

APPENDIX 1 - Alderman Alison Gowman Expression of Interest

The City Corporation has been radical and a powerhouse of action by creating, funding and implementing a climate action strategy that is outstanding and we now need to build on that momentum. At the same time its leadership in green finance, nature and sustainability is a key message at home and abroad. I have an established profile and experience and track record in all these areas within London, the UK and with international connections.

Experienced as a lawyer at DLA Piper, a leading firm around S+ESG and renewable energy, including work in waste and PPAs. I was instrumental in setting up the Green Finance Initiative with the wider business community (acting as Deputy Chair to Sir Roger Gifford) and founding NED at the Green Finance Institute (to 2022). Also founder and chair of **Livery Climate Action Group** with over 94 Liveries now actively involved. This has expanded to include wider professional engagement with a Green Aviation Task Group and embryonic insurance led FS engagement on climate risk. Initiated liaison with City Churches and Inner and Middle Temple.

Trusted partner with **Government**. Engagement with Environmental Audit Committee led to their first enquiry into Green Finance in 2015. Significant liaison with HM Treasury and BEIS as part of Finance Friends of COP26.

Corporation committee experience as a key member in creating the Climate Action Strategy. This included team working across Committees and members, liaising with Chairs and officers over queries and concerns. Known and trusted collaborator with members and officers. Served on most major committees listed (also member of former CASC) and Capital Buildings. Lead member on sustainability both for City Bridge Foundation and London Museum.

I initiated and chaired the City's Energy and Sustainability Subcommittee (2010 - 2016) and encouraged the City's first Carbon Descent Plan to reduce emissions leading to the Corporation becoming the first local authority to be certified under the Carbon Trust Standard on energy reduction (2012). Led renewal of contract with Citigen for CHP generation.

Understanding of international market. I led groups at COP25 and 26. Capitalised on my understanding of green finance in visits to US, Canada and China (virtually) with Lord Mayor in 2022, promoting green and sustainable finance, building on existing links. Continued strong links with China Construction Bank. Also with CIBC (spoke at their annual conference 2023) and CDPQ and speaking at the Canada UK Colloquim 2022. I have an established network across Europe, especially Germany, and via the FC4S. My links with Japan are via Nomura who are based in my Ward.

I lead the Corporation's engagement with LatAm, especially Brazil and working with LatAm Embassies on pensions and investment matters. Appointed by DIT on the UK-Peru Infrastructure Taskforce (2018) working on green financing of new infrastructure deals.

Personal Experienced speaker with good networks. Ready to hit the ground running due to my in-depth knowledge and commitment.