

Committee(s): General Purposes Committee of Aldermen	Dated: 16 July 2024
Subject: Appointment of an Honorary Collector of Toll on Wine	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N/A
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

This paper outlines the historic role and duties of the Collector of Toll on Wine at Customs House and recommends provision be made for the title to be recreated in an honorary capacity.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to agree that the Lord Mayor may appoint an honorary Collector of Toll on Wine in order to honour a senior figure in the taxation industry.

Main Report

1. The City of London Corporation historically had responsibility for the collection of tolls and duties on certain goods coming into the City, including coal, corn, salt, fruit and wine. Clerks, Meters and Collectors were accordingly appointed by the City Corporation to collect and administer what was owed.
2. A 1694 *Act for the Relief of the Orphans and other Creditors of the City of London* granted the City Corporation the right to collect a toll of 4 shillings per tun of wine imported into the Port of London in order to raise monies to discharge the Corporation's obligations to the City's Orphans, the sons and daughters of freemen for whom legacies had been deposited in the City's Chamber.
3. The Act also licensed the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to appoint an individual to collect the duties owed. The Corporation accordingly began to appoint a Collector of Toll on Wine at Custom House. Historically, the appointment was made by the Court of Alderman, and by the time of the 1837 report into the municipal corporations of London and Southwark, the office was also held by an Alderman.

4. While the provision for the Corporation to appoint a collector to collect duties on wine imported into the Port of London was formally abolished by the *Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2013*, the Lord Mayor has expressed an interest in appointing an honorary Collector of Toll on Wine in order to honour a senior figure in the tax industry during his term of office.
5. Members are accordingly recommended to agree that the Lord Mayor may appoint an honorary Collector of Toll on Wine. This honorary appointment will be made subject to no objection being made following consultation with HM Revenue and Customs.

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