspective, whilst at the same time, delivering both scrutiny and governance. I believe I can continue in that vein of being a constructive critic, with your valuable support.

Gregory Lawrence

I've spent my working life at Smithfield Market and was first elected to Court in 1993 where I have worked for the good of the City. As an employer, I understand future generations and worry about the City's legacy.

I feel strongly that there is a clique of people who control Policy & Resources. Diversity of views is unwelcome and not in the best interests. TOM, was instigated by this clique. The behaviour of the Court has changed as pointed in January. We need CHANGE, so I ask you to vote for me for a seat and importantly, a say.

***Deputy Charles Edward Lord**

I am seeking re-election and I would be grateful if you could give me one of your five votes.

For the last 14 years, I have been an assiduous attender at the Committee and its sub-committees and have offered constructive challenge and made positive contributions to the policy making process.

I bring unparalleled knowledge of the Corporation's governance structures and procedures and experience at a national and pan-London level having held leading positions at London Councils and the Local Government Association.

I have also actively sought to improve Member involvement in decision-making and in the diversity of the Common Council.

Paul Martinelli

Business owner and employer. Active in the City at all times, day and night. Deputy-Chair BHE Board, Chair-Grants Committee. Finance, Audit, Planning. Museum of London Board, GLA. Experienced in taking decisions that drive growth, passionate about driving the City forwards.

Strong advocate of getting the City back to work, certain that the responsibility to make hard decisions now will be rewarded in the years ahead. The Court is in a period of development and change, P&R must embrace that journey. The challenges must not be underestimated, I would welcome the opportunity to support that process, bringing added independence and perspective.

***Wendy Mead**

My political career centred on a campaign to save Bart's Hospital from Government closure. I honed skills which have been useful at the City of London, especially on the Policy and Resources Committee. As the Chairman of Epping Forest and Commons Committee, I achieved a grant of £4.5 million of Heritage Lottery funding, ensuring the wonderful Forest remains available to the public. As Chairman of Port Health and Environmental Services, the clean air policies were rewarded by £1 million grant from the Mayor of London. Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee, I scrutinised the reconstruction of specialist health services across North East London, receiving an OBE. I hope you feel able to give me your support.

Paul Singh

As you may have read in my email to members this month, my USPs are that I cover four key areas: SMEs, new members, residents and industry. However, there is no point having all of this if you are afraid to get up and articulate your points especially at P&R. I know this having attended P&R meetings over the last year. Whether it was on committees, CoCo, to officers or at Ward meetings, I have challenged the Corporation on strong issues this year. I hope you give me a chance to keep doing this via the greatest of all forums.

***Deputy James Thomson**

- Member of P&R for three years. Seeking your support for re-election.
- Experience of a wide range of committees: Finance, Police, Property Investment, Bridge House Estates, City of London School, Planning, Port Health.
- As Chair of Police, have represented the City nationally: Home Office, Ministers, Police & Crime Commissioners and private sector partners.
- Depth of private and public experience, currently: CEO and now Chair of Gleeson the leading listed affordable homebuilder; Chair, National Cyber Resilience Centre, NED, Serious Fraud Office.
- Previously: CFO, property, banking, government advisory and chartered accountant.
- Values: collaborative, respectful, inclusive, fair and equitable.

Item 8(C) THREE Members on the City of London Police Authority Board**Jason Groves**

Having served on PAB's Economic & Cyber Crime and Professional Standards & Integrity Committees this last year, I've gained a good understanding of key aspects of the City Police's work and now ask your support to join PAB itself.

A proud member of a "police family" – with several relations previously in the force – I have a strong understanding of the need to support those who serve.

I believe there is scope for the City Police to increase their engagement with firms across the City and beyond to improve cyber resilience and skills, and ensure that Destination City is delivered safely.

***Deborah Oliver**

I joined the Police Authority Board in 2018 as an External Member and was able to continue my involvement when I was elected as a Councillor. I am Deputy Chair of the Professional Standards and Integrity Committee and am the Member Sponsor for the Independent Custody Visitor's Scheme.

As a City resident, I take a close interest in Neighbourhood policing and regularly attend the Barbican Cluster meetings. I have also attended a night visit to Bishopsgate Station and a high visibility visit to the Barbican Estate. I will shortly attend a visit to the Bishopsgate custody team.

***Deputy James Thomson**

- Member of Police Authority Board for eight years.
- Chair of Police for last three years, previously Deputy Chair for three years.
- Seeking your support for re-election to continue as Chair for fourth year.
- Board Member of the Association of Police & Crime Commissioners; Chair, National Cyber Resilience Centre, NED, Serious Fraud Office.
- I represent the City nationally: Home Office, Ministers, and private sector partners.
- Prior to joining Board, served as a City of London Special Constable for 12 years.
- Values: collaborative, respectful, inclusive, fair and equitable.
- Wanting the City to be the most trusted and inclusive police service.

Item 8(F) THREE Members the Gresham Committee (City Side)

***Deputy Simon Duckworth**

I'm standing for re-election as having helped negotiate the current funding of Gresham College, I am keen to continue serving on this committee and help maintain the important constructive relationship between the Corporation and the Mercers as joint Trustees of the Gresham Estate.

I currently chair the Gresham Working Party, and as a former Vice Chairman of the College Council, I'm committed to ensuring the College's viability and success, and help champion its unique offering.

Michael Hudson

I seek election to the City side which works with the Mercers' Company, appointing Directors to the Council of Gresham College; appointing and paying for four Gresham Lecturers; and maintaining Gresham Almshouses. The responsibility of continuing Sir Thomas Gresham's will is a challenge I relish. I have educational, charity and property experience and support the Gresham lectures being available to all. I have seen and attended some of the fascinating lectures the College arranges. I would like to assist in continuing the work of this exceptional charity, the Gresham College, and ask for your support.

Timothy McNally

I am a Member of the Gresham Society, and believe that its unique and free offering of lectures of the highest quality is something that we should all support. I have also personally visited the Gresham's Almshouses in Brixton that the City of London manage.

Deputy Henry Pollard

I have seen and attended some of the fascinating lectures the College arranges and the feedback from those who do is universally positive. I have an interest in education and supporting adult learning - which is primarily what Sir Thomas Gresham sought to achieve for Londoners with his most generous bequest. I admire the way in which the CoLC and the Mercers have jointly, and through Gresham College, developed Sir Thomas Gresham's vision, to make these world class lectures accessible not just to Londoners but also to the whole world, through the internet and want to help and support that vision.

***Deputy Giles Shilson**

I had not intended to stand for Gresham Committee again. However, Gresham College is at a very sensitive point in its history: now halfway through the five-year plan initiated during my Chairmanship, there has been significant turnover among staff and senior appointments recently and, now more than ever, the College needs clear guidance and support from members who understand the background, complexities, subtleties and challenges of this unique institution. As immediate past Chair and a former Vice-Chair of College Council, with a strong rapport with Mercer co-sponsors, I can genuinely help to provide the stability that the College urgently needs.

Item 8(G) FIVE Members on the Corporate Services Committee

***Deputy Randall Anderson**

I have served on Corporate Services and its predecessor the Establishment Committee for a few years and we have been trying to fundamentally reform this department. I believe we have finally begun to have significant success and I hope you will support me to continue on this Committee to help see this through to a good conclusion.

Anthony Fitzpatrick

With nearly 30 years of HR experience, I have undertaken a number of roles across HR, but I specialise in the field of Employee Relations and Employment Policy with extensive subject matter experience of Unionised and Non-unionised working environments, having established a fully elected employee consultative forum bringing together union and non-union representatives as well as leading trades union negotiations in both UK and Ireland.

I have worked globally on policy implementation, including Equal Parental Leave, Global Sickness Policy as well as Hybrid Working and Domestic & Sexual Abuse.

I have a passion for diversity, inclusion and Social Mobility. I am keen to promote how the philosophy of policy can drive cultural change and greater employee engagement.

***Mandeep Thandi**

As a senior cyber and digital leader in a professional services firm, I have responsibility in shaping and informing corporate policies that enhance employee engagement. This is overlaid with previous experience in senior corporate roles. Over the past year I have used my experience to inform the key challenges our Corporation faces, including employee retention and engagement, pay and how we look to build capability and culture that is fit for our future.

In completing my first year as a new member my aspiration is to offer more in this Committee to build on my understanding of the Corporation.

***Deputy Philip Woodhouse**

Asking for your vote please for re-election to CSC. I am a huge supporter of our staff, and remain concerned about the low level of morale following the TOM. That restructuring has been recognised at the highest level within the Corporation as having been a mistake. This Committee needs members who are willing to put things right. If re-elected, I will work with the aims of the Corporation, mirroring the great working environments which I have been part of and which the Corporation should also enjoy. I have the experience from my commercial work and my time on this Committee to make a change for the better.

Item 8(L) TWO Members on the Barbican Centre Board

Aaron D'Souza

I am a huge champion of the role arts and culture should play in society. I have contributed to projects by the National Theatre and Shakespeare's Globe to attract young and diverse audiences and more recently explored how new technologies such as Web3, NFTs and the metaverse can enhance theatre offerings, provide new revenue streams and contribute to business model innovation. I've enjoyed supporting and experiencing the Barbican Centre at its best this year, especially the showing of 'My Neighbour Totoro' and would be excited and privileged to contribute to the continued success of one of our treasured institutions with your support.

Item 8(M) FOUR Members on the Bridge House Estates Board

#Aaron D'Souza

I have worked closely with Trusts and Foundations, charities, CICs and community groups across London for the last decade as an advisor board member or Finance, Impact & Risk or Strategy committee member and bring expertise in the social and impact investment area the BHE have identified. As a Trustee of UK Youth, I've helped the charity build expertise in grant distribution, impact management and assessment and scaling social innovation using a system changes approach. Combined with my lived experiences I am confident I can make a strong contribution to the Board. I would be grateful for your support.

#John Griffiths

My 25 years' professional work at the inter-sections between London's public, private and voluntary sectors, has involved providing advice and consultancy to different trusts and foundations, including City Bridge Trust. I have run commercial and charitable

organisations with a strong social purpose (Director of [Rocket Science UK Ltd](#), London Civic Forum, NED of [Bikeworks CIC](#)) and have a wide-ranging network. As a trustee of the Haberdashers' Company Charities and 3-term trustee of [London Funders](#), I have worked on London's post-Covid recovery to ensure social justice through greater funder collaboration, harnessing sources of philanthropy to complement the delivery of public-policy priorities.

#Timothy McNally

I have worked in the charity movement (IT) since 1986 and am Chair or Vice-Chair of seven charities which between them run 5 almshouses and make charitable donations of over £5 million per year in the City, Tower Hamlets and Southwark, with assets of over £100 million. Good charitable giving is very important and I think that my understanding of charities from tiny to very large would assist with being an effective member of the Bridge House Trust Board who has something to give.

***Paul Martinelli**

Led the establishment of new stronger CBT grants team, overseen distribution of £200 million fund tackling disadvantage and inequality. Launched new Anchor and Propel programmes.

Supporting the Chair in our Primary function, managing extensive operational-property programme covering five Bridges and investment portfolio, stretching over 150-year horizon.

Planning 2023/24 to take responsibility for monitoring £40m Social Investment programme, working with Officers on branding, governance reviews and additional co-opted members.

Our budget forecast targets an uplift in Grant-giving over the next four-year term, I am committed to driving real change in the lives of Londoners.

#Deborah Oliver

I highlight my experience in tourism, retail, and events. I promoted benefits of major funding as director of the National Lottery Promotions Unit. I led campaigns to raise support for Lottery funding developing a strategic approach to engaging with charities, government bodies and media. I delivered major events e.g., the 10th anniversary of the National Lottery broadcast on the BBC. The impact on the retail arm – Camelot, was front of mind.

As a director of the New Millennium Experience Company, I was involved with a major tourism attraction and the delivery of international events and generation of advance ticket sales.

***Deputy Henry Pollard**

Charity and philanthropy are key in helping our communities. I have been involved with other charities and grant making bodies with a common goal of reducing marginalisation, increasing inclusivity and helping as many people as possible.

I have served on Bridge House Estates for some 2 years and served in the oversight of the trusts investments and believe I have the experience to add value to BHE for the greater good of London.

I have recently chaired the charity's Investment Working Group with an aim to making the charity's investments be climate impactful and societally beneficial as possible.

I believe with my experience I can make a positive impact.

***Deputy Nighat Qureshi**

During this past year, I have been able to widely engage on varying matters & provide insights or challenge offerings to support deserved groups. As the cost-of-living crisis deepens & the Board's unique position to help many not the select few, I have persisted in supporting, scrutinizing, and providing out-of-the-box ideas to deliver the board's objectives.

I have sincerely applied my knowledge, passion & energy to provide a voice on the board to represent diversity and minorities. I hope to continue to utilise my skills to navigate priorities to determine best use of resources and funds with your support.