



LYONS, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

27th April 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr (Alderman)	Robert Charles Hughes-Penney (Alderman)	Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli (Alderman)
Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman (Alderman)	Vincent Keaveny (Alderman)	Christopher Makin (Alderman)
Professor Emma Edhem (Alderman)	Sheriff Alastair John Naisbitt King DL (Alderman)	Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, (Alderman)
Alison Gowman (Alderman)	Susan Langley (Alderwoman)	Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell (Alderman)
Prem Goyal (Alderman)	Tim Levene (Alderman)	Sir David Hugh Wootton (Alderman)
Timothy Russell Hailes (Alderman)	Ian David Luder (Alderman)	Kawsar Zaman (Alderman)
Robert Picton Seymour Howard (Alderman)	The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons (Alderman)	

COMMONERS

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie	Anne Corbett	Elizabeth Anne King	Anett Rideg
John David Absalom, Deputy	Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan	Gregory Alfred Lawrence	David Sales
Caroline Kordai Addy	D'Souza	Frances Leach	Ruby Sayed
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy	Graeme Doshi-Smith, Deputy	Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP, Deputy	Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy	Simon Duckworth, Deputy	Antony Geoffrey Manchester	Hugh Selka
Shahnan Bakth	Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy	Paul Nicholas Martinelli	Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy
Jamel Banda	Mary Durcan	Andrew Paul Mayer	Alethea Silk
Brendan Barns	John Ernest Edwards	Catherine McGuinness CBE	Paul Singh
Matthew Bell	Helen Lesley Fentimen	Andrew Stratton McMurtrie	Tom Sleigh
The Honourable Emily Sophia Wedgwood Benn	Anthony David Fitzpatrick	Timothy James McNally	Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith	John William Fletcher, Deputy	Wendy Mead	Naresh Hari Sonpar
Ian Bishop-Laggett	John Foley	Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers, Deputy	Mandeep Thandi
Mark Bostock, Deputy	Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, Deputy	Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy	James Michael Douglas Thomson, Deputy
Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy	Steve Goodman	Jason Groves	Luis Felipe Tilleria
Tijs Broeke	Madush Gupta, Deputy	Eamonn James Mullally	James Richard Tumbridge
James Bromiley-Davis	Caroline Wilma Haines	Benjamin Daniel Murphy	William Upton KC
Timothy Richard Butcher	Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy	Graham Packham, Deputy	Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Michael John Cassidy, Deputy	Jaspreet Hodgson	James Henry George Pollard, Deputy	Delano Wheatley
Dominic Gerard Christian	Wendy Hyde	Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest	Ceri Wilkins
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst, Deputy	Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, Deputy	Jason Paul Pritchard	Philip Woodhouse, Deputy
Ann Holmes, Deputy	Florence Keelson-Anfu	Nighat Qureishi, Deputy	Dawn Linsey Wright
		Alpa Raja	Irem Yerdelen

1. Introduction of new elected Members

The following Members, lately elected to be of the Common Council, for the Wards mentioned, were introduced to the Court and having previously made the declaration prescribed by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, took their seats, viz:-

Name	Ward
Dawn Frampton	Cripplegate

2. Chief
Commoner

Pursuant to the decision of the Court of 13 October 2022, the Lord Mayor invited Ann Holmes to take up the office of Chief Commoner for the ensuing year.

*Holmes, A.,
Colthurst*

Resolved unanimously - 'That this Honourable Court wishes to extend to

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

The past year has been marked by a number of high profile civic and ceremonial engagements of national and, indeed, international, importance. Throughout, Simon's experience and expertise with such events, not least given his considerable experience as a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London and a Lieutenant of the City of London, together with his dedication and enthusiasm, have been invaluable in ensuring their success.

Simon's year began with joy and festivities, as the country and the wider Commonwealth came together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Simon's role in overseeing hospitality and associated events at Guildhall, including hosting the now Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, was integral in making these celebrations truly worthy of the outstanding service Her Late Majesty provided to this City, the nation, and the Commonwealth.

From national celebration to national mourning: the sad death of Her Late Majesty, just a few months later in September, thrust the City on to the international stage once more, as it undertook its role in the sombre yet vital activities associated with the Proclamation of the new Sovereign, His Majesty King Charles III. Simon's leading role in supporting the success of this event and the historic bond between the City and the Crown must be recognised; the fact the Proclamation took place on the steps of the Royal Exchange, a site Simon is so familiar with from his many years of dedication and service to the Gresham Committee and to the legacy of Sir Thomas Gresham, added a further strand to this poignant moment.

Simon's tenure also saw the return of the first State Banquet at Guildhall in five years, marking the visit of His Excellency the President of the Republic of South Africa. Simon brought not only his usual energy and acuity to the preparations, but also the benefit of his personal connections to that nation, aiding in ensuring that event was a triumph.

Throughout his year, Simon did much to maintain and develop the City Corporation's strong and historic relationships with the military, a subject close to his heart as an Honorary Colonel in the Royal Military Police and a Colonel in the Staff Corps of the Royal Engineers. Simon was proud to host the Assistant Chief of the Air Staff at the annual Armed Forces Flag Raising Day; however, it must also be said that the Chief Commoner's civic dinner programme has benefitted enormously from the many connections Simon has in this field and the calibre of guests he has invited. Each of these events and, indeed, the overall programme, has proven a significant boon to the City and we are grateful to Simon for his many efforts facilitating it.

Simon is renowned for his exemplary hosting skills – not least, his extraordinary

oenological knowledge! – and this reputation has been proven time and again, as he has hosted so many key City stakeholders so ably at the numerous ceremonial and civic events throughout the year. His unfailingly charismatic energy will be remembered fondly by all who attended and his commitment to the role has been resolute in the face of all challenges, professional and personal. We owe him a debt of thanks for his tireless work, throughout a challenging year, in promoting the role of the City Corporation.

In taking their leave of the Chief Commoner and in thanking him formally and sincerely, his colleagues wish to express their appreciation not only to Simon but also to Lady Caroline, who with unfailing grace and charm has supported the Chief Commoner over this past year. We thank them both for their hospitality, good humour and courtesy, and wish them both good health and happiness for many decades in the future.'

Deputy Simon Duckworth was heard in reply, expressing his thanks to the Court.

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Given the considerable number of items on the agenda and to ensure maximum participation by all Members, the Town Clerk with the Lord Mayor's consent, sought the leave of the Court to alter the order of business published within the Summons.

It was proposed that, immediately following consideration of item 9, the non-public items 25 to 29, be brought forward for debate. If agreed, the Court would return to item 10 on the conclusion of private business, with the members of the public re-admitted.

In line with Standing Order No. 6(3), the Court agreed to amend the published order of business.

3. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.

4. Declarations There were none.

5. Minutes The Town Clerk informed the Court of an error in the minutes, stating that Steve Goodman had been appointed to the Capital Buildings Board at the last Court meeting. Members agreed that the minutes should be corrected to reflect that Alderwoman Susan Pearson had been appointed.

Resolved - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded, as amended.

6. Mayoral engagements The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to provide his reflections on the situation in Sudan. He proceeded to report on his recent engagements, including events hosted at Mansion House and visits to Manchester, the United States, Canada, and India.

7. Policy
Statement

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee did not make a statement on this occasion.

8.
White Paper:
Appointment of
Committees

The Court proceeded to make the annual appointment of Committees. Members received an addendum to the report, highlighting those amendments required to the White Paper since its publication with the agenda.

The Town Clerk advised Members of further amendments to the White Paper in relation to appointments.

With regards to appointments to the Community & Children's Services Committee, the Wards of Bishopsgate and Aldgate had paired, as had the Wards of Coleman Street and Broad Street. Following this update, it was confirmed that there was one vacancy remaining on this Committee. In advance of the meeting, Deputy Natasha Lloyd-Owen had withdrawn her name from nomination to the Community and Children's Services Committee.

Dawn Frampton rose on a point of order to seek the Court's consent to withdraw her name from the ballot for the vacancy on the Community and Children's Services Committee.

Following the series of updates, there remained one candidate for one vacancy on the Community and Children's Services Committee.

Jason Groves had withdrawn his name from consideration from appointment to the City of London Police Authority Board and the appointments to this Committee were uncontested.

A point of order was raised to draw attention to the omission of Deborah Oliver's name from the ballot paper issued for the Bridge House Estates Board vacancies. The Town Clerk confirmed that the matter would be addressed ahead of the ballot for this vacancy.

Tumbridge, J.;
Wheatley, M.

Amendment – "That Anthony Fitzpatrick's name be added to the list of candidates in nomination to (R) Local Government Pensions Board."

A brief debate on the amendment highlighted the need to respect deadlines and sought clarity on the urgency as to why it was so pertinent to make the appointment at this meeting. A further point was made in regard to the terms of reference of the Local Government Pensions Board and the inability for any Members to sit on both this Committee and the Corporate Services Committee.

Members were advised that the Local Government Pensions Board was not due to meet until after the next Court.

With the support of the Honourable Court, Mr Tumbridge and Mr Wheatley agreed to withdraw the amendment.

Returning to the substantive report, the Chairman of the Markets Board expressed misgivings towards his Committee's terms of reference, particularly in relation to the Markets Co-Location Programme, and the capacity of the Capital Buildings Board in managing the programme. He welcomed the review into project governance.

In response, it was commented that Capital Buildings Board was able to provide an objective view of the Markets Co-Location Programme in the context of the City's wider commitments.

Deputy Giles Shilson made a point of order to seek clarification regarding appointments to the Gresham (City Side) Committee. The summons stated that there were three vacancies to be appointed to, but the ballot papers asked Members to vote for four candidates. The Town Clerk confirmed that there were three vacancies on the Committee and advised that Members only vote for three candidates.

Resolved – That the several Committees, as listed and amended, be appointed until the first meeting of the Court in April, 2024; and that the terms of reference and constitutions, with the various amendments highlighted, be also approved.

The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments:-

Where appropriate:-

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

denotes a Member with fewer than five years' service on the Court

(A) Policy and Resources Committee (Five vacancies)

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Deputy Simon Duckworth

*Mary Durcan

Helen Fentimen

Jason Groves

Deputy Madush Gupta

^Wendy Hyde

*Deputy Shravan Joshi

Gregory Lawrence

*Deputy Charles Edward Lord

Paul Martinelli

*Wendy Mead

Paul Singh

*Deputy James Thomson

Read.

(B) Audit and Risk Management Committee (Four vacancies)

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Randall Anderson
*Deputy Christopher Boden
*Alderman Prem Goyal

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Randall Anderson, Deputy Christopher Boden, and Alderman Prem Goyal to be appointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

(C) City of London Police Authority Board (three vacancies).

(Uncontested)

Nominations received:-

*Deborah Oliver
*Deputy James Thomson
*Dawn Wright

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deborah Oliver, Deputy James Thomson and Dawn Wright to be appointed to the City of London Police Authority Board.

(D) Education Board (one vacancy)

(Uncontested)

Nominations received:-

Steve Goodman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Steve Goodman to be appointed to the Education Board.

(E) Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama (two vacancies).

(No Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Munsur Ali
*Deputy Graham Packham

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Munsur Ali and Deputy Graham Packham to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

(F) Gresham Committee (City Side) (three vacancies).

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Simon Duckworth
Michael Hudson
Timothy McNally
Deputy Henry Pollard

Deputy Giles Shilson

Read.

(G) Corporate Services Committee (five vacancies).

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Randall Anderson

Anthony Fitzpatrick

*Gregory Lawrence

*Ruby Sayed

*Mandeep Thandi

*Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

(H) Natural Environment Board (formerly Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee) and West Ham Park Committee (two vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Caroline Haines

*Wendy Mead

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Caroline Haines and Wendy Mead to be appointed to the Natural Environment Board and the West Ham Park Committee.

(I) Epping Forest & Commons Committee (one vacancy).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Epping Forest & Commons Committee.

(J) Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queens Park Committee (four vacancies).

(No contest)

Nomination received:-

*Jason Groves

*Alderman Gregory Jones

Michael Hudson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jason Groves, Alderman Gregory Jones and Michael Hudson to be appointed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queens Park Committee.

(K) Barbican Residential Committee (four vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*#Anne Corbett

*#John Foley

*Timothy McNally

Alderwoman Susan Pearson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Anne Corbett, John Foley, Timothy McNally and Alderwoman Susan Pearson to be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee.

(L) Barbican Centre Board (two vacancies).

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Munsur Ali

*Deputy Randall Anderson

Aaron D'Souza

Read.

(M) Bridge House Estates Board (four vacancies).

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

#Aaron D'Souza

#John Griffiths

*Paul Martinelli

Timothy McNally

#Deborah Oliver

*Judith Pleasance

*Deputy Henry Pollard

*#Deputy Nighat Qureishi

Read.

(N) Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School (three vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Michael Hudson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Michael Hudson to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.

(O) Licensing Committee (five vacancies)

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Sophie Fernandes

*Deputy John Fletcher

Michael Hudson

*David Sales

*James Tumbridge

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Sophie Fernandes, Deputy John Fletcher, Michael Hudson, David Sales, and James Tumbridge to be appointed to the Licensing Committee.

(P) Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee (three vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Michael Hudson

Deborah Oliver

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Michael Hudson and Deborah Oliver to be appointed to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

(Q) Markets Board (three vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Mark Bostock

*Henry Jones

*Oliver Sells

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Mark Bostock, Henry Jones and Oliver Sells to be appointed to the Markets Board.

(R) Local Government Pensions Board (two vacancies).

(No contest)

Nomination received:-

*Mark Wheatley

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mark Wheatley to be appointed to the Local Government Pensions Board.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on each of the foregoing contested vacancies. Corrected ballot papers were issued for the Bridge House Estates Board.

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

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

9.
Appointments to
Vacancies on
Ward
Committees

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to vacancies on Ward Committees.

(A) Community & Children’s Services Committee (One vacancy)

(No contest)

Nomination received:-

Steve Goodman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Steve Goodman to be appointed to the Community & Children’s Services Committee.

(B) Finance Committee (one vacancy).

Nomination received:-

(No contest)

Aaron D’Souza

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Aaron D’Souza to be appointed to the Finance Committee

(C) Port Health & Environmental Services Committee (one vacancy).

(No contest)

Nomination received:-

Henrika Priest

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Henrika Priest to be appointed to the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee.

24.
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 either involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, or 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.

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

25. Non-Public Minutes

Resolved – that the non-public Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

26. **CIVIC AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE**

23 January 2023

The Court considered a report relating to the Members Code of Conduct.

Resolved – that the Court: censure the subject Member, Deputy Marianne Fredericks, in the following terms and for the reasons set out in the respective Decision Notices:

- (a) “The Court finds that Deputy Fredericks committed a serious case of misconduct in her directly personal comments towards Ruby Sayed during the course of a meeting as part of an away day on 31 October 2022. The Court were of the view that the clear implication of Deputy Fredericks’ comments was that Ruby Sayed had been unable to “fully engage” with her responsibilities as the Chair of the Community and Children’s Services Committee (part of which involved participating in the work of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub-Committee) due to her childcare responsibilities. Deputy Fredericks’ remarks were found to be in breach of paragraphs 2(k), 2(l) and 2(n) of the Members’ Code of Conduct.
- (b) The Court were of the view that this was deserving of a formal expression of severe disapproval. The Corporation is firmly of the view that such behaviour needs to be challenged as part of its commitments to equality, diversity and inclusion. Disappointment that Deputy Fredericks had not reflected on her comments or offered an apology to Ruby Sayed was also expressed. The Court hopes that Deputy Fredericks will reflect on this and that there will be no repetition of such behaviour. The Court would also recommend that Deputy Fredericks undertake training on the topic of supporting and encouraging participation in democracy by under-represented groups as well as recommending that she offer a written apology for making inappropriate comments to Ruby Sayed during the meeting in light of the finding of a breach of the Code”.

Furthermore, that the above resolution is published in the formal public minutes of the Court of Common Council but that the Court’s consideration of the matter, the decision notices of the Independent Panel and the background papers remain exempt pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. This is because publication of the details of the allegations poses a risk to the Subject Member’s reputation and nor is it necessary and proportionate for the other personal data of the parties and witnesses to be disclosed.

27. **Bridge House Estates Board****(A) Bridge House Estates: Adoption of the Power to Take a Total Return Approach to Investment of the Permanent Endowment Fund**

Members considered a report of the Bridge House Estates Board proposing the adoption of a power to take a total return approach to investment of the Permanent Endowment Fund.

(B) Bridge House Estates Investment Strategy

Members considered a report of the Bridge House Estates Board proposing the adoption of a new Bridge House Estates Investment Strategy.

29. **Property Investment Board****(A) City's Estate: Disposal of Freehold**

Members considered a report of the Property Investment Board recommending the disposal of the freehold interest.

(B) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Disposal of Freehold

Members received a report of the Property Investment Board relating to decisions taken under urgency on the disposal of a freehold interest.

(C) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Property Purchase.

Members received a report of the Property Investment Board relating to decisions taken under urgency regarding a property purchase.

Whereupon the Court resolved that strangers be re-admitted for items 10-23.

10. Bill for an
Act of Common
Council

Bill for an Act of Common Council:

A Bill for an Act of Common Council, intended to tighten the position in respect of Aldermanic qualification in respect of certain convictions, was presented to the Court for its third and final reading, together with a report of the Policy and Resources Committee thereon.

Resolved – That the report be agreed to and that the Bill be read a third time, do pass into Law and do become an Act of Common Council.

11. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)

23rd March 2023

Revision of Standing Orders

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

Holmes, A.,
Mooney, B.,
Deputy

Amendment – that the Court approve an amendment to Standing Order No. 18(6), relating to the Committee memberships of the Chief Commoner, as follows:

The addition of a new Standing Order 18(6)(c) to read “the Chair of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee and the Member Development & Standards Sub-Committee.”

The Chief Commoner spoke regarding the Chief Commoner’s membership of Committees. The Chief said, prior to the establishment of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee, the Chief Commoner had chaired all sub-committees and working parties responsible for members. The creation of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee had therefore effectively changed the job description of the Chief Commoner. Reflecting that the Chief Commoner was the only position elected by all Members of the Court, the Chief felt that any change in the role’s job description was one that should be subject to debate and approval from the entire Court.

Deputy Brian Mooney supported the amendment, encouraging Members to consider the status of the role and its relationship with that of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

During the ensuing debate, several Members spoke against the amendment, arguing that as a sub-committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, it should remain within the power of the Policy Chairman to nominate the Chair of Civic Affairs. Furthermore, the Sub-Committee had only existed for one year, that there was nothing in its terms of reference or the Standing Orders that barred the Chief Commoner from chairing it, and that the immediate past Chief Commoner had not seemed diminished by not chairing the Sub-Committee.

Sleigh, T.,
Broeke, T.

Motion – That in accordance with Standing Order 11(10), the question be now put.

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

The Chief Commoner surmised by noting that the ultimate arbiter was the Honourable Court and as such, it was for Court to decide on the responsibility of the Chief Commoner in relation to the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee. If the amendment should be lost, it was proposed that work be undertaken to review the job description of the Chief Commoner.

The Chairman of Policy & Resources concluded debate on the amendment by noting that the matter had been debated at length at Committee and that a decision had been taken in light of many factors. He hoped that the Court would, therefore, reject it.

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

Lord, C. E.,
Deputy; Sayed,
R.

Amendment – that Standing Orders 29 and 30, relating to the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs, be amended as follows:

Standing Order 29(4)

At Ahead of the first meeting of each Committee following the annual appointment, the Town Clerk will seek written expressions of interest from Members who are willing and eligible to take the Chair. Such expressions of interest must be received by the Town Clerk not later than one full working day prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

Standing Order 29(5)

Delete current text and insert: In the event that no expressions of interest have been received by the deadline stated in Standing Order 29.4, the Town Clerk will seek expressions of interest under the relevant agenda item at the meeting of the Committee.

Standing Order 30(5)

At Ahead of the first meeting of each Committee following the annual appointment, the Town Clerk will seek written expressions of interest from Members eligible for election as Deputy Chair/Chairman (or Deputy/Vice Chairs/Chairmen in the case of the Policy and Resources Committee) and who are willing to serve. Such expressions of interest must be received by the Town Clerk not later than one full working day prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

Standing Order 30(6)

Delete current text and insert: In the event that no expressions of interest have been received by the deadline stated in Standing Order 30.5, the Town Clerk will seek expressions of interest under the relevant agenda item at the meeting of the Committee.

Deputy Edward Lord proposed amendments to Standing Orders 29 and 30, seeking to formalise the current practice in seeking expressions of interest in standing as Chair or Deputy Chairs of Committees.

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

Following consideration of the proposed amendments, the White Paper was considered, as revised.

Resolved - That the Court:-

1. Approve the proposed amendments to Standing Orders summarised in Table A and as set out in detail within Appendix 1.
2. Approve the proposed amendments to Standing Orders summarised in Table B and as set out in detail within Appendix 1.
3. Approve the amendment to Standing Orders 29 and 30, relating to the appointment of Chairs and Deputy Chairs, be amended to formalise the current practice in seeking expressions of interest in standing as Chair or Deputy Chairs of Committees.

4. Authorise the Town Clerk to make any such changes as are required following the Court's consideration, so as to facilitate their implementation.

12.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(Deputy Shravan Joshi)

7th March 2023

Traffic Order Review

The Court considered a report of the Planning and Transportation Committee relating to a Traffic Order Review.

Luder, I.,
Alderman.;
Packham, G.,
Deputy

Amendment - that no consideration be given to any Traffic Management Order at the junction of Whitefriars street and Fleet Street until the conclusion of the Salisbury Square Development and analysis of the Whitefriars area traffic flow has been undertaken.

Alderman Luder spoke to highlight the impact of the current works at Salisbury Square on the junction of Whitefriars Street and Fleet Street and suggested that it would be appropriate to hold consideration of the proposed Traffic Management Order in this area until the development had been completed.

The seconder confirmed that Officers had been advised to engage thoroughly on each consultation exercise listed within the report, including with Members.

Several Members spoke in support of the amendment and noted that the work could take up unnecessary time and resource.

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

Returning to the substantive report, clarification was sought, and the Chairman of Planning and Transportation confirmed, that this review was separate from the Bank Junction Review.

Resolved - That the Court:-

1. Notes the outcome of the review, including the recommendations for the 78 traffic orders and measures that were the subject of Stage 2b detailed investigations (as set out at Appendix 1);
2. Agrees that no consideration be given to any Traffic Management Order at the junction of Whitefriars street and Fleet Street until the conclusion of the Salisbury Square Development and analysis of the Whitefriars area traffic flow has been undertaken.
3. Notes that officers have identified an additional 32 traffic orders and measures that could benefit from amendments to improve the way they support delivery of Transport Strategy outcomes (see Appendix 5).

4. Notes that implementation of any modifications identified (Stage 3) will be taken forward through a new programme or within existing and planned projects, subject to funding and approvals.
5. Agrees to allocate the remaining unspent amount of £300,000 towards the delivery of changes to the traffic orders identified in Stage 3 of the review that are not being progressed as part of existing or planned projects. Where additional funding beyond this allocation is required, it will be subject to the usual process.
6. Agrees not to proceed any further with the review of TfL's traffic orders and measures on the Transport for London Road Network.

13. **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Shravan Joshi)

7th March 2023

Annual On-Street Parking Accounts 2021/22 and Related Funding of Highway Improvements and Schemes

The Court considered a report of the Planning and Transportation Committee recommending the submission of the Annual On-Street Parking Accounts 2021/22 to the Mayor of London.

It was noted that Barbican Podium Phase 2 was the second largest line item in the projected expenditure. Reassurance was sought that the money would be spent on the public benefit, considering that footfall for Phase 1 of the project had proved to be very low.

The Chairman responded to say that creating a welcoming and inclusive public realm was a key part of the scheme but that the responsibility for delivering this would fall to a number of the City Corporations various Committees.

Resolved – That Members note the contents of the report and approve its submission to the Mayor of London.

In accordance with the three-hour limit set for the duration of the Court specified by Standing Order No. 16, the Lord Mayor declared the meeting to be closed and all unfinished business adjourned to the next meeting. Items that were so adjourned and which, in the opinion of the Town Clerk, require a decision before the next meeting would be considered in accordance with urgency procedures described under Standing Order Number No. 19.

The meeting commenced at 1pm and ended at 3.59pm.

THOMAS.

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