

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF ALDERMEN**  
**Tuesday, 10 October 2023**

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held at  
Aldermen's Court Room, Mezzanine Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 10  
October 2023 at 11.00 am

**Present**

**Members:**

Alderman Sir Charles Bowman (Deputy Chairman)  
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Nicholas Lyons  
Alderman Sir David Wootton  
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin  
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE  
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli  
Alderman Alison Gowman  
Alderman Timothy Hailes  
Alderman Alastair King DL  
Alderman Gregory Jones KC  
Alderman Prem Goyal, OBE  
Alderman Professor Emma Edhem  
Alderwoman & Sheriff Dame Susan Langley, DBE  
Alderman & Sheriff Bronek Masojada  
Alderman Alexander Barr  
Alderman Christopher Makin  
Alderman Tim Levene  
Alderman Kawsar Zaman  
Alderwoman Susan Pearson  
Alderwoman Martha Grekos

**Officers:**

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| Greg Moore          | - Assistant Town Clerk & Executive Director of Governance and Member Services |
| Rhiannon Leary      | - Executive Officer to the Court of Aldermen, Town Clerk's Department         |
| Caroline Al-Beyerty | - The Chamberlain   |
| Michael Cogher      | - Comptroller and City Solicitor  |
| Paul Double         | - City Remembrancer   |
| Paul Wright         | - Deputy Remembrancer   |
| Caroline Jack       | - Executive Director & Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor                    |
| Tim Rolph           | - Swordbearer & Senior Programme Manager, Mansion House                       |

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Aldermen Sir William Russell (Chairman), Alderman Robert Howard, Robert Hughes-Penney, Alderwoman Jennette Newman and Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley,.

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 12 September 2023.

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 12 September 2023 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING**

In response to a query from a member regarding the Masters' & Prime Wardens' Livery Weekend 2024, the Assistant Town Clerk advised that discussions were taking place with a view to hosting the event in London.

**Chairman's Congratulatory Remarks**

The Chairman, on behalf of the Court of Aldermen, offered congratulations to Alderman Alison Gowman on being appointed to the Chapter of St Paul's. Alderman Gowman was among four new members appointed to the body and now held the title of 'Lay Canon'.

Congratulations were also offered to Alderman Prem Goyal, who had been appointed as a member of the Strategic Board at the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council.

4. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

One member referred to Item 8 on the agenda and enquired why that item was being considered in non-public session. In response, the Assistant Town Clerk noted that Aldermanic matters were not subject to Local Authority Access to Information legislation and referred to the Court of Aldermen's Standing Order 25, which also had due regard to the Aldermanic Disclosure Arrangement (specifically 4a). It was noted that the item in question related to City's Cash matters, which were also generally considered in non-public session of meetings of the Court of Common Council and its various committees, under that body's separate Standing Order arrangements.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no additional, urgent items of business for consideration.

6. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**, that, in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Disclosure Arrangement (Standing Order 25), the public shall be excluded from the

meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen have determined, having had due regard to the Disclosure Arrangement, that disclosure should not be permitted.

7. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Committee considered and approved the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 12 September 2023.

8. **ALDERMANIC ACCESSORIES**

The Committee considered and agreed a report of the Executive Director and Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor relative to a report on the future financing and provision of various Aldermanic accessories.

9. **CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION EVENTS (EXTERNAL ATTENDEES)**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director, Innovation and Growth, regarding Corporation event guest lists, which was presented for information following a question in the non-public session of the previous meeting.

10. **STRATEGY GROUP ONE (EXTERNAL PRIORITIES) – UPDATE**

Members of Aldermanic Strategy Group One updated the Committee on their work regarding External Priorities. There was also a brief update from a member of Aldermanic Strategy Group Three.

11. **KEY COMMITTEE ISSUES**

The Committee were updated on relevant key issues recently discussed at Corporation Committee meetings.

12. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions raised in the non-public session.

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

The Committee discussed additional issues in relation to the Lord Mayor's Show and plans for the new Combined Courts Facility in Salisbury Square in non-public session.

**The meeting ended at 12.15 pm**

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Chairman

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