



MAINELLI, MAYOR

PARMLEY, LOCUM TENENS (FOR ITEMS 17 – 32)

## COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

7th March 2024  
MEMBERS PRESENT

### ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr  
(Alderman)  
Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman  
(Alderman)  
Professor Emma Edhem (Alderman)  
Alison Gowman (Alderman)  
Prem Goyal OBE (Alderman)  
Martha Grekos (Alderwoman)  
Timothy Russell Hailes (Alderman)

Gregory Jones KC (Alderman)  
Vincent Keaveny CBE (Alderman)  
Alastair John Naisbitt King DL (Alderman)  
Dame Susan Langley, DBE (Alderwoman &  
Sheriff)  
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman  
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli  
(Alderman)  
Christopher Makin (Alderman)  
Broniek Masojada (Alderman & Sheriff)

Jennette Rachel Newman (Alderwoman)  
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, (Alderman)  
Susan Jane Pearson (Alderwoman)  
Simon Pryke (Alderman)  
Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell  
(Alderman)  
Kawsar Zaman (Alderman)

### COMMONERS

Munsur Ali  
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy  
Randall Keith Anderson,  
Deputy  
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,  
Deputy  
Dominic Gerard Christian  
Henry Nicholas Almroth  
Colthurst, Deputy  
Anne Corbett, Deputy  
Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan  
D'Souza  
Simon Duckworth OBE DL,  
Deputy  
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy  
Mary Durcan

John Ernest Edwards  
Helen Lesley Fentimen OBE  
Anthony David Fitzpatrick  
John William Fletcher, Deputy  
John Foley  
Steve Goodman OBE  
John Griffiths  
Jason Groves  
Madush Gupta, Deputy  
Caroline Wilma Haines  
Christopher Michael Hayward,  
Deputy  
Ann Holmes, Deputy  
Amy Horscroft  
Michael Hudson  
Wendy Hyde  
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi  
MBE, Deputy  
Elizabeth Anne King BEM JP,  
Deputy  
Gregory Alfred Lawrence

Frances Leach  
Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP,  
Deputy  
Paul Nicholas Martinelli, Deputy  
Catherine McGuinness CBE  
Timothy James McNally  
Wendy Mead OBE  
Andrien Gereith Dominic  
Meyers, Deputy  
Brian Desmond Francis  
Mooney BEM, Deputy  
Eamonn James Mullally  
Benjamin Daniel Murphy  
Deborah Oliver TD  
Graham Packham  
Judith Pleasance  
James Henry George Pollard,  
Deputy  
Suzanne Ornsby KC  
Nighat Qureishi, Deputy  
Alpa Raja, Deputy  
Anett Rideg  
David Sales

Ruby Sayed  
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton  
Hugh Selka  
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson,  
Deputy  
Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy  
Naresh Hari Sonpar  
James St John Davis  
Mandeep Thandi  
Luis Felipe Tilleria  
James Richard Tumbridge  
Shailendra Kumar Kantilal  
Umradia  
William Upton KC  
Mark Raymond Peter Henry  
Delano Wheatley  
Ceri Wilkins  
Philip Woodhouse  
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        Resolved, that - the minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

4. Mayoral Engagements      The Lord Mayor provided an update on his engagements, including meetings with the Scottish First Minister and trips to Davos and the USA.

5. Policy Statement      The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity make a statement to the Court, highlighting his visits to Davos, India and Belfast.

6. The Hon. The Irish Society appointments      The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments:

(A)      One Member for a term expiring in April 2027.

**Nomination received:**

Deputy Charles Edward Lord

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Charles Edward Lord to be appointed to The Honourable The Irish Society;

and Members:

(B)      noted that Alderman Robert Howard continued to serve as one of the two appointed Aldermen on The Honourable the Irish Society, having previously been appointed for a term expiring in March 2025;

(C)      noted that Alderman Gregory Jones KC continued to serve as one of the two appointed Aldermen on The Honourable the Irish Society, having previously been appointed for a term expiring in March 2026;

(D)      noted that Alderman Vincent Keaveny had been nominated by the Court of Aldermen to become Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society and endorsed his appointment for a three-year term, expiring March 2027.

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

*\*denotes a Member being reappointed.*

(A) Two Members on the Digital Services Committee.

**Nominations received:-**

Deputy Madush Gupta

Eamonn Mullally

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Madush Gupta and Eamonn Mullally to be appointed to the Digital Services Committee.

(B) One Member on the City of London Archaeological Trust.

**Nominations received:-**

Brendan Barns

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Brendan Barns to be appointed to the City of London Archaeological Trust.

(C) One Member on the Homerton University Hospital.

**Nominations received:-**

Helen Fentimen

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Helen Fentimen to be appointed to the Homerton University Hospital.

(D) One Member on the Voluntary Hospital of St Bartholomew.

**Nominations received:-**

Paul Singh

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Paul Singh to be appointed to the Voluntary Hospital of St Bartholomew.

(E) Two Members on the Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common Council Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital

**Nominations received:-**

\*Deputy Randall Anderson

\*Nick Bensted-Smith

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Randall Anderson and Nick Bensted-Smith to be appointed to the Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common Council Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital.

(F) Three Members on the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry.

**Nominations received:-**

\*Alderman Gregory Jones KC

\*Deputy Charles Edward Lord

\*James St John Davis

Read

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alderman Gregory Jones KC, Deputy Charles Edward Lord and James St John Davis to be appointed to the Guild Church Council of St Lawrence Jewry.

## 8. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst)**

22 February 2024

### **(A) City Fund 2024/25 Budget Report and Medium-Term Financial Plan**

The Court considered a report of the Finance Committee which presented the overall financial position of the City Fund (i.e. the City Corporation's finances relating to Local Government, Police and Port Health services).

In consideration of this item, Members had available to them an Addendum, which included a revised Appendix B and further Appendix I.

The Chairman spoke to introduce the Budget together with the City's Estate budget at item 8(A), as well as clarifying a number of elements, following which Members took the opportunity to ask questions on subjects including the introduction of a second-home premium, the social tenant rent increase and potential donations to appeals. In reply, the Chairman said that the charging of second-home premiums was being implemented across London and the City Corporation would be an outlier if it did not follow. The provision for receipt of the premium would be included in the 2025/26 budget following a 12-month notice period. With regard to the social tenant rent increase, there was a requirement to maintain a balanced Housing Revenue Account, and support was available for those in need. Finally, the Chairman said that the Disaster Emergency Committee had not launched an appeal regarding the humanitarian situation in Gaza, and he was therefore not in a position to comment on a donation from the City Corporation.

*Resolved* – That the Court of Common Council:

- 1.0 Notes and approves the overall budget envelopes for City Fund.
- 1.1 Additional funding is required to be approved for new on-going cost pressures and have been included as budget uplifts:
  - 1.1.1 Agreed pay award from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.
  - 1.1.2 Net 3% inflation uplift to local risk budgets.
  - 1.1.3 £470k for City Fund Adult Social Care and Children Services.
  - 1.1.4 £2m central provision to cover assumptions for Ambition 25 (Reward Refresh) – subject to recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee.
  - 1.1.5 £210k increase in legal costs to support specialist advice.
  - 1.1.6 £330k on-going City Fund support to Electoral Services.

- 1.1.7 £400k provision for possible increases to members allowance – subject to recommendations of the Civic Affairs committee.
- 1.1.8 £56k shortfall (split across City Fund and City's Estate) to Occupational Health Physician Services.
- 1.1.9 £59k (3%) uplift to the London Symphony Orchestra grant.
- 1.1.10 £189k (3.47%) increase to the Museum of London grant.
- 1.2 For Cyclical Works Programme (CWP):
  - 1.2.1 Additional funding totalling £62.7m to address the backlog of works £27.1m, forward plan £34.0m, plus £1.6m towards delivery of the programme across the next 5 years from 2024/25 (Appendix A, paragraphs 22 to 28).
  - 1.2.2 Funding identified from reserves in City Fund, endorsed by Finance Committee in December, to be ringfenced to the programme (paragraph 50). Delivery will need to be managed robustly to avoid cost creep.
  - 1.2.3 £25m was allocated to the Barbican Centre, approved by Court of Common Council 9 March 2023 to address critical health and safety needs and to fund the development of a business case to consider replacement of more fundamental infrastructure than is covered in a cyclical works programme.
  - 1.2.4 Any further funding for the Barbican Centre to be considered separately and as part of its own strategic business plan (paragraph 29).
- 1.3 To address inflationary pressures going forward assumptions include 2% uplift from 2025/26 onwards.
- 1.4 Savings still to be achieved from Development of City commercial income streams through Barbican Management, Commercial - procurement, and from implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning system have been reprofiled to (£3.3m) 2025/26 and (£0.6m) in 2026/27 respectively. Permanent savings from previous savings programmes are expected to crystallise by 2024/25 see paragraphs 63 and 64.
- 1.5 Other one-off pressures and opportunities for transformation in 2024/25 outlined in paragraph 27 to be funded from forecast carry forward underspends from 2023/24.
- 1.6 Unfunded additional revenue bids (paragraph 26) to be avoided during 2024/25, unless these can be prioritised from savings or income generated from the Corporation's Resource Prioritisation Refresh Programme (RPR).
- 1.7 Increase the rents for social tenants within the Housing Revenue Account by 7.7% for 2024/25, as supported by Childrens & Community Services Committee on 25 January in order to balance the HRA across the MTFP.
- 1.8 As in previous years, it is recommended the earmarked security reserve retains £1m as a minimum and is reviewed regularly.
- 1.9 Approve the overall financial framework and the revised Medium-Term Financial Strategy (paragraphs 17 to 73).
- 1.10 Approve the City Fund Net Budget Requirement of £201.8m (Appendix A, paragraph 7)

## **Key decisions:**

The key decisions are in setting the levels of Council Tax and National Non-Domestic rates:

### **2.0 Council Tax – paragraphs 54 to 57**

- 2.1 To approve an increase of 2% social care precept, raising c£165k p.a. in response to the ongoing pressures in homelessness and adult social care. This is recommended given the pressures within adult social care totalling £310k p.a.
  - 2.2 To approve an increase of 2.99% on core Council Tax raising c£247k p.a. This is recommended to address £160k pressure on children social care and bridge the gap on adult social care as above.
  - 2.3 To note if both increases are approved, the 4.99% increase will increase income by £412k and raise Band D rate by c£48.00 to £1,051.62 (before GLA precept). This increase is not excessive and is below the threshold to require a referendum and much needed for continued support to vulnerable members of society.
  - 2.4 To determine that a fully funded means tested council tax reduction scheme will continue in place for those on low incomes and least able to pay more. This means that those that are least able to afford it will continue to receive 100% support with their council tax bills.
  - 2.5 To determine the Local Discretionary discount for Care Leavers between the ages of 18 to 25 is continued for 2024/25.
  - 2.6 Determine the amounts of Council Tax for the three areas of the City (the City, the Middle Temple and the Inner Temple to which are added the precept of the Greater London Authority (GLA) - Appendix B.
  - 2.7 Determine, that as in previous years no discount (0%) is awarded to unoccupied and unfurnished and uninhabitable dwellings for 2024/25.
  - 2.8 Determine that a premium is levied on long-term empty property for 2024/25 of 100%, 200% and 300% on properties that have been empty for 2, 5 and 10 years respectively. This is a continuation of the Premiums charged in 2023/24.
  - 2.9 Introduce a new long-term empty property premium of 100% for properties that have been empty for longer than 12 months in 2024/25.
  - 2.10 Determine that a Second Home Premium is introduced in 2025/26. 12 months' notice is required to introduce this additional charge.
  - 2.11 It is recommended that, having regard to the government guidance issued, the Chamberlain be given the discretion, delegated to the Assistant Director, Financial Shared Services, to reduce or waive the long-term empty premium charge in exceptional circumstances.
  - 2.12 Approve that the cost of highways, street cleansing, waste collection and disposal, drains and sewers, and road safety functions for 2024/25 be treated as special expenses to be borne by the City's residents outside the Temples (Appendix B).
- ### **3.0 Business Rates – paragraphs 58 to 61**

- 3.1 To approve an increase of up to £0.04p in the £ in Business Rate Premium raising up to c£8.1m p.a. to support the ongoing pressures on the Police and security costs (paragraphs 40 to 43, 52).
- 3.2 Award a Discretionary Discount under S47 Local Government Finance Act for qualifying Nursery Schools of up to 100%.
- 3.3 Note that the Non-Domestic Rate multiplier of 54.6p and a Small Business Non-Domestic Rate Multiplier Rate of 49.9p have been set by Central Government for 2024/25 (Appendix A, paragraph 9).
- 3.4 Note that, in addition, the GLA is levying a Business Rate Supplement in 2024/25 of 2.0p in the £ on properties with a rateable value of £75,000 and above (Appendix A, paragraph 12).
- 3.5 Delegate to the Chamberlain the award of discretionary rate reliefs under Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Appendix A, paragraph 11).

#### **4.0 Capital Expenditure**

- 4.1 Approve the Capital Strategy (Appendix F).
- 4.2 Approve the Capital budgets for City Fund and the allocation of central funding from the appropriate reserves to meet the cost of the 2024/25 bids – release of funding being subject to approval at the relevant gateway and specific agreement of the Resource Allocation Sub Committee at gateway 4(a) (paragraphs 70 to 73)
- 4.3 Approve the continuation of the allocation of central funding in 2024/25 to provide internal loan facilities for the HRA, currently estimated at £14.6m respectively.
- 4.4 Approve the Prudential Code indicators (Appendix D).
- 4.5 Delegate authority to the Chamberlain to determine the final financing of capital and supplementary revenue project expenditure.

#### **5.0 Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25 (Appendix E)**

- 5.1 Approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25, including the treasury indicators – Appendix E.
- 5.2 Approve the authorised limit for external debt (which is the maximum the City Fund may have outstanding by way of external borrowing) at £432.8m for 2024/25; and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for 2024/25 at £1.4m (MRP policy is included within Appendix E – Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Statement 2024/25 - Appendix 2).

#### **6.0 Chamberlain's Assessment**

- 6.1 Take account of the Chamberlain's assessment of the robustness of estimates and the adequacy of reserves and contingencies (paragraphs 76-80 and Appendices A, C and H respectively).

#### **7.0 Resolution**

- 7.1 **the Resolution, as set out in Appendix I on page 9 of the Addendum, to be agreed.**

## **(B) 2024/25 City's Estate Budgets and Medium-Term Financial Plan**

The Court considered a report of the Finance Committee presenting the overall financial position of City's Estate.

*Resolved* - That the Court:-

- 1.0 Notes and approves the overall budget envelope for City's Estate 2024/25 revenue budgets.
- 1.1 Additional funding is required for new on-going cost pressures and have been included as budget uplifts:
  - 1.1.1 Agreed pay award from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.
  - 1.1.2 Net 3% inflation uplift to local risk budgets.
  - 1.1.3 £2m central provision to cover assumptions for Ambition 25 (Reward Refresh) – subject to recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee.
  - 1.1.4 £100k increase in legal costs to support specialist advice.
  - 1.1.5 £540k contingency held centrally to support the increase in State Visits.
  - 1.1.6 £20k funding to support RASC away day.
  - 1.1.7 £113k provision set to support volunteering.
  - 1.1.8 £148k recognition of staff contribution through staff summer events and annual lunch.
  - 1.1.9 £380k funding for Corporate Graduate Scheme, increasing to £710k from 2025/26.
  - 1.1.10 £10k support for on-going Benefits-in-Kind review and annual reporting.
  - 1.1.11 Shortfall on Occupational Health Physician services (£56k split between funds).
  - 1.1.12 £85k increase for Mayoralty and Shrievalty allowances as agreed at the Joint Deputation meeting on 20 March 2023. For 2024/25 an increase of £62k is being proposed – subject to Joint Deputation meeting on 28 March 2024.
  - 1.1.13 £400k provision for possible increases to Members allowance.
- 1.2 For Cyclical Works Programme (CWP):
  - 1.2.1 Funding of £71m has been allocated within City's Estate to address £28m backlog of works and £43m forward plan, towards delivery of programme across the next 5 years from 2024/25.
  - 1.2.2 Following meeting with the Joint Resource Allocation Sub Committee and Service Committee Chairmen, additional headroom has been created to address urgent health and safety issues at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama over the 5-year forward plan totalling £12.5m (£8m to 2027/28).
  - 1.2.3 Funding identified from reserves in City's Estate resulting in an additional draw on assets endorsed by Finance Committee in December, to be ringfenced to the programme. Delivery will need to be managed robustly to avoid cost creep.
- 1.3 To address inflationary pressures going forward assumptions include 2% uplift



from 2025/26 onwards.

- 1.4 Savings still to be achieved from Commercial - procurement and implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning system have been profiled (£0.3m) to 2025/26 and (£0.6m) in 2026/27 respectively. Permanent savings from previous savings programme are expected to crystallise by 2024/25.
- 1.5 Other one-off pressures and opportunities for transformation in 2024/25 outlined in paragraph 11 to be funded from forecast carry forward underspends from 2023/24.
- 1.6 Unfunded additional revenue bids (paragraph 10) to be avoided during 2024/25, unless these can be prioritised from savings or income generated from the Corporation's Transformation Programme.
- 2.0 Approves the overall financial framework and the revised 5-year Financial Strategy (paragraphs 4-30).
- 3.0 Approves the 2024/25 Capital and Supplementary Revenue Project Budgets for City's Estate amounting to £218.3m (paragraph 27).
- 4.0 Approves the allocation of central funding of up to £218.3m for City's Estate to meet the cost of 2024/25 approved capital schemes. Release of such funding being subject to approval at the relevant gateway and specific agreement of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee at Gateway 4(a). Note the agreed capital envelope for new bids of £5m in 2024/25 (paragraph 27-30).
- 5.0 Notes that the budget approved would exclude an amount of up to £50m in respect of sums already agreed by the Court of Common Council to cover the Smithfield Annexe Buildings, which are not included in the current capital estimates. Should this sum be required, the MTFP deficit will increase accordingly.
- 6.0 Delegates authority to the Chamberlain to determine the final financing of capital and supplementary revenue project expenditure.

*Further resolved* - That the thanks of the Court be given to the Chairman of the Finance Committee for his introduction to the budget reports before the Court this day and that a copy be circulated to every Member in the usual way.

## 9. CITY BRIDGE FOUNDATION BOARD

**(Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson)**

7 February 2024

### **(A) 2024/25 City Bridge Foundation Budget and Financial Forecasts**

The Court considered a report of the City Bridge Foundation Board which presented the 2024/25 budget and detailed financial forecasts for the period 2025/26 – 2027/28, together with a summary of forecast funds to 2032/33 for City Bridge Foundation (CBF), the working name for the Charity; i.e. Bridge House Estates.

The Chair of the City Bridge Foundation Board introduced the report, along with the

Bridging London 2020-2045 Strategy Refresh report at item 9(B) and the City Bridge Foundation Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022/23 at item 9(C).

In reply to a question from a Member, the Chair said he would be happy to keep the relationship between the City Corporation and the bridges controlled by the Charity under review, but reminded Members that the City Bridge Foundation had a statutory duty to act only in the best consideration of the Charity.

*Resolved* – That Members of the Court of Common Council, acting for the City Corporation as the Charity Trustee of City Bridge Foundation (Charity No. 1035628) and solely in the Charity’s best interests:

- i. Approve the 2024/25 budget and financial forecasts for period 2025/26 – 2027/28.
- ii. Authorise the Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the CBF Board, to amend the charity’s expenditure budgets and forecasts to provide for revised central recharges of City Corporation expenditure to the charity, following both a review by the Chamberlain of the methodology for these corporate re-charges and the finalisation of capital budgets for the City Corporation for its ‘cross-Fund’ projects which involve expenditure of CBF charitable funds.
- iii. Approve a new designation of surplus income funds for application for future Social Investments (the Social Investment Fund).
- iv. Approve the level of free reserves to be maintained over and above the agreed minimum policy of £35m due to economic factors alongside inflationary pressures.

7 February 2024

### **(B) Bridging London 2020-2045 Strategy Refresh**

The Court considered a report of the City Bridge Foundation Board presenting a refreshed version of City Bridge Foundation’s overarching strategy; ‘*Bridging London 2020-2045*’ for approval and implementation from April 2024.

*Resolved* - That Members of the Court of Common Council, acting for the City Corporation as the Charity Trustee of City Bridge Foundation (Charity No. 1035628) and solely in the Charity’s best interests - approve the refreshed version of the Charity’s overarching strategy, ‘*Bridging London 2020-2045*’.

7 February 2024

### **(C) City Bridge Foundation Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022/23**

The Court considered a report of the City Bridge Foundation Board presenting the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

*Resolved* – That Members of the Court of Common Council, acting for the City Corporation as Trustee of City Bridge Foundation (Charity No. 1035628) and solely in the Charity’s best interests - note the CBF Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

## 10. Planning and Transportation Committee

(Deputy Shravan Joshi)

22 February 2024

### City Plan 2040

The Court considered a report of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning a new local plan for the City of London.

The Chairman of the Committee spoke to introduce 'City Plan 2040', following which Members took the opportunity to ask several questions, covering the below areas:

Concern regarding the impact of future high-rise development on worship in Bevis Marks synagogue was noted, and a question raised as to whether this would be addressed during the forthcoming public consultation.

Some welcomed the Plan and thanked the Chairman for setting up engagement sessions. Clarification was sought as to whether elected Members could contribute to the public consultations on behalf of their wards.

Assurance was sought that the upcoming planning application for London Wall West area would correspond with the Plan's emphasis on retrofitting buildings.

A question was raised with regard to action taken to increase the appeal of properties to office workers, and to ensure that there was a healthy residential population in the City.

With reference to the recommendations within the report, a question was raised on whether it would be more appropriate to return the list of further changes (arising from the consultation) to the Planning and Transportation Committee rather than under delegation to an officer.

Concluding the debate, the Chairman addressed the points made by Members. He would not comment on active planning applications but confirmed that all applications went through the same stringent processes of carbon optioneering. Bevis Marks would become only the third named and protected site in the Plan. The Plan included a 'fast-track' approach to retrofitting for the 20% of sites not classified as prime office stock to allow a 'change of use' from office to hotel, leisure or cultural use, and there were already encouraging signs of utilisation of this approach. Concerning the recommended delegation to officers, the Chairman noted that the length of time it had already taken to bring the Plan to Court and felt it would not be appropriate to return it to the Committee. The changes from the consultation would reflect the views of all stakeholders, including Members.

*Resolved* - that Members:

1. Agree the proposed changes to the City Plan set out in Appendix 2 and that the City Plan 2040 (Appendix 3) be published for pre-submission consultation.
2. Agree that, following consultation, the City Plan, the public representations and other supporting documentation, be submitted to the Secretary of State, for examination.

3. Authorise the Planning and Development Director, in liaison with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Planning & Transportation Committee, to compile a list of further changes to the City Plan in response to public representations and submit this to the Secretary of State.
4. Authorise the Planning and Development Director to make further non-material amendments and editorial changes prior to public consultation and submission to the Secretary of State.

## 11. CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

**(Deputy Alastair Moss)**

10 January 2024

### **(A) People Strategy**

The Court considered a report of the Corporate Services Committee concerning a People Strategy for the City of London Corporation.

In the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Corporate Services Committee the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee introduced the report, thanking all officers involved in drafting the Strategy. The People Strategy would work to support the delivery of the Corporate Plan by ensuring the City Corporation had the right people in the right places at the right time. The report set out priorities on leadership, talent, development, and staff wellbeing, how contribution was rewarded and how the consistent delivery of basic service was ensured. Engagement would continue with all stakeholders as the programmes of work within the strategy evolved.

During discussion, Members made reference to the office attendance policy. Several Members requested that consideration be given to having officers in the office five days a week, while other Members noted the benefit provided by flexible workplace attendance. Members also requested that more thought be given to the ethnicity pay gap and social mobility.

Concluding the debate, the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee noted the differing views on office attendance, and informed the Court that the Corporate Services Committee had agreed, in February 2024, that a change to the workplace attendance would be applied from 1 September 2024, with the effect of requiring all employees currently required to attend their office or place of work on a minimum of two days per work to increase their attendance to three days, or 60% of their working time. The Committee had also requested that officers return with a report exploring the implications of a 100% office attendance policy, which would need to be led by the Town Clerk and Chief Executive as the head of paid service, based on professional advice and consultation with staff. The Chairman shared the views of Members on narrowing the ethnicity pay gap, and on encouraging social mobility.

*Resolved* – That Members approve the adoption of the City Corporation’s People Strategy 2024 – 2029.

21 February 2024

## **(B) Pay Policy Statement 2024/25**

The Court received a report concerning the City Corporation's Pay Policy Statement, setting out its approach to pay for the most senior and junior members of staff.

*Resolved* – That Members approve the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25, thereby ensuring that the City Corporation meets its requirements under the Localism Act 2011.

## 12. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst)**

26 February 2024

### **UK Shared Prosperity Funding: Funding Agreement**

The Court received a report in respect of the City Corporation's role as the Contracting Body for Central London Forward (CLF).

*Resolved* – That Members approve:

1. Accessing the proposed £8.3m UKSPF funding to provide employment and skills support for central London residents, as proposed by the CLF Board.
2. Varying the use of £3.1m of UKSPF previously planned and approved for the Central London Works programme, with the revised approach of devolving to member authorities, as approved by the CLF Board.
3. The signing of a funding agreement with the GLA, reflecting the delivery plan set out and approved by the CLF Board.
4. The signing of funding agreements with CLF member authorities, enabling them to access this funding.

## 13. **PORT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**(Mary Durcan)**

9 January 2024

### **Animal Reception Centre – Heathrow Airport: Annual Review of Charges**

The Court considered a report relating to an increase to be applied to the Schedule in respect of services provided at the Heathrow Animal Reception Centre (HARC), for the forthcoming financial year 2024/25.

*Resolved* – That the Court approves:

1. The charges set out in the report, with effect from 1 April 2024, or as soon as practicable thereafter.
2. The proposed Byelaws set in the report and that the Comptroller and City Solicitor be instructed to seal them accordingly.

## 14. AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Alderman Prem Goyal)

26 February 2024

### External Member Recommendation

The Court received a report seeking the reappointment of an External Member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

*Resolved* – That Gail Le Coz be re-appointed as an External Member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, for a second three-year term, expiring in April 2027.

15. That this Honourable Court amend Standing Order 27(2) which states:

Motion

Holmes,  
Ann,  
Deputy.;  
Mooney,  
Brian,  
Deputy

*'The Chair and Deputy Chair of a Sub- Committee shall be the Chair and Deputy Chair of the appointing Committee, or their nominee(s), subject to the support of the wider Committee Membership. Policy and Resources Committee can approve exceptions to this practice.'*

By deleting everything after 'be' on line one, and replacing with '*elected by the membership of the appointing committee, except where the court has designated to a particular role*'

and Standing Order 29(4) which states:

*'Ahead of the first meeting of each Committee following the annual appointment, the Town Clerk will seek expressions of interest of members who are willing and able to take the Chair.'*

By adding, '*of the Committee and any of its Sub-Committees other than those excepted at Standing Order 27(2).'*'

During debate, Members reflected whether the amendments proposed would be more democratic, whilst some felt it may lead to adverse effects and unintended consequences.

A Member rose to make a point of order, noting that Standing Order 3(1) required any proposed changes to the Standing Orders to be recommended to the Court following consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee. The Member noted that the proposals had not gone through this process and asked if the motion was in order.

The Lord Mayor accepted the point of order and ruled the Motion as being out of order as the proposed changes had not been considered by the Policy and Resources Committee, as required by Standing Order 3(1).

16.  
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.

A Member informed the Court that several members of the Bench of the Central London Magistracy had been nominated to the Freedom of the City to help the relationship between the City Corporation and the volunteer judiciary.

**Siobhan Gite Aarons** a Senior Compliance Officer Elephant and Castle, London  
*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL* *Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith*

**Olukemi Olubunmi Sinmideleoluwa Adedeji, JP** a Legal Adviser St Neots, Cambridgeshire  
*Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP* *Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer*

**Claudine Alexia Adeyemi-Adams** a Software Company Chief Executive Officer Kenley, London  
*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL* *Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith*

**Kike Oniwinde Agoro** a Professional Network Founder Dagenham, Essex  
*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL* *Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith*

**Debra Alder-Bentley** a Personal Assistant Services Company Director Ely, Cambridgeshire  
*Andrew Graham Trapnell James Frank Bryan* *Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Educator*

**Mary Louise Alder-Bentley** a Personal Assistant Services Company Director Ely, Cambridgeshire  
*Andrew Graham Trapnell James Frank Bryan* *Citizen and Fletcher Citizen and Educator*

**Nirmal Kaur Aouilk** an Activist Wallington, London  
*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL* *Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith*

**Dr Arinola Ibiyemi Araba** a Social Enterprise Company Director Dagenham, Essex  
*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL* *Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith*

**Simon Ashton** a Police Officer, retired Rayleigh, Essex  
*Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson Ian Dyson* *Citizen and Grocer Citizen and Glover*

**Ashley Kwaku Asomani** a Broadcaster Croydon, London  
*Deputy Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers Deputy Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi* *Citizen and Goldsmith Citizen and Fueller*

<p><b>Julie Baker</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt  King, DL</p>	<p>a Bank Head of Enterprise  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Winchester, Hampshire</p>
<p><b>Nicola Lisa Baldwin, JP</b>  Ald. Alison Jane Gowman  Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes,  JP</p>	<p>a Solicitor  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Canonbury, London</p>
<p><b>Amanda Mary Lillian Barron, JP</b>  Ald. Alison Jane Gowman  Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes,  JP</p>	<p>a Solicitor, retired  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Barnes, London</p>
<p><b>Stephen Neville Bates , OBE</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt  King, DL</p>	<p>a Bioindustry Association  Chief Executive  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Streatham, London</p>
<p><b>David Mark Best, JP</b>  Ald. Alison Jane Gowman  Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes,  JP</p>	<p>a Lawyer  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Enfield, Middlesex</p>
<p><b>Philip Lawrence David Black</b>  Deputy Henry Nicholas  Almroth Colthurst  Ald. Sir William Anthony  Bowater Russell</p>	<p>a Financial Services  Director  <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>  <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>	<p>Wrotham, Kent</p>
<p><b>Karen Tracey Blackett, OBE</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt  King, DL</p>	<p>a Marketing and  Advertising Company  President  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Chiswick, London</p>
<p><b>Professor Philip Charles Bond</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt  King, DL</p>	<p>a Consultant and University  Professor  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Chiswick, London</p>
<p><b>Harriet Jane Boughton, JP</b>  Ald. Alison Jane Gowman  Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes,  JP</p>	<p>a Solicitor  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Putney, London</p>
<p><b>Sir Matthew Christopher Bourne, OBE</b>  His Honour Judge Mark  Lucraft  Fiona Josephine Adler</p>	<p>a Theatre Director and  Choreographer  <i>Citizen and Founder</i>  <i>Citizen and Tobacco Pipe  Maker</i></p>	<p>Islington, London</p>



<p><b>Ezechi David Michael Britton, MBE</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt</i>  <i>King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Fintech Chief Executive Officer  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Eltham, London</p>
<p><b>Paul Brooks, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Private Equity Investor, retired  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Battersea, London</p>
<p><b>Dr Geoffrey Charles Browell</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt</i>  <i>King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Head of Archives  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Southall, Middlesex</p>
<p><b>Patrick O'Neil Brown</b>  <i>Deputy John William Fletcher</i>  <i>Munsur Ali, CC</i></p>	<p>an Estates Services Supervisor  <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>  <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p>	<p>Orpington, London</p>
<p><b>Charlotte Mary Buchanan, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Strategy Manager  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Tunbridge Wells, Kent</p>
<p><b>Kieran Richard David Buckley</b>  <i>Anthony Sharp</i>  <i>Simon Stuart Walsh</i></p>	<p>a Construction Company Director  <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>  <i>Citizen and Loriner</i></p>	<p>Loughton, Essex</p>
<p><b>Lady Jan Mary Carr, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Lay Magistrate  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Canterbury, Kent</p>
<p><b>Martin Carroll, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Metropolitan Police Officer, retired  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Kingsbury, London</p>
<p><b>Martino Giuseppe Alessandro Cartella</b>  <i>Paul Howard Thistlethwaite</i>  <i>Richard Alexander Samuel</i></p>	<p>a Consulting Company Director  <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Peterborough, Cambridgeshire</p>
<p><b>Simon Causer</b>  <i>Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley</i>  <i>Deputy Patricia Ann Holmes</i></p>	<p>a Corporate Head of Security  <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>  <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i></p>	<p>Watford, Hertfordshire</p>
<p><b>Lee John Chambers</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt</i>  <i>King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Psychologist  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Wesham, Lancashire</p>

<b>Jenovive Chinyere</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i>	<b>Chioma</b>  <i>Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	an Entrepreneur	Kennington, London
<b>Lauren Michelle Chiren</b> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i>		a Motivational Speaker <i>Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Filton, Bristol
<b>Alexander Clark</b> <i>Peter Grenville Cazalet Virginia Ann Bond</i>	<b>Lochlann</b>  <i>Citizen and Tallow Chandler Citizen and Cook</i>	a Chemistry Student	Leatherhead, Surrey
<b>Dr Joel Coles, JP</b> <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>		a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Chertsey, Surrey
<b>Peter Matthew Collins</b> <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>		a Charity Trustee <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Poplar, London
<b>Stephanie Conder, JP</b> <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<b>Elizabeth</b>  <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	a Solicitor, retired	Chiswick, London
<b>Pauline Margaret Ann Conroy, JP</b> <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>		a Bank Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire
<b>Anne Carter Lassen Cortazzi, JP</b> <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>		a Health Service Director, retired <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Paddington, London
<b>Andrew Claudio Gabrielle Croci</b> <i>David Michael Bole Christopher John Birch</i>		an Office Manager <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	Surbiton, Surrey
<b>Teresa Mary Crowley, JP</b> <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>		a School Careers Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	East Dulwich, London
<b>Bijal Tanuj Dalsania, JP</b> <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>		a Magistrate <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Edgware, London

<b>Jean Yves Alain Bernard Darcel</b>	a Restaurateur	Mitcham, Merton
<i>Gregory James Kirby</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Peter John Lambert</i>	<i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	
<b>Gurjinder Singh Dhaliwal</b>	an Artificial Intelligence Company Head of Growth	Stratford, London
<i>The Hon. Emily Sophia Wedgwood Benn</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	
<i>Andrew Paul Mayer</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	
<b>Shevelle Lloyd Richard Dynott</b>	an Actor and Dancer	Battersea, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<b>Professor David Edward Herbert Edgerton</b>	a University Professor	Chalk Farm, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<b>Dr Comfort Ekhurse Olubusola Ero</b>	a Non-Governmental Organisation President	Holloway, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<b>Elham Fardad</b>	a Social Entrepreneur	Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<b>Matthew John Fitzpatrick</b>	a Construction Labour Supply Company Chairman	Hillingdon, Middlesex
<i>Ald. Vincent Thomas Keaveny, CBE Vincent Dignam</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor Citizen and Carman</i>	
<b>Elizabeth Jacqueline Ford, JP</b>	a Biomedical Scientist	Waddon, London
<i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<b>Florence Rose Fox-Andrews</b>	an Investment Company Executive Director	Notting Hill, London
<i>Anthony Ben Charlwood Donald Newell</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
<b>Sarah Gander, JP</b>	a Solicitor	Bloomsbury, London
<i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<b>Cedric John Gerreyn</b>	a Gas Company Project Manager	Brockley, London
<i>Anthony Sharp Simon Stuart Walsh</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Loriner</i>	

<p><b>Sally Margaret Gilding, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Financial Services Company Director  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Wapping, London</p>
<p><b>Karen Ann Gill, MBE</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Women's Network Co-Founder  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Charlton, West Sussex</p>
<p><b>Dr Mohammad Mahdi Godazgar, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Lawyer  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Whitechapel, London</p>
<p><b>Francesco Jonathan Goedhuis</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>an Investment Management Company Chief Executive  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Belgravia, London</p>
<p><b>Dr Darrell Anthony Green</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Molecular Biologist  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Norwich, Norfolk</p>
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<p><b>Jacqueline Frances Haliday, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>an Art Dealer  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Notting Hill, London</p>
<p><b>Dr Caroline Hargrove, CBE</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Chief Technology Officer  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Kew, London</p>
<p><b>Dr Rashada Kamara Harry</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>an Enterprise Technologist  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Purley, Surrey</p>
<p><b>Miles Douglas Jason Hayward</b>  <i>Lord Robert George Alexander Lingfield, Kt, DL.</i>  <i>Nigel Anthony Chimmo Branson, JP</i></p>	<p>a Lifeguard  <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>  <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p>	<p>Brentwood, Essex</p>

<p><b>Alice Eleanor Emily Heard, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Safeguarding Manager  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Paddington, London</p>
<p><b>Joanna Linda Hunneybell</b>  <i>Robert James Ingham Clark</i>  <i>Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley</i></p>	<p>a Senior Project Manager  <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>  <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Woolwich, London</p>
<p><b>Naz Islam</b>  <i>Shahnan Bakth, CC</i>  <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>	<p>a Restaurateur  <i>Citizen</i>  <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Northampton,  Northamptonshire</p>
<p><b>Marc Stuart Jones</b>  <i>Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson</i>  <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i></p>	<p>a Police and Crime Commissioner  <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>  <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Fillingham, Lincolnshire</p>
<p><b>Gillian Angela Joseph</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Journalist  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Harrow, Middlesex</p>
<p><b>Professor Claire Elaine Jowitt</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>an Academic  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Framingham Pigot,  Norfolk</p>
<p><b>Caroline Mary Joy, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Solicitor, retired  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Bentley, Hampshire</p>
<p><b>Donald James Kennedy, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Photographic Company Director, retired  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Hammersmith, London</p>
<p><b>Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws Helena Ann Kennedy, KC</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Peer of the Realm and Barrister  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Hampstead, London</p>
<p><b>Oliver Guy Milton Kent, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>  <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i></p>	<p>a Television Producer  <i>Citizen and Glover</i>  <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Kensington, London</p>
<p><b>Vanessa Gathoni Kingori, OBE</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>  <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Media Company Managing Director  <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>  <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Acton, London</p>

<p><b>Wincie Viola Knight-Piau</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor  Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt  King, DL</i></p>	<p>an Inclusion Strategies  Director  <i>Citizen and World Trader  Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Tottenham, London</p>
<p><b>Jane Christine Knights</b>  <i>Andrew John Knights</i></p> <p><i>The Hon Simon Michael  Imbert</i></p>	<p>a Chartered Accountant  <i>Citizen and Security  Professional</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Security  Professional</i></p>	<p>Marlborough, Wiltshire</p>
<p><b>Laura Dzesika Krawczyk,  JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman  Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes,  JP</i></p>	<p>a Civil Servant    <i>Citizen and Glover  Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Maida Hill, London</p>
<p><b>Thomas Anthony Hedley  Leathart</b>  <i>Deputy Alastair Michael Moss  Deputy Andrien Gereith  Dominic Meyers</i></p>	<p>a Chartered Surveyor    <i>Citizen and Goldsmith  Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p>	<p>Goudhurst, Kent</p>
<p><b>Howard David Lewis, JP</b>    <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman  Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes,  JP</i></p>	<p>a Magistrate    <i>Citizen and Glover  Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>Potters Bar,  Hertfordshire</p>
<p><b>Richard Alexander Lewis</b>    <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma  Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p>	<p>a Civil Aviation Company  Director  <i>Citizen and Chartered  Accountant</i></p> <p><i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p>	<p>Stapleton, Bristol</p>
<p><b>Prof Dame Henrietta  Miriam Ottoline Leyser,  DBE</b>  <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor  Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt  King, DL</i></p>	<p>a Regius Professor of  Botany    <i>Citizen and World Trader  Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Cambridge,  Cambridgeshire</p>
<p><b>Daniel John Liversidge</b>    <i>Mark Richard Cooper  Nicholas Simon Coletta</i></p>	<p>a Children's Entertainment  Company Director  <i>Citizen and Basketmaker  Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>	<p>Enfield, London</p>
<p><b>Colonel Crispin  Alexander Lockhart,  LVO, MBE</b>  <i>Nicholas Michael Bensted-  Smith, CC  Colin Alan Gurley</i></p>	<p>a Livery Company Clerk    <i>Citizen and Loriner  Citizen and Loriner</i></p>	<p>Ipswich, Suffolk</p>
<p><b>Jacqueline Salomie  Macdonald-Davis, JP</b>  <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman  Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes,  JP</i></p>	<p>a National Health Service  Education Lead  <i>Citizen and Glover  Citizen and Pewterer</i></p>	<p>West Dulwich, London</p>
<p><b>George William Boorman  Major, JP</b></p>	<p>an Energy Consultant</p>	<p>Peckham, London</p>

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<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<b>Leon William Douglas Mann, MBE</b>	a Sports and E.D.I. Consultant	Walthamstow, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	
<i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i>	<i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<b>Jeffrey Seth Manton, JP</b>	a Communications Director, retired	Malmesbury, Wiltshire
<i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<b>David William McCorkell, DL</b>	a Businessman	Lisburn, County Antrim
<i>Christopher Desmond William McCorkell</i>		
<i>Rex Michael Thornborough, RD</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<b>Edward Brownlow McMullan, JP</b>	a Chartered Accountant	Fulham, London
<i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<b>Snigdha Kundu Misty</b>	a Women's Activist	Dagenham, Essex
<i>Shahnan Bakth, CC</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	
<i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
<b>Alison Rosalind Lillian Moore, JP</b>	a Headteacher, retired	Hatch End, Middlesex
<i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
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**Zeidler**  
*Justin Giles Joseph Morin-* Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer  
*Carpentier*  
*James Anthony Drabble* Citizen and Art Scholar

17.

Questions

George  
Abrahams to  
the Chair of  
the Natural  
Environment  
Board

### **Benefits of the City Corporation's open spaces**

The Town Clerk read out a question on behalf of George Abrahams to the Chair of the Natural Environment Board, which requested further information on how the benefits of the City Corporation's open spaces were valued and how the Court could help to support the spaces.

In reply, the Chair of the Natural Environment Board noted the City Corporation's commitment to its open spaces. Their benefits included providing a home for natural life, places for people to enjoy, several cultural and heritage assets and essential ecosystem services. These benefits were historically unrecognised and undervalued,

and the Board had recently commissioned a natural capital audit to capture their true value. The audit had produced outstanding results, showing the City Corporation's natural capital asset portfolio delivered an annual estimated value of £282.6m, with a present value of over £8.1bn over 50 years. The open spaces attracted 47m visitors every year, and the Chair cited the example of West Ham Park, which attracted enough visitors each year to fill the nearby London Stadium 35 times over. The value of the open spaces carbon sequestration was greater than that of the amount being spent on the City Corporation's carbon removals project over six years. The open spaces had an overall benefit to cost ratio of 16:3, which the Chair felt delivered excellent value for money.

The Town Clerk read out a supplementary question on behalf of George Abrahams, asking the Chair of the Board to do all she could to use the results of the research to raise awareness of the importance and value of the open spaces to a wide range of audiences, and to demonstrate the City Corporation as being world-leading in this work.

In reply, the Chair said the Board and the Natural Environment department planned to use the result of the audit in a range of ways. She wanted to raise awareness of the importance and value of the open spaces to a wide range of audiences, internally, locally, nationally and globally. The Chair also noted the opportunities for income generation through biodiversity credits, government grants and Community Infrastructure Levy funding from other local authorities. The research could establish a baseline to measure progress against, inform the City Corporation's priorities and build effective strategic and delivery partnerships.

Deputy Shравan Joshi asked a supplementary question, referring to the biodiversity policies promoting green spaces within the Square Mile in the Local Plan. He asked if there was a way to quantify the values for these areas from the natural capital audit, and to monitor their usage.

In reply, the Chair said that the audit had revealed that the network of open spaces in the Square Mile provided £126.8m worth of benefits to society annually, and a present value of £3.6b over 50 years. The spaces attracted 21m visitors a year, and plans were underway to harness this footfall in building the City of London into a world-leading leisure destination.

Greg Lawrence asked the Chair why she had compared West Ham Park to London Stadium, the home of West Ham United Football Club. In reply, the Chair said that she had been unable to resist.

Alderman Greg Jones asked if the audit could be used to examine any economic advantage that could be taken with surrounding developments and biodiversity net gains. In reply, the Chair said she saw no reason why this could not be explored.

James St. John Davis asked the Chair how the public good of the open spaces would be framed. In reply, the Chair provided details of the benefits the open spaces provided to all Londoners. She informed the Court of her upcoming appearance on BBC London to further promote the community value of the open spaces.

## **Electoral expenses**

Deputy  
Madush Gupta  
to the  
Chairman of  
the Policy and  
Resources  
Committee

Deputy Madush Gupta, noting the increased cost of election spending, asked the Policy and Resources Chairman if he agreed that it was time to seek statutory changes to lift permitted election expenses by a minimum of 87%.

The Chairman of the Committee was heard in reply, noting the complexity of the issue. There was no national system that the City could use as suggested in the question. The system governing expenses for local authority elections was provided by a different power to that of the City of London Corporation's election expenses, and national updates applied to spending limits for local elections elsewhere were not applicable to the City Corporation. Unlike the uplifts for local elections, the method of uprating rates in the City could only correspond to a change in the value of money. Provision for other types of local election could be uprated as a result of changes recommended by the Electoral Commission, which would not necessarily correlate with changes in the value of money. This was due to a difference in the drafting of the provisions in the Representation of the People Act 1983. The sums for the City were most recently updated in 2005 and the Chairman agreed that a review was long overdue, particularly due to the significant inflation over the intervening period. In February 2024, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that, subject to government agreement, the spending limit forward elections should rise from a lump sum of £266 plus 5.2p for each elector in the Ward List, to £385.70 plus 7.5p per elector. The calculation had been made on the basis of the GDP deflator index since the previous uplift. The report approved by the Committee had set out the reasons for using this measure opposed to other commonly used indexes. The City Remembrancer had advised that the agreed figure was likely to be acceptable to government, which the Chairman felt had to be an important consideration in any proposed sum. The Remembrancer's Office was meeting with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Chairman undertook to update Deputy Gupta on the outcomes of this meeting. Looking ahead, the Chairman was clear that the budget for City elections should be reviewed more regularly but felt the agreed path was the correct one.

## **Locum Tenens**

Locum Tenens

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

## **Construction work on Fleet Street**

John Griffiths  
to the  
Chairman of  
the Planning  
and  
Transportation  
Committee

John Griffiths asked the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee if he could help in resolving the delay in work on 120 Fleet Street, noting the impact it was having on the Fleet Street Conservation area.

The Chairman of the Committee was heard in reply. He shared the concerns shared by Mr Griffiths. The development was a critical scheme for the area, and the City more widely. The Chairman had requested and attended an urgent meeting with the development team. Although demolition of the existing buildings had already occurred, the Chairman confirmed that construction contracts had yet to be signed

and the works had paused. Senior City officers were in frequent discussions with the development team. The Chairman assured the Court that work continued to discharge the various planning conditions and agreements to facilitate delivery.

John Griffiths asked a supplementary question, seeking assurance that steps were being taken to secure the remaining Grade II listed building from squatters and dilapidation, and to seek a worthwhile meanwhile use from the developers until work could resume.

The Chairman replied to say that the condition and welfare of the listed building was of concern to all. It had been inspected by City officers and found to be both weather- and water-tight. The areas of special interest were protected and in good condition, and regularly cleaned and maintained. There was a 24/7 security presence on the site, and CCTV and motion alarms to prevent unauthorised access. Officers would continue to visit the site regularly. There were ongoing discussions with the developer to explore opening the building's historic ground floor to the public for meanwhile use, and a calendar of curated events, developed by officers and the Fleet Street Quarter BID, would be distributed in the spring.

Hugh Selka asked a supplementary question, asking the Chairman for his assessment of the scale of the problem of vacant sites and buildings across the City as a whole.

In reply, the Chairman said that development sites were continuously monitored. The temporary pause at 120 Fleet Street was an isolated example. The Square Mile was experiencing vigorous construction activity as planning schemes were implemented throughout the City, and the most recent Deloitte London Office Crane Survey had recorded the highest ever volume of new construction starts. The Chairman said that this demonstrated that the City remained a hugely popular and attractive choice for occupiers, and highlighted the big name occupiers who had actively moved back to the Square Mile.

Alderwoman Martha Grekos asked a supplementary question. She said 120 Fleet Street was not an isolated example, and noted that the development, along with several others in the City, were backed by Chinese capital. Highlighting the issues and potential risks this posed, she asked the Chairman what point there was in granting consent for schemes when the projects were delayed due to the problems of Chinese capital.

In reply, the Chairman disagreed with the Alderwoman's view of the Square Mile's real estate market and maintained that 120 Fleet Street was an isolated example. He reemphasised that the Planning Department remained in contact with developers and investors to ensure schemes came to fruition. The City Corporation's planning process addressed all applications which were submitted to it, and could not decide which it would consider. All applications had to be considered equally, regardless of the source of the financial backing, as long as the source remained legal.

Alderwoman Grekos asked a further supplementary question, asking if the Chairman would consider what other options could be explored to guarantee that developments were progressed.

The Chairman replied to say that he did not have the information to hand to answer the question and undertook to provide a written response.

### **Carbon emissions**

Eamonn Mullally asked the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee to provide assurance that all projects would follow the City Corporation's Whole Life-Cycle Carbon Options guidance on finding the best balance of carbon emissions when demolishing a structure.

Eamonn  
Mullally to the  
Chairman of  
the Planning  
and  
Transportation  
Committee

The Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee replied that the City Corporation's Carbon Options guidance set out a process by which developers could compare different options for a proposed development. It was adopted as a planning advice note, and developers were strongly recommended to follow the guidance. It applied to all major developments over 1000m<sup>2</sup> and for smaller developments where it was proposed not to retain the majority of the substructure and super structure. The guidance did not form part of the Local Plan, and was therefore not a firm requirement; however, *City Plan 2040* would set out a 'retro-fit first' approach, reinforcing the Carbon Options guidance and be a firm policy requirement. The guidance had been widely welcomed as providing a clear process for developers to follow, and since its adoption all major developments had followed the approach. The Chairman emphasised that the guidance was a tool to provide a basis for decision-making and allow exploration of options and their whole-life carbon impacts alongside wider sustainability and planning benefits. In some instances, demolition may remain the most suitable use for a site, whereas retention may be a better option in other cases.

Eamonn Mullally asked a supplementary question, seeking assurance that the City Corporation would apply the Carbon Options guidance to the Bastion House planning proposals.

The Town Clerk informed the Court that the 40-minute limit for questions had been reached, and all unanswered questions deferred to the next meeting of the Court or answered in writing.

## **18. BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD**

**(Tom Sleigh)**

24 January 2024

### **Barbican Centre Annual Report 2022-23**

The Court received a report of the Barbican Centre Board presenting its Annual Report for 2022/23

*Resolved* – That the report be noted.

## **19. PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Shravan Joshi)**

31 January 2024



## **Annual On-Street Parking Accounts 2022/23 and Related Funding of Highway Improvements and Schemes**

The Court considered a report of the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the submission of the Annual On-Street Parking Accounts 2021/22 to the Mayor of London.

*Resolved* – That the report be noted.

## 20. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)**

1 February 2024

### **(A) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Amendment to Standing Orders to reflect repeal of Section 618 of the Housing Act 1985**

The Court noted action taken, in accordance with Standing Order No. 19, to make editorial changes to the Court of Common Council's Standing Orders to reflect the repeal of provisions within Section 618 of the 1985 Housing Act.

Alderwoman Susan Pearson spoke to express her pleasure at the amendment to the Standing Orders and took the opportunity to thank the former City Remembrancer Paul Double, along with Nickie Aiken, MP for the Cities of London and Westminster, for their work in obtaining the repeal of the provisions. Alderwoman Pearson said that she had pushed for the changes, along with Deputy Randall Anderson and the late Mark Bostock, for the past five years, and hoped that it would help the voice of City's residents be heard a little more clearly.

*Resolved* – That the report be noted.

7 February 2024

### **(B) Report of Urgent Action Taken: London Councils Grant Scheme 2024/24 Levy**

The Court noted action taken by the City of London Corporation, in discharging its responsibility for issuing the annual levies for subscriptions to all the constituent councils of the London Councils Grant Scheme.

*Resolved* – That the report be noted.

21. There was no ballot taken at the last Court.  
Ballot  
Results

22. Legislation

### **Statutory Instruments**

**Date In Force**

**The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023  
(Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provisions)  
Regulations 2024**

31 January 2024

Brings into force many provisions of the Act, including that the Secretary of State may intervene to address excessive

financial risk to a local authority, requiring a local authority to obtain local support before altering a street name, setting out the publicity requirements for documents and notices issued as part of the compulsory purchase order (for instance a power to prescribe the form of notice to be published online), and about the valuation of the pre-development biodiversity value of an onsite habitat and of the enhancement of the biodiversity of a habitat\*.

\*this element only,  
12 February 2024

**The Online Safety Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2024** 31 January 2024

Brings into force provisions of Part 10 of the Act, namely those relating to threatening communications, sending or showing flashing images electronically (epilepsy trolling) and sending photographs or films of genitals (cyberflashing).

**The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2024** 11 March 2024

Specifies that operating a pensions dashboard service which connects to the Money and Pensions Service dashboards is a “regulated activity” for the purposes of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

*The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer’s office.*

Read.

23. There were no reports.  
Resolutions

24. There were no docquets.  
Docquets

25. Awards and Prizes There were no awards.

26. 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 (s) 2 and 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 that Act.

27. *Resolved*, that – the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.  
Non-public minutes

28. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Museum of London Relocation Programme: Phase 2**

The Court received a report concerning Phase 2 of the Museum of London Relocation Project.

29. **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BOARD**  
The Court considered a report in respect of a staffing matter.

30. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**(A) DITS Corporate Licence & Cloud Services Provider**

The Court received a report in respect of a procurement exercise.

**(B) Barbican Centre Catering**

The Court received a report in respect of a procurement exercise.

**(C) Architectural Services**

The Court received a report concerning a framework procurement exercise.

31. **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

**(A) City's Estate and City Fund: Disposal of Freehold**

The Court considered a report of the Investment Committee in respect of a Freehold disposal.

**(B) City's Estate: Disposal of Freehold**

The Court considered a report of the Investment Committee in respect of a Freehold disposal.

32. **CIVIC AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Court received a report of action taken under urgency procedures concerning applications for hospitality.

**The meeting commenced at 1.04pm and ended at 3.36pm**

**THOMAS.**