



LYONS, MAYOR

LUDEK, LOCUM TENENS (FOR ITEMS 14 - 24)

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

25th May 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman
Professor Emma Edhem
Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal
Timothy Russell Hailes

Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Vincent Keaveny
Sheriff Alastair John Naisbitt King DL
Susan Langley
Tim Levene

Ian David Luder
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor Nicholas
Stephen Leland Lyons
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie
George Christopher Abrahams
John David Absalom, Deputy
Munsur Ali
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Jamel Banda
Brendan Barns
Ian Bishop-Laggett
Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy
Mark Bostock, Deputy
Keith David Forbes Bottomley,
Deputy
James Bromiley-Davis
Timothy Richard Butcher
Michael John Cassidy, Deputy

Henry Nicholas Almroth
Colthurst, Deputy
Ann Holmes, Deputy
Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan
D'Souza
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy
Mary Durcan
John Ernest Edwards
John William Fletcher, Deputy
John Foley
John Griffiths
Jason Groves
Christopher Michael Hayward,
Deputy
Jaspreet Hodgson
Amy Horscroft
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde

Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi,
Deputy
Florence Keelson-Anfu
Gregory Alfred Lawrence
Charles Edward Lord, Deputy
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Catherine McGuinness
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Wendy Mead
Deborah Oliver
Graham Packham, Deputy
James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy
Nighat Qureishi, Deputy
Anett Rideg
David Sales
Ruby Sayed

Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Hugh Selka
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,
Deputy
Naresh Hari Sonpar
Mandeep Thandi
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
Luis Felipe Tilleria
William Upton
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy
Dawn Linsey Wright
Irem Yerdelen

1. Introduction
of newly-elected
Member

The following Member, lately elected to be of the Common Council, for the Ward mentioned, was introduced to the Court and having previously made the declaration prescribed by the Promissory Oaths Act, 1868, took their seat, viz:-

Name	Ward
Michael Hudson	Castle Baynard

2. Apologies

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

3. Declarations There were no additional declarations made.

4. Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

5. Mayoral Engagements The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to provide the Court with an update on his recent and forthcoming engagements, including at the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, at which he had represented the City in the King's possession and borne the Crystal Sceptre gifted to the City by Henry V. The Lord Mayor made particular reference to the screen used to shield His Majesty from public view during the anointing, which had been gifted by the City and the Livery.

The Lord Mayor also updated the Court on the recent Net Zero Delivery Summit, hosted at Mansion House; his meeting with the new First Minister of Scotland, Hamza Yousaf; and his forthcoming visits to China, Singapore, and Japan.

6. Policy Statement The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee spoke to reflect on his first year of office. In particular, the Chairman highlighted the launch of the Destination City initiative, which would be an important driver of growth for many years to come and be crucial in attracting workers, visitors, and businesses to the City, creating a vibrant Square Mile.

The Chairman also touched on progress made in major projects relocating the City's Markets, delivering a new Justice Hub, delivering a new home for the Museum of London; initiatives such as the launches of the Centre for Financial Innovation and Technology and Finance for Growth, the hosting of the second Net Zero Delivery Summit, and efforts to increase resident engagement, including the recruitment of a new Residents Campaigns and Communications Manager and committing tens of millions of pounds in capital expenditure to renew the City's estates.

The Chairman emphasised the importance of the shared aim for financial and professional services sector to be the best-in-class, driving UK Plc, creating the wealth and jobs that support the economy and support public services for the remainder of this decade and beyond. In particular, he stressed the need for all Members to work together in a professional, courteous, and kind fashion, in an effort to make the City the best place it can be for residents, workers, and visitors alike.

In response to a question from Andrew McMurtrie concerning the progression of works on the bridge at Lower Thames Street, the Chairman advised that he would discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee to see what might be done to pursue the matter with Transport for London.

Responding to a further question from Munsur Ali, exploring how the City might encourage improved weekend cultural offerings to drive up visitor footfall, the Chairman agreed with the importance of this as part of the Destination City initiative and observed that weekend visitor numbers had increased significantly post-Covid, with more work to be done to exploit this opportunity.

7.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments to vacancies on various committees and outside bodies:-

(A) **Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee** (one vacancy).

(No Contest)

Nominations received:-

Alpa Raja

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alpa Raja to be appointed to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee, for the balance of a term expiring April 2025.

(B) **Audit and Risk Management Committee** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Aaron D'Souza

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Aaron D'Souza to be appointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee, for a term expiring April 2026.

(C) **Local Government Pensions Board** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

Anthony Fitzpatrick

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Anthony Fitzpatrick to be appointed to the Local Government Pensions Board, for the balance of a term expiring April 2025.

(D) **East London NHS Foundation Trust** (one vacancy).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Rehana Ameer

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Rehana Ameer to be appointed to the East London NHS Foundation Trust, for a final term expiring May 2026.

(E) **City of London Archaeologist Trust** (two vacancies).

(No contest)

Nominations received:-

*Paul Martinelli

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Paul Martinelli to be appointed to the City of London Archaeological Trust, for a term expiring May 2027.

8. Motions

*Fletcher, J.W.,
Deputy; Holmes,
A., Deputy*

Resolved - That Munsur Ali be appointed to the Community and Children's Services Committee for the Ward of Portsoken, in the room of Jason Pritchard.

9.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)

20 April 2023

Draft Statement of Ethical Policy

A Motion passed by Court of Common Council in 2021 had asked the Policy & Resources Committee to return to Court with a Statement of Ethical Policy in respect of procurement, investment and international engagement. A draft statement had been provided to an informal meeting of the Court in February 2023 and, following further Member input, the scope of the statement had been expanded to include other relevant areas of City Corporation activity. The revised statement was now presented to the Court for consideration.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the report, apologising for the length of time it had taken to conclude this activity and thanking all Members for their contributions in developing this prior to submission. He also took the opportunity, in response to a query raised in advance, to provide an update on the Ban the Box campaign to make it easier for people with convictions to enter or re-enter job market. A prior decision had not been implemented due to HR turnover and Covid, report due to next meeting of Corporate Services.

During discussion of the item, the opportunity to highlight the City Corporation's approach in respect of an ethical response to Artificial Intelligence (AI) was observed, with it asked whether a suitable addition could be inserted. A separate query concerning the Court's diversity was also raised, with it noted that the candidates for a recent by-election had all been white male Freemasons.

Responding and closing the debate, the Chairman concurred that it would be prudent to consider a potential statement on AI to be included within future iterations and sought the Court's leave to consider come up with an appropriate form of wording to re-present for inclusion. The Chairman agreed with the importance of seeking as much diversity as possible amongst electoral candidates and reflected on the activities and successes over recent years. However, he cautioned that the City Corporation could not interfere with the democratic process and activities at the ballot box itself; its activities must be confined to promoting and encouraging people to stand for election to the best of its ability, to ensure the widest and most diverse group of candidates possible.

Resolved - That Members approve the contents of the Statement of Ethical Policy and its adoption accordingly.

10. Resolutions
of the Grand
Court of
Wardmote

Resolutions of the Annual Wardmotes were considered as follows:-

Ward of Aldersgate – 14th March 2023

“The Aldersgate Wardmote deplores the dangerous use of pavements and walkways by bicycles and scooters and electric versions thereof and urges the Grand Court of Wardmote to take action to prevent such abuse of the pavements and walkways”

Resolved – That the resolution be referred to the Planning & Transportation Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

Ward of Candlewick – 20th March 2023

- (i) “The Ward of Candlewick commented that they were keen to continue working closely and collaboratively with officers at the City Corporation to get the maximum impact for the Ward of Candlewick from a public realm perspective, and to develop and deliver a plan that would work well long term and provide accessible and user-friendly streets across the City.”
- (ii) “With regard to progress of the building development on Abchurch Lane, the Ward of Candlewick asked that this matter be raised with the City Corporation’s officers and an update provided in a future Candlewick Ward Newsletter. In the event that the project was unlikely to be completed in the near future, scope to have the hoardings updated would also be explored with officers from the Planning and Transportation Department.”

Resolved – That both resolutions be referred to the Planning & Transportation Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

Ward of Farringdon Without – 22nd March 2023

“This Wardmote resolves that assurances be sought from the City of London Corporation that a new governance structure will be implemented in order to efficiently deliver the full Museum of London scheme in this Ward by 2028.”

Resolved – That the resolution be referred to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

Ward of Portsoken – 20th March 2023

- (i) “The Ward of Portsoken request confirmation from the relevant department of the City of London Corporation on the status of the 2014 project to install power assisted doors in Gravel Lane and on the Podium level of Middlesex Street Estate”.
- (ii) “The Ward of Portsoken request the relevant department of the City of London Corporation consider improvements to the look and feel of the current public entrance (former rear entrance) to Petticoat Tower, following the removal of the former main entrance as a result of a housing infill project”.
- (iii) “The Ward of Portsoken request the relevant department(s) and/or services of the City of London Corporation consider what mitigating actions could be

taken to resolve current anti-social behaviour (public urination/vomiting) associated with the night-time economy/licensed premises in the vicinity of Beaufort House, EC3”.

- (iv) “The Ward of Portsoken request the relevant department and/or Committee of the City of London Corporation provide assurance that staff have appropriate training to take into account any specific needs of residents with protected characteristics who seek to engage with City of London Corporation services”.

Resolved – That resolutions (i), (ii) and (iv) be referred to the Community & Children’s Services Committee for consideration and any necessary action; and that resolution (iii) be referred to the Licensing Committee for consideration and any necessary action.

11. **CIVIC AFFAIRS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE**

Applications for Hospitality

31 March 2023

(a) The Band of the Royal Yeomanry Concert

It was proposed that the City Corporation host the Band of the Royal Yeomanry Concert in Guildhall Yard followed by a supper in the Basinghall Suite for musicians from the band on Wednesday 14 June 2023.

The Military Band Concert was an annual City Corporation event at which the Band of the Royal Yeomanry, one of two Army Reserve State Bands, perform an early evening concert in Guildhall Yard. The concert was to be open to the public and would provide an opportunity for City workers, residents and visitors to the City to enjoy a summer concert.

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

(b) Networking Breakfast Reception to mark Black History Month

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a networking breakfast reception following a guest interview on Thursday 5 October 2023 to mark Black History Month.

The event was intended to recognise the contribution of the British African Caribbean community and is an opportunity to learn more about the effects of racism and how to challenge negative stereotypes.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City’s Cash within approved parameters.

(c) Parliamentary Terrace Reception 2023

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures relating to the annual City Parliamentary Terrace Reception on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

The City Corporation had, for a number of years, hosted a reception in Parliament, providing a valuable opportunity to engage with the City's parliamentary contacts. This application had been submitted in accordance with the usual procedures and circulated to all Members as part of the Court's agenda in the usual way for its meeting on 27 April. Unfortunately, due to the expiry of time at that meeting, it was unable to be considered. In view of the administrative issues which would be caused by further delay, the Town Clerk was of the opinion that there were valid grounds for urgency pursuant to Standing Order nos.16 and 19.

Hospitality was, therefore, granted for a Parliamentary Terrance Reception on 6 June 2023, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy & Resources Committee and the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

(d) Report of Urgent Action Taken – Coronation Events

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures relating to opportunities for community engagement in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

Proposals had been presented to provide a fund to be made available for bids by City housing estates, to support street parties or other celebratory activities locally.

In addition, as a way of engaging students in the City family of schools, it had been proposed that there should be an art competition with the theme "Royally Inspired", with a selected group of students being invited to an afternoon viewing of the winning entries and reception in the Guildhall, along with their parents/guardians.

Finally, it had been proposed that a commemorative coin be produced, to be given to students in the City family of schools and others in the Corporation.

Given the need to publicise the funding programme, issue details of the art competition and allowing for time needed for commissioning the coin, an urgent decision had been sought and obtained to allow the necessary arrangements to proceed.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

12. Freedoms

(A) Freedom Applications

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:-

Hannan Ali <i>Dhruv Patel</i> <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>	a Funding Manager <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Luton, Bedfordshire
Mr Luca Beccari <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i> <i>Paul Nicholas Martinelli, CC</i>	a Minister of Foreign Affairs for San Marino <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Butcher</i>	San Marino

Prof. Dr Stefan Richard Bornstein <i>Dr Mahmoud Saleh Barbir</i> <i>Farid Barakat</i>	a Professor of Medicine <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Dresden, Germany
Grace Elizabeth Bowling <i>Philip Woodhouse, Deputy</i> <i>Nicholas Julian Goddard</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Barber</i>	Newdigate, Surrey
Jenny Jeong-Eun Choi <i>Michael Ernest Garrett, MBE</i> <i>John Robert Cowie</i>	a Doctor <i>Citizen and Water Conservator</i> <i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker</i>	Poplar, London
Isaac Benjamin Haim Cooper <i>Ald. Bronislaw Edmund Masojada</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Levene</i>	a Public Relations Company Director <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Carmen</i>	Hendon, London
Paul Brian Crump <i>Frances Leach, CC</i> <i>Thomas Sleigh, CC</i>	an Insurance Company Director <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Heathfield, East Sussex
Giuseppe Di Stefano <i>Richard Gary Stephen Miller</i> <i>Norman Edward Chapman</i>	an Asset Wealth Management Company Associate <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Pimlico, London
Eric Mervyn Driver <i>Peter John Neal</i> <i>Edward Kenneth Webb</i>	a Metropolitan Police Inspector, retired <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Beckenham, Kent
Graeme Faulkner <i>Richard George Turk</i> <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	a Waterman and Lighterman <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Rochester, Kent
Rupert James Fischer <i>Alan Roy Willis</i> <i>Mark John Herbage</i>	a Financial Services Business Consultant <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Bramley, Surrey
Warren John Forsyth <i>Stephen David Willis</i> <i>Dr Millan Sachania</i>	a Solicitor and City of London Guide <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Stoke Newington, London
His Imperial Highness, Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie of Ethiopia <i>David Guyon</i> <i>Ian Brinsley Andrews</i>	President of the Ethiopian Crown Council <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America
Revd. Katherine Jane Hedderly <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	a Clerk in Holy Orders <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	Tower, City of London

<i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
Stephen David Judge <i>Neil Richard Barnes</i> <i>Adam Richard Woodman-Bailey</i>	a Design Engineer <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Reigate, Surrey
Finlay Craig Kemp <i>Graham John Peacock</i> <i>Richard Eaglesfield Floyd</i>	a Train Operator <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Addlestone, Surrey
Walter Thomas William Kerr <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i>	an Education Company Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Battersea, London
Mohammed Afsar Khan <i>Shahnan Bakth, CC</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a News Company Retail Manager <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Poplar, London
Damian Lawera <i>Nikolaos Kotrozos</i> <i>Daniel Mark Benham</i>	a Senior Service Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire
John Watcyn Lewis <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	an Insurance Broker, retired <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i> <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Shepherds Bush, London
Evelyn Shu Wei Lim <i>Philip Woodhouse, Deputy</i> <i>Nicholas Julian Goddard</i>	a Pharmacist <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Barber</i>	Leatherhead, Surrey
Alistair William Leland Lyons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Venture Capital Manager <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Hammersmith and Fulham, London
Mark John Lyons <i>Gina Blair</i> <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	a Chartered Surveyor, retired <i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Wanstead, London
Brigadier Grant Ernest Mason <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Army Officer <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Wimbledon, London
David Alexander Wilson McCredie, AM, OBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck</i> <i>Bowman</i>	a Trade and Investment Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Chipping Norton, New South Wales, Australia
Amanda Jill Ottaviani <i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones,</i> <i>CC</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	a Health and Safety Analyst <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Bedford, Bedfordshire

Revd Marcus Ottaviani <i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, CC</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	a Clerk in Holy Orders <i>Citizen</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Bedford, Bedfordshire
Barry Arnold Palmer <i>David Charles Evans</i> <i>Andrew Williams</i>	a Head of Safety and Security <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Isleworth, Hounslow
Abdul Basith Pattinathar Kattuwa Syedibrahim <i>Timothy McNally, CC</i> <i>Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia, CC</i>	a Charity Director <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Croydon, London
Dr Thiyagarajah Periyasamy <i>Simon Peter McIlwaine</i> <i>Paul Timothy Dowsey</i>	a Doctor <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Harrow, Middlesex
Hazel Valerie Phillips <i>Stephen David Willis</i> <i>Dr Millan Sachania</i>	a Public Affairs Adviser and City Guide <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Wapping, London
Andy Porter <i>Henry John Emms</i> <i>Roger Richard George North</i>	an Ambulance Emergency Medical Technician <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Brewer</i>	Corby, Northamptonshire
Mahfuza Rahman <i>Shahnan Bakth, CC</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy</i>	a Special Education Worker, retired <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	North Kensington, London
Maxine Reynolds <i>Richard Leslie Springford</i> <i>Richard George Turk</i>	an Arts Producer <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Kentish Town, London
Adarsh Dilip Shah <i>Martyn Terence Tabony</i> <i>Richard Edward Robert King</i>	a Business Consultant <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Harrow, Middlesex
Thelma Amy Sillis <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Bank Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Potters Bar, Hertfordshire
Holly Simmons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	a Social Mobility Network Founder <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Danbury, Essex
Christian Alan Squibb <i>Allan Stewart Anderson</i> <i>Daniel Flowers</i>	an Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Grays, Essex
Jamie Suggate	a Construction Services	Southend-on-Sea, Essex

<i>Robert Constant</i>	Commercial Director	
<i>Richard Leslie Springford</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Emdad Hossain Talukder, MBE	a Community Resources Officer, retired	North Kensington, London
<i>Shahnan Bakth, CC</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	
<i>Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
Gerald Robin Veryard	a Haulage Contractor	Hanworth Park, London
<i>Henry John Emms</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Roger Richard George North</i>	<i>Citizen and Brewer</i>	
George Richard Whittington	a Bank Manager, retired	Chertsey, Surrey
<i>Ian David Luder, Ald.</i>	<i>Citizen and Cooper</i>	
<i>Lin Jane Luder</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
Graham Edwin Williams	a Chemical Industry Regulatory Affairs Manager	St Helens, Merseyside
<i>Wesley Val Hollands</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Jonathan Peter Wallis</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
Dr Alexander Henry Bula Wright	a Medical Doctor	Ruislip, Middlesex
<i>Steven Leslie Wright</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	
<i>Phillip John Davis</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	
James Alexander Bula Wright	a Chartered Quantity Surveyor	Ruislip, Middlesex
<i>Steven Leslie Wright</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	
<i>Phillip John Davis</i>	<i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	

Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons, as amended, to the Freedom of this City by Redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

(B) Action Taken Under Urgency Procedures: Freedom Applications

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in approving those applications for the Freedom which had been submitted in accordance with the usual procedures and had appeared on the Court's agenda on 27 April 2023.

Unfortunately, due to the expiry of time at that meeting, the list had not been considered by the Court and, in view of the administrative issues which would be caused by further delay to their consideration, namely the scheduling of the several Freedom ceremonies, the names of those listed were considered under urgency procedures pursuant to Standing Orders no.16 and 19.

Set out below is the Chamberlain's list of applicants that were granted the Freedom of the City together with the names, etc. of those who nominated them.

Nathan Paul Baker <i>Sir Michael Bear</i> <i>Neil Christer Duncan Sandberg</i>	a Research Charity Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	Pavenham, Bedfordshire
Victoria Harriet Blair <i>Gina Blair</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton</i>	an Operations and Compliance Director <i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Great Dunmow, Essex
Dr Nicholas John Bowes <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CC</i> <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	a Think Tank Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Forest Hill, London
Sandra Elizabeth Burmicz <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i> <i>Diane Irene Warman</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i>	Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire
Pamela Violet Butcher <i>Alan Stanley Cook</i> <i>Deborah Jane Black</i>	a Publican, retired <i>Citizen and Gunmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Shepperton, Middlesex
Joseph Charles Buttler, MBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	a Professional Cricketer <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Battersea, London
Andrew David Calver <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	a Promotional Products Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Orpington, Kent
Christopher Conway <i>Sir Michael Bear</i> <i>Lady Barbara Anne Bear</i>	a Senior Design Engineer <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Southampton, Hampshire
Lawrence John Costa <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Senior Special Events Management Officer <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	West Wickham, Kent
Sir Jonathan Stephen Cunliffe, CB <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy</i>	Deputy Governor of the Bank of England <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Cornhill, City of London
Judith Ann Diment <i>Douglas Meager Wallace Wagland</i> <i>David Charles Johnson</i>	a Public Relations Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	Hampstead, London
Julian Charles Donnelly	a Debt Counsellor	Bexleyheath, Kent

Martin Collins
Simon James Underwood

Citizen and Educator
Citizen and Arbitrator

Colonel Malachy James Doran
Nicholas Julian Goddard
Henrietta Sophia Emma Courtauld

a Clerk to a City Livery Company
Citizen and Barber
Citizen and Goldsmith

Blandford, Dorset

Rosemary Dymond
Robert Alan Broomhead, TD

Christine Anne Patricia Broomhead

a Headteacher, retired
Citizen and Management Consultant
Citizen and Basketmaker

Gravesend, Kent

Simon Reid Ellis

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor
Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell

a Human Resources Technology Company Director
Citizen and Merchant Taylor
Citizen and Haberdasher

Putney, London

Judith Anne Evans
Michael Steele Keith Grant

David Anthony Bickmore

a Business Consultant
Citizen and Information Technologist
Citizen and Wax Chandler

Putney, London

Dr Gary William Fuller
Jonathan Martin Avern
Jeremy Lewis Simons

a Scientist
Citizen and Fletcher
Citizen and Scientific Instrument Maker

Brighton, East Sussex

Anthony Paul Gallagher
Stephen David Willis
Dr Millan Sachania

a Consultant Engineer, retired
Citizen and Musician
Citizen and Musician

Clapton, London

Costas Theo Gavriel
Robert Travers Smith
George Niblett

a Student
Citizen and International Banker
Citizen and Mason

Walsall, West Midlands

Johann Gilardi

Dr Timothy Patrick Cutler
Henrietta Sophia Emma Courtauld

a City Livery Company Assistant Beadle
Citizen and Barber
Citizen and Goldsmith

Newtown, Powys, Wales

Nicholas Simon Gill
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
Andrien Meyers, Deputy

a Property Fund Manager
Citizen and Goldsmith
Citizen and Goldsmith

Winchmore Hill, London

Stewart Goshawk

Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy
Nighat Qureishi, Deputy

a Grant-Making Foundation Charity Chief Executive
Citizen and Ironmonger

Citizen and Common Councillor

Billericay, Essex

Martin Lewis Heathcote

Vincent Dignam
John Paul Tobin

a Waste Recycling Company Chief Executive
Citizen and Carman
Citizen and Carman

Egerton, Kent

Nathan Robert Heathcote <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	an Agriculture Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Pluckley, Ashford, Kent
Trevor Lewis Heathcote <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Farming Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Ashford, Kent
Paul Michael Henry <i>Antony Charles Greene</i> <i>Derek Martin Morley</i>	a Removal Services Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Furniture Maker</i>	Little Houghton, Northampton
Alexander James Edward Hickman <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Strategy Adviser <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Pewsey, Wiltshire
Conor Thomas Hillery <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	an Investment Banker <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	West Brompton, London
Christopher John Huxtable <i>Michael Steele Keith Grant</i> <i>David Anthony Bickmore</i>	a Private Equity Fund Senior Adviser <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey
David Neil Jameson, CBE <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	a Community Organiser <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Yelverton, Devon
James Arthur Jolly <i>Terry Kenneth Morris</i> <i>Martin Stewart Earle</i>	a Security Consultant, retired <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Builders Merchant</i>	Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire
Zubair Junjunia <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i>	a Social Impact Start-Up Founder <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Stratford, London
Paul Michael Kearns <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	an Insurance Broker <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Parsons Green, London
Paula Kay Kenning <i>Dr Jeffrey Quaye, OBE</i> <i>Dr Anne Punter</i>	an Education Trust Deputy Managing Director <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Guildford, Surrey
Aoise Keogan-Nooshabadi <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i>	a Social Enterprise Co-Founder <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Haringey, London

Kadirul Hussain Kibria <i>Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	a Civil Engineer <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Bethnal Green, London
Ann-Marie Knegt <i>Jeremy Lewis Simons</i> <i>Vincent Dignam</i>	a Magazine Editor <i>Citizen and Scientific Instrument</i> <i>Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Sherborne, Dorset
Charles Henry Leland Lyons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Journalist <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Islington, London
Oliver John Leland Lyons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire
Sandeep Lakhmi Mathrani <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i>	a Co-Working Company Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Palm Beach, Florida, United States of America
Peter Alexander McHattie <i>Richard Gary Stephen Miller</i> <i>Hilary Miller</i>	a Senior Prison Officer <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Sevenoaks, Kent
James Thomas Morgan <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i> <i>James Michael Douglas</i> <i>Thomson, Deputy</i>	a Police Officer <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Kings Ripton, Cambridgeshire
Stephen David Norris <i>Jon Russell Harrison</i> <i>Nicholas John Burger</i>	an Outdoor Leisure Retailer Managing Director <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Cutler</i>	Blindley Heath, Surrey
Francis Patrick O'Hare <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Property Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Whetstone, London
Nicholas O'Hare <i>Kristen James Cottier</i> <i>Robert George Mumsow</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Spectacle Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Builders Merchant</i>	Welling, London
Ian Rettie <i>Michael Osborne</i> <i>Antonio Masella</i>	a Security Systems Company Director <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	North Chingford, London
Simon Leslie Rogers <i>Anthony John Paice</i> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Cynthia Elizabeth Schöndorf <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	a Secretary, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Rochester, Kent

Anne Elizabeth Holden

Citizen and Basketmaker

Lord Mark Philip Sedwill

an Aerospace Company Non-Executive Director

Rimpton, Somerset

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Felicity Ruth Lyons

Citizen and Musician

Floyd Anthony Steadman, OBE

Caroline Wilma Haines , CC

Paul Christian Bobjerg-Jensen

a Rugby Player and Headmaster, retired

Citizen and Educator

Citizen and Baker

Ludgvan, Cornwall

Lauren Camilla Stewart

a Scale Up Advisory Platform Founder

Clapham, London

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Ald. Sir William Anthony

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Ahmed Jafferli Versi

Ald. Kawsar Zaman

Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE

a Journalist

Citizen and Alderman

Citizen and Goldsmith

Harrow, Middlesex

Karl Werner Hasso Herbert Von Bose

Robert James Ingham Clark

Baron Carel Eduard Van

Randwyck

a European Commission Director, retired

Citizen and Clothworker

Citizen and Draper

Berlin, Germany

Caitlin Joy Wale

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Ald. Sir William Anthony

Bowater Russell

a Venture Capital Investor

Citizen and Merchant Taylor

Citizen and Haberdasher

Hackney, London

Victoria West

Dr Mary Elizabeth Heber

Henrietta Sophia Emma

Courtauld

an Archivist

Citizen and Barber

Citizen and Goldsmith

Chelmsford, Essex

Timothy John Wheeler

Daniel Mark Heath

Graham Leslie Flight

a Garage Company Director

Citizen and Hackney Carriage

Driver

Citizen and Loriner

Burgess Hill, West Sussex

India Rosalind Leland White-Spinner

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Felicity Ruth Lyons

an Investment Manager

Citizen and Musician

Highbury Square, London

Read.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

13. Questions

Woodhouse,
P.J., Deputy to
the Chairman of
Policy &
Resources

Support for Chairs

Deputy Philip Woodhouse asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the support provided for several Committee Chairs, including the Chairman of Policy & Resources.

Responding, the Chairman advised that costs for office refurbishments for senior committee Chairs on the Mezzanine floor had been approved by the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee and amounted to around seven thousand pounds. With respect to the creation of the office supporting the Policy Chair, this was a product of the Target Operating Model and Organisational Design approved by the Court in December 2020 and had emerged from a key recommendation of the June 2020 independent Fraser Review, which had deemed the level of support for the Policy Chair as “inadequate and inconsistent with the broad range of responsibilities of this office”. The structure and resources to establish the Office of the Policy Chair had subsequently been debated and approved by the Policy and Resources Committee in November 2021, establishing a team with a wide remit, including policy support, through the appointment of 10 Full-time Equivalents, albeit mindful of cost pressures the current Office was operating with 8 staff. The Office was working well and closely with Mansion House in coordinating key messages and activities with the Lord Mayor in line with the one-team ethos; another problem that the Fraser Review had identified as a key challenge to solve.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy Philip Woodhouse concerning funding figures, the Chairman highlighted that works had been funded through underspends and agreed to circulate to Members relevant figures or information by email.

In response to a supplementary question from Catherine McGuinness, in which she took the opportunity to emphasise the quality of briefings received from across the Corporation during her tenure as Policy Chair, the Chairman provided reassurance that policy continued to come from the relevant policy experts and the team provided more of a coordination function in this area, which was previously a gap identified in the Fraser Review.

Lawrence, G.A.
to the Chairman
of Policy &
Resources

Major Projects Tendering Processes

Greg Lawrence asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding confidence in the Corporation's tendering process for its major projects, in the light of recent findings by the Competition and Markets Authority against a major company (Keltbray) used by the Corporation for some previous activities.

The Chairman advised that he had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to this question, by virtue of his declared engagement by Keltbray as a consultant. The Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources would, therefore, be responding to this question and any supplementary questions and the Chair would not be speaking further on this matter.

The Deputy Chairman confirmed that the City Corporation followed strict procurement guidelines in terms of supplier selection and the subsequent award of contracts for major projects. There was a dedicated property and projects procurement team, which managed all tendering for major projects, with an approach which met the requirements of the 2015 Public Contracts Regulations whereby each tender was evaluated against strict scoring criteria. The City Corporation had had one direct contract with Keltbray for its major projects, that being the initial demolition contract for Salisbury Square, which was won by

Keltbray in open tender. This was delivered on time and to budget. There was also a further minor direct contract as part of Museum of London enabling works with respect to the Poultry Market roof, considered by the Markets Committee on 7 September 2020. Proper procurement processes were followed at all times.

The Deputy Chairman also noted that the CMA ruling related to the period 2009-2017 and that both of the aforementioned contracts related to works which did not fall within that window.

Through a supplementary question, Greg Lawrence asked whether the Chairman would consider stepping aside from either his role with Keltbray or his role as Chairman, given the recent findings and the potential for conflicts of interest. Replying, the Deputy Chairman observed that Members across the Court held a range of pecuniary interests, which was a normal and natural consequence of having a Court formed of people with a wealth of experience in the professional world. The Policy Chairman had declared and managed his pecuniary interests in a fully transparent fashion as required by the relevant provisions and it was incumbent on all Members to disclose and manage similarly their own interests.

Tilleria, L.F. to
the Chairman of
Policy &
Resources

Climate Action Strategy

Luis Tilleria asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the City's Climate Action Strategy.

In reply, the Chairman observed that the lack of private capital flowing to emerging markets represented a significant risk to achieving global climate goals, adding that the City of London Corporation continued to pursue actively the goal of mobilising climate finance. It supported the Climate Finance Leadership Initiative, a coalition of investors working to mobilise private capital for climate projects in emerging markets, which was launching multiple country-specific programmes. The Chairman also reflected on the City's hosting of the Net Zero Delivery Summit, which had become the platform to help business and government translate their climate commitments into action and which showcased best practice on just transition financing, demonstrated how new standards on sustainability were being embedded into business practices and highlighted positive work already being delivered. It was, therefore, a key plank in the City's aims to promote the UK's sustainable Financial and Professional Services (FPS) offer and stimulate the development of new investment products capable of meeting sustainable investment demand.

D'Souza,
A.A.J.H. to the
Chairman of
Policy &
Resources

Processes Associated with Hospitality Guest Lists

Aaron D'Souza asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the selection process used to identify guests for events, with specific reference to the recent Business & Industry dinner.

Responding, the Chairman noted that invitations to Mansion House dinners were not strictly within the remit of the Policy & Resources Committee. However, his understanding was that the Business & Industry dinner this year had had a number of format changes, reflecting the theme of Innovation and Tech. One of the changes had been for an overall reduction in capacity for the event and, in order to maintain a balance between internal and external attendees, the event was

removed from the annual ballot process distributing places amongst the Court. Instead, Members were invited to submit an Expression of Interest, detailing their links to the sector. Given that interest far exceeded capacity for the event, a three-Member panel – made up of the Policy Lead for Innovation, the Chair of the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Aldermen, and a senior Aldermanic Member with professional experience in the sector, reviewed all applications from Member. They had sought to prioritise those applicants with externally recognised current senior roles within the FPS tech industry, with decisions made on the basis of the Expressions of Interest submitted, rather than with a strict scoring criteria.

The Chairman reflected that the approach taken to this dinner was a new one, with initial analysis showing that more than 90% of external attendees had never been to a Mansion House dinner before; however, the approach to Member attendance would be part of the 'lessons learnt' for the event and the Chairman was cognisant of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee's desire to ensure that Member feedback was captured and taken into account for future events.

Through a supplementary question, Aaron D'Souza expressed concern that the process was insufficiently transparent or rigorous, drawing parallels with similar concerns he had raised previously in relation to Policy Leads, for which had requested but not received evaluation criteria and scoring notes for all applicants. He asked, therefore, whether a commitment could be given to sharing this information.

In reply, the Chairman cautioned that he would need to seek advice from the Comptroller & City Solicitor as to what information he was able to provide. He would revert to the Member in writing with a response once this advice was obtained. The Chairman also took the opportunity to challenge any assertion as to appointments having been made on any sort of preferential basis, observing that the appointments had been spread across both new and longer-serving Members, with some being on Policy & Resources and some not.

In response to a further supplementary question from Mark Wheatley as to why this specific dinner was chosen to trial this narrower format, the Chairman clarified that the selection had been made as the tech sector was the fastest growing one, with the move to round tables being to encourage more engaged discussions. The Chairman added that there would inevitably be points of learning from the first instance in which this had been trialled, noting that the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee would take this into account as part of its wider work.

Locum Tenens

Locum Tenens

The Town Clerk reported that the Lord Mayor now needed to depart the meeting in order to attend another official engagement. Accordingly, there was produced and laid in Court a Warrant, signed by the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, appointing Alderman Ian Luder as Locum Tenens to transact all the business appertaining to the Office of Mayoralty of this City during his absence.

14.

CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD**(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)**

22 March 2023

Refreshed City of London Policing Plan 2022-25

The City of London Policing Plan 2022-25 informs the community, stakeholders and staff how the City area is to be policed. The Force and Court of Common Council (in its capacity as a police authority) were required to continue to publish a policing plan by the Police Act 1996 due to being exempt from the legislative requirement to publish a police and crime plan.

Policing plans must have regard to any national strategic policing priorities stipulated by the Home Secretary, such priorities being currently articulated by the Strategic Policing Requirement; the Force's approach to this appeared in the Plan. Additionally, the Plan took account of Government policy statements regarding reducing crime, addressing antisocial behaviours, supporting the vulnerable, accountability and value for money.

The original 2022-25 Plan had been approved by the Police Authority Board in February 2022; however, there was a requirement to review and republish the Plan annually. In order to inform this year's version, wide ranging consultation had been undertaken, including a Court of Common Council Member Briefing held on 13th of February 2023, and the annual community survey. The Plan had been refreshed in response to this consultation and approved by the City of London Police Authority Board in March 2023 and was hereby submitted to the Court for information.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the report, reflecting on the importance of putting victims and the City's communities at the heart of what the Force does, as well as efforts to target cyber, fraud, and economic crime.

Resolved – That the report be received.

15.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)**

4 May 2023

Year 2 Quarter 4 update on Climate Action Strategy & Year 3 Plan

In October 2020, the Court of Common Council had approved an ambitious Climate Action Strategy, a transformative programme for the City of London Corporation to reach net zero carbon emissions, build resilience and champion sustainable growth. The Court now received a report which provided an update on implementation and activities to-date.

Resolved – That the report be received and the progress, risks and issues

highlighted therein be noted.

16. **PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley)

30 March 2023

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Heathrow Animal Reception Centre – Forward Plan

In January 2023, the Court of Common Council had agreed to make Byelaws setting a 3% increase in fees for the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre (HARC) for the financial year 2023/24. This increase was intended to offset additional energy costs and other risks, whilst attempting to remain competitive for HARC'S commercial customers.

Since that decision was taken, the commercial environment in which the HARC operated had continued to become increasingly competitive. The Port Health and Environmental Services Committee had, therefore, resolved to recommend to the a change to the fees and charges for 2023/24 that had recently been agreed by the Court, such that they reverted to the previous fees and charges agreed for 2022/23 and removed the processing fees. The revised fees and charges would require new Byelaws to be made by the Court, and for the Comptroller and City Solicitor to be instructed to not seal the previously agreed byelaws.

As the new Byelaws would need to be made and sealed by 1 April, and with the Court not due to meet again until 27 April, approval was sought and given under urgency procedures on 30 March 2023, pursuant to Standing Order No. 19. To instruct the Comptroller and City Solicitor to not seal the previously agreed 2023/24 Byelaws, and to pass the revised Byelaws presented instead, instructing the Comptroller and City Solicitor to seal them accordingly.

A report outlining this action taken had been submitted to the Court for its 27 April 2023 meeting pursuant to Standing Order no.19(5); however, that meeting closed before the Court had the opportunity to receive the report. It was, therefore, now presented again for formal receipt.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

17. **AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

(Alderman Alexander Robertson Martin Barr)

3 May 2023

Report of Urgent Action Taken: External Member Recommendation

In September 2011, the Court of Common Council agreed that the Audit and Risk Management Committee should have the ability to recruit up to three External Members to provide additional expertise and challenge.

The first term of one of the current External Members, Dan Worsley, expired in March 2023. The Audit and Risk Management Committee, following the recommendation of its Nominations and Effectiveness Committee, agreed on 30 March 2023 to recommend to the Court that Dan Worsley should be appointed to a second term and submitted a recommendation accordingly to the meeting held on

27 April 2023. Unfortunately, that meeting of the Court ended before consideration could be given to the Committee's recommendation.

A decision under urgency was subsequently sought and received pursuant to Standing Order nos. 16 and 19 to allow Mr Worsley to be reappointed in time for the next meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee on 12 May, as the Court would not meet until after this date.

Resolved – That the action taken be noted.

18. Ballot
results

The Town Clerk reported the results of the several ballots taken at the last Court, as follows:-

Where appropriate:-

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

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

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

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

★ denotes appointed.

1 Five Members to the **Policy and Resources Committee**.

	Votes
^Deputy Simon Duckworth	26
*Mary Durcan	23
Helen Fentimen	47 ★
Jason Groves	46 ★
Deputy Madush Gupta	26
^Wendy Hyde	15
*Deputy Shravan Joshi	41 ★
Gregory Lawrence	36
*Deputy Charles Edward Lord	31
Paul Martinelli	40 ★
*Wendy Mead	30
Paul Singh	23
*Deputy James Thomson	56 ★

2 Three Members to the **Gresham Committee (City Side)**.

	Votes
*Deputy Simon Duckworth	66 ★
Michael Hudson	17
Timothy McNally	39
Deputy Henry Pollard	68 ★
*Deputy Dr Giles Shilson	69 ★

3 Five Members to the **Corporate Services Committee**.

	Votes
Deputy Randall Anderson	78 ★

Anthony Fitzpatrick	63 ★
Gregory Lawrence	71 ★
Ruby Sayed	43
Mandeep Thandi	58 ★
Deputy Philip Woodhouse	64 ★

4 Two Members to the **Barbican Centre Board**.

	Votes
*Munsur Ali	63 ★
*Deputy Randall Anderson	76 ★
Aaron D'Souza	50

5 Four Members to the **Bridge House Estates Board**.

	Votes
#Aaron D'Souza	30
#John Griffiths	48 ★
*Paul Martinelli	45 ★
Timothy McNally	17
#Deborah Oliver	39 ★
*Judith Pleasance	35
*Deputy Henry Pollard	36
*#Deputy Nighat Qureishi	43 ★

6 Four Members to the **The Honourable The Irish Society**.

	Votes
James Bromiley-Davis	69 ★
John Foley	51 ★
John Griffiths	52 ★
Timothy McNally	37
Alpa Raja	35
Hugh Selka	39 ★

7 Two Members to the **Mitchell City of London Charity and Educational Foundation**

	Votes
Steve Goodman	61 ★
*Alderswoman Susan Pearson	60 ★
Ruby Sayed	34

8 Two Members to the **City of London Reserves Forces and Cadets Association**

	Votes
*Deputy Simon Duckworth	56 ★
Deputy Nighat Qureishi	61 ★

Alpa Raja

34

Read.

19. Legislation The Court received reports on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation, as follows:-

Bills

Date in force

Public Order Act 2023

2nd May 2023

The Act strengthens police powers in response to an increase in the use of dangerous and disruptive tactics by protesters. It establishes new offences of locking on and going equipped to lock on, obstructing major transport works, and interfering with 'key national infrastructure'. The Act also introduces new powers for police to stop and search individuals for articles related to protest offences, and to seize articles found. It establishes a new Serious Disruption Prevention Order, to address the protest activities of repeat offenders.

Statutory Instruments

Date in force

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (Commencement No. 1) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 No. 227

7th March 2023

These Regulations bring into force on 7th March 2023 specified provisions of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, which provide for the Secretary of State to issue a code of practice about the processing of personal data by a member of a police force in relation to non-criminal hate incidents.

The Sentencing Act 2020 (Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 No. 298

30th March 2023

The Sentencing Act 2020 specifies the general limit on a magistrates' court's power to impose imprisonment or detention in a young offender institution in respect of an offence, including the "applicable limit" that may be imposed in respect of triable either way offences. The Act gives the Secretary of State powers to alter that applicable limit by Regulations. These Regulations reduce the applicable limit for a triable either way offence to 6 months from 12 months.

The Environment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2023 No. 381

1st April 2023

These Regulations bring into force on 1st April 2023 provisions of the Environment Act 2021. This includes amendments to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to enforcement against littering and related offences, and the levels of fixed penalty notices under those sections.

The School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (England) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2023 No. 386

20th April 2023

This Order amends an existing 2022 Order to modify guidance on school teachers' pay and conditions in relation to the school year beginning in 2022. The purpose is to amend the number of days for which a teacher must be available to teach pupils in that school year, to account for the additional bank holiday on Monday 8th May 2023 to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

The Public Order Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2023 No. 502

3rd May 2023

These are the first commencement regulations under the Public Order Act 2023. They bring into force on 3rd May 2023 the new criminal offences of "locking on", "being equipped for locking on", and interference with the use or operation of key national infrastructure. The Regulations also bring into force amendments to delegation powers under the Public Order Act 1986 in relation to the Metropolitan Police and City of London Police, in order to bring parity to London police forces with those outside London.

3rd May

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

Read.

20. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

21. Hospital
Seal

There were no docquets to be sealed.

22. Awards &
Prizes

Planner Magazine – Women of Influence 2023

(Deputy Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, MBE)

Report of the Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee:-

"I wish to draw Members' attention to the following achievement of Bhakti Depala, Head of Planning Delivery.

Each year for International Women's Day, the Planner Magazine publishes a list of

planning's Women of Influence as nominated by readers of the Planner Magazine and assessed by a panel of judges that includes distinguished planners from across the UK.

On 8 March 2023, Bhakti Depala, Head of Planning Delivery was selected as one of its Women of Influence for 2023.

Judges said Bhakti was “an inspiration to all she works with” and acted as “the vital strategic link” between City Corporation officers, developers, politicians and others, working on major high-profile developments. They also referenced her Hindi-language video championing planning, which is the most popular on the City Corporation's YouTube channel, and her work on streamlining and innovating how the team works. They concluded, Bhakti “goes above and beyond to support, mentor and develop team members” and “exudes infectious positivity, enthusiasm and dynamism.”

I commend this achievement to the Court.”

Read.

23. Exclusion
of the Public

Holmes, A.
Deputy;
Colthurst,
H.N.A., Deputy

Resolved – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, or relates 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.

24. Non-public
minutes

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

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.26 pm

THOMAS.