



MAINELLI, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

25th April 2024
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr (Alderman)
Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman (Alderman)
Sir Peter Estlin (Alderman)
Alison Gowman (Alderman)
Prem Goyal OBE (Alderman)
Martha Grekos (Alderwoman)

Timothy Russell Hailes (Alderman)
Robert Picton Seymour Howard (Alderman)
Robert Charles Hughes-Penney (Alderman)
Vincent Keaveny CBE (Alderman)
Alastair John Naisbitt King DL (Alderman)
Dame Susan Langley, DBE (Alderwoman & Sheriff)

Tim Levene (Alderman)
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman
Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli (Alderman)
Christopher Makin (Alderman)
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley (Alderman)
Susan Jane Pearson (Alderwoman)
Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell (Alderman)

COMMONERS

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie MBE
George Christopher Abrahams
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Shahnan Bakth
Jamel Banda
Brendan Barns
Matthew Bell
Ian Bishop-Laggett
Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy
Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy
Tijis Broeke
Timothy Richard Butcher, Deputy
Henry Nicholas Almroth
Colthurst, Deputy
Anne Corbett, Deputy
Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan
D'Souza
Simon Duckworth, Deputy OBE
DL
Chief Commoner Peter Gerard
Dunphy, Deputy
Mary Durcan JP
John Ernest Edwards, Deputy
Helen Lesley Fentimen OBE JP

Anthony David Fitzpatrick
John William Fletcher, Deputy
John Foley
Dawn Frampton
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, Deputy
Steve Goodman OBE
John Griffiths
Jason Groves
Madush Gupta, Deputy
Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy
Jaspreet Hodgson
Ann Holmes, Deputy
Amy Horscroft
Michael Hudson
Wendy Hyde
Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones
MBE
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, Deputy MBE
Elizabeth Anne King, Deputy
BEM JP
Gregory Alfred Lawrence
Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen
Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP, Deputy

Paul Nicholas Martinelli, Deputy
Andrew Paul Mayer
Catherine McGuinness CBE
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie JP
Timothy James McNally
Wendy Mead OBE
Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers, Deputy
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy BEM
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
Eamonn James Mullally
Benjamin Daniel Murphy
Graham Packham
Judith Pleasance
James Henry George Pollard, Deputy
Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Jason Paul Pritchard
Nighat Qureishi, Deputy
Alpa Raja, Deputy
Anett Rideg
David Sales
Ruby Sayed

Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
MBE
Oliver Sells KC
Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson, Deputy
Tom Sleigh
Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy
Naresh Hari Sonpar
James St John Davis
Mandeep Thandi
James Michael Douglas
Thomson, Deputy
Luis Felipe Tilleria
James Richard Tumbridge
Shailendra Kumar Kantilal
Umradia
William Upton KC
Ceri Wilkins
Glen David Witney
Philip Woodhouse
Dawn Linsey Wright, Deputy
Irem Yerdelen

1. Chief
Commoner

Pursuant to the decision of the Court of 12 October 2023, the Lord Mayor invited Peter Dunphy to take up the office of Chief Commoner for the ensuing year.

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

Resolved unanimously – 'That this Honourable Court wishes to extend to

Deputy Ann Holmes

Its sincere gratitude for the manner in which she has undertaken the role of Chief Commoner for 2023/24.

Ann's year commenced at the same time of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. During this period, in the spring of 2023, the long-established close relationship between the City and Crown were brought to the fore and was ultimately marked with a dinner at the Mansion House in the Autumn, at which Their Majesties the King and Queen attended and partook in a historic ceremony that takes place upon the first visit of the new Sovereign to the City of London. Ann's involvement with the complex arrangements were conducted with her usual ease, pragmatism and enjoyment.

Of course, this was one of many high profile civic and ceremonial engagements of national importance over the past twelve months. Later in the year, the Chief played an integral role in the arrangements for the first State Banquet at Guildhall under the King's reign, marking the visit of His Excellency Yoon Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea and his wife, Mrs Kim Keon. Ann performed her duties superbly and offered great support in arrangements, ensuring the event's success.

Other highlights marking the Chief Commoner's tenure include the Civic Dinner Programme, for which Ann embodied the City Corporation's unique convening power by ensuring that diverse and eclectic groups of people were brought together. A theme she took forward by taking active interest in the Faith and Diversity events hosted by the Guildhall. Finally on the aspect of ceremonial, it should not go without recognition that Ann took the arrangements for the Lighting Up Deputation in her stride, with some heralding it as one of the funniest they had ever seen.

Beyond these events, Ann's year in office has, crucially, been defined by the energy and determination she has demonstrated in tackling some of the more confronting matters of this Honourable Court. Unwavering, as Chair of the newly established Member Development and Standards Sub-Committee, Ann spearheaded and successfully implemented a new approach to informal conflict resolutions between Members. Her continuous pastoral support informed by countless meetings with Members and an 'open door' policy has been fundamental to changing the culture and ways of working. This is a significant legacy which has undoubtedly benefitted all Members of this Honourable Court and, indeed, future Honourable Courts.

In her role as Chair, Ann has also capably promoted the development of a comprehensive Member Learning and Development Strategy, supporting the delivery of tens of training opportunities for Members over the course of the last six months alone, and has already set the ball rolling for a first-class induction programme for the all-out elections next year in 2025. This programme far exceeds what we have had in place for previous years and has benefitted immensely from her personal skills, experience and expertise in education and training.

In implementing all of these workstreams, Ann has not foregone her extensive committee responsibilities, regularly attending meetings not only of her own Committees, but of many others, keeping her finger firmly on the pulse of the wider Court and areas of burgeoning interest.

In taking their leave of the Chief Commoner and in thanking her formally and sincerely, her colleagues wish to express their appreciation not only to Ann, but also to David, who, with unfailing discernment, good humour and generosity, has supported the Chief Commoner over this past year. We thank them both for their hospitality, selflessness, and drive for improvement, and wish them both good health and happiness for many years to come.'

Deputy Ann Holmes was heard in reply, expressing her thanks to the Court.

2. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
3. There were none.
Declarations
4. Minutes *Resolved* - That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded, as amended.
5. White Paper: Appointment of Committees The Court proceeded to make the annual appointment of Committees. Members received an addendum to the report, highlighting those amendments required to the White Paper since its publication with the agenda.

Resolved – That:

1. the several Committees, as listed and amended, be appointed until the first meeting of the Court in April, 2025; and that the terms of reference and constitutions, with the various amendments highlighted, be also approved; and
2. Standing Order 29(2) be waived for the Barbican Residential Committee for the 2024/25 civic year, on the basis that the Barbican Residential Committee is at a critical stage in overseeing the Barbican Estate Office Transformation Programme and related projects, and that continuity of leadership on the Committee is crucial for the successful delivery of the recommendation by Independent Consultants, Altair.

The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments:-

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.

(A) **Policy & Resources Committee** (Five vacancies)

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Rehana Ameer
Deputy Timothy Butcher
Deputy Simon Duckworth OBE DL
*Deputy Marianne Fredericks
Steve Goodman OBE
Deputy Madush Gupta
Jaspreet Hodgson
^Deputy Ann Holmes
Gregory Lawrence
*^Deputy Andrien Meyers
^Deputy Alastair Moss
^Ruby Sayed
Naresh Sonpar
Deputy Dawn Wright

Read.

(B) City of London Police Authority Board (Three vacancies)

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Jason Groves
Deputy Madush Gupta
*Alderman Timothy Hailes JP
Jacqui Webster

Read.

(C) Gresham Committee (City Side) (Three vacancies)

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Keith Bottomley
*Deputy Charles Edward Lord OBE JP
Timothy McNally
Deputy Alpa Raja
Ruby Sayed
*Philip Woodhouse

Read.

(D) Barbican Centre Board (Three vacancies)

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Brendan Barns
*^Tijis Broeke
Aaron D'Souza
Alderman Nicholas Lyons

Deputy Alpa Raja
Anett Rideg
Jacqui Webster

Read.

- (E) **Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama** (Four vacancies)

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Randall Anderson
Brendan Barns
Caroline Haines
Suzanne Ornsby KC
Deputy Alpa Raja

Read.

- (F) **Health and Wellbeing Board** (One vacancy)

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

^Ruby Sayed
Ceri Wilkins

Read.

- (G) **Audit & Risk Management Committee** (Two vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations received:-

Deputy Elizabeth King BEM JP
Alderman Kawsar Zaman

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Elizabeth King BEM JP and Alderman Kawsar Zaman to be appointed to the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

- (H) **Pensions Committee** (Three vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Timothy Butcher
*Deputy Madush Gupta
Alderman Gregory Jones KC

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Timothy Butcher, Deputy Madush Gupta and Alderman Gregory Jones KC to be appointed to the Pensions Committee.

(I) **Digital Services Committee** (Three vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations received:-

*Ian Bishop-Laggett

*Deputy Madush Gupta

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Ian Bishop-Laggett and Deputy Madush Gupta to be appointed to the Digital Services Committee.

(J) **Education Board** (Three vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

Deputy Elizabeth King BEM JP

Ruby Sayed

*Naresh Sonpar

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Elizabeth King BEM JP, Ruby Sayed and Naresh Sonpar to be appointed to the Education Board.

(K) **Corporate Services Committee** (Two vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

*Deputy Henry Colthurst

Benjamin Murphy

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Henry Colthurst and Benjamin Murphy to be appointed to the Corporate Services Committee.

(L) **Epping Forest & Commons Committee** (One vacancy)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

Jaspreet Hodgson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jaspreet Hodgson to be appointed to the Epping Forest & Commons Committee.

(M) **Natural Environment Board and West Ham Park Committee** (Two vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

Deputy Anne Corbett

*James St John Davis

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Anne Corbett and James St. John Davis to be appointed to the Natural Environment Board and West Ham Park Committee.

(N) **Barbican Residential Committee** (Two vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

*Deputy Anne Corbett

*John Foley

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Anne Corbett and John Foley to be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee.

(O) **Licensing Committee** (Three vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

*Anthony Fitzpatrick

*Deputy Marianne Fredericks

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Anthony Fitzpatrick and Deputy Marianne Fredericks to be appointed to the Licensing Committee.

(P) **Markets Board** (Four vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

*Hugh Selka

*James Tumbridge

*Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Hugh Selka, James Tumbridge and Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Markets Board.

(Q) **Civic Affairs Sub-Committee** (Three vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

Deputy Charles Edward Lord OBE JP

Timothy McNally

*James St John Davis

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Charles Edward Lord OBE JP, Timothy McNally and James St. John Davis to be appointed to the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee.

(R) **Equality Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee** (Two vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

*Dr Joanna Abeyie

*Judith Pleasance

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Dr Joanna Abeyie and Judith Pleasance to be appointed to the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee.

(S) **Capital Buildings Board** (Two vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

Deputy Madush Gupta

*Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Madush Gupta and Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Capital Buildings Board.

(T) **Member Development and Standards Sub-Committee** (Two vacancies)

(Uncontested)

Nominations Received:-

*Eamonn Mullally

*Deputy Nighat Qureishi

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Eamonn Mullally and Deputy Nighat Qureishi to be appointed to the Member Development and Standards Sub-Committee.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on each of the foregoing contested vacancies, including those listed at Item 6 on the agenda.

The Lord Mayor appointed the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, or their representatives, to be the scrutineers of the ballots.

Resolved – That the votes be counted at the conclusion of the Court and the results printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

6.
Appointments
to
Vacancies on
Ward
Committees

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to vacancies on Ward Committees.

(A) **Community and Childrens Services Committee** (Four vacancies)

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Munsur Ali

Dawn Frampton

Steve Goodman OBE

Natasha Lloyd-Owen

Jacqui Webster

Read.

(B) Finance Committee (One vacancy)

(Uncontested)

Nominations received:-

Philip Woodhouse

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Philip Woodhouse to be appointed to the Finance Committee.

(C) Port Health and Environmental Services Committee (One vacancy)

(Uncontested)

Nominations received:-

Deputy Elizabeth King BEM JP

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Elizabeth King BEM JP to be appointed to the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.

(D) Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee (One vacancy)

(Contest)

Nominations received:-

Aaron D'Souza.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Aaron D'Souza to be appointed to the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee.

7. Mayoral
engagements

The Lord Mayor provided the Court with an update on his recent engagements, including visits to Hong Kong and China, and Italy, and the Lord Mayor's Children's Party.

8. Policy
Statement

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity to provide a statement, informing the Court of the plans to refresh the Destination City programme as well as his recent trips to Switzerland, Manchester and the Golden Lane Estate.

9. **Finance Committee**

(Deputy Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst)

9 April 2024

Central London Works – additional grant funding and increase in contract value

The Court considered a report of the Finance Committee concerning a funding agreement.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council approves:

- a) The signing of an addendum to the Finance and Costings Framework with DWP to enable the receipt of this £2.5m.
- b) The increase of the contract value of Central London Works by £2.5m.

10. Motions

Resolved - To note action taken under urgency provision in respect of various Ward Committee appointments:

Mooney BEM,
B., Deputy;
Dunphy, P.,
Deputy

(A) By Deputy Brian Mooney

“That Alderman Alastair King be appointed to the Planning & Transportation Committee with effect from 10 April 2024, in the room of Deputy Brian Mooney,

for the Ward of Queenhithe.”

Mooney BEM,
B., Deputy;
Dunphy, P.,
Deputy

(B) By Deputy Brian Mooney

Resolved – “That Deputy Brian Mooney be re-appointed to the Planning & Transportation Committee with effect from 15 April 2024, in the room of Alderman Alastair King, for the Ward of Queenhithe.”

King BEM JP,
L., Deputy;
Dunphy, P.,
Deputy

(C) By Deputy Elizabeth King

“That Natasha Lloyd-Owen be appointed to the Planning & Transportation Committee with effect from 11 March 2024, in the room of Jacqui Webster, for the Ward of Cripplegate.”

King BEM JP,
L., Deputy;
Dunphy, P.,
Deputy

(D) By Deputy Elizabeth King

“That Natasha Lloyd-Owen be appointed to the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee with effect from 11 March 2024, in the room of Jacqui Webster, for the Ward of Cripplegate.”

King BEM JP,
L., Deputy;
Dunphy, P.,
Deputy

(E) By Deputy Elizabeth King

“That Deputy Anne Corbett be appointed to the Planning & Transportation Committee with effect from 10 April 2024, in the room of Natasha Lloyd-Owen, for the Ward of Cripplegate.”

Wright, D.,
Deputy;
Dunphy, P.,
Deputy

(F) By Deputy Dawn Wright

“That Deputy Dawn Wright be appointed to the Planning & Transportation Committee with effect from 10 April 2024, in the room of Michael Cassidy, for the Ward of Coleman Street.”

Anderson, R.,
Deputy;
Dunphy, P.,
Deputy

(G) By Deputy Randall Anderson

“That Steve Goodman be appointed to the Planning & Transportation Committee with effect from 10 April 2024, in the room of Deputy Randall Anderson, for the Ward of Aldersgate.”

11.

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.

Jonathan Paul Amess an Asset Management Battersea, London

Company Director

Anthony Ben Charlwood *Citizen and Basketmaker*

Donald Newell *Citizen and Pattenmaker*

John Robert Andrews an Investment Manager Horsham, West Sussex

Anthony Ben Charlwood *Citizen and Basketmaker*

Donald Newell *Citizen and Pattenmaker*

Jones Edem Aniclo a Police Officer Canning Town, London

Howard Andre Beber *Citizen and Poulter*

Kevin George Howard *Citizen and Loriner*

a City of London Guide Welling, London

Timothy Blakeley Austin*Martin John Davies**Citizen and Scrivener**Robert Stanley Harrison**Citizen and Scrivener***Shabana Kaifi Azmi**

an Actress & Social Activist

Mumbai, India

*Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL**Citizen and Blacksmith**Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney BEM**Citizen and Common Councillor***Iona Josephine Bain**

a Writer & Broadcaster

West Kensington, London

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor**Citizen and World Trader**Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL**Citizen and Blacksmith***Steven Michael Barrett**

a Property Developer and Engineer

Waddon, London

*Ann-Marie Jefferys**Citizen and Glover**Anne Elizabeth Holden**Citizen and Basketmaker***Sir William Blackledge Beaumont, GBE DL**

Chairman of World Rugby

Lytham, Lancashire

*Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell**Citizen and Haberdasher**Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP**Citizen and Broderer***Dr Diana Jane Beech**

a Higher Education Association Chief Executive

Beckenham, London

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor**Citizen and World Trader**Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL**Citizen and Blacksmith***Maxine Jane Benson, MBE**

a Women Network Company Co-Founder

Poole, Dorset

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor**Citizen and World Trader**Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL**Citizen and Blacksmith***Trevor Robert Bird**

an Insurance Company Director

Coulsdon, Surrey

*Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney BEM**Citizen and Common Councillor**Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL**Citizen and Blacksmith***Robert James Brant**

a Law Firm Managing Partner

Chiswick, London

*The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor**Citizen and World Trader**Ald. Robert Charles Hughes-Penney**Citizen and Haberdasher***David Michael Braybrook**

a Special Educational Needs Consultant

Hawes, North Yorkshire

*CC John Ross Foley**Citizen and Wax Chandler**Richenda Carey**Citizen and Feltmaker***Anne Margaret Brister, JP**

a Civil Servant

Wimbledon, London

*Ald. Alison Jane Gowman**Citizen and Glover**Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP**Citizen and Pewterer*

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| Anthony David Norman Brummitt <i>Major Anthony Hugh Samuel Gabb, TD</i> <i>David Anthony Bickmore</i> | an Independent Financial Adviser <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> | Mortlake, London |
| Sebastian Liam Hammond Carroll <i>Veronica Anne Spofforth</i> <i>David Mark Spofforth, OBE</i> | a Student <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Horner</i> | Kensington, London |
| Christopher Mark Clay, JP <i>Simon Stuart Walsh</i> <i>Rev Gary Laurence Powell</i> | a Civil Celebrant <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> | Doncaster, South Yorkshire |
| Clare Jane Connor <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i> | a Dance School Chief Executive <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> | Forest Gate, London |
| Daniel Mark Coshall <i>Steven William Tamcken</i> <i>Andrew Paul Mayes</i> | an Office Supplies Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> | Bexleyheath, Kent |
| Neil Richard Craze <i>Tony Robert Pattison</i> <i>Deputy James Henry George Pollard</i> | an Investment Manager <i>Citizen and Needle-maker</i> <i>Citizen and Skinner</i> | West Wimbledon, London |
| Tracy Anne Dowling <i>Steven William Tamcken</i> <i>Andrew Paul Mayes</i> | an Employment Support Worker <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i> | Bexleyheath, Kent |
| Jan Frederic Eduard Eger <i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i> <i>Deputy Madush Gupta</i> | a Head of Government Relations <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> | Fulham, London |
| Louise Elliott <i>CC James St John Davis</i> <i>Oliver Matthew St John Davis</i> | a Retail Sales Manager <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i> | Oxted, Surrey |
| Chief Derek Anthony Epp <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Robert Charles Hughes-Penney</i> | Chief of Tzeachten First Nation <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i> | Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada |
| Mark Field <i>Robert Maurice Andrews</i> <i>John Dominic Reid, OBE</i> | an International Trade Consultant <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> | Toronto, Ontario, Canada |
| Daniel Matthew Fitzgerald <i>CC Caroline Wilma Haines</i> <i>Paul Christian Bobjerg-Jensen</i> | a Taxi Driver and Boxing Coach <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i> | Kennington, London |

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| Lloyd Stuart Gash <i>CC James St John Davis</i> <i>Oliver Matthew St John Davis</i> | a University Lecturer <i>Citizen and Gardener</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i> | Shepperton, Surrey |
| John Barrie Goodinson <i>Major Anthony Hugh Samuel Gabb, TD</i> <i>David Anthony Bickmore</i> | a Banker <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> | Beckenham, Kent |
| Amy Florence Mary Green <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i> <i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> | a Chartered Insurance Professional <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> | Horsham, West Sussex |
| Professor Stephen George Sidney Hagen <i>Charles Edward Gill</i> <i>John Anthony James</i> | a University Dean <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Skinner</i> | Bath, Somerset |
| Professor Kim Rachael Hardie <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i> | a Professor of Microbiology <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> | Nottingham, Nottinghamshire |
| Mark Andrew Hargreaves <i>Simon Stuart Walsh</i> <i>Rev. Gary Laurence Powell</i> | a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> | Barnsley, South Yorkshire |
| Lloyd Seymour Harrison <i>Richard Gary Stephen Miller</i> <i>John Charles Jordan</i> | a Prison Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i> | Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire |
| Emma Kay Hill <i>CC David James Sales</i> <i>CC Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia</i> | a Crew Dispatch & Training Support Manager <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> | Romford, Essex |
| Sayce Donique Holmes-Lewis <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i> | a Mentoring Organisation Chief Executive <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> | Bromley, London |
| Allan Charles Hosking <i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i> | a Farmer <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i> | Kingsbridge, Devon |
| Marcus James Jamieson-Pond <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i> <i>Andrew Charles Marsden</i> | a Photography Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Marketor</i> | Watford, Hertfordshire |
| Leslie Eric Winston Jardine <i>Simon Stuart Walsh</i> <i>Anthony Sharp</i> | an Information Technology Consultant <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> | Surbiton, Surrey |

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| <p>Lisa Michele Jenner <i>CC Ian Bishop-Laggett</i> <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i></p> | <p>a Crematoria Administrator <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i></p> | <p>Enfield, London</p> |
| <p>Søren Ulrik Jessen <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p> | <p>a Restaurateur <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p> | <p>Shepherds Bush, London</p> |
| <p>Andrew Stephen Jilks <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i></p> | <p>an Investment Banker <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p> | <p>Epsom, Surrey</p> |
| <p>Chief David Joseph Jimmie <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Robert Charles Hughes-Penney</i></p> | <p>Chief of Squiala First Nation <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p> | <p>Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada</p> |
| <p>Bryn Rhys Jones <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i> <i>Judith Rich, OBE</i></p> | <p>a Travel Agency Executive, retired <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p> | <p>Chief Herne Bay, Kent</p> |
| <p>Mark Kelly, KC <i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i></p> | <p>a Barrister <i>Citizen and Alderman</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p> | <p>Croydon, London</p> |
| <p>Angela Mary Kelly-Burns <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i></p> | <p>a Law Firm Director of Finance, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p> | <p>Worcester Park, Surrey</p> |
| <p>Bryan Larkin <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i> <i>Ald. Alexander Robertson Martin Barr</i></p> | <p>an Accountant <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i></p> | <p>Cranbrook, Kent</p> |
| <p>Henry George Meriton Long <i>CC Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith</i> <i>Oliver Peter Bensted-Smith</i></p> | <p>a Surveyor <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i></p> | <p>Battersea, London</p> |
| <p>Ian John Elliot Macdonald <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i> <i>Judith Rich, OBE</i></p> | <p>a Television Company Operations Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p> | <p>East Grinstead, West Sussex</p> |
| <p>Gillian Sarah Maclean, MBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p> | <p>a Hospitality Company Founder and Chief Executive <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p> | <p>Southwark, London</p> |

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| <p>Roderick Donald Maracle</p> <p><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Robert Charles Hughes-Penney</i></p> | <p>Chief of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p> | <p>Deseronto, Ontario, Canada</p> |
| <p>Neil Edward McCarthy</p> <p><i>Paul Howard Thistlethwaite</i> <i>George Thomas Morris</i></p> | <p>an Information Technology Project Manager <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i></p> | <p>Grays, Essex</p> |
| <p>Anthony Jan Michael Meggs, CB</p> <p><i>CC Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CBE</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p> | <p>a Nuclear Site Chairman <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p> | <p>Kensington, London</p> |
| <p>Gerald Gordon Mehrrens</p> <p><i>CC Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CBE</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p> | <p>an Education Consultant <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p> | <p>East Barnet Village, Hertfordshire</p> |
| <p>Daniel Paul Moodey</p> <p><i>Anthony Sharp</i> <i>Lawrence John Day</i></p> | <p>an Electrical Contracting Company Director <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i></p> | <p>Writtle, Essex</p> |
| <p>Mark Lee Noble</p> <p><i>CC David James Sales</i> <i>Nicholas James Redgrove</i></p> | <p>an Underwriter <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Insurer</i></p> | <p>Broxbourne, Hertfordshire</p> |
| <p>Isobel Pauline Obeng-Dokyi</p> <p><i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i></p> | <p>a Business Development Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p> | <p>Tottenham, London</p> |
| <p>Anne Therese O'Hara</p> <p><i>Daniel Joseph Regan, MBE</i> <i>Simon John Bartley</i></p> | <p>an Asset Manager <i>A Citizen and Educator of London</i> <i>Citizen and Lightmonger</i></p> | <p>Croydon, London</p> |
| <p>Mary Sylvia O'Hara</p> <p><i>Daniel Joseph Regan, MBE</i> <i>Simon John Bartley</i></p> | <p>a Speech and Language Therapist <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Lightmonger</i></p> | <p>Croydon, London</p> |
| <p>Leyla Gabrielle Ostovar</p> <p><i>Ald. Martha Grekos</i> <i>Deputy Alpa Raja</i></p> | <p>a Financial News Service Managing Director <i>Citizen and Chartered Architect</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p> | <p>Epsom, Surrey</p> |
| <p>Steven Parker</p> <p><i>Adarsh Kumar Sharma</i> <i>Paresh Bhanji Modasia</i></p> | <p>an Electrical Contractor <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i> <i>Citizen and Apothecary</i></p> | <p>Whitchurch, Bristol</p> |

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| <p>Dr Ole Bjoern Peters <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King,</i> <i>DL</i></p> | <p>a Physicist <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p> | <p>Cascais, Portugal</p> |
| <p>David Anthony Pilkington <i>Terry Kenneth Morris</i> <i>Martin Stewart Earle</i></p> | <p>a Funeral Director and Toastmaster <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Builders Merchant</i></p> | <p>Pilgrims Hatch, Essex</p> |
| <p>Nicholas James Harries Poole <i>Deputy Sir Michael Snyder</i> <i>Ald. Alexander Robertson Martin</i> <i>Barr</i></p> | <p>a Library & Information Association C.E.O. <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i></p> | <p>Kingston Upon Thames, London</p> |
| <p>Timothy James Potter <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i></p> | <p>an Investment Analyst, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p> | <p>Marlow, Buckinghamshire</p> |
| <p>Mark Simon Searle <i>CC David James Sales</i> <i>Nicholas Maxwell Lloyd Hughes</i></p> | <p>an Air Transport Association Safety Director <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i></p> | <p>Chavannes-des-Bois, Switzerland</p> |
| <p>Cllr Dr Manju Shahul-Hameed <i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>Mark Watson-Gandy</i></p> | <p>a Councillor <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i></p> | <p>Coulsdon, Croydon</p> |
| <p>Brian Smith <i>Paul Bernard Sylvester</i> <i>David John Hammond</i></p> | <p>a Commercial Director <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i></p> | <p>Harlaxton, Grantham, Lincolnshire</p> |
| <p>Robert Vincent Stephenson-Padron, OBE <i>Rafael Steinmetz Leffa</i> <i>Yanyan Song</i></p> | <p>a Social Care Managing Director <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i></p> | <p>Chiswick, London</p> |
| <p>Kamlesh Desaiibhai Patel <i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael</i> <i>Hayward</i></p> | <p>a Spiritual Leader <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p> | <p>New York, United States of America</p> |
| <p>Robert Lindsay Stevenson <i>Bettine Valerie Evans</i> <i>Stephen John Fitz-Gerald</i></p> | <p>an Actor and Director <i>Citizen and Coachmaker & Coach</i> <i>Harness Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Coach Maker & Coach</i> <i>Harness Maker</i></p> | <p>Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire</p> |
| <p>The Rt. Hon. The Lord Hugo George William Swire, KCMG <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony</i> <i>Bowater Russell</i></p> | <p>a Peer of the Realm <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i></p> | <p>Chelsea, London</p> |

Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE

Citizen and Goldsmith

Garry John Timmins

a Livery Company Facilities Manager Barbican, London

Major Anthony Hugh Samuel Gabb, TD

Citizen and Wax Chandler

David Anthony Bickmore

Citizen and Wax Chandler

Paul John Turner

a Real Estate Company Managing Director, retired Cirencester, Gloucestershire

Glynn Jones

Citizen and Basketmaker

Joanna Mary Cadman

Citizen and Plaisterer

David Benjamin Tyler

a Technology Company Co-Founder Hackney, London

The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor

Citizen and World Trader

Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL

Citizen and Blacksmith

Angela Mary Warren

a Banker Chislehurst, Kent

Vincent Dignam

Citizen and Carman

John Paul Tobin

Citizen and Carman

Andrew Richard Charles Whibley

a Head of Learning and Customer Development Whitechapel, London

CC Thomas Charles Sleigh

Citizen and Common Councillor

CC Tijs Broeke

Citizen and Goldsmith

Charlotte Whipman

Margareta

a Financial Services Company Executive Director Woking, Surrey

CC James St John Davis

Citizen and Gardener

Oliver Matthew St John Davis

Citizen and Woolman

Constantinos Zachariades

a Student Bath, Somerset

Craig Stuart Philip Harding

Citizen and Constructor

Richard Gary Stephen Miller

Citizen and Glover

13. Questions

Charities in the Square Mile

Deputy John Fletcher to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee

Deputy John Fletcher asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, relating to the number of registered charities within the Square Mile and whether there was a directory used to ensure they were invited to relevant Corporation networking events.

In reply, the Chairman informed the Court that there were an estimated over 300 charities registered in the Square Mile. Charity stakeholders were recorded in the Customer Relationship Management system, but this included national and international charities with which the City Corporation had relationships. While there was currently no directory of charity occupiers in the Square Mile. However, the Chairman had asked officers to compile such a list. The Chairman also encouraged Members to put forward suggestions of businesses, charities or individuals whose attendance would advance the Corporation's strategic aims to the relevant event host or the City Remembrancer's Team.

Deputy Fletcher asked a supplementary question, asking how to identify other areas of City life that could be leveraged as part of Destination City. The Chairman said the Destination City review had recommended the creation of a central hub to draw on expertise across the Square Mile in this manner.

London Underground

David Sales to
the Chairman
of the Planning
and
Transportation
Committee

David Sales asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee, asking for further information on how the City Corporation could influence Transport for London (TfL), with specific reference to the Central Line.

The Chairman replied, noting that TfL was vital to London and the City of London's economic vibrancy. Its services enabled workers, residents and visitors to travel to the Square Mile in a sustainable way, and the reliability of the network was of key strategic importance. The Chairman informed the Court that he had called for a strategic meeting with TfL to ensure that the City Corporation's concerns were recognised in relation to the Central Line. Noting that TfL's latest short-term funding agreement was about to expire and challenges for the long-term arrangements. Given upcoming local and possible general election, the City Corporation was engaging with all parties.

David Sales asked a supplementary question, asking for reassurance that the City Corporation would be advising all stakeholders on the ongoing situation. In reply, the Chairman said he would work with officers on effective communication.

Questions at Court

Andrew
McMurtrie to
the Chairman
of Policy and
Resources

Andrew McMurtrie asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, asking if the Chairman would commit to a review of Standing Orders relating to Court questions.

In reply, the Chairman provided his views on the importance that questions provided for accountability. He was aware that a number of Members had queried whether the question sessions at Court were as constructive as they could be, and if some questions would be better asked in a different forum. In some cases, questions may be better put at Committee, or direct to officers where a technical response is required.

The question was an important reminder that the Standing Orders need not remain static and could be reviewed – through the proper process – to improve the way that the Court of Common Council conducted its business. The Chairman accordingly undertook, if Members were supportive, to instruct the Town Clerk to commission a targeted review of Standing Orders in this coming civic year to explore improving some of the ways in which Court meetings work including Questions, as well as some other areas that this Honourable Court has already flagged, such as Ward Committee nominations.

The Chairman was conscious that this would signal yet another review but was assured by officers that there are potential efficiencies to be gained in such a process, both for Members and Officers, and so the endeavour would be a valuable one.

Aldерwoman Martha Grekos asked as a supplementary question, on whether the Chairman felt that the changes to the format of Court questions was undermining the Court's democracy.

In reply, the Chairman reiterated his view that the exercise of democratic accountability through questions was of fundamental importance and disagreed that changes undermined democracy.

Deputy Marianne Fredericks asked a supplementary question, asking if the review would include consideration of Standing Orders 11(9) and 37(3), which governed the use of motions to end debates at the Court and Committee meetings. In reply, the Chairman said that the review would consider all aspects of the Standing Orders.

Deputy Marianne Fredericks asked a further supplementary question, asking if the Chairman had considered the public perception of Members moving to end debates. The Chairman replied to note that these motions were always put to all Members of the Court or Committee to approve, and thus the decision was ultimately made by a majority of Members.

Michael Hudson asked the Chairman if he agreed that the asking of a question at Court should be a last resort. The Chairman agreed, saying that routine questions asked of officers would usually provide satisfactory answers. If Members did not receive satisfactory answers, they should raise their question at a Committee meeting. Asking a question at Court should be a final option.

Gregory Lawrence asked the Chairman if he would consider extending the allotted time for questions at Court to 60 minutes. In reply, the Chairman said that the review would look, over the following civic year, at how to rearrange the Standing Orders and would return to Members for decision.

Socio-economic diversity

Natasha Lloyd-Owen to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee

Natasha Lloyd-Owen asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, requesting that the Chairman explore ways in which to implement the Socio-Economic Duty (SED) within all Council policies and encouraging partnership institutions to adopt the SED.

The Chairman confirmed that the City Corporation had recently agreed its Equality Objectives, one of which related to socio-economic mobility.

The Chairman felt it was reasonable for the suggestion to be considered as part of the work to deliver on that objective, noting the considerable current workload pressure on the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Team. He would be interested to learn whether or not the 'opting-in' referred to had had a measurable difference on social mobility in the places listed in the question. The City Corporation was committed to measuring its social mobility as an employer through its membership of the Social Mobility Index and continued to support Progress Together which promoted social mobility in the Financial and Professional Services sector.

As a supplementary question, Natasha Lloyd-Owen asked if the Chairman agreed

that leaders in local government should not hold entry in organisations that barred women from joining. In reply, the Chairman said that private clubs were private organisations which made decisions on their membership within the law. It was for individuals to decide on whether they should join such organisations.

Alderman Susan Pearson said that members of masonic lodges were networking and establishing relationships behind closed doors from which women were excluded and asked the Chairman if he thought that this happened at the City Corporation and if it disadvantaged women.

The Chairman said that he had never experienced this, and that he was not aware that any other Members had. Masonic lodges were not illegal organisations and he did not believe that membership of a masonic lodge undermined the work of the City Corporation.

Access restrictions at the Guildhall and Mansion House

Alderman Martha Grekos asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, concerning the attendance of the Chinese Ambassador at a Mansion House event.

Alderman
Martha Grekos
to the
Chairman of
the Policy and
Resources
Committee

In reply, the Chairman confirmed that the Chinese Ambassador had been present at the Mansion House for a Chinese New Year charity reception in February of this year. There were specific circumstances that led to the Chinese Ambassador being excluded from the Parliamentary Estate, namely the sanctioning of certain Members of Parliament. The Chairman said that this was a matter for the Speakers of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The Chairman felt it was incorrect to say that the City Corporation is not following the national lead on engagement with China. The City Corporation was guided by His Majesty's Government (HMG) in matters of foreign policy.

As a supplementary question, Alderman Grekos asked if the Chairman thought that promoting trade justified appeasing brutality. The Chairman replied that the City Corporation's role was to promote trade and business, not to engage in foreign policy. The Corporation had been active in China for many years, with officers based there since 2008. More than 40 Chinese financial institutions were based in the Square Mile, with more in the process of setting up offices. The Chairman said that it was right to continue to engage with China, in close collaboration with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), for as long as HMG was supportive of the City Corporation's role. The City Corporation abided by HMG's robust and constructive approach to relationships with China through the Integrated Review Refresh.

The Chairman quoted officials at the FCDO: *"His Majesty's Government continues to engage with China in line with its Integrated Review Refresh on trade and commercial matters and regards this activity as necessary to support the business interests of UK companies. His Majesty's Government appreciates and supports the role of the City of London Corporation in this regard."*

As the Chinese ambassador was an official member of the diplomatic Corp, and the representative of Chinese government in the UK, the Chairman said that it was

inevitable that commercial and trade ties were in part pursued through the Chinese embassy. It was the position of the City Corporation that there continued to be benefit in cooperation with China on green finance, Foreign Direct Investment and in closer working between London and Shanghai stock exchanges.

There was regular contact with the FCDO and with business to ensure that the City Corporation's activities were always both in line with government policy and continue to be valued by the stakeholders it represented and advocated on behalf of. The Chairman said that the City Corporation's engagement would be adjusted if either of those things changed.

Golden Lane Estate

Ceri Wilkins asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding works on the Golden Lane Estate.

Ceri Wilkins to
the Chairman
of the Policy
and Resources
Committee

In reply, the Chairman said he had been glad to be able to visit the Golden Lane Estate on 4 April 2024, in the company of the Honourable Members. He was pleased to see the pilot flat in Crescent House but had been disheartened and frustrated to see so much of the Estate in disrepair. This was due to decades of underinvestment in repairs. It was clear that repairs and maintenance across all of the City Corporation's housing estates had not been prioritised effectively for many years. Officers were aware of the issues and were progressing with filling a number of key positions that are currently vacant, including Heads of Maintenance and a Contract & Compliance Manager for the external maintenance contract.

An improvement plan had been agreed with the maintenance contractor to push them on performance ahead of a new maintenance contract being let next year. Officers had provided assurance that a number of immediate issues would be dealt with as a priority, such as the removal of old signage, and the fixing of broken railings and damaged glass. The Chairman had asked for monthly updates on progress against these issues.

The full windows replacement programme could not begin until early next year and will take to 2030 to complete. The Chairman personally found those timescales unacceptable and informed Members that he intended to instruct officers to improve on those timelines. He hoped to be able to revert to the court with a more substantive and satisfactory outcome in the near future. The City Corporation had committed £29m for Golden Lane Estate upgrades, including the windows but residents understandably want assurances about the timings of those upgrades.

Noting the extensive review of the Barbican Estate Office, Ceri Wilkins asked as a supplementary question if the Chairman would support a similar review of the Golden Lane Estate Office.

In reply, the Chairman said that this would be the responsibility of the Community and Children's Services Committee as the relevant service Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 13(9) the time limit for the putting and answering of questions, including supplementary questions, was reached.

14. Ballot
results

There was no ballot at the last Court.

15. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD**

(Deputy James Thomson)

7 February 2024

Refreshed City of London Policing Plan 2022-25

The Court received a report of the City of London Police Authority Board concerning the City of London Policing Plan 2022-25.

The Chair spoke to introduce the report, reflecting on the local importance of ensuring the security of the Square Mile, and the national importance of fighting fraud and cyber-crime, and the priority of putting victims at the heart of the City of London Police's work to maintain public trust and confidence in policing. He concluded his speech by thanking those he had worked with during his five years as Chair of the Board.

A Member asked the Chair for an update on accommodation for police horses. In reply, the Chair said that retaining stables for police horses in the Square Mile remained one of his highest priorities, and if elected Deputy Chair he would work to ensure that a location was identified in 2024.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

16. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst)

14 March 2024

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Setting a Small Business Multiplier for the City Premium

The Court received a report of the Finance Committee relating to action taken under urgency procedures.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

17.
Legislation

The Court received a report on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

Statutory Instruments

Date In Force

**The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023
(Commencement No. 3 and Transitional and Savings
Provision) Regulations 2024**

Brings into force certain provisions in the Levelling-Up Act, including requiring planning authorities to use standardised data processes and mandates that planning authorities must provide

31st March 2024

public data under an approved open licence. Authorises the making of regulations in relation to duties on a developer intending to carry out a development to serve a commencement notice before any development has begun on the site. Brings into force a regulation making power which would permit authorities to confirm a Compulsory Purchase Order conditionally. The Regulations make permanent the streamlined regime for pavement licences.

Introduces requirements to publicise CPOs, including documents and notices online. 30th April 2024

Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024

Gives the Regulator of Social Housing new powers including: to require a registered provider of social housing to prepare a performance improvement plan; and to arrange for an authorised person to take emergency remedial action in respect of premises to remedy specified failures in certain circumstances where there is an imminent risk of serious harm to the health or safety of the occupiers of those or other premises. 1st April 2024

The provisions also bring into force requirements for the Regulator to make, and take appropriate steps to implement, a plan for carrying out inspections.

Employment Relations (Flexible Working) Act 2023 (Commencement) Regulations 2024

Regulations bring into force the only remaining provision to be commenced in the Employment Relations (Flexible Working) Act 2023. The provision, section 1, relates to flexible working (right to request contract variation) and an employer's duties in relation to any such application. 6th April 2024

Code of Practice (Requests for Flexible Working) Order 2024

Brings the revised Code of Practice on requests for flexible working, which has been issued by ACAS under section 199 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (c.52) into effect. 6th April 2024

Official Controls (Location of Border Control Posts) (England) Regulations 2024

Introduces greater flexibility in the siting of border control posts so that they may be located at a distance away from the 13th April 2024

immediate vicinity of a point of entry into England. The Regulations specify reasons why posts might be sited away from a point of entry and these include recurrent flooding in the area, cliffs which impinge on the physical location, and where entry is by rail and the first stop is away from the immediate point of entry into England.

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Application of Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984) (Amendment) Order 2024

The Order brings processes relating to the forfeiture of cryptoassets - which are derived from or are intended for use in unlawful conduct – into line with existing forfeiture powers in relation to cash, certain listed items of personal property, and funds in bank or building society accounts. 26th April 2024

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (References to Financial Investigators) (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2024

Staff at Security Industry Authority, Food Standards Agency, Environment Agency, Public Sector Fraud Authority, and Department for Work and Pensions can now become accredited financial investigators. 26th April 2024

Draft Financial Services and Markets 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024

Regulations made under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 to permit the PRA to disapply or modify any PRA rule, save in relation to conduct and financial threshold levels. Designed to ensure transparency of the PRA's decision-making, the regulator must publish a notice explaining its decision. 30th June 2024

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

Read.

18. *Resolved unanimously* – “That this Honourable Court wishes to extend to Resolutions

Edwards, J., Graeme Doshi-Smith

Dunphy, P., Its sincere gratitude for his service to the Ward of Farringdon Within, to the Court of Common Council and to the City of London over the last 11 years.

Following his election, Graeme swiftly established himself as an enthusiastic champion of the City Corporation's open spaces. During his time on the Court, he

served on all of the Open Spaces Committees, and many of the various consultative groups and working parties associated with their work. In particular, Graeme served with distinction as the Chairman of the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee (now the Natural Environment Board), the Epping Forest and Commons Committee and the West Ham Park Committee.

Notably, in his final term as Chairman of the Epping Forest & Commons Committee, he oversaw the considerable efforts required to meet the unprecedented demands on the site as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, which reportedly received 250% average increase of visitors across the site, 40% of which had never visited before. His open minded, forward looking, balanced and calm approach when providing leadership was much valued by Members and officers alike.

Elected in March 2013, Graeme's experience on the Court and contribution to his Ward, was recognised when he was appointed as one of the two Ward Deputies in 2022.

In taking its leave of Graeme, this Court thanks him for his dedicated service and wishes him and his family all the very best for the years to come."

19. Awards
and Prizes

There was no report.

20. Hospital
seal

There were no docquets.

21.
*Dunphy, P.,
Deputy;
Colthurst, H.,
Deputy*

In addition to the items listed, the Lord Mayor advised Members of one further matter, which was to be treated in confidence at the request of His Majesty's Government.

Resolved - 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.

Summary of items considered whilst the public were excluded:-

22. Non-
public minutes

Resolved – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.

23.

Policy and Resources Committee

(A) Establishing a legal entity in the USA

The Court received a report of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the City Corporation's US Office.

(B) Staffing matters – Creation of a Grade I Post

The Court received a report of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning staffing.

24 **Investment Committee**

Report of Urgent Action Taken: City's Estate: Asset swap

The Court received a report of the Investment Committee relating to action taken under urgency procedures.

25. **Application for Hospitality**

*Dunphy, P.,
Deputy;
Bowman, C.
Alderman, Sir*

The Court considered proposals relative for hospitality associated with a visiting Head of State.

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and ended at 2.29pm

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