



LYONS, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

7th September 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman
Emma Edhem
Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal
Timothy Russell Hailes

Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Vincent Keaveny
Sheriff Alastair John Naisbitt King
Tim Levene
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor Nicholas
Stephen Leland Lyons

Christopher Makin
Bronek Masojada
Jennette Rachel Newman
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley
Susan Jane Pearson
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams
Munsur Ali
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Shahnan Bakth
Jamel Banda
Brendan Barns
Matthew Bell
The Honourable Emily Sophia
Wedgwood Benn
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith
Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy
Keith David Forbes Bottomley,
Deputy
Tijs Broeke
Timothy Richard Butcher
Michael John Cassidy, Deputy
Henry Nicholas Almroth
Colthurst, Deputy
Anne Corbett
Graeme Doshi-Smith, Deputy
Simon Duckworth, Deputy
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy

Mary Durcan
John Ernest Edwards
Helen Lesley Fentimen
Anthony David Fitzpatrick
John William Fletcher, Deputy
John Foley
Dawn Frampton
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks,
Deputy
Steve Goodman
John Griffiths
Jason Groves
Madush Gupta, Deputy
Caroline Wilma Haines
Christopher Michael Hayward,
Deputy
Jaspreet Hodgson
Ann Holmes, Deputy
Amy Horscroft
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi,
Deputy

Florence Keelson-Anfu
Elizabeth Anne King, Deputy
Frances Leach
Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-
Owen, Deputy
Charles Edward Lord, Deputy
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Andrew Paul Mayer
Catherine McGuinness
Timothy James McNally
Wendy Mead
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers,
Deputy
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney,
Deputy
Eamonn James Mullally
Benjamin Daniel Murphy
Deborah Oliver
Graham Packham
Judith Pleasance
James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy
Jason Paul Pritchard

Alpa Raja, Deputy
Anett Rideg
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Oliver Sells
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,
Deputy
Paul Singh
Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy
Naresh Hari Sonpar
James St John Davis
Mandeep Thandi
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
Luis Felipe Tilleria
James Richard Tumbridge
Shailendra Kumar Kantilal
Umradia
William Upton
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Ceri Wilkins
Glen David Witney
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations There were no additional declarations.
3. Minutes The Town Clerk informed Members of one correction to the Minutes, where Commoners' names had erroneously appeared in the list of Aldermen.

Resolved – that the Minutes of the Court held on 20 July are correctly recorded, as amended.

4. Mayoral Engagements The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to provide Members with an update on his recent activities, including visits to Leeds, Sheffield, Edinburgh and the opening of Bartholomew Fair. The Lord Mayor also took the opportunity to thank the Sheriffs on the occasion of their final Court meeting.
5. Policy Statement The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity to make a statement to the Court.

The Chairman reflected on the passing of Mark Bostock, Common Councillor for the Ward of Cripplegate and expressed his deep and heartfelt condolences too Mark's family. In six years on the Court, Mark had been a fierce advocate for residents on his Ward.

The Chairman provided an update on Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) following the concerning reports in the national news, noting that it was a fast-moving issue which would continue to evolve. Of the City Corporation's Family of Schools, RAAC was only identified in the Girls School. Detailed studies were undertaken in December 2022 and February 2023 by structural engineers. These revealed no significant structural defects. Out of an abundance of caution, some further survey work would take place. He added that, at the Barbican Centre, investigations in 2022 did not find the presence of RAAC. Officers had begun the process of identifying other properties in the rest of the City Corporation's portfolio, this would be completed in the next two weeks. Updates would be reported through an officer working group, the Corporate Health and Safety Board and the relevant service committees in the Corporation.

Turning to another matter, the Chairman noted that it was a significant day for the City of London Corporation, as it published 'Vision for Economic Growth: A Roadmap to Prosperity'. The Chairman looked forward to joining Lord Mayor for the formal launch, following a webinar that morning. 'Vision for Economic Growth' called for Government and regulators to work on a strategy to unlock the financial and professional services sector to support economic growth nationally, make sure British firms can get the support and funding they need to grow, secure the UK as the world's go-to partner for green finance, and boost service exports.

The Chairman recognised it would take hard work and the City Corporation at its convening best to bring private and public sectors together. Members of the Court would need to work together with their own networks and contacts to share the 'Vision for Economic Growth' and the potential of economic investment to the nation.

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

(A) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**, for a term expiring in June 2026.

Nomination received:-

Deputy Charles Edward Lord

Read.

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

- (B) One Member on the **City of London Police Authority Board**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2024.

Nominations received:-

Jason Groves

James Tumbridge

Read.

- (C) One Member on the **Natural Environment Board** and **West Ham Park Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2025.

Nominations received:-

Eamonn Mullally

Alpa Raja

Read.

- (D) Two Members on the **Board of Governors of the Museum of London**, one for a term expiring in September 2027 and one for a term expiring in December 2026.

Nominations received:-

Matthew Bell

Tijs Broeke

John Foley

Deputy Charles Edward Lord

Read.

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

The Lord Mayor appointed the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of 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.

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

17 August 2023

Revised Complaints Procedure

The Court considered a report of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning proposals for a revised Complaints Procedure.

The Chairman introduced the report, noting the importance of the standards procedure. He expressed his hope that the proposed revisions would help to take the heat out of disputes between Members.

During debate, several Members spoke in support of the recommendations and also expressed regret at recent circulations concerning the standards regime.

A Member asked if the Chief Commoner could consider what support could be appropriately given to Members going through the standards procedure. The Chief Commoner responded to that she would see what could be done in this area, through her role chairing the Member Development and Standards Sub Committee.

Resolved, that – the Court approves the revised Complaints Procedure as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.

8. CIVIC AFFAIRS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE**(Tom Sleigh)**

13 July 2023

Applications for Hospitality

The Court considered a report of the Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee concerning applications for hospitality.

(a) Early evening reception following the Hamlyn Law Lecture

It was proposed that the City Corporation host the third and final Hamlyn Law Lecture of 2023 on Tuesday 7 November 2023 to be given by Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, followed by an early evening reception.

Resolved - that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(b) Lunchtime reception following the Laying Up of Colours of The London Regiment

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lunchtime reception following the Laying Up of Colours of The London Regiment on Saturday 20th April 2024.

Resolved – that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash

within approved parameters.

(c) Early evening reception following a Service at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Humane Society

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception at Guildhall on Wednesday 11th September 2024 following a Service at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Humane Society.

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

9. Motions

Lord, C.E.
Deputy; Holmes,
P.A. Deputy

Resolved – that George Abrahams be appointed to the Finance Committee in the room of Gregory Lawrence for the Ward of Farringdon Without.

King, E. Deputy;
Holmes, P.A.
Deputy

Resolved – that Dawn Frampton be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee in the room of Mark Bostock for the Ward of Cripplegate.

King, E.
Deputy;
Holmes, P.A.
Deputy

Resolved – that Deputy Elizabeth King be appointed to the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee in the room of Mark Bostock for the Ward of Cripplegate.

In addition to the foregoing three Motions listed on the Summons, the Town Clerk advised that the Lord Mayor had been given notice of one further Motion, also concerning appointments to Ward Committees. It was subsequently also:

Bottomley, K.
Deputy; Holmes,
P.A. Deputy

Resolved – that Hugh Selka be appointed to the Finance Committee in the room of Alderman Tim Levene for the Ward of Bridge and Bridge Without.

10. Freedom of the City

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:-

Michael John Adams <i>Richard George Turk</i> <i>Edward Gradosielski, BEM</i>	a Town Planner, retired <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i>	Richmond, Surrey
Shaheen Afshar <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Barnes, London
Vivienne Artz <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i> <i>CC Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CBE</i>	a Chief Privacy Officer and Consultant <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Headcorn, Kent

Alastair William Stewart Barbour <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	an Asset Management Company Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Edinburgh, Scotland
Rajnish Bhardwaj <i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>Ald. Michael Raymond Mainelli</i>	a Bank Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	St John's Wood, London
Hashim Bhatti <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	an Entrepreneur <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Windsor, Berkshire
Luigi Bille <i>Calogero Alu</i> <i>Russell Chweidan</i>	a Chartered Architect <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Barnet, London
Jeremy Hurst Blackburn <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Public Official <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i> <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Westminster, London
Neil Jude Blackson <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i>	a Civil Engineer <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Chingford, London
Tracy Marie Blackwell <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Pension Insurance Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Langham, Norfolk
Lt Anthony Patrick Christopher Blaney <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	a Crown Servant <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Eltham, London
Andrew David Briggs, MBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Savings Company Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Notting Hill, London
Jonathan Ronald Bright <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i>	a Computer Field Service Engineer <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i>	Bristol
Lynn Denise Brutman <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i>	a Hotel General Manager <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i>	Wapping, London

<p>Julian Calder <i>Deputy Patricia Ann Holmes</i> <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman</i></p>	<p>a Photographer <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i></p>	Putney, London
<p>Grant Campbell <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>	<p>a Hotelier <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	Morden, London
<p>Belinda Jane Carew-Jones <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Pensions Company Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	Kew, London
<p>Dominic Peter Chambers <i>Captain Peter Constable Maxwell</i> <i>Lord Gerald Fitzalan Howard</i></p>	<p>a Charity Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Fishmonger</i> <i>Citizen and Fishmonger</i></p>	Midsomer Norton, Somerset
<p>Yui Chit Daniel Chan <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman</i> <i>CC Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan D'Souza</i></p>	<p>a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p>	Canning Town, London
<p>Matthew John Craston <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Finance Training Business Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	Battersea, London
<p>Alan Curtis <i>Dr Hilary Frances Lindsay</i> <i>Colin Lindsay</i></p>	<p>an Event Manager <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i></p>	Paddington, London
<p>Deborah Jayne Davies-Tutt <i>Edward Gradosielski, BEM</i> <i>Richard George Turk</i></p>	<p>a Timber Company Director <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i></p>	Hatfield, Essex
<p>Susannah Mary Matilda De Jager <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>an Investment Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	Oxford, Oxfordshire
<p>Dr Claus-Michael Dill <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>an Insurance Company Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	Murnay Am Staffelsee, Bavaria, Germany

<p>Adrian Matthew Donaldson, MBE <i>Sir David Roche, Bt</i> <i>Deputy Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson</i></p>	<p>a Charity Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Saddler</i> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i></p>	<p>Belfast, Northern Ireland</p>
<p>Paul Robert Aidan Doyle <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Fund Manager <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Upper Sheringham, Norfolk</p>
<p>Katie Louise Earley <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i></p>	<p>a Civil Engineer <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Harlow, Essex</p>
<p>Larry Douglas Ewald <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i> <i>David Brooks Wilson</i></p>	<p>an Engineering Company President, retired <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i></p>	<p>Tipp City, Ohio, U.S.A</p>
<p>Captain Nicola Falconi <i>Ronald Peter Murray</i> <i>Alan Mabbutt</i></p>	<p>a Maritime Company Manager <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i></p>	<p>Lido, Venice, Italy</p>
<p>Peter Feacey <i>Gerald Dawson Clarkson, CBE</i> <i>Frank Noel David</i></p>	<p>a Borough Councillor <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Ashford, Kent</p>
<p>Antoine Hubert Joseph Marie Forterre <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i></p>	<p>an Investment Management Chief Financial Officer <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i> <i>Citizen and Farmer</i></p>	<p>Camden, London</p>
<p>Jeremy Thomas Fox <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>	<p>an Engineering Project Consultant <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>	<p>Downend, Bristol</p>
<p>Anthea Gaukroger <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Patricia Ann Holmes</i></p>	<p>an Investment Analyst, retired <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i></p>	<p>Battersea, London</p>
<p>Liam Gallagher Georgeaux-Healy <i>Brian Martin Jones</i> <i>Anthony John Paice</i></p>	<p>a Student <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i></p>	<p>Fulham, London</p>
<p>Mark Goatcher <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i> <i>Diane Irene Warman</i></p>	<p>a School Staff Instructor <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i></p>	<p>Lingfield, Surrey</p>

<p>Peter John Hales <i>Daniel Mark Heath</i> <i>Antonio Masella</i></p>	<p>a Property Management Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i></p>	<p>Steeple Bumpstead, Suffolk</p>
<p>Stefanie Margaret Hardy <i>David Alastair Morgan- Hewitt</i> <i>Phillippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>	<p>a Hotel General Manager <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	<p>Cranleigh, Surrey</p>
<p>Peter Harrison <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i></p>	<p>an Asset Management Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>	<p>Southwark, London</p>
<p>Richard David Hassell <i>David Alastair Morgan- Hewitt</i> <i>Phillippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>	<p>a Hotelier <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	<p>Newton Abbot, Devon</p>
<p>Michael Charles Hearn <i>Ian Charles Drury</i> <i>Vernon Edward King</i></p>	<p>a Sports Therapist <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i></p>	<p>Hertford, Hertfordshire</p>
<p>Andrew John Miller Hesketh <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i> <i>Diane Irene Warman</i></p>	<p>a Teacher <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i></p>	<p>Southgate, London</p>
<p>Dennis Hobday <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>	<p>a Sea School Director, retired <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>	<p>Marlborough, Devon</p>
<p>Mark John Homan <i>James David Fell</i> <i>Brian Henry Childs</i></p>	<p>a Global Vice President Sales Manager <i>Citizen and Constructor</i> <i>Citizen and Coachmaker & Coach Harness Maker</i></p>	<p>Takeley, Essex</p>
<p>Lewis John Hooper <i>Liam Peter John Randall</i> <i>Rafael Steinmetz Leffa</i></p>	<p>a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Cooper</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i></p>	<p>Leytonstone, London</p>
<p>Donald Edward Hyatt <i>Dr Alexander John Finnen</i> <i>Jonathan Grosvenor</i></p>	<p>an Aviation Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i></p>	<p>Rainham, Kent</p>
<p>Zeiad Idris <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Financial Services Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Mill Hill, London</p>
<p>Mouhssin Ismail <i>CC Caroline Wilma Haines</i> <i>CC Catherine Sidony</i> <i>McGuinness, CBE</i></p>	<p>an Academy Group Regional Director <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i></p>	<p>Ilford, Essex</p>

<p>Andrew Paul Jackson <i>Bryan McLaggan</i> <i>Harlan Lunn</i></p>	<p>a Property Management Company Director <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Upminster, Essex</p>
<p>Victoria Jayne <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i> <i>Richard David Arthur Burge</i></p>	<p>a Chamber of Commerce Head of Events <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i></p>	<p>Upper Holloway, London</p>
<p>Steven John Jephcote <i>Alan Leslie Warman</i> <i>Diane Irene Warman</i></p>	<p>a Registered Nurse <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Clockmaker</i></p>	<p>Bletchley, Buckinghamshire</p>
<p>Gareth Jones, OBE <i>Michael Timothy Holland</i> <i>Ald. Sir Andrew Charles</i> <i>Parmley</i></p>	<p>a Civil Servant, retired <i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Cardiff, Wales</p>
<p>Farzana Khanom <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord</i> <i>Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Carers' Project Manager <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Stepney, London</p>
<p>Philip Joseph Knowles <i>CC Mary Durcan, JP</i> <i>Jonathan Martin Averns</i></p>	<p>an Animal Transportation Company General Manager <i>Citizen</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i></p>	<p>Staines, Surrey</p>
<p>Thomas Joseph Lloyd <i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i> <i>CC Jamel Banda</i></p>	<p>an Engineer <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i></p>	<p>East Horsley, Surrey</p>
<p>Jonathan David Mack <i>Lord Harry Frederick Alan</i> <i>Burnham</i> <i>John Trussler</i></p>	<p>an Investment Manager <i>Citizen and Gunmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Constructor</i></p>	<p>Gidea Park, London</p>
<p>Shane Martin Manogue <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i></p>	<p>a Construction and Technology Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Tadworth, Surrey</p>
<p>Barbara Mills, KC <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Barrister <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Lewisham, London</p>
<p>Tanveer Mohammed Aziz <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord</i> <i>Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Head of Innovation <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Stratford, London</p>
<p>Mark John Mullens <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>	<p>a Carpet Fitter <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>	<p>Bristol</p>

<p>Fizel Nejabat <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Financial Services Company Co-Founder <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Maida Hill, London</p>
<p>Linda Noor <i>Mei Sim Lai</i> <i>David Lawrence Byron</i> <i>Stringer-Lamarre</i></p>	<p>an Events Company Director <i>Citizen and Horner</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i></p>	<p>Ockham, Surrey</p>
<p>Jake Demetrios Orros <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i></p>	<p>an Equality Diversity and Inclusion Officer <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>	<p>Winchmore Hill, London</p>
<p>Ann Newbigging Osler <i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton</i></p>	<p>a Head of University Faculty, retired <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i></p>	<p>Guildford, Surrey</p>
<p>Joan Yvonne Paparo <i>Sophie Jane Milburn</i> <i>Deputy Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson</i></p>	<p>a Bookkeeper, retired <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i></p>	<p>Hockley, Essex</p>
<p>Michael Anthony Perry <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>	<p>a Butcher <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>	<p>Bristol</p>
<p>Ayesha Khatun Qureshi, MBE JP <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Wapping, London</p>
<p>Thomas Owain Raw-Rees <i>Thomas Robert Buhler Fattorini</i> <i>Jacqueline Greville Wathen</i></p>	<p>an Army Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Mercer</i></p>	<p>Ealing, London</p>
<p>Clive Alan Richards <i>Alan Stanley Cook</i> <i>Deborah Jane Black</i></p>	<p>a Risk Management Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Gunmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i></p>	<p>Exeter, Devon</p>
<p>Kevin William Arthur Roswell <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i></p>	<p>a Police Officer <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>	<p>Horley, Surrey</p>
<p>Richard David Salter <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i></p>	<p>an Agile Coach <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>	<p>Stratford, London</p>

<p>Johannes Frederik Christiaan Scheepers <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>	<p>a Hotel General Manager <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	<p>Manchester, Greater Manchester</p>
<p>Lady Shaida Sheikh <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Commercial Rental Properties Company Director <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Southgate, London</p>
<p>Dr Milad Zachary Sherafati Tabarestani <i>CC James Nicholas Bromiley-Davis</i> <i>Ald. Emma Edhem</i></p>	<p>a Medical Doctor <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i></p>	<p>Westminster, London</p>
<p>Andrew John Stokes, OBE, MVO <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Simon D'Olier Duckworth, OBE, DL</i></p>	<p>a Soldier <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Skinner</i></p>	<p>Lambeth, London</p>
<p>Tiago Miguel Tavares Lucas <i>Christopher John Robinson</i> <i>Christine Brown</i></p>	<p>an Assistant Beadle <i>Citizen and Cutler</i> <i>Citizen and Cutler</i></p>	<p>Camden, London</p>
<p>Foster Ramsay Telford <i>John Holt</i> <i>Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Keith Cooper</i></p>	<p>a Telecommunications Engineer, retired <i>Citizen and Tinplate Worker</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>	<p>Wilton, Wiltshire</p>
<p>Matthew David Townley <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>	<p>a Hotel Regional Operations Director <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	<p>Macclesfield, Cheshire</p>
<p>Salim Uddin <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Campaign Manager <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Ilford, London</p>
<p>Abdal Ullah <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Councillor and Public Relations Consultant <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Wapping, London</p>
<p>David William Utting, DL <i>Catherine Mary Rose Carr</i> <i>Brian Cyril Turner</i></p>	<p>a City Livery Company Clerk <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i></p>	<p>Wanstead, London</p>

<p>Sonja Frances Vodusek <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>	<p>a Hotel Managing Director <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	<p>West Kensington, London</p>
<p>Douglas Ross Waddell <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>	<p>a Hotel Company Operations Director <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	<p>Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire</p>
<p>Mark Wasilewski, LVO <i>Deputy Patricia Ann Holmes</i> <i>CC Caroline Wilma Haines</i></p>	<p>a Park Manager <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Educator</i></p>	<p>Westminster, London</p>
<p>Christopher Matthew John Wayne-Wills <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i></p>	<p>a Hotel Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	<p>Helensburgh, Argyll and Bute, Scotland</p>
<p>Malcolm Bruce Westbrook, JP <i>Alexander John Nelson</i> <i>Captain Brian Alexander Cushing</i></p>	<p>a Personal Injury Lawyer, retired <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i></p>	<p>Biggin Hill, Kent</p>
<p>Ian Edward Wright, OBE <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i> <i>Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley</i></p>	<p>a Broadcaster and Professional Footballer, retired <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Willesden, London</p>

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.

11. Questions

Packham, G.
 Deputy, to the
 Chairman of
 the Port Health
 and
 Environmental
 Services
 Committee

Street Cleansing

Deputy Graham Packham noted his pleasure in observing the return of large numbers of visitors to the City over the summer, in particular the area around St Paul's Cathedral. However, he regretted the accumulation of litter in the streets which was both off-putting for visitors and a health hazard. He therefore asked the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee if she would ask her Committee's support in making the case for realistic street cleaning funding to be agreed for the next financial year, and in the meantime endeavour to find additional resources to ensure that an acceptable standard of cleaning was reached.

In reply, the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee was committed to delivering standards of street cleanliness commensurate with the

ambitions of Destination City and the expectations of the City's' worker, residential and visitor communities. The City's streets were internally inspected as well as independently monitored for street cleanliness three times a year by Keep Britain Tidy. Levels of cleanliness remained well above those of neighbouring London boroughs, as well as within the agreed parameters set by the Committee. Achieving these outcomes required officers and contractors to deliver as efficient and responsive a service as possible within the overall funding allocation to the Department.

Committee Members were aware of the challenging funding situation across of the City Corporation's several frontline services, and had reluctantly agreed in 2021 to a budget reduction to the street cleansing services to meet savings targets and remain within the allocated budget. These changes were made during the Covid-19 pandemic, but it was always expected that there would be a reappraisal once City emerged from this. It was not currently clear that patterns of footfall and visitor behaviours were very different to the position before the pandemic. As a result, cleansing services were being proactively monitored and reviewed. This included adjusting sweeper timings to adapt to differing footfall volumes and more focus on high profile areas such as transport hubs. One example was at St Paul's Cathedral, where following an increase in littering due to temporary seating, different bin placements had been trialled alongside a dedicated sweeper.

In the context of the Safer City Partnership's activities in this area, cleansing officers were coordinating their efforts in addressing wider elements of anti-social behaviour with the City of London Police and the Licensing Team, adjusting resources to address hotspot areas at peak times. The Policy and Resources Committee had agreed £800,00 from the On Street Parking Reserve to underpin the cleansing service and prevent the need to make further savings. Officers were working closely with Business Improvement Districts to fund enhanced cleansing in key areas. It was crucial to ensure that funds were spent as effectively as possible and targeting interventions for maximum impact and the Committee continue to lobby for adequate future funding.

The Chairman extended her gratitude to Members of the Court and members of the public for sending her details of littering, which she welcomed and passed on to officers as soon as possible, and encouraged to Members to continue.. The Chairman thanked officers and the cleansing team for their hard work in keeping the City's streets clean.

In response to a supplementary question from Deputy Brian Mooney, regarding a comparison between the cleanliness of the Square Mile's streets to their appearance ten years ago, the Chairman undertook to raise Deputy Mooney's comments with officers; similarly, the Chairman would follow-up with officers in relation to a question from Deputy Marianne Fredericks querying when the benefits of increased funding would become apparent.

Tijs Broeke asked a supplementary question, asking the Chairman to consider the provision of additional bins in the City, particularly to accommodate an increase in visitors resulting from Destination City. Replying, the Chairman replied to say that, while the number of bins was reviewed on a regular basis, she was happy to have

further discussions on this matter moving forwards.

Deputy James Thomson asked a final supplementary question regarding the problem of street urination. He asked the Chairman if she would ask officers to work with the City of London Police and civil enforcement officers to consider four possible ways to tackle this issue: the use of public protection orders in affected areas, a review of the usage of existing by-laws and if they were being used appropriately or required strengthening, improved enforcement against street urination, and if public conveniences should be opened in busy locations. Responding, the Chairman acceded to the request to raise the matter.

Remote working

Abrahams, G to
the Deputy
Chair of the
Corporate
Services
Committee

George Abrahams asked a question of the Deputy Chair of the Corporate Services Committee, noting recent information that had been published regarding local authority employees working remotely overseas. He asked the Chair to provide assurance that there were no City Corporation employees doing this, and to also provide assurance that the Corporation's current remote working guidelines were providing value for money for the electorate and rate payers.

The Deputy Chair of the Corporate Services Committee responded to the question, confirming that the City Corporation's workplace attendance policy explicitly prohibited staff from working overseas unless it was for specific business purposes, for instance, supporting the Lord Mayor on his visits abroad. She also observed that it was important not to conflate presenteeism and productivity: working from home did not necessarily result in lost efficiency; equally, being in the office did not equate to hyper-productivity. It was important to consider whether offering a working from home policy allowed the City Corporation to attract staff and the Corporate Services Committee was keeping a close issue on this issue, but the current policy required staff to be in the office two days a week, with members of the Senior Management Team required to be in three days.

Mr Abrahams asked a supplementary question, asking if the current policy should be reviewed given the directive from central government for office-working to return. In reply, the Deputy Chair confirmed that the Committee was keeping, and would continue to keep, the policy under review.

Deputy Natasha Lloyd-Owen asked a supplementary question, observing the benefits of remote working in terms increasing accessibility. She drew a parallel with the potential for committee meetings to be held in the evenings, suggesting that this was another mechanism that might facilitate wider participation, and asked whether the Deputy Chair welcomed the principle of evening meetings to support those who were unable to leave work during the day. In particular, she sought an undertaking that a paper on the subject might be brought forward to the relevant committees by the end of the calendar year. Replying, the Deputy Chair of the Corporate Services Committee noted that this was a complex issue which extended beyond the direct remit of the Corporate Services Committee, and which would ultimately be an issue for the Policy and Resources Committee to consider.

Responding to a supplementary question from Graham Packham, the Deputy Chair, agreed to take back to officers and the committee comments around the

importance of face-to-face contact for those with line-management responsibilities and in mentoring roles.

Replying to a further supplementary question from Frances Leach concerning the cost-of-living crisis, the Deputy Chair also agreed to take into consideration the benefits of working from home in that context.

In response to a final supplementary question from Deputy Marianne Fredericks, the Deputy Chair advised that she was ask officers to write to the Member with an update on when the staff cafeteria would be reopened.

12.
Legislation

The Court received a report on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

Bills

Date in force

National Security Act 2023

11th July 2023

The Act introduces new measures to modernise existing counter espionage laws to address modern threats. It aims to tackle state-backed sabotage and foreign interference by creating the Foreign Interest Registration Scheme (FIRS). This scheme requires specified individuals in the UK to register certain activities and communications they undertake with foreign governments. The Act creates a criminal offence for a person to carry out “political influence activity” where this arrangement is not registered, and the person knows that the arrangement is not registered. The list of specified individuals who must register certain activities includes the City of London Police Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners, applying the FIRS to the City of London Police in the same way that it applies to the Metropolitan Police. The FIRS does not apply to the Police Authority Board.

Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023

20th July 2023

The Act facilitates a revised approach to regulating social housing landlords on consumer issues such as safety, transparency and tenant engagement, with new enforcement powers. The Act aims to reform the regulatory regime to increase standards for tenants. It applies to the Corporation in its exercise of the functions and duties of a local authority and a local housing authority which is a provider of social housing.

Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Act 2023

20th July 2023

This short framework Act enables Ministers to make regulations setting out the minimum service required during strike action in six areas of the public sector: health services; fire and rescue services; education services; transport services; decommissioning of nuclear installations; and border security. Failure to comply with those regulations may result in the loss by

trade unions of their legal 20th July 2023 protection from liability for inducing workers to take part in the strike, and the loss by employees of their automatic protection from unfair dismissal. Minimum service levels are not defined in the Act but are left to the discretion of the Minister, who must set these out in regulations. The regulations must be approved by both Houses of Parliament and are yet to be drafted.

Statutory Instruments

The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 No. 770 31st July 2023

These Regulations amend Regulations from 2017 to increase the upper limit of fixed penalty notices for littering, graffiti and fly-posting offences from £150 to £500. They also amend the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to increase the upper limit of fixed penalty notices for unauthorised deposit of controlled waste and household waste duty of care offences, from £400 to £1000 and £600 respectively.

The Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 No 900 10th August 2023

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Business and Planning Act 2020 made temporary provision for a fast-track process to allow businesses selling food or drink to obtain authorisation from their local authority for the placement of furniture such as tables and chairs on highway adjacent to their premises. The Act provided for such pavement licences to expire by 30th September 2022, and this was extended by Regulations to 30th September 2023. These Regulations further extend the expiry to 30th September 2024. This extension only applies to a pavement licence for which application is made on or after 10th August 2023. The previous date of 30th September 2023 will continue to apply in relation to any pavement licence applied for before 10th August 2023, although the holder of such a licence may be able to apply for a further licence.

13. Ballot Results

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

Where appropriate:-

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

** denotes appointed.*

(A) One Member to the **Capital Buildings Board**.

	Votes
Ian Seaton	25
^Deputy Philip Woodhouse	43 *

14. *Resolved unanimously* – “That this Honourable Court wishes to extend to
Resolutions

Caroline Kordai Addy

Lord, C.E., O.B.E.,
J.P., Deputy;
Holmes, P.A.
Deputy

Its sincere gratitude for her service to the Ward of Farringdon Without, to the Court of Common Council and to the City of London over the last six years.

Elected in March 2017, Caroline swiftly established herself as a widely respected and valued Member of the Court. Those of us privileged to have known her in her professional career would have expected nothing less, as her advocacy and debating skills combined with her acuity, strong ethics and passion for equity saw her become a leading and vocal champion for high standards across the Corporation. This was perhaps most evident through Caroline’s committee service, where apart from distinguished service on a number of bodies including the Policy Authority Board and the Community and Children’s Services Committee, she served as Chair of the Police Professional Standards and Integrity Committee, the Standards Committee and Co-Chair of the Tackling Racism Taskforce. The latter in particular gripped some very challenging issues, across areas such as staffing, governance, the Police, education, business and culture.

Caroline was never one to shy away from difficult discussions, and we owe her a debt of gratitude for the robust commitment she put in to ensure recommendations and outcomes were put before this Court, to challenge complacency and to improve standards. In taking its leave of Caroline, this Court thanks her for her dedicated service and wishes her all the very best for the years to come.”

Pearson, S.
Alderman;
Holmes, P.A.
Deputy

Resolved unanimously – “That, upon the sad news of his death, the Members of this Honourable Court wish to place on record their heartfelt thanks to:

Mark Bostock

Lately Common Councillor and Deputy for the Ward of Cripplegate, for the service that he gave to the Ward, to the City Corporation, and to the City of London.

Mark became a friend and supporter to his colleagues in the Ward and an ardent advocate for the Golden Lane and Barbican Estates. Since his initial election to this Court in 2017, he strove to get the City Corporation to understand the value of an overall masterplan approach to development, rather than ad-hoc plans for small areas: in particular the importance of an overarching plan for Smithfield, the Barbican, and St Paul’s. His urge for joined-up thinking for the City’s endeavours also extended to the cultural sphere, an area of special interest to him, and I know that his former colleagues on this Court will continue to press for the cohesive Cultural Strategy which he was so passionate in pursuing.

Mark was also a champion of education, and the City of London Girls’ School in particular. He was an advocate for the successful creation of the City Junior School, and also the STEM link for the Girls’ School, visiting regularly to share his expertise

with pupils and observe lessons. I know that the School will miss him greatly, as will we all.

Mark was a stalwart in standing up for residents and for fairness. He presented a petition to this Court signed by many City residents calling for the transparency in the Corporation's planning process and regularly voted against applicants for development that harmed residents or our heritage.

He reviled bullying, especially of the official kind, and I am personally grateful for his unwavering support.

I should also specially mention his role in pursuing the repeal of Section 618 of the Housing Act 1985, a provision which uniquely bars resident councillors voting on certain housing matters. After much work together, we finally obtained commitment to the repeal of that provision: it becomes a lasting legacy of Mark's work for residents and exemplifies his efforts, in all areas, to make things better for everyone who lives and works in the City.

For all Members of this Honourable Court, together with those across Mark's many professional and personal networks, Mark will always be remembered with fondness, and I am honoured to have known him, as a friend and a colleague.

In expressing our most sincere condolences to Wendy and the family, I am sure that all colleagues on the Court will join me in recording our heartfelt thanks for all that he did and mourn his passing. Rest in peace, Mark."

Upon the resolution being carried, Deputy Natasha Lloyd-Owen, as the other Deputy for the Ward of Cripplegate, added her gratitude for all Mark did, and expressed her condolences to his family. It had been a real privilege to work alongside Mark as Deputy. His love for the Ward and commitment to his Council role was self-evident. He had real vision and was always willing to answer the phone and to share his knowledge and experience. His skills, and his generosity of spirit, will be greatly missed. All the Cripplegate Members valued Mark's wisdom and insight. He was unfailing in his support for residents, however small the issue. His humour, kindness and intelligence would be missed.

Members rose for a moment's silence at the request of the Lord Mayor.

15. Docquets
for the Hospital
Seal

There were no docquets for the seal.

16. Awards
and Prizes

There was no report.

17.

The Town Clerk advised that the Lord Mayor had also been informed of two further matters, which were to be treated in confidence at the request of His Majesty's Government.

Holmes, P.A.,
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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 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:-

18. Non-
public Minutes

Resolved – that the non-public minutes of the last Court held on 20 July are correctly recorded.

19.

Investment Committee

The Court approved the disposal of a freehold.

20.

Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee

The Court approved proposals concerning the City Events Programme.

21.

Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in respect of an application for hospitality.

22.

Application for Hospitality

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

The meeting commenced at 1pm and ended at 2.29pm

THOMAS.