

Members' Supporting Statements

To be considered in conjunction with Items 5 (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and Item 6(A).

Candidates were invited to provide information in support of their application to join the various bodies and the following were received:-

Where appropriate:

** Denotes a Member standing for re-appointment by the Court of Common Council.*

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

Item 5 (A) - FIVE Members on the Policy and Resources Committee

***Deputy Rehana Ameer**

Amid fiscal challenges and our ambitious projects, the committee requires a Member who comprehends our inner workings and the changing global landscape. Alignment between these realms is vital for the success of the City's bold vision. With a track record of serving on P&R and my diverse international entrepreneurial experiences, I bring a wealth of insights to maintain this alignment, ensuring every pound spent drives efficiency and governance excellence, without compromising the voices of our residents, workers, and businesses. With a neutral stance fostering collaboration, I seek your vote to shape a Global City defined by innovation, inclusivity and prosperity.

Deputy Timothy Butcher

I'm seeking your support for P&R Committee.

Having joined the Court in 2022 the past two years have allowed me the opportunity to understand the workings of the Corporation before putting my name forward.

I offer an extensive business background as well as local government experience from elsewhere including serving on a P&R Committee. I am currently a member of the Buckinghamshire Cabinet responsible for Resources. I believe in listening to arguments and then asking searching questions.

The City Corporation has many challenges. Members establish the policy and hold Officers to account for implementation.

If elected I will add a valuable contribution to this committee.

Deputy Simon Duckworth

With an Investment, Tech and Policing background, I've focused on critical issues to our City and worked with many of our partners across London and Government. I helped lead many areas of Corporation activity when Deputy Chairman of P&R, and have chaired or served on a wide range of our Committees

I may also be one of the few current Members who has successfully negotiated City Funding with a Labour administration!

The Committee's work, developing strategy and implementing it, requires a team approach and I want to help foster genuine collaboration across the Court to help shape our City's future.

***Deputy Marianne Fredericks**

I'm seeking re-election to P&R.

Over my past four-year term I have:-

- Continued to advocate/raise issues for members who are not on P&R.
- Fully participated/contributed in meetings.
- High attendance rate.
- Successfully raised issues; Homelessness & Rough-Sleeping, Standards, Suicide Prevention, Planning/Environmental/Housing/Tenants water-refunds.

This has resulted in positive outcomes; a new rough-sleepers hostel & assessment centre, suicide prevention policies/initiatives, and addressing/financing our housing projects.

Whilst my contributions are not always welcomed by some, I believe they're an important part of our democratic and scrutiny role. If re-elected I will continue to be a passionate advocate for everyone.

Steve Goodman

Experience:

25 years in local government, 15 at director level
Founded successful SME (annual turnover, £3m)
OBE for services to child protection
Charity director

On the court:

Constructive contributions to finance, corporate services, CCS, PHES, BRC and education committees, - ask the chairs!

Chair, City Academy, Hackney

Member of several subcommittees and working parties

On Policy and Resources I will:

Bring experience of local government and SMEs
Make thoughtful and constructive contributions
Suggest strategic and policy ideas that are workable
Help the policy chair with his residential reset strategy
Keep focussed on doing what is best for our city

Deputy Madush Gupta

Why Madush Gupta?

The Corporation stands at a cliff edge financially; our enormous ambition is not supported by the numbers. Financial responsibility is the heart of our stewardship as elected members. I will:

1. bring professional financial skills (banking and accountancy) to P&R at most financially precarious moment since WWII
2. challenge our ambition to meets our financial envelope.
3. support officers to raise external investment innovatively
4. join the dots between Finance, Investment, Capital Buildings, P&R and Resource Allocation (RASC).
5. Challenge officers to lift annual investment income by £66m to £110m
6. hold members and officers' feet to the fire relentlessly to ensure our solvency

Jaspreet Hodgson

Since being elected to the Court two years ago I have gained broad experience of the Corporation by sitting on a wide range of committees (including Culture, Epping Forest, Planning, and Port Health, plus Christ's Hospital and the Girls' School), as well as deepening my knowledge by observing other committees, joining police patrols, and visiting the markets. It is on this firm foundation that I now seek to become an active and engaged member of P&R, contributing to policy decisions that require an overarching view, acting as a critical friend, and ensuring the views of the Court are reflected.

^Deputy Ann Holmes

As Chief, I have been in a position to take an overview of our policies and procedures and think I've demonstrated both diligence and a commitment to listening to members and seeking change where necessary. I have been an ex officio member of P and R and would appreciate the opportunity to continue to contribute as a member, particularly in seeking to improve our governance.

In addition to my experience as Chief, I bring considerable awareness of the Corporation and its ways of working, having served on 12 Grand Committees, four of which I've chaired.

Gregory Lawrence

I have spent my entire working life at Smithfield Market and was first elected to the Court in 1993 where I have worked for the good of the City as a whole. As an employer, I understand future generations and worry about the City's legacy to them.

I feel strongly that there is a clique of people who control Policy & Resources and who think they know better than the rest of us. Diversity of views is unwelcome and seen to be not in the best interests of the City.

The behaviour of the Court has changed.

We need CHANGE and so I ask you to vote for me.

***Deputy Andrien Meyers**

I have been a member of the Court for nearly eight years, four of which on P&R.

I have always played an active role and currently serve on three P&R sub's (RASC, Capital Buildings Board and Civic Affairs). However a notable example includes helping setup the EDI sub and Chairing it for the past two years.

I also Chair the Investment Committee and sit on Finance; both of which work closely with P&R and all other Committees.

If elected I will continue to bring my strong experience in Local Government, Investment and EDI; together with my collaborative approach to working with members to help shape our policies and strategies as one City.

^Deputy Alastair Moss

With 10 years on the Court and 21 years' service in local government, I am yet to contribute to this important committee other than as an ex officio member. In that time, I have worked in a collaborative and diligent manner with honourable members and officers on major policy, having successfully chaired our Corporate Services, Planning & Transportation and Investment Committees.

I am seeking your support to make an impact at policy level in my own right, having proven what I am capable of to further our collective aims to the benefit of all who rely upon the City Corporation.

^Ruby Sayed

I was serving on P&R ex officio, as Chair of DCCS.

Since my election 7 years ago, I have served on 19 committees or sub-committees and Chaired or Deputised for 5 of these.

This has given me considerable insight and experience on wide ranging aspects of the Corporation's work. Exercising good corporate governance, developing long and short-term higher-level policy in commercial and charitable sectors is a daily part of my professional life. I would welcome your support to help me use my skills and experience to continue making a positive contribution to this important Committee.

Naresh Sonpar

As Deputy Chair of Education Board and Chair of the successful Careers Festival, living and working in the City for 45+ years gives me a unique perspective on how I believe the City can continue to grow for business, workers and residents. My experience and skills in business and senior educational leadership enable me to analyse and evaluate the opportunities and challenges we face. Acute shortages of talent are a key challenge facing our drive forward in innovation and delivery of our strategy. For example, I have taught disadvantaged students to achieve successful careers in the City using Bloomberg terminals enabling them to gain Internships to demonstrate their usefulness to financial institutions.

Deputy Dawn Wright

Having served as a CC for nearly 5 years I think I now have a reasonable grasp of the workings of the City of London. I am currently Chair of Digital Services and FRACCAS (new action fraud procurement committee) Both of these Grand Committees are not represented at P&R.

With the new digital strategy about to be published, the ERP system implementation, new digital infrastructure about to be agreed and the use of AI on the increase, I truly believe these committees should have a voice on P&R.

I will obviously bring my no-nonsense common-sense approach if elected.

Item 5 (B) THREE Members on The City of London Police Authority Board

***Jason Groves**

The City of London Police face some crucial short-term challenges; I'm seeking your endorsement to continue tackling them.

Ensuring the CoLP maintains both high standards and cross-party support for its national lead role for fraud and economic crime, and its lead role on cyber, will be a key task for the board over the coming years.

We also need to ensure that the CoLP builds even stronger relations with residents and businesses across the City, forming resilient partnerships that can tackle the wide range of crimes faced.

These issues have been my focus and will remain so if I'm re-elected.

Deputy Madush Gupta

Having served for over a year on its Economic and Cyber Crime Committee, I would like to bring the experience and insight I've gained to the Police Authority Board itself. My priority, if elected, is to help the local community where I have lived for 26 years and increase Police engagement with firms across the City, ensuring the City is safe for children, workers and residents. A recent spate of scooter phone snatching has alarmed and frightened my constituents and family.

I have a deep admiration for those who serve and wish to repay their steadfast service in kind.

***Alderman Timothy Hailes**

It has been an honour to serve on PAB during a period of great change and growth for our unique police service in The City and to chair its key resources and estates committee ("RREC").

I am seeking re-election to complete the remaining work necessary to set the police finances onto a firm medium-term foundation and to finalise the outstanding decisions on the estate footprint for the next few years.

I would be grateful for colleagues continued support and confidence for a renewed term. Thank you.

Jacqui Webster

I am passionate about community policing and being able to contribute to a world leading policing programme in the City of London.

I am Chief Executive of a charity focussed on building cohesion and equity, I contribute to programmes including the Community Resilience Partnership – multi-agency approach to community safety and policing.

I have developed a publicity campaign to promote multi-agency approaches to safer neighbourhoods, building relationships, promoting opportunities for young people highlighting the excellent work of local policing.

I've worked on public information campaigns including Acquisitive Crime, supporting Chief Police officers to carry out interviews across national press and radio.

Item 5 (C) THREE Members on the Gresham Committee (City Side)

***Deputy Keith Bottomley**

Gresham College has been providing free public lectures since 1597, when Sir Thomas Gresham founded the college to bring the 'new learning' to Londoners.

The College continues to seek to optimise its operations, outreach, and impact.

I have knowledge and experience in education, business strategy, marketing, and communications, all of which are at the heart of the ongoing business development and management of the college, working in partnership, as we do, with the Mercers' Company.

I therefore seek re-election for a second term, with your support, in order that I can continue to contribute to the work of the Committee.

***Deputy Charles E Lord**

I am seeking re-election to the Committee as I reach the end of my first year as Chair and also as Vice-Chair of Gresham College Council, where I chair the Nominations Committee. In 2023, I led the recruitment of the College's new Executive Director and am now leading the search for a new Chair of College Council. The year ahead will be busy as the College negotiates its next five-year funding settlement with the Corporation and Mercers' Company, which is often a very delicate balancing act. I would welcome the Court's support for re-election and in the Committee's work.

Timothy McNally

I am a Member of the Gresham Society and believe that its unique and free offering of lectures of the highest quality is something that we should all support. I was one of the very few members who attended their AGM this year. I have also personally visited the Gresham's Almshouses in Brixton that the City of London manage.

Deputy Alpa Raja

I have attended various lectures at Gresham college over the years from my university days to present. I have always admired the scope and diverse range of speakers as well as providing an excellent networking platform.

Its attraction of free and minimal cost of events is a huge attraction to many in our city. I am keen to get involved and be vocal on its future programme content to ensure there is more diversity and attract more youth representation, so that it thrives further in years to come.

Ruby Sayed

Many members will be aware that I am passionate about education, training and continued learning. I firmly believe in and admire Gresham's inclusive ethos and commitment and motto to learning. "For the love of learning".

Gresham has a long and historic relationship with the legal profession which resonates with me as a Barrister. I often listen to Gresham lectures.

I would welcome the opportunity of serving on this committee and ask for your support.

***Philip Woodhouse**

I have a very close working relationship with the Mercers Company vital to this committee. The responsibility of continuing Sir Thomas Gresham's last will and testament is a challenge I relish. I have a good working knowledge of the charity and am close to the tenants in the Royal Exchange and support the lectures available to all (now on British Airways). My Livery Committee chairmanship been useful in growing a wider awareness in Gresham's activities. I would like to assist with maximising the need to continue this exceptional charity and ask please for your support for another three years. Thankyou.

Item 5(D) THREE Members on the Barbican Centre Board

Brendan Barns

In 2002 I founded the London Business Forum, a City based events company which has organised over 500 events with some of the world's leading performers. I have over 20 years of leadership, strategy and commercial experience. I can deliver the financial oversight and governance required by this role. In addition I can help drive the Barbican Renewal project forward within a revised corporate framework. I am determined to see the bathrooms on the lower ground floor restored to full functionality. Given my background in business education, innovation and skills I can help guide the Barbican through the challenges ahead.

***Tijs Broeke**

I am seeking your support to continue my work as board member of the Barbican Centre. Over the last 3 years I have been an active and fully engaged board member supporting the institution through change of management and Covid. With important decisions ahead on Barbican Renewal with your vote I hope to be able to provide continuity in the Corporation's engagement as main funder of this amazing cultural organisation in the heart of our City.

Aaron D'Souza

I am a huge champion of the role arts and culture should play in society and in the City's present and future. For the past year I have advised leading TMT organisations

and IP owners on how to innovate business models and embrace digital ecosystems. I have previously helped the National Theatre and Shakespeare's Globe attract new audiences and explore Web3, NFTs and the metaverse to enhance offerings and create ancillary revenues. I've enjoyed supporting the Barbican Centre for the past decade and would be excited and privileged to contribute to the success of our treasured institution with your support.

Alderman Nicholas Lyons

Culture plays a critical role in any community. Given the impending Renewal capital project, the Board will need to focus more than ever on driving a business model that delivers our community goals. Managing change lies at the heart of everything I have done on Boards, in philanthropy and as Lord Mayor. I have been involved as Trustee or Patron with various visual and performing arts organisations (currently, East Anglia Art Fund and Music Masters) and as Governor of schools where the co-curricular agenda is central. I am keen to make my contribution to the success of this vital amenity.

***Deputy Alpa Raja**

Having served a 1- year term, I am keen to be re-elected and utilise the complexed knowledge and training gained.

I have been attending the Barbican centre over the last 30 years. I am passionate about the performing Arts and keen on promoting diversity and youth representation. The Barbican is a great City Asset, however has challenges on its future. I have been vocal in my views on how it can survive, on its own merit and through restructuring, so that it can continue to be a leading Arts centre in the square mile.

Anett Rideg

I joined the Barbican Centre as a member in 2004 and have been an enthusiastic consumer of its cutting-edge art programme ever since. I believe my expertise as an MBA qualified finance and procurement professional would benefit the Board greatly during its ambitious Barbican Renewal Programme, which is a challenging prospect in the current economic climate. As a resident, I would also seek to foster strong relations between the Centre and its surrounding communities.

My collaborative working style coupled with my passion for culture would make me an ideal candidate to complement the vast talent of the existing Board.

Jacqui Webster

I am the Chief Executive of a charity that embeds cultural empowerment and partnership at the heart of its programme - from producing and delivering the annual Shoreditch Festival through to partnerships with world leading dance, music and theatre organisations. Cultural programmes improve the wellbeing and quality of life of individuals and communities.

I would be honoured to serve on the board of such an important art centre, supporting colleagues through a significant phase of development, building a world leading programme that continues to connect communities, businesses and artists to the rich cultural landscape of the City of London.

Item 5(E) FOUR Members on the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama

***Deputy Randall Anderson**

I have been the Deputy Chair of the Guildhall School for the last three years and hope to Chair it next year. Between Covid and the financial challenges facing higher education, these have been difficult years. The students and staff have more than risen to the challenge and the school is now the highest rated conservatoire in the country. Significant progress has been made on addressing the financial challenges but more needs to be done and I hope to be re-elected to the Board so I can help accomplish this.

Brendan Barns

In 2002 I founded the London Business Forum, a City based events company which has organised over 500 events with some of the world's leading performers. I have over 20 years of leadership, strategy and commercial experience. I am perfectly placed to deliver the financial oversight and governance required by this role. In addition I am an ideal ambassador to celebrate the talent of the School and help ensure the School retains number one UK status in Arts, Drama & Music. As a youngster I played the piano, violin and trombone (not all at the same time).

Caroline Haines

Having completed my extended term as Chair of the Education Board, Chair of Governors at NCS, COLAT Trustee and Company Member, I intend to remain on the Education Board for the foreseeable future and would like to offer my skills and experience to the Board at GSMD. This would not only continue the links built over my time as Chair EB but also those with the Livery (especially as Immediate Past Master Educator), my mentoring of their students over decades and my own experience in the creative and performing arts.

Suzanne Ornsby

I am passionate about the Arts and education and would be honoured to serve the City of London at the GSMD.

I have over 25 years' experience of governance in the educational sector with particular focus on the performing arts and was responsible for the oversight of the design and delivery to time and cost of a theatre.

I teach advocacy skills in the Middle Temple which has strong links with the acting profession and chair the marketing committee in my Chambers where promotion and its achievement at best value is understood.

Deputy Alpa Raja

I have a strong passion for music, drama and the Arts. I am involved with a mental health choir and understand the importance music has on mental health and well-being. I have attended various events and concerts at the Guildhall school of music since my university days in London.

I know the school has various challenges and with my restructuring background with strong interpersonal skills would be keen to assist and help with any transitions and ensure its prosperity continues on. I would be keen to get involved in its various outreach projects to attract a diverse and energetic vision.

Item 5(F) ONE Member on the Health and Wellbeing Board

^Ruby Sayed

I am currently the Deputy Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board. I would like to continue in this role, if possible, in order to continue supporting the Chair. Until now, I have served on HWB ex officio as Chair of CCS.

In my capacity as Deputy, I am due to co-chair a subcommittee with Hackney - with whom we work in partnership and jointly commission some services. This new subcommittee is in the process of being established and I would appreciate your support so that I can see this through to fruition.

Ceri Wilkins

I would like to join the Health & Wellbeing board as I am already a member of CCS, City & Hackney Health and Care Board & Integrated Care Board Sub Committee and Safeguarding Sub-Committee all of which I feel will aid me in having a lot to add in joining the Health & Wellbeing Board. I am a City resident and a Member of the largest residential ward and so I believe I have a good understanding of the wide range of the needs of the communities that will benefit most directly from the work of the board.

Item 6(A) FOUR Members on the Community and Children's Services Committee

Munsur Ali

I am a long term City resident, a father of two children, and vary familiar with issues faced by residents, especially those on low income and feel many services are inaccessible to them.

In addition to English, I speak both dialects of Bengali (including Sylheti) as well as Hindi and Urdu.

I have been working in the cultural sector for two decades. I am also a founding trustee of a creative charity. I believe my background will immensely continue to benefit the committee and through that the people we serve.

Dawn Frampton

As a resident of the Golden Lane Estate, a mother who has pushed for and continues to push for better youth services within the City, and with my experience of working in a school setting, including a specialist outreach service, a special needs school and currently a local authority maintained primary school in Central London, I would be a good representative for this Committee. In my current role, part of my job is to keep staff vetting up to date under the Disclosure and Barring Service safeguarding arrangements and to maintain and conduct all safer recruitment in our school community.

Steve Goodman

I am a qualified social worker. I previously led both childrens and community services in Hackney.

I have sat on CCS for two years and I think I have made a useful contribution.

I have become increasingly interested in the social housing services that we provide and the need to develop appropriate strategies going forward.

If elected, I would want to continue to contribute my experience and knowledge of children and community services but also to increasingly focus on the social housing agenda.

I am currently a member of the Housing Management Almshouses sub-committee.

Natasha Lloyd-Owen

As a resident, now raising my 4-month old son in the city, I know how important the work of this committee is. As a previous member I particularly focused on improving the services available to young people (as the Lead Member for Young People), the city's strategy for tackling homelessness and rough sleeping and our support for carers during the pandemic. With my professional background in public inquiries, inquests and criminal law I will bring energy, ideas and real scrutiny to this committee.

Jacqui Webster

I am Chief Executive of a local charity, working with people to improve their physical and mental health, develop social networks, and increase social cohesion.

I have led on the design and delivery of programmes that put people at the heart of services from large Public Health and NHS commissions to smaller initiatives like peer-led group activities to tackle isolation.

Over two decades, I have developed programmes for young people experiencing adverse childhood experiences; women experiencing multiple disadvantages in pregnancy and early parenthood; older people and people with long term health conditions, including stroke survivors and those experiencing social isolation.