



MAINELLI, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

7th December 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

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

Robert Picton Seymour Howard
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Gregory Jones KC
Vincent Keaveny
Alastair John Naisbitt King
Sheriff Dame Susan Langley
Tim Levene
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Professor
Michael Raymond Mainelli

Christopher Makin
Sheriff Bronek Masojada
Jennette Rachel Newman
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley
Susan Jane Pearson
Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell

COMMONERS

George Christopher Abrahams
Munsur Ali
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Jamel Banda
Brendan Barns
Matthew Bell
The Honourable Emily Sophia
Wedgwood Benn
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith
Ian Bishop-Laggett
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, Deputy
Simon Duckworth, Deputy
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy

Mary Durcan
John Ernest Edwards
Helen Lesley Fentimen
Anthony David Fitzpatrick
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
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi,
Deputy
Elizabeth Anne King, Deputy
Gregory Alfred Lawrence

Charles Edward Lord, JP, Deputy
Antony Geoffrey Manchester
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Catherine McGuinness
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Timothy James McNally
Wendy Mead
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers,
Deputy
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney,
Deputy
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
Eamonn James Mullally
Benjamin Daniel Murphy
Deborah Oliver TD
Graham Packham
Judith Pleasance
James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy
Nighat Qureishi, Deputy
Alpa Raja, Deputy
Anett Rideg

David Sales
Hugh Selka
Oliver Sells KC
Tom Sleigh
Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy
Naresh Hari Sonpar
Mandeep Thandi
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
Luis Felipe Tilleria
Shailendra Kumar Kantilal
Umradia
William Upton KC
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Ceri Wilkins
Glen David Witney
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy
Dawn Linsey Wright

On behalf of the Common Council, the Chief Commoner welcomed Simon Pryke following his recent election as Alderman for the Ward of Langbourn.

Alderman Pryke was heard in return.

1. Introduction of new elected Members
- The following Member, lately elected to be of the Common Council, for the Wards 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
Jacqui Webster	Cripplegate

It was noted that Suzanne Ornsby KC had issued apologies for the meeting.

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

3. Declarations
- There were no additional declarations.

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

5. Mayoral Engagements
- The Lord Mayor thanked the late Lord Mayor, Alderman Nicholas Lyons, for his support and provided the Court with an update on his first few days in office, including various engagements, civic activities, and visits to Northern Ireland and Dubai.

6. Policy Statement
- The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity to make a statement, reflecting on the City of London Corporation's achievements in 2023 and looking ahead to the new year.

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

- (A) One Member on the Epping Forest & Commons Committee, for a term expiring in April 2026.

Nominations received:-

David Sales

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared David Sales to be appointed to the Epping Forest & Commons Committee.

- (B) One Member on the Licensing Committee for a term expiring in April 2026.

Nominations received:-

Luis Felipe Tilleria

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Luis Felipe Tilleria to be appointed to the Licensing Committee.

(C) One Member on the Education Board, for a term expiring in April 2026.

Nominations received:-

Luis Felipe Tilleria

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Luis Felipe Tilleria to be appointed to the Education Board.

(D) One Member on the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School, for a term expiring in April 2024.

Nominations received:-

Luis Felipe Tilleria

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Luis Felipe Tilleria to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School.

(E) One Member on Christ's Hospital, for a term expiring in December 2027.

Nominations received:-

Deputy Marianne Fredericks

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Marianne Fredericks to be appointed to Christ's Hospital.

8. **Planning and Transportation Committee**

(Deputy Shravan Joshi MBE)

21 November 2023

Bank Junction Improvements (All Change at Bank): Traffic mix and timing review update

The Court considered a report relating to traffic improvements at Bank Junction.

The Chairman introduced the item, noting it had been submitted following a request of the Court which sought a report showcasing the traffic mix at Bank Junction. The option before the Court (to restart the work of modelling traffic impacts, in parallel with data collection and analysis) had been supported by the Planning and

Transportation Committee following an extensive debate, focusing on access for licensed hackney carriages ('black cabs'). This option had the potential of shortening the programme of future change by three to four months and would provide the fastest route that would allow the Court to make an informed decision in the change of traffic orders in the summer of 2024. The Chairman led Members through the timeline for the necessary work and decision-making milestones, to address concerns over the time taken to complete the work. The Chairman also noted that officers had been asked to put forward measures across the City to aid the black cab trade.

Several Members, speaking in support of the proposals, nonetheless highlighted their concerns regarding black cab access to Bank Junction. They argued that access to cabs was essential for several factors, including woman's safety, night-time travel and for accessibility.

Lord,
C.E.,
O.B.E., J.P.
Deputy;
Broeke,
T.

Motion – That, in accordance with Standing Order No.11(10), the Question be now put.

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

Resolved – That the Court approves the restarting of the modelling of the traffic impacts at Bank Junction, running this work in parallel with the data collection and analysis.

9. **Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee**

(Thomas Sleigh)

25 October 2023

Application for Hospitality

The Court considered a report concerning an application for hospitality to mark the 100th anniversary of the Buddhist Society.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council approves that hospitality application within this report 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.

10. **Policy and Resources Committee**

(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)

29 November 2023

New Outside Body: Thames Estuary Growth Board

The Court considered a report relating to an outside body.

Resolved – That the Court:

1. Agrees to the City of London Corporation becoming a Corporate Member of the TEGB, and for that organisation to be deemed an Outside Body.
2. Agrees that the Member to sit on the Outside Body shall be the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, or nominated Deputy thereof, as requested by TEGB.
- 3.

11. Vote of
Thanks, Late
Lord Mayor

Resolved unanimously – That the Members of this Honourable Court take great pleasure in expressing to:-

Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons

*Fredericks, M.,
Deputy;
Holmes, P.A.,
Deputy*

their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the distinguished manner in which he has carried out the role of Lord Mayor of the City of London during the past year.

Nicholas has served as the 694th Lord Mayor and did so immediately after having served the Office of Sheriff in 2021-2022. Despite having no respite between the two, Nicholas moved seamlessly from one role to the other and we highly commend the commitment, energy and enthusiasm that both he and his Lady Mayoress Felicity have brought to this Mayoral year.

Nicholas has championed the theme 'Financing our Future', promoting a resilient, resourceful and responsible City, deploying capital and expertise to supercharge economic growth nationwide and grow our global competitiveness. The theme has focused on driving growth and investment especially in the areas of long-term infrastructure lending, green and sustainable finance, boosting the early-stage growth economy by mobilising private savings and pension funds and attracting international asset owners to have more of their money managed by asset managers in the UK. All of which has been underpinned by a commitment to financial inclusion and promoting financial literacy for all.

A highlight of Nicholas' Mayoralty was the signing of the 'Mansion House Compact'. Having worked closely with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, he was able to convene at the Mansion House nine major U.K. companies who committed to a key target which, once achieved, will unlock over £50 billion of capital by 2030, in turn helping high-growth UK companies in fintech, life sciences, biotech and clean energy to scale-up domestically.

Nicholas was fortunate in that his Mayoralty was the first in a number of years not to face any travel restrictions and he took full advantage of this in undertaking many not only domestic but also international visits including to the US, China, India, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Gulf. A little closer to home, he also took the opportunity to indulge his Anglo-Irish origins and visited Dublin for bilateral talks with the Irish Government in March of this year.

Finally, it would be remiss of me to comment on Nicholas' year in office without recognising the role he was called upon to play in the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, attired in the Lord Mayor's Coronation robes and carrying the historic Crystal Sceptre as he proudly represented the City Corporation on the world's stage.

Throughout this historic year, in all of his work, the Lord Mayor has received enthusiastic support from Felicity, the Lady Mayoress, and, as we move to the close of what we hope has been a memorable and special period for them both, this Honourable Court thanks Nicholas for all that he has done. In taking their leave of Nicholas, their 694th Lord Mayor, Honourable Members send to him, Felicity, their children and grandchildren our very best wishes for their future good health and happiness."

12. Motions
Fredericks, M.,
Deputy;
Holmes, P.A.,
Deputy

(A) *Resolved* – That the Resolution of Thanks to the late Lord Mayor, passed by Common Hall on 29 September last, be presented in a form agreeable to him.

Mooney, B.,
Deputy;
Holmes, P.A.,
Deputy

(B) *Resolved* – That That the Resolution of Thanks to Alastair John Naisbitt King DL, Alderman and Blacksmith and Andrew Charles Marsden, Citizen and Marketor, the late Sheriffs of the City, passed by Common Hall on 29 September last, be presented in a form agreeable to them.

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

(C) *Resolved* – That Jacqui Webster be appointed to the Planning & Transportation Committee in the room of Natasha Lloyd Owen, who has stepped down from the Committee whilst on maternity leave.

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

(D) *Resolved* – That Jacqui Webster be appointed to the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee in the room of Natasha Lloyd Owen, who has stepped down from the Committee whilst on maternity leave.

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

(E) *Resolved* – Suzanne Ornsby KC be appointed to the Culture, Heritage, and Libraries Committee for the Ward of Farringdon Without, in the room of Caroline Kordai Addy, who no longer sits on the Court of Common Council.

13.
Resolutions

Resolved unanimously – "That, on his retirement from this Honourable Court, Members wish to place on record their sincerest thanks to

Woodhouse, P.
Deputy,
Holmes, P.A.
Deputy

Sir David Wootton.

Sir David's service with the Corporation began when he was first elected to the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Farringdon Within in 2002. Subsequently, in 2005, he was admitted to this Court as Alderman for the Ward of Langbourn: he realised which was the number one ward in the City! An impressive twenty-one years of service to our Council.

In 2009, Sir David was elected to the Office of Sheriff and, in 2011, became the City's 684th Lord Mayor.

Sir David's Mayoral year was full, with once-in-a-lifetime events such as her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the London Olympics and the Paralympics.

During his Mayoralty, Sir David worked tirelessly as an ambassador, both at home and abroad, to promote the City and the UK as key business centres, ensuring it was 'Fit for the Future' – the title of his Mayoral theme.

In recognition of his work, he was knighted in the 2013 New Year Honours for services to legal business, charity and the City of London.

A proud Yorkshireman, Sir David was born in Bradford and began his early education at Bradford Grammar School, where I believe he is still a Governor, before attending Jesus College, Cambridge, to read Classics and then Law. His love of rowing developed and he still meets his contemporaries to row and reminisce. This love of rowing culminated in the invitation to become a Steward at The Henley Royal Regatta and a member of Leander Club, further accolades of his passion for rowing.

A lawyer by profession, he was a partner at Allen & Overy from 1979 to 2015, specialising in corporate transactions and corporate governance.

Sir David has served on numerous committees during his time with the Corporation. He has acted as Chairman or Deputy Chairman of a number of those, including, most notably, Deputy Chairman of Finance and the long-serving Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen. We know that his immense knowledge, expertise and sage advice was often called upon and much appreciated by all.

Throughout his impressive professional and civic career he has found time to devote time to charitable and community activities in promotion of both education and sport as a reflection of his personal interests. With one of his many charitable activities, his position as Deputy Grand Master of the Masons highlights how impressive his actions have been.

Sir David is also a very keen supporter of the Livery and social investment and philanthropy were both important elements of his Mayoralty. He is a member of several livery companies including the Worshipful Company of Fletchers, the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass, the Worshipful Company of Solicitors, the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, the Guild of Freeman, The Clockmakers, Security Professionals and the Company of Watermen and Lightermen; furthermore he has been Master of the Fletchers, Solicitor's, Information Technologists, The Guild of Freeman, The Glaziers and Painters of Glass and the Woolmen.

His is currently Upper Warden of the Bowyers

On taking their leave of Sir David, his colleagues on this Court take great pleasure in expressing to him, his wife and their family, their very best wishes for their future health and happiness, with the hope that they will all retain long happy and proud memories of their very successful civic life and all they have achieved for our City.”

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Resolved unanimously – “That, on the occasion of his retirement, Members of this Court are delighted to have the opportunity to convey to:

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

Paul Robert Edgar Double, CVO

their gratitude and sincere appreciation for his distinguished service and the manner in which he has undertaken his responsibilities as Remembrancer of the City of London over the past twenty years.

Paul started his service to the Corporation in 1985 when he was appointed Counsel to the City Remembrancer. He became Assistant Remembrancer in 1994 and was appointed Director in 1998. Paul was elected as the City’s 45th Remembrancer in July 2002 and took office the following January. This Honourable Court recalls these past two decades with pride, not only for the City’s notable successes during Paul’s tenure as Remembrancer but for the steadfast and considered manner in which Paul has performed his duties, advising and consulting on Parliamentary matters, ceremony and protocol.

His time at the Corporation has spanned nine UK Prime Ministers and two Monarchs. In this period he has successfully navigated a catalogue of City of London private Acts through Parliament, and overseen many occasions that have put the City of London centre stage nationally and internationally. However, to define his achievements as simply a list of legislative instruments passed and events overseen would understate the contribution he has made to the Square Mile. There is scarcely any part of the Corporation that hasn’t benefitted from Paul’s wise counsel during his time at Guildhall.

Called to the Bar in 1981, Paul has been a Freeman of the City of London since 1985 and became Parliamentary Agent for the City of London and for the Hon the Irish Society in 2004. He became a Bencher of Middle Temple in 2017, and assumed the role of Under-Sheriff of the City of London in the same year. He has served as one of His Majesty’s Lieutenants for the City of London since 2018. We are fortunate at the City of London Corporation to have benefitted from the wisdom and prudence that he has brought to the unique and ancient role of Remembrancer – an Office that dates back to 1571 when Queen Elizabeth I was on the throne. It is no exaggeration to say that the role is truly one of a kind, and we are grateful to Paul for undertaking that role with unparalleled dignity, erudition and probity.

Notable among Paul's achievements during his time at the City of London Corporation was his directorship of the Global Law Summit held in London in 2015 to commemorate 800 years since the sealing of Magna Carta – the very document that enshrined the City of London's already-ancient liberties. Paul has been the Corporation's Patron of the Financial Markets Law Committee since 2009. He is also sponsor of the City of London Corporation's Multi-Faith Network, a Governor of Sion College and a Fellow of Goodenough College, having also served as Consulting Editor for Halsbury's Laws of England on London Government from 2011-2020.

Paul was a key figure in one of the most significant changes in living memory during the Proclamation of our new monarch, King Charles III, on the steps of the City's very own Royal Exchange. Paul's appointment as a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order earlier this year, following his earlier appointment as a Lieutenant of the same Order in 2012, illustrates the esteem in which he is held. This Court owes Paul a debt of gratitude for his dedication to strengthening this City's links with the Royal Household and the Diplomatic Corps.

Paul exercised his duties as Remembrancer of the City of London with care, generosity and good humour. His presence at Guildhall, Mansion House, the City and London will be sorely missed. In thanking him for his most distinguished service, his integrity and his passion, the Court wishes to express to him, Glynis, their four children and their grandchild sincere best wishes for all there is to come.

14.
Freedoms

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:-

<p>Kazi Mohammed Jamal Ahmed <i>CC Shahnaz Bakth</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>	<p>a Global Privacy Consultant <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Romford, Essex</p>
<p>Gareth Andrew Bacon <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i> <i>Deputy Patricia Ann Holmes</i></p>	<p>a Member of Parliament <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i></p>	<p>Sidcup, Kent</p>
<p>Ghanshyam Priya Berry <i>CC Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradi</i> <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i></p>	<p>an Accountant <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i></p>	<p>Edmonton, London</p>
<p>Christine Nana Akosua Afi Bimpeh <i>CC Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith</i> <i>CC Jamel Banda</i></p>	<p>a Student <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i></p>	<p>Upper Edmonton, London</p>

<p>Patrick Joseph Boyle <i>Simon Barnett Tyndall</i> <i>Jatinder Singh Wasu</i></p>	<p>an Accountant <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i></p>	<p>Bromley, Kent</p>
<p>Priya Kaur Boyle <i>Simon Barnett Tyndall</i> <i>Jatinder Singh Wasu</i></p>	<p>an Accountant <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i></p>	<p>Bromley, Kent</p>
<p>Dr Megan Jane Campbell <i>John Alexander Smail</i> <i>Stephen James Osborne</i></p>	<p>an Academic <i>Citizen and Distiller</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Secretary and Administrator</i></p>	<p>Woodend, Victoria, Australia</p>
<p>Arbind Kumar Choudhary <i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i></p>	<p>a Banker <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i></p>	<p>Putney, London</p>
<p>Robin Joseph Clifford <i>Kevin Malcolm Everett</i> <i>Richard Evans</i></p>	<p>an Engineering Services Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i></p>	<p>Kings Hill, Kent</p>
<p>Samuel William Collins <i>CC Dawn Linsey Wright</i> <i>Deputy Randall Keith Anderson</i></p>	<p>a Digital Services Assistant Director <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p>	<p>Sevenoaks, Kent</p>
<p>Andrew Paul Coney <i>David Michael Bole</i> <i>Christopher John Birch</i></p>	<p>a Technology Company Director <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i></p>	<p>Kingston upon Thames, Surrey</p>
<p>William John Coombs <i>Edward Gradosielski, BEM</i> <i>Richard George Turk</i></p>	<p>a Pilot Launch Captain <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i></p>	<p>Harwich, Essex</p>
<p>Giorgio Cuneo <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i></p>	<p>a Business Consultant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>	<p>Portoferraio, Livorno, Italy</p>
<p>Chantal Sarah De Gaston-Cooper <i>Nicholas Julian Goddard</i> <i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i></p>	<p>a Teacher <i>Citizen and Barber</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i></p>	<p>Reigate, Surrey</p>
<p>Professor Bikha Ram Devrajani <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>Donald Mostyn Morris</i></p>	<p>a University Professor and Consultant Physician <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i></p>	<p>Hyderabad, Sindh, Pakistan</p>

<p>Keith John William Donnelly</p> <p><i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>CC Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia</i></p>	<p>an NHS Head of Emergency Preparedness <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i></p>	<p>Chingford, London</p>
<p>Ahmet Ibrahim Dourmouh</p> <p><i>Dominic Charles Huw Price</i> <i>Geoffrey John Griggs</i></p>	<p>a Meat and Poultry Company Operations Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i></p>	<p>Chislehurst, Kent</p>
<p>Elmaziye Dourmouh</p> <p><i>Dominic Charles Huw Price</i> <i>Geoffrey John Griggs</i></p>	<p>a Housewife <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i></p>	<p>Chislehurst, Kent</p>
<p>Paul Robert Eden</p> <p><i>Ald. Timothy Charles Levene</i> <i>Ald. Alexander Robertson Martin Barr</i></p>	<p>a Property Development Company Founder <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i></p>	<p>East Finchley, London</p>
<p>David Edward Ellis</p> <p><i>David Michael Bole</i> <i>Christopher John Birch</i></p>	<p>a Paper Merchant, retired <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i></p>	<p>Kingston upon Thames, Surrey</p>
<p>Paul Ellis</p> <p><i>Ald. Emma Edhem</i> <i>CC James St John Davis</i></p>	<p>a Communications Consultancy Managing Director <i>Citizen and Woolman</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i></p>	<p>Alresford, Hampshire</p>
<p>Patricia Hazel Fisher</p> <p><i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i></p>	<p>a Property Consultant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>	<p>Barnet, London</p>
<p>Alessandro Giannelli</p> <p><i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i></p>	<p>an Entrepreneur <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>	<p>Sansepolcro, Arezzo, Italy</p>
<p>Gary Gould</p> <p><i>CC Mary Durcan</i> <i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i></p>	<p>an Environmental Health Officer <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i></p>	<p>Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire</p>
<p>Binay Kumar Gupta</p> <p><i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i></p>	<p>a Bank Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i></p>	<p>Poplar, London</p>
<p>Manish Gupta</p> <p><i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Banker <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i></p>	<p>St. John's Wood, London</p>

<p>Jehangir Haque <i>CC Shahnna Bakth</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>	<p>a Restaurant Company Director and Local Councillor <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Leatherhead, Surrey</p>
<p>Edmund William Hastie <i>Sir Anthony Stuart Jolliffe, GBE</i> <i>Richard McLeod Ellis</i></p>	<p>a Financial Adviser <i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i></p>	<p>Wandsworth, London</p>
<p>Sean Patrick Hastilow <i>CC Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, KC</i> <i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i></p>	<p>a Delivery Driver <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Hornchurch, Essex</p>
<p>Christopher Asuaquarm Heman-Ackah <i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Kevin George Howard</i></p>	<p>a Urological Surgeon <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i></p>	<p>Potters Bar, Hertfordshire</p>
<p>Felipe Anthony Hillard <i>CC Thomas Sleigh</i> <i>CC Sophie Anne Fernandes</i></p>	<p>a Banking Client and Product Officer <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p>	<p>Hackney, London</p>
<p>David William Holdsworth <i>Richard John Francis Conneely</i> <i>Clive Albert Francis Lambert</i></p>	<p>a Senior Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Liverpool, Merseyside</p>
<p>Argentina Garmann Hung <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>CC Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia</i></p>	<p>a Logistics Company Director <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i></p>	<p>Harlow, Essex</p>
<p>Efraim Fernandes Gomes le <i>Revd. Christopher John Damp</i> <i>Dhruv Patel</i></p>	<p>a System Application Analyst <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i></p>	<p>Basingstoke, Hampshire</p>
<p>Michael Basil Johnston <i>Deputy Brian David Francis Mooney</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>an Underwriter <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire</p>
<p>John Christopher Kerr <i>Richard Bowyer</i> <i>James Harry Albert Tayler</i></p>	<p>a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i></p>	<p>Basildon, Essex</p>
<p>Shahanoor Khan <i>CC Shahnna Bakth</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>	<p>a Restaurateur <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Harrow, Middlesex</p>

Madhur Kumar <i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	a Bank Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Golders Green, London
Richard John Lindsey <i>Cdr Philip Norman Charles Gibbs</i> <i>David Alan Pugsley</i>	a Security Officer <i>Citizen and Furniture Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Woolton, Liverpool
Julie Ann Linsdell <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Kensington, London
Peter George Lisley <i>CC Catherine Sidony McGuinness,</i> <i>CBE</i> <i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew</i>	an Assistant Town Clerk, retired <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Bromley, London
Sarah Jane Lockwood <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>CC Shailendra Kumar Kantilal</i> <i>Umradia</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Information</i> <i>Technologist</i>	Islington, London
Charles Robert Cosby Lucas-Clements <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>CC David James Sales</i>	a Consultant Company Director <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	East Horsley, Surrey
Frank Martin <i>CC Shailendra Kumar Kantilal</i> <i>Umradia</i> <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	Edgware, Greater London
Katherine Carey Mayhew <i>CC Jamel Banda</i> <i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i>	a Recruitment Researcher <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Islington, London
Seamus McGarry <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Charity Director, retired <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Stevenage, Hertfordshire
Gavin Marcus McKinnon <i>Jurgita Zilinskiene</i> <i>Michael Barley</i>	a Special Constabulary Chief Officer <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Tonbridge, Kent
Andrew Edward Graham McLaughlin <i>Neville John Watson</i> <i>Peter Francis Clark</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Holloway, London

<p>James Michael Stephen McSparron-Edwards <i>Ronald Antony Collins</i> <i>Alexander Harben James</i></p>	<p>a Film Production Manager <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i></p>	<p>New Denham, Buckinghamshire</p>
<p>Matab Miah <i>CC Shahnna Bakth</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>	<p>a Restaurateur <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Gosforth, Newcastle Upon Tyne</p>
<p>Major Bruce Miller <i>Christian Oliver Lewis Wragg</i> <i>Charles Verriour Marment</i></p>	<p>a Musician <i>Citizen and Cutler</i> <i>Citizen and Draper</i></p>	<p>Wellingborough, Northamptonshire</p>
<p>Robin Daniel Moore <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i></p>	<p>an Airline Pilot <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>	<p>Reigate, Surrey</p>
<p>Tangy Cathleen Morgan <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Senior Banking Adviser <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Kensington, London</p>
<p>Jamie Francis Muirhead <i>Richard John Francis Conneely</i> <i>Clive Albert Francis Lambert</i></p>	<p>a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Liverpool, Merseyside</p>
<p>Trevor Edward Parvin <i>Michael Timothy Holland</i> <i>Peter Christopher Brockbank</i></p>	<p>a Fire Safety Sales Director, retired <i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i></p>	<p>Dukinfield, Cheshire</p>
<p>Lieutenant Colonel Terence Julian David Pemberton-Pigott <i>Christine Rigden</i> <i>Claire Jane Wallbridge</i></p>	<p>an Army Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Constructor</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i></p>	<p>Pewsey, Wiltshire</p>
<p>Mario Petrov Petrov-Pokrovski <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i></p>	<p>a Student <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Poplar, London</p>
<p>Peter Joseph Power-Hynes <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i></p>	<p>an Accountant and Charity Trustee <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Battersea, London</p>
<p>Carol Ann Joan Pracownik <i>CC Alethea Melody Silk</i> <i>CC Nighat Qureishi</i></p>	<p>an Officer Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p>	<p>Bridgwater, Somerset</p>

<p>Aurora Davis Prehn <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman</i> <i>Lady Samantha Jane Bowman</i></p>	<p>an Ethnobotanist <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i></p>	<p>Hampstead, London</p>
<p>Mohammed Mizanur Rahman <i>CC Shahnun Bakth</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>	<p>a Restaurateur <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Dukinfield, Greater Manchester</p>
<p>Grace Ellen Rawnsley <i>Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley</i> <i>CC Shraavan Jashvantrai Joshi</i></p>	<p>a Sustainability Director <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Fueller</i></p>	<p>Bromley, Kent</p>
<p>Raja Suleman Raza, MBE <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>Donald Mostyn Morris</i></p>	<p>a Restaurateur and Entrepreneur <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i></p>	<p>Mitcham, Surrey</p>
<p>Carl Alexander Richardson <i>CC Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley</i> <i>Deputy James Henry George Pollard</i></p>	<p>a Property Investment Company Director <i>Citizen and Draper</i> <i>Citizen and Skinner</i></p>	<p>Paddington, London</p>
<p>James Robert Russell <i>Richard George Turk</i> <i>Edward Gradosielski, BEM</i></p>	<p>a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i></p>	<p>Tooting, London</p>
<p>Don Jordi Verdaguer Vila-Sivill <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>Donald Mostyn Morris</i></p>	<p>a Lawyer and Writer <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i></p>	<p>Barcelona, Spain</p>
<p>Philip David Warwick <i>Jeremy Mark Fox</i> <i>Peter James Bottomley, MP</i></p>	<p>a Charity Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Draper</i></p>	<p>Fareham, Hampshire</p>
<p>Jaideep Singh Wasu <i>Simon Barnett Tyndall</i> <i>Jatinder Singh Wasu</i></p>	<p>a Strategy Consultant <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i></p>	<p>Bromley, Kent</p>
<p>Jasminder Kaur Wasu <i>Simon Barnett Tyndall</i> <i>Jatinder Singh Wasu</i></p>	<p>a Pharmacist <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i></p>	<p>Bromley, Kent</p>
<p>Elysia Aelwen White <i>CC Ian Bishop-Laggett</i> <i>Richard Thomas Turner</i></p>	<p>a Swimming Teacher <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i></p>	<p>Barnet, Hertfordshire</p>

Shaun Patrick White
Ann-Marie Jefferys
Anne Elizabeth Holden

a Metropolitan Police Officer
Citizen and Glover
Citizen and Basketmaker

Wandsworth, London

15. Questions

Wheatley, M. to
the Chairman
of Policy &
Resources

Blake Tower

Mark Wheatley asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, requesting information on the full extent of the City Corporation's involvement and responsibility over the conditions of Blake Tower, and an outline of the current situation and any intended next steps.

In reply, the Chairman confirmed that the City Corporation owned the freehold for Blake Tower, with the headlease owned by Redrow plc. The City Corporation and Redrow had entered into an agreement to develop apartments in Blake Tower, with the intent that these would come under the City Corporation's management once complete. However, there were several outstanding quality issues and dissatisfied residents, meaning that the management transfer had not yet taken place. The City Corporation had no legal responsibility for the management of Blake Tower. It had, however, taken several measures by liaising with Redrow, its management agent and residents of the Blake Tower Residents Association to understand and help resolve the perceived issues, within its remit. A further meeting with Redrow was scheduled for later in December. The Executive Director of Community and Children's Services had met with residents, while the Town Clerk had undertaken to meet with both residents and Redrow's Chief Executive Officer.

Mark Wheatley asked a supplementary question, seeking assurance that the City Corporation would review the situation in light of the Building Safety Act 2022 and consider the duties of the City Corporation as an interested party. In response, the Chairman provided his assurances to Mr Wheatley.

Michael Hudson, noted that he believed there were provisions for the City Corporation to take back the lease in due course and asked the Chairman if there was a record of this and if there was a response from Redrow.

In reply, the Chairman undertook to provide Mr Hudson with a written response.

Business rates and SMEs

Qureishi, N.,
Deputy to the
Chairman of
Finance

Deputy Nighat Qureishi asked a question of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, requesting him to provide a detailed breakdown of business rates applied for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and an update to the commitment made at the Annual Ratepayers Meeting in March, addressing the high rates applied to SMEs outside the retail, hospitality and leisure sector.

In reply, the Finance Chairman said that he felt that the business rate regime was overdue for reform but warned that the current system had a number of interested stakeholders. Business rates were set by central government. The City Corporation did not determine the rateable value of properties nor the multiplier used to calculate

the amount payable. The City Corporation retained only £70m of the £1.2bn of rate revenue raised from business in the Square Mile. As a consequence of the ratepayers meeting referred to in the question, the Policy Chairman had written to the Valuation Office Agency to set out the City Corporation's concerns. The response, though cordial, did not indicate a change in approach. During lockdown, many businesses had remained liable to pay significant rates. The City Corporation's ability to provide financial support to mitigate that liability was limited, though a 20% reduction was applied during the pandemic. The Chairman was pleased to note that the small business multiplier had been frozen in the Autumn Statement for the fourth consecutive year. The challenge in reviewing the position on business rates would be to demonstrate how the current system prejudices the likelihood of SMEs remaining in or choosing to move to the Square Mile. Even if the argument could be made, the Chairman cautioned that the likelihood of a general election would distract central government, and he felt it was unlikely that any government be enthusiastic about changing a process which provides it with a substantial material tax take, unless it could be convinced of a better alternative. An SME delivery strategy was being developed, and the question helped raise awareness about what could be usefully done.

Deputy Qureishi asked a supplementary question, looking forward to the SME delivery strategy and asking the Finance Chairman if he remembered putting forward a similar question to the Court in 2017. The Chairman replied that the Strategy aimed to create a strong foundation for start-ups and SMEs across the Square Mile. It would identify obstacles and key areas of opportunity and set out a vision to enable retention and growth of the City's small business ecosystem. The Chairman was personally committed to ensuring there was no loss of sight on this critical matter and ensure the Square Mile was an attractive destination for all businesses and open across all sectors.

Care leavers

Mullally, E. to
the Deputy
Chair of
Community &
Children's
Services

Eamonn Mullally asked a question of the Deputy Chairman of the Children and Community Services Committee, requesting an update on the progress of a City Corporation policy recognising care leaver status being akin to a protected characteristic, a policy that was being adopted by a number of other local authorities in London and nationwide.

In reply, the Deputy Chair said that a report seeking agreement for the City Corporation to adopt a specific care experience as a protected characteristic policy would be presented to the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee, the Community and Children's Services Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee at their meetings on the week commencing 11 December. If approved, it would be presented to the Court in January. It would support the City Corporation's continued ambitions to delivery world-class services for care-experienced young people, for whom Members collectively shared parental responsibility. It would also align the City Corporation with wider regional and national ambitions to provide the best opportunities for care-leavers to achieve successful outcomes.

Eamonn Mullally asked a supplementary question, requesting more detail on the impact the policy would be likely to have on the care experience for young people.

The Deputy Chair replied that, as a group, care leavers often had much poorer outcomes in adult life than their peers. The Independent Review of Children's Social Care, commissioned by the Government and published in May 2023, included quotes from children in care and care leavers about their experiences. Care-leavers were more likely not to be in education, employment, or training, to be homeless, and to be involved in the criminal justice system. A policy to require that the City Corporation ensured its care-experienced young people were given opportunities to secure accommodation, education, training and employment would play a key role in tackling these poor outcomes.

The Lord Mayors Banquet

Pearson, S.,
Alderwoman, to
the Chairman
of Policy &
Resources

Alderwoman Susan Pearson asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee asking why she had received a message on the morning of the Lord Mayor's Banquet informing her that the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee had made the decision to disinvite her guest to the Lord Mayor's Banquet, and under what Standing Order this decision had been made.

In reply, the Chairman said that the Sub-Committee had not made any decision to disinvite any guests.

Alderwoman Pearson asked a supplementary question, saying that she had received a call from the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of the Court of Alderman disinviting her guest. She had, therefore, not attended the banquet and asked the Chairman if he found this acceptable and if there was any rationale for disinviting guests.

In reply, the Chairman noted that the Lord Mayor's Banquet was a private event to celebrate the new Lord Mayor. He understood there had been some concerns raised about Alderwoman Pearson's guest, and these had been communicated to her by the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee with the suggestion that she reconsider her choice. The Chairman had been told that Alderwoman Pearson had subsequently decided not to attend the banquet. He repeated that no formal decision had been made to disinvite anyone but, for the avoidance of doubt, had asked the Town Clerk to look at the existing practice to consider if a new approach should be developed.

Alderwoman Martha Grekos asked a supplementary question, commenting that she felt the incident amounted to censorship and asked the Chairman if he agreed that all voices needed to be heard. The Chairman replied that he did not accept that it was a form of censorship, adding that Alderwoman Pearson had chosen not to attend with her guest. He repeated that he had asked the Town Clerk to consider a future policy. In response to a further supplementary question from Alderwoman Martha

Grekos, through which she asked the Chairman if he felt that all voices should be heard, the Chairman referred to his previous responses.

Deputy Brian Mooney, through a further supplementary question, asked the Chairman if he felt that the City Corporation was broad-shouldered enough to accommodate its critics. In reply, the Chairman observed that there was a duty of care towards all Members. Several Members had expressed their concerns about Alderwoman Pearson's choice of guest, and it had been right for the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee to contact her. The subsequent steps had been her decision.

Tom Sleight asked the Chairman if he agreed that censorship meant stopping someone from speaking, not attending a function. The Chairman agreed with this interpretation.

Gregory Lawrence posed a final supplementary question, asking the Chairman for details on whose decision this had been. In reply, the Chairman reiterated that there had been no decision had been made, whether by a Member, sub-committee or under urgency, to disinvite a guest. Alderwoman Pearson had been approached with concerns about her choice of guest, and she had then chosen not to invite them and to not attend the banquet.

The Lord Mayor's Show

Deputy Madush Gupta asked a question of the Chairman of Policy and Resources, reflecting on the success of the Lord Mayor's Show and asking if the City Corporation could build on its success through better coordination with the Destination City programme, and in providing greater opportunities for Common Councillors to contribute and participate. He also suggested that a drone display would be an appropriate substitute for the historic fireworks event.

In reply, the Chairman paid tribute to the spectacular Lord Mayor's Show and the contributions of City Corporation employees, the City of London Police, the Livery Companies and others who were involved. Responsibility for supporting the Lord Mayor's Show was held across the City Corporation and outside organisations, including the Lord Mayors Show Ltd. The Chairman was certain that these organisers would be open to involving Members and would consider any suggestions during consultations. He was happy to speak further with Members and consider any proposals which fell under the remit of his Committee. With regard to drones, this would require engagement with multiple stakeholders.

Wendy Hyde asked the Chairman if he shared her disappointment that there had been no stands available at the Show, which posed accessibility issues and a lost opportunity for expenditure in the City. The Chairman shared her concern and undertook to discuss the matter with the appropriate parties. He took the opportunity to express his disappointment with the decision of Transport for London (TfL) to schedule engineering works on the Underground on the day of the Show and thus

cancel several services. He would raise this at an upcoming meeting with the Transport Commissioner.

Timothy Butcher said he felt the situation with Transport for London represented an anti-City approach. He asked the Chairman to ensure that there was a full representation to TfL to ensure that it did not happen again. In reply, the Chairman said that he, along with the Lord Mayor and Alderman Timothy Hailes (the Chair of the Lord Mayor's Show Ltd), had written a joint letter to TfL as soon as the proposals became apparent, expressing their disappointment that the works had been organised despite the Show being held on the same day each year. The City of London had a challenge in being the only place in the country with two highway authorities and it was important that the City Corporation was able to work with TfL constructively and effectively. The Chairman reiterated that he would raise these points at his upcoming meeting with TfL.

16. **Policy and Resources Committee**

(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)

3 November 2023

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Appointment of Honorary Water Bailiff

The Court considered a report relating to action taken under urgency procedures regarding the appointment of an Honorary Water Bailiff.

Resolved – That the report be received and the action taken be noted.

17.
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:-

Acts

Date of Royal Assent

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023

26 October 2023

The Act builds on the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022, which received Royal Assent on 15 March 2022. The Act has four key objectives:

- to prevent organised criminals, fraudsters, kleptocrats and terrorists from using companies and other corporate entities to abuse the UK economy;
- reform the powers of the Registrar of Companies
- to give law enforcement bodies new powers to seize cryptoassets and enabling businesses in the financial sector to share information more effectively to prevent and detect economic crime

- to give Companies House greater flexibility about the way it lists companies and uses its data.

Reported to Communications and Corporate Affairs Committee.

Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

26 October 2023

Establishes a new statutory requirement for ministers to set levelling up missions with completion targeted for 2030 (for example relating, nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, improving the standard in reading, writing and maths across the UK, improving wellbeing in every area). Changes to aspects of planning, environmental and heritage protection are included in the Act.

Reported to Open Spaces, West Ham Park, Culture Heritage and Libraries, Planning, and Communications and Corporate Affairs committees.

Procurement Act 2023

26 October 2023

The Act is designed to create a simpler public procurement system not based on EU Directives. The Act mandates the creation of a central digital platform for suppliers to the public sector, which captures the Corporation in the exercise of its public functions, to register and store their details so that they can be used for multiple bids, and see all opportunities in one place.

Reported to Finance Committee.

Non-Domestic Rating Act 2023

26 October 2023

Shortens the business rates revaluation cycle in England from five years to three years. Reported to service department.

Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act

26 October 2023

Creates employers' liability for harassment of their employees by third parties and introduces a duty on employers to take all reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment of their employees. Reported to service department.

Statutory Instruments

Date In Force

Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations

7 November 2023

Creates a framework under which specified summary only offences (minor offences dealt with in magistrates' courts) may be dealt with online and termed "automatic online conviction and penalty summary offences".

The Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (England and Wales) Order

14 November
2023

XL Bully breed type will be prohibited from 31st January 2024. Establishes a compensation scheme for dogs which are arranged to be euthanised before 31st January 2024. Owners of an XL Bully may apply for an exemption that would permit possession of such a dog.

Public Charge Point Regulations

24 November
2023

Requires a charge point operator to ensure that a person is able to pay to charge an electric vehicle by contactless payment without entering into a pre-existing contract with the operator. This requirement applies to new public charge points, rapid charge points and existing charge points.

Charge point operators must ensure that, by November 2025, a person is able to pay to charge an electric vehicle using a payment service provided by a third party roaming provider.

Within one year of the date that these Regulations come into force, operators must ensure that their network of rapid charge points is, on average, 99% reliable.

Charge point operators must provide a staffed telephone helpline that is available 24 hours per day.

The Parliamentary Constituencies Order

24 November
2023

Gives effect to new constituency boundaries at the next election. The City's boundary remains unchanged.

Council Tax (Chargeable Dwellings and Liability for Owners) (Amendment) (England) Regulations

1 December
2023

Provides that a house in multiple occupation is always treated as a single dwelling for the purposes of council tax.

Local Government and Greater London Authority Elections (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations

Dates between
31 October 2023
– 31 January
2024

The Regulations make provision in relation to local elections and Greater London Assembly and London mayoral elections to enable a returning officer to hold a nomination paper invalid if the person submitting that nomination paper is subject to a disqualification order, and introduce the new forms of

nomination paper, candidate's consent to nomination, and elector and proxy poll cards.

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

18. Hospital Seal There were no docquets for the Seal.
19. Awards & Prizes There was no report.
20. Exclusion of the Public
Holmes, 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 either involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972; relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of that Act; or relate to matters treated in confidence at the request of His Majesty's Government.

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

21. Non-public Minutes *Resolved* – That the non-public minutes of the last meeting are correctly recorded.
22. **Policy and Resources Committee**
- (A) Change of description for the City of London's Corporate Fund, commonly known as City's Cash**
The Court considered and approved proposals concerning the nomenclature of the City of London's Corporate Fund.
- (B) The Voluntary Hospital of St Bartholomew**
The Court considered and approved proposals concerning the Voluntary Hospital of St Bartholomew.
23. **Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee**
City Events Programme
The Court considered and approved proposals concerning the City Events Programme.
24. **Finance Committee**
- (A) Extension of the Managed Service Temporary Agency Resource Contract**
The Court considered and approved proposals concerning a contract extension.
- (B) Museum of London Pay Award**
The Court considered and approved proposals concerning the annual pay award for the Museum of London.

(C) Getting best value from our low value spend

The Court considered and approved proposals relating to a contract award for the City of London Corporation's low value spend.

25. **City of London Policy Authority Board**

The Court considered and approved report relating to the provision of cryptocurrency storage.

26. **Barbican Centre Board**

The Court considered and approved a report relating to fire safety project at the Barbican Centre.

27. **Corporate Services Committee**

(A) Request for Market Forces Supplement

The Court considered and approved proposals relating to a Market Forces Supplement.

(B) Creation of a Grade I post

The Court considered and approved proposals relating to the creation of a Grade I post.

28. **Finance Committee**

The Court noted action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the Enterprise Resource Planning Project.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.59 pm

THOMAS.