

Members' Supporting Statements

To be considered in conjunction with Items 6 (A-J) and Item 7 (A) and (B).

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 has fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of the appointment

^ 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.

† denotes a Member whose primary residence is in the City.

Item 6 (A) - SIX Members on the Policy and Resources Committee

Deputy Emily Benn

After three years on the Court, I now want to stand for our Policy and Resources Committee. I have already taken on a greater role in building our relationships with national political stakeholders, and wish to play a fuller role in ensuring we prioritise our resources most effectively, and develop a clear strategy for the Corporation's future - and genuinely put culture at the heart of our ongoing recovery. I've always tried to operate in an open, collegiate and friendly manner, while never afraid to challenge constructively; I would bring these values to P&R. I'd be grateful for your support.

***Deputy Keith Bottomley**

I have played a full role as Deputy Policy Chairman deputising for the Policy Chairman in a very broad range of capacities including at London Councils and in our relationships with the GLA and HM Government.

During the past four years I have also served as lead member for sustainability and climate action further demonstrating my support and commitment and ability to get things done.

If elected Sheriff in June I will come off several committees, making policy my focus.

With your support, and my experience, I hope to continue to actively contribute to the work of the policy committee.

Deputy Timothy Butcher

I am seeking your support for P&R Committee.

Having joined the Court in 2022. I have gained experience to understand the workings of the Corporation.

I offer an extensive business background as well as local government experience including serving on a P&R Committee. I believe in listening to arguments and then asking searching questions.

I believe the Corporation needs to make greater efforts to maximise its income opportunities.

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

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

Karina Dostalova

As a returning Member and former Chairman of Hampstead Heath, I've seen firsthand how the Corporation can deliver real public value. Leading the 2019/20 swimming review improved safety and accessibility while growing income from £67K to £2.2M. I care deeply about how we communicate and engage, and will bring that focus to Policy & Resources. With experience across local authority, charity, and global FPS sectors—and a career in communications and change management—I'll work to ensure our decisions are transparent, well-prioritised, and support the City's ambition through a challenging financial climate.

Simon Duckworth OBE DL

A former P&R Deputy Chair who helped lead our international engagement in the run up to Brexit, hoping to return to the Committee.

I've supported three different Government departments, worked closely with the Mayor's Office and London Councils, as well as served on a broad range of the Corporation's committees; I offer relevant corporate memory and genuine perspective.

With over 20 years of plc Board experience (Financial and Tech sectors), I also have a deep interest in Investment oversight and strategic resource allocation. I'm an independent thinker wanting to help set practical policies and I ask for your support.

Sue Farrington

I bring the skills needed to make a positive and constructive contribution to the Policy & Resources Committee.

With over 25 years in senior executive roles, most recently as CEO, I have the experience in strategic, financial planning and policy development.

I chair a number of national and European organisations and am familiar with the need for informed discussion and debate, especially when dealing with complex matters.

I would offer a fresh perspective on key issues, such as the drive to remain a Destination City, the Resident Reset Initiative, alongside encouraging inward investment for new and developing industries.

Deputy Marianne Fredericks

As a resident Member, I'm seeking your vote for election to P&R. During my previous service on the committee, I successfully

- Advocated/raised matters for members.
- Fully participated/contributed to meetings.
- High attendance rate.

- Raised awareness of issues resulting in positive outcomes; rough-sleepers hostel & assessment centre, suicide prevention policies/initiatives, addressing our housing projects, tenant's water-rate refund.

Whilst my contributions, as an Independent Member, are not always welcomed by the Establishment, I believe they're an important part of our scrutiny role. If elected, I will continue to be a passionate advocate ensuring your suggestions and concerns are heard at P&R.

Thank you.

***Deputy Caroline Haines**

An experienced member: previously Chair Education Board plus present Vice Chair P&R, Chair Natural Environment Board, Chair Women Pivoting to Digital Taskforce, Chair Suicide Prevention Group, Deputy Chair of both Epping Forest & Commons and GSMD. I wish to use my experience to effectively represent member views whilst supporting the Leadership Team with a specific focus on skills, (as a Director at FSSC), to continue our liaison with Skills England via the IG Skills and Workforce Policy Team, to steer through the Natural Environment Charity Review, ensure we achieve our Carbon Reduction targets and support the full spectrum of our educational responsibilities.

Josephine Hayes

I have a First in Greats from Oxford, a diploma in law from The City University and an LLM from Yale. I am a barrister. I served on a political party's policy committee and governing board, among other roles, and was a borough councillor for four years. From 2016 to 2020 my Remain's Diary chronicled the journey to Brexit. Recently I became a published author on the Equality Act. If you want a fresh perspective on our governing committee, please vote for me.

***Deputy Christopher Hayward**

I have already communicated directly with every member of the Court outlining my personal commitments to serving you on your Policy & Resources Committee, but I offer continuity, stability, and visionary leadership as a member of the Committee and in representing the Corporation. I have over 40 years of leadership experience in local authorities as well as a successful career building businesses in the private sector. I am personally dedicated to serving the City of London in every way that I can and in these challenging geopolitical times to driving a progressive agenda for the future of the City Corporation.

Amy Horscroft

I'm standing for P&R to contribute my weight of commercial experience to the City's continued success. Over the past five years, I've worked for a leading FPS firm where my role has given me an international perspective and a deep understanding of the business landscape, along with the challenges and opportunities it faces. In my Common Council role, I've actively engaged with both local and strategic issues, particularly through my work on Planning and Transportation. I'm committed to ensuring the City remains a thriving global hub that serves our businesses, workers, faith communities, and residents.

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.

As a Councillor, I understand the strategic priorities of the City for its development.

I believe, that I will be able to share my knowledge and vision, bring my business and civil service expertise to the Committee.

So, I ask you to vote for me for a seat in Policy and Resources Committee.

Deputy Nighat Qureshi

I'm writing to express my interest in joining this committee, as I am passionate about contributing a voice that is fair, transparent, inclusive, and willing to ask the challenging questions when needed. I believe diverse perspectives and honest dialogue are essential for meaningful progress, and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to that important work through this role.

Mark Wheatley

I would like to join P&R to serve diligently across the range of our policy considerations and particularly to champion the creation of a Housing Committee - so that we can serve residents more effectively - and lobby for the reintroduction of Ward Newsletters.

Serving since 2013, I've always sought to work positively as a Committee Chairman and 'backbencher' and ensure we act with purpose. Please drop me a note if you want to chat.

***Philip Woodhouse**

Involved in the City for 50 years, a successful City career and now 12 years as a Councillor. Delighted to be re elected. I wish to continue to pour all my energies into making the City a better place. P&R is the key committee and I would like to continue to serve as a member, with constructive collaboration and rigorous scrutiny in equal parts! I will give it my all and hope my long experience continues to be both useful and relevant. I will add balance to the committee, and ensure all opinions are heard, which is what our City needs!

Irem Yerdelen

The City Corporation has a significant role ensuring sustainability is embedded in the UK financial and professional services sector. Last term, as Lead Member for Sustainable Finance, I drove the ever increasingly successful Net Zero initiatives and launched the acclaimed Transition Finance Council which is putting the UK as the leading market in the global arena. With your support for election to P&R, I will bring my unique professional expertise in sustainability & low carbon economy transition to the Corporation, help complement and shape the Committee's decision making in this vital area, and promote the City of London's global leadership.

Item 6 (B) FOUR Members on the Investment Committee

#^Shahnan Bakth

As an investment professional and current Deputy Chairman, I bring direct, relevant expertise to help steer the Committee through today's economic uncertainty. I've led on key initiatives—from asset allocation reviews to strengthening our partnerships with the CIO and external consultants—while playing a pivotal role in external member appointments. I understand the challenges ahead and, through my day-job experience, am well placed to support the officer team in making informed, impactful decisions. I am committed to building on this strong foundation and respectfully seek your support for re-election.

#Deputy Timothy Butcher

I am seeking support for the Investment Committee as I believe with my business and local government experience that I will make a meaningful contribution to the work of this committee.

The Corporation must maximise the returns generated from its investments.

Securing the future financial viability of the Corporation is dependent on the returns from the investment portfolio.

I believe I have the ideas and experience to make a constructive contribution to the work of this committee.

***Simon Duckworth OBE DL**

In the current financial environment, it's essential that our investment assets, split across property and financial instruments, are managed professionally; we have a critical responsibility for the oversight of those managing assets on our behalf.

Instrumental in establishing the Investment Committee, my experience on the Board of two quoted Investment Funds, as well as on the Investment Committees of three Charities, has given me the opportunity to regularly analyse, assess and constructively challenge professional managers, ensuring that our investment opportunities are maximised and our risks mitigated. I hope to continue this work and ask colleagues to support my re-election.

Alderman Alison Gowman CBE

I have provided many years of robust and constructive challenge to our property and investment strategies and would like to continue that role. I have professional expertise as a senior commercial real estate lawyer and in stewarding other significant financial and property portfolios. Managing the transition of the City's funds both from a climate and sustainability point of view, and to meet our future financial needs, will be a significant part of this Committee's work over the coming years. My position as the lead member for climate action will assist in navigating these aspects.

Alderman Prem Goyal OBE

With 20 years of investment banking experience and service on the Corporation's Financial Investment and Property Investment Boards, I'm keen to join the Investment Committee.

My work on City property transactions and financial investments has deepened my understanding of the Corporation's strategic priorities, governance, and the oversight of investment strategies for City's Cash.

As a board member, I've also contributed to investment management at City of London schools, Shelter, and Dolma Impact Fund.

With experience in asset allocation, portfolio construction, and responsible investment, I'm well placed to challenge and support fund managers.

I'd be honoured to have your support.

#^Deputy Madush Gupta

The Investment Committee plays a vital role in stewarding the City's long-term financial resilience. Over the past three years, I have contributed strategic, evidence-based challenge—grounded in professional expertise in banking, commercial real estate and academic work on portfolio optimisation, cross-asset correlation risk. As a guest lecturer at Bayes Business School, I bring both theoretical and practical understanding of investment markets. With City's Cash and the City Fund under significant financial pressure, I offer a disciplined, forward-looking approach. I would be honoured to continue stewarding and applying my experience in support of the City's financial and civic goals.

#Stephen Hodgson

I am a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser with more than 18 years of professional experience, including 11 years in two "Big 4" accountancy firms, and I am presently Deputy Group Tax Director of a FTSE 100 business, where I oversee annual tax expenditure of £1.5 billion. I am familiar with the City Corporation's unique financial arrangements and challenges and acutely aware of the vital importance that sound management of its many and varied investments will play in its long-term financial sustainability and success. I have the skills, experience, and commitment to oversee and protect these assets.

^Deputy Henry Pollard

I have served on the various forms of this committee since 2005 and would like to continue. I have previously served on the Pension Fund Committee and Bridge House Estate fund.

I have worked in financial services all my working career, currently running my own capital raising business and held other senior roles with UK and US investment businesses. I am a founding member of the Guild of Investment Managers.

I believe I have the knowledge and expertise to help guide, protect and enhance the fund's value in the future with the challenges ahead whilst embracing our ESG credentials.

Item 6 (C) THREE Members on The City of London Police Authority Board

7^Melissa Collett

For the past 2 years, I have served on the Police Authority Board as an External Member, representing residents and businesses. With my experience, if elected I can meaningfully contribute from Day 1. With my background in insurance and tech, I can add my expertise to its National Lead Force work around fraud and cyber crime. I also served on its Strategic Planning and Performance Sub-Committee, focussing on neighbourhood policing and performance. As a long-standing City resident and worker with the support of the Chair and Deputy Chair, I hope you will elect me to continue this important work.

7Deputy Helen Fentimen OBE JP

As an active, engaged, effective member of CoLPAB for 3 years, I've served on 3 subcommittees, focusing on the efficiency and performance of force resources to deliver first class policing services,

- risk, resources and estate,
- strategic planning and performance,
- professional standards and integrity.

I have built strong relationships with senior officers and staff and offer public sector and magistracy experience, with knowledge of the challenges to effective policing in national lead areas (fraud and security) and local concerns (community policing, cycle teams and night time economy).

I seek your support to continue this work.

Deputy Benjamin Murphy

High quality community policing has been of interest to me for many years. I have built good relationships with City Police teams and particularly enjoyed working on Operations Luscombe and Reframe.

By profession, managing fraud, economic and cyber-crime is a key part of the day job, working closely with global regulators and clients on KYC, AML, ABC, and digital innovation.

I also served with Essex Police Authority for some years. Essex is the UK's largest non-metropolitan force and includes 4 cities, 2 airports, 80 train stations, 2 major ports, and is home to the largest coastline in the UK.

Sushil Saluja

I believe I bring unique experience and skills to support our unparalleled City Police force. At the Bank of England, I was responsible for cyber protection; at Accenture I set up one of the first cyber protection and remediation units for a global insurer.

I have previously conducted consultancy reviews looking at how to commercialise City of London police training / capabilities.

I bring large scale project management skills, suitable for the new headquarters development and have been on walkabouts with City Police liaison officers, so familiar with some of the day-to-day issues we face.

James Tumbridge

Our Police are a unique and important part of our offer, and they deal directly with the Met & National Policing infrastructure, something I myself have experience with. I spent 10 years as a Police Tribunal Chairman, and have direct experience of training police forces and other law enforcement in legal compliance and technology use. With experience of various parts of the CoLP including IP, economic & cyber crime as well as police standards I feel confident I can make a useful contribution. I hope you will support me.

Item 6 (D) FIVE Members on the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama

#*Deputy Emily Benn

It's been a privilege to have served as Chair of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama for the last year, having been overwhelmingly elected by the Board. Arts education is my life's passion; I've thrown myself into the role, lifting the Schools ambitions and building vital new relationships with key political, academic and industry stakeholders. We are embarking on a major period of strategic change at GSMD, to ensure the school has a sustainable financial future in hugely challenging circumstances. I would be grateful for your support to continue this vital work, alongside my brilliant board colleagues.

#*John Foley

In March in the QS World University Rankings GSMD moved up from 4th to 3rd in music and from 5th to 4th in production arts; no mean feat, especially now when the School is under threat from funding shortfalls. GSMD's exceptional standard requires expertise from many quarters, including from the Board. As a professional practitioner all my working life (as actor, broadcaster, writer, now audio producer), I feel qualified to understand how theory becomes practice, and training becomes employment. I've served on the Board for the past three years and with your vote I'd like to serve again.

#Sandra Jenner

I am a passionate supporter and patron of GSMD and attend many performances each year.

I am familiar with the responsibilities of a Board for setting the strategic direction, providing the necessary checks and balances and ensuring accountability of management in running an organisation.

I have past experience as a board member and have also held senior management positions reporting directly to a Board. I therefore understand the assurance that a Board requires from its senior management and how it can be provided.

I would be grateful for your support.

#Tessa Marchington

I would love to join the board of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. I understand the importance of partnership working across the corporation's stakeholders and how important it is to continually position and articulate the value GSMD brings to the City. As a Junior Exhibitioner I experienced the excellence of the early training and currently working with the master students, I have a familiarity and insight which would benefit

the board. I'd love to contribute to raising the profile of students within the City and generate income streams by establishing some new partnerships, bringing in a business audience.

#*Suzanne Ornsby KC

GSMD is a world class educational facility which faces structural financial challenges. The Board is working very hard towards ensuring it becomes financially secure over the next five years. I have over 25 years' experience of governance in the educational sector. If re-elected I will continue to work collectively and collaboratively with the other Board Members so that GSMD retains its unique characteristics whilst making it financially stable. A change of Board Members at such a crucial time is, in my view, highly undesirable and not in the interests of GSMD.

#Naresh Sonpar

I bring strategic leadership and extensive governance experience demonstrated through chairing the Education Board and as Governor of City of London School. My directorship at Gresham College and visiting lectureships at Bayes and BPP Business School align with Guildhall's commitment to artistic excellence and innovation. I understand how conservatoire education must balance tradition with evolving industry demands, preparing students for careers in the performing arts with business skills needed to succeed. My financial expertise from 17+ years in investment banking provides fiscal oversight capabilities for maintaining Guildhall's world-class standing. I'm passionate about strengthening the connection between GSMD and the City's vibrant cultural landscape through inclusive and forward-thinking governance.

Item 6 (E) FOUR Members on Education Board

Deputy Anne Corbett

With 45 years of experience teaching and school leadership across London secondary and special schools, I have a proven track record of driving educational excellence. As a headteacher, I led my last school to an Outstanding rating. I am passionate about lifelong learning for children and adults. Currently, I lead an Islington team of specialist teachers for children with complex special needs (SEND) and serve as SEND specialist on school exclusion panels. I am committed to raising standards, particularly focusing on the quality of teaching, school suspensions, non-attendance, and the impact of smartphones on literacy and children's behaviour. I believe that I can usefully inform current policy and practice.

***Deputy Caroline Haines**

A lifelong educator, Master Educator 2022-3, past Chair of Governors at the 'Outstanding' NCS, past Chair London Careers Festival, previous Chair, Education Board and COLAT Trustee, past governor CLS, existing governor KESW, Deputy Chair GSMD, I wish to continue to offer my skills to this committee. A Director FSSC, I have a Policy focus on Skills with IG & Workforce Skills, liaising with Skills England, and as Chair, Women Pivoting to Digital Taskforce. I advise on Policy Development to the DWP and the Cross Departmental Family Advisory Board. An Ambassador, Tutu Foundation (knife-crime prevention).

***Alderman Robert Howard**

I am keen to continue as a member of the Education Board. I am chair of governors of City of London School for Girls, and a governor of City of London School and City of London Freeman's. Until recently I also chaired the City Junior School and City of London Academy Shoreditch Park (recently rated Outstanding by Ofsted), since their founding three and eight years ago. I am a trustee of the City of London Academy Trust and have previously been the Corporation's nominated trustee of two educational trusts, the Central Foundation Schools of London and United Westminster Schools.

Timothy McNally

I serve as a Governor, and Chair of Finance, for the City of London Academy (Southwark) which is the most challenged of our COLAT 11 academies in terms of deprivation, knife, gang and drug issues. Some meetings and hearings are not the most enjoyable part of being a CC. As a governor and being a former university lecturer (Computing Science) I value education at all levels as one of the highest priorities to help lift people up, and wish to serve on the Education Committee to help promote this and would welcome your support.

***Naresh Sonpar**

As current Chair of the Education Board, Governor of City of London School, Director of Gresham College, and Company member of CoLAT, I bring proven leadership in educational governance and strategy. My experience spans independent and academy schools, providing comprehensive oversight of the Corporation's educational portfolio. My background as Founding Director of Guildhouse Business School, and current Visiting Lecturer at Bayes Business School, demonstrate my commitment to educational excellence. Under my leadership, the London Careers Festival has become one of the UK's largest student career events. I remain dedicated to advancing educational opportunities and skills for students in our Family of Schools and adults in our community.

Item 6 (F) TWO Members on the Gresham Committee (City Side)

#Jason Groves

Gresham College is one of the jewels of the City yet does not enjoy the profile within the Financial and Professional Services community – and indeed in the wider UK – that the quality of its lectures and content deserves. Working through the committee, I would like to be able to bring the Corporation's full promotional capabilities – especially as Chairman of the Communications & Corporate Affairs Committee – to boost the profile of the College and its work.

I would also use my charity board experience to further the charitable work that the committee oversees.

Shravan Joshi MBE

I have put my name forward for this committee based on the important work it does for the Gresham legacy and maintaining the strong relationship with the Mercers' Company. I bring direct, recent experience to the committee, with an understanding of the Ardent lease on the Royal Exchange and an insight to the real estate market. I was very recently involved as the City representative on the selection panel for one of

the Gresham Lecturers and this has piqued my interest in the great work that the College does. I do hope you will support me.

#Timothy McNally

The Gresham Lectures and the Gresham Society are some of the most amazing but unknown sides of the City. A University with Professors but no students - but millions of viewers for their lectures. Without Gresham there might not have been a Royal Society. The Mercer's and the Corporation jointly support this wonderful source of learning and development.

#Fraser Peck

I am fascinated by the life and legacy of Sir Thomas Gresham, through this is I am driven to see this history kept as alive as possible. I have been involved in educational charities where central goals exist to protect the history that was pivotal to the School's success, through leveraging assets, while steering the institution into the future. I find this process phenomenally rewarding and would like the opportunity to assist here within the Gresham Committee. If you would like to discuss my application further please feel free to reach out to me.

#*Deputy Nighat Qureishi

As the Deputy Chair with a track record of accountability and efficacy, I am keen to continue delivering successful and sustainable knowledge driven objectives of the committee.

I have collaborated with multi-dimensional stake holders. I am proficient in prioritising best use of resources and funds. I bring over 20 years of experience in corporate financial services, championing diversity and advocating for underrepresented communities.

I fully appreciate the time commitments this role requires and am confident that I can responsibly dispense my responsibilities.

It would be both an honour and privilege to continue to serve as a member.

#Sushil Saluja

I believe Gresham is one of the jewels in the crown for the City.

I bring strong stakeholder management skills and ambassadorial experience, e.g. I have represented the British Council / UK Education sector at high profile events overseas and with inbound visits.

Through my other charitable pursuits such as Chair of Commercial Committee on the British Council Board, I understand the inherent trade-offs between philanthropic and commercial activities, which are essential for this role.

I am keen to contribute to the academic topics covered by the Gresham College, to align with the broader goals and outcomes for the City.

Item 6 (G) SEVEN Members on the Corporate Services Committee

Simon Burrows

I am a chartered technologist and accountant, and have spent many years advising large corporate clients on their operations, HR and process improvement opportunities. I would very much like to use this expertise in my Corporation role, and being a New Member it will help me get to know our organisation and people better. We have huge capability within our teams and I will work to help maximise their effectiveness.

Lesley Cole

I have many years of good experience working in operations and service areas, ensuring I understand and support the requirements of my stakeholders. As I work at a firm that has a people first culture, I feel this also gives me the skills to be able to actively contribute at this committee.

^Steve Goodman OBE

I have been an active member of corporate services committee for the last three years as the nomination from Finance Committee. I have extensive experience of working at director level in local government including helping turn Hackney council round after it was designated the worst local authority in the country.

On corporate services I have provided both sound advice and appropriate challenge as we progress through complex organisational change around ambition 25, the people strategy and development of a customer focused culture. This is unfinished business and I would like to remain part of the journey still to be travelled

***Deputy Christopher Hayward**

Since becoming your Policy Chairman I have found it of fundamental importance to serve on the Corporate Services Committee. Our people are the heart of our organisation and ensuring a happy and fulfilled workforce of our 4,500 employees is of critical importance in delivering our Corporate Plan. I am personally committed to working with our Chief Executive and Chief People Officer to deliver Ambition 25 – our plan to ensure that our workforce is properly rewarded in a competitive employment environment in the years ahead. I ask for your support please to continue this important work.

Stephen Hodgson

I am deputy director in a FTSE 100 business which employs more than 30,000 people, where I help to lead a team of 25 professionals which works with hundreds of colleagues across different functions. I work closely with HR colleagues on all aspects of people management, from operational aspects like recruitment, development, and performance, to strategic areas like organisation structure, and policy design. The Corporate Services Committee leads on these vitally-important areas of people management and employment best practice and I am keen to leverage my professional experience in serving on the committee.

Adam Hogg

Human Resources exist to help managers get the best out of their employees. A key role of the Corporate Services Committee is to facilitate this.

I am a General Manager who held senior positions in the Drinks Industry working closely with Human Resources throughout my career during which I:

Managed the merger of two wine and spirit companies.

Constantly sought productivity and customer service improvements through changes in organisational structures.

Supported by HR specialists led negotiations with trade unions, introducing new working practices, productivity improvements, closures and mergers.

My successes were based mutual respect with Human Resources.

Sandra Jenner

I was an HR Director for over 25 years and latterly advised Boards and Executive Committees on strategic HR matters as a Management Consultant.

My experience includes:

- Design and implementation of remuneration packages, including pension schemes.
- Undertaking mergers of up to eleven organisations involving tricky employment law matters, including TUPE
- Workforce planning
- Leading Transformation programmes, including culture change, to improve the performance of individuals, teams and thus organisations.
- Working and negotiating with Trades Unions on the above
- Recruitment to Board and Executive Committee positions

I hope that you can lend me your support

***Timothy McNally**

I have served on Corporate Services, in effect the Human Resources Committee, in the past term and I believe that Alistair and Flossy have things so amazingly under member management and scrutiny. We are delivering hugely positive improvements for the Corporation with our Ambition 25 programme and this will pave the way for the City being the local authority employer of choice so we achieve the best outcomes for our businesses and residents.

***Deputy Benjamin Murphy**

Having sat on this Committee for the past couple of years, I understand the scale of transformation required to achieve the 'brilliant basics' the Town Clerk often refers to, within our HR function.

We are lucky to have some outstanding leadership in this space, but there is much work to do across policies, re-setting the culture, career planning, training and development, performance management and reward, succession planning, Ambition 25 and the transition to the new ERP platform.

I simply offer myself to the Court to continue to support the transformation underway.

David Sales

I am interested in the work of the Committee and believe I possess the relevant skills, experience, and insight to make a valuable and meaningful contribution to the Committee's important work overseeing personnel and establishment matters across the City of London.

***James Tumbridge**

This committee for HR functions, and our in house legal function is key. Encouraging our staff and getting the best from them, our key resource, is very important, as is understanding the legal framework we must operate in. As a lawyer & someone with experience of local Government - I believe I have been a positive contributor to this committee. I want to ensure we do our best as an organisation, treat our staff fairly and do things in the right way. I have enjoyed supporting the staff annual events, I hope you will let me continue to serve.

Item 6 (H) FOUR Members on the Barbican Centre Board**Aaron D'Souza**

I am a huge champion of the Barbican Centre and the role it must play in the City's present and future and will bring relevant industry experience and commercial expertise to support the Chair and Board at this crucial juncture. I have advised leading broadcasters, production companies and cultural institutions such as Shakespeare's Globe and National Theatre to innovate business models and attract new audiences. Now, working closely with American Express' International Chief Customer Officer, I help evaluate underlying economics of product portfolios and evolve acquisition and customer marketing strategies, focusing on digital. I would be grateful for your vote.

Karina Dostalova

As a returning Member with a track record of strategic leadership, I would be honoured to serve on the Barbican Centre Board. While it's hard to know the full CV of all Members, I can say that—though not a ballerina now—my early life was immersed in the arts, attending ballet school five days a week, performing regularly, achieving Grade 8 RADA and also some LAMDA certification. I bring a deep personal appreciation for performance and creativity, alongside professional expertise in communications and change management. I will champion the Barbican's cultural offering, helping it reach broader, more diverse audiences across London and beyond.

***Alderman Sir William Russell**

As Chair of the Board, I am keen to continue to help enact the Barbican Renewal Programme and to lead the transformation that the centre is currently going through. I have been on the Board for 6 years so this would be my last term. I continue to believe that this Iconic centre is at the heart of Destination City and will be at the forefront of the Cultural and Arts world.

***Irem Yerdelen**

I am a keen advocate of arts and culture in the City of London, making it available to people from all backgrounds and social status. My professional expertise lies in advising Boards on sustainability & climate change and during the last term as a member of the Culture Committee and Barbican Board, I successfully campaigned to

secure much needed funds for its 'Renewal'. With your support once re-elected I will continue that commitment, deploying my collaborative working style, passion for sustainability and complimentary expertise to successfully transform the Barbican Centre, with a full appreciation of the City's wider cultural offerings.

Item 6 (I) FIVE Members on City Bridge Foundation Board

***Deputy Henry Colthurst**

I hope that members will allow me to continue my focus on establishing a governance structure which reflects better the unique nature of CBF. We have made significant progress to move reporting structures away from local authority protocols as well as populate the board better with the different skillsets needed to oversee primary purpose of bridge maintenance and secondary purpose of charitable funding. As chairman of its investment committee, I have promoted creation of more appropriate investment approach and asset allocation which matches the long term nature of its liabilities to maintain 5 world class bridges.

***Simon Duckworth OBE DL**

I've served on both CBT and more recently the City Bridge Foundation and support two key elements of its work; its Investment Committee and the Bridges Working Group.

Sitting on its Investment Committee I'm keen to ensure the Foundation's assets are managed appropriately to maximise its ability to support our crucial charitable outreach across London without jeopardising our key responsibility, the provision and maintenance of five London bridges.

As a Royal Engineer Army Reservist, supporting the Bridges Working Group also allows me to contribute to our core historic activity; I hope to be re-elected to continue this work.

Deputy Henry Pollard

Charity and philanthropy are key in helping our communities. I have been involved with other charities with a common goal of reducing marginalisation, increasing inclusivity and helping as many people as possible. I believe with my experience I can make a positive impact.

I have chaired this charity's Investment Working Group with an aim to making the charity's investments more climate aware and societally impactful as possible and have served on the former Bridge House Estates and believe I have the experience to add value to the City Bridge Foundation for the greater good of London.

Ruby Sayed

I have been a Charity Trustee for 25 years (Chair for 7 years), advocating for the rights of women and children. I serve on a (homelessness) grant-giving charity. I am a Governing Bencher of Inner Temple and sit on the scholarships and outreach committee. I have served on many Corporation Committees including Chair of Communities and Children's Services; and its sub-committees. As a barrister, I often represent the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in Society. I hope my skills, experience and knowledge of Charity, Governance, Law, Finance, Audit, Strategy, Equity & Diversity will stand me in good stead for CBF.

***Dr Giles Shilson**

Having chaired this Board from its creation until very recently, I have been heavily involved in its work for several years; I therefore believe I would add unique experience and value to the Board (as the only past Chair) for the coming term. I want to continue to serve because I'm passionate about helping communities to thrive, reducing inequality and making London stronger. I am an experienced charity trustee and in June 2024 was elected Bridgmaster of London, to be an ambassador for the charity's work. I confirm that I fulfil all parts of the person specification for this role.

***Deputy James Thomson CBE**

I am seeking re-election to the City Bridge Foundation. I sit on its Funding Committee (charitable grants) and I am lead member, Public Safety and Safeguarding.

My interests include suicide prevention, linked to mental health charities supported by CBF, and my 22 years working with the City Police as a Special Constable and lately as Chair of the Police Authority.

I am passionate about its work for social justice, and an inclusive London, reflected in my recent CBE for Policing and Inclusion.

My experience cover, construction, property, finance and philanthropy – covering all areas of CBF's activities.

Item 6 (J) THREE Members on the Livery Committee

Nick Bensted-Smith JP

I am standing for election to the Livery Committee, and I would appreciate your support. I have a long standing and active interest in the livery movement. I am currently Master of the Worshipful Company of Loriners, a Liveryman of the Goldsmiths and a Freeman of the Guild of Investment Managers. I believe that I have a clear understanding of the relevance of both the older and modern livery companies. My goal, if elected, is to enhance the mutual benefit derived from the City Corporation and the Livery movement working yet more closely together.

***Deputy Keith Bottomley**

As immediate past Master Pattenmaker and Hon Secretary of the City Livery Club I ask for your support, please, to re-elect me to the Livery Committee for a second and final term of 3 years.

I have a wide and deep engagement with the livery companies of the city, not least through my campaign to serve as Sheriff.

As an important forum for communication between the livery and the officers at Guildhall and Mansion House I hope that I can continue to play an active role in working with the livery to advance its professional and charitable endeavours in particular.

Deputy Madush Gupta

I seek election to the Livery Committee to help strengthen civic understanding and celebrate the role of Livery Companies in City life. As a Liveryman of the Pewterers and the Broderers, I am developing digital histories for both Companies to preserve

and share their legacies. I have created and delivered a well-received presentation that brings to life the work and history of the City Corporation—shared with liverymen, councillors and constituents. I attend Common Hall proudly, and would welcome the opportunity to support its oversight while promoting greater awareness of our institutions among the Livery and wider public.

Timothy McNally

My involvement with Common Council came from my roles in both a Ward Club and the Livery. I am now in seven of each including being the incoming Master Glazier and a Ward Club Chair. As a member of the membership committee on three livery companies I have strived to ensure that the majority of our joining members are women and/or people of colour; the livery has a long way to go, but as a huge force for charitable giving and support for the education and the armed forces we achieve so much. We must do more

Fraser Peck

I would be honoured to contribute to the Livery Committee, supporting its work within the Liveries and Guilds. The Livery has contributed a huge amount to my life within the City and I have helped to build out the Young Apothecaries and the Guild of Young Freemen where I am projected to be Master 2027. Through both of these connections I am committed in how the livery can continue to attract younger members and support diverse professional pathways and development in the Square mile. I aim to continue this care for the Livery were I to be elected.

Deputy Henry Pollard

I have been a liveryman since 1998, having joined the Skinners' Company after leaving one of their schools in the 1980s.

I am a Founding Member of the Guild of Investment Managers and served as it's Master in 2023/4.

I have had a long-held passion for the evolving livery movement: admiring their rich heritage, their generous charity and contribution to education and I am an advocate for their relevance today whilst encouraging their integration of diversity and sustainability in their activities in the future, which is why I believe I can add value to this committee.

David Sales

Having had the honour of being a Past Master of a Modern Livery company, I feel very passionate about the role that the Liveries play within the City Civic and want to see the movement flourish and adapt to the current city environment. I understand the important role that the Livery Committee plays in assisting the Liveries and promoting their work to the general public. I like to think that I would have a lot to offer the committee.

***Irem Yerdelen**

I strongly support the Livery movement, its philanthropic outcomes, and the other charitable support it provides for the generations to come. I have been a member of the Insurers Livery since joining the market, campaigning for and helping successfully launch both the Young Members' and Women's subcommittees. As a young member of the Livery Committee and City Livery Club, I have continued to actively promote the

recruitment of a more diverse membership of all Liveries. I believe that it is vital to continue to modernise and enable the Liveries to flourish forever. I would appreciate your support to be re-elected.

Item 7(A) FOUR Members on the Community and Children's Services Committee

Samapti Bagchi

I am Samapti Bagchi, a newly elected member for Portsoken. I live on our Middlesex Street social housing estate, where the City is our landlord and the Community and Children's Services Committee provides oversight.

If appointed, I would bring valuable insight into the estate and the views of our residents, helping to support more informed and grounded decision-making. The committee's remit covers many issues of particular importance to Portsoken, including health, housing, carers, adult education, and safeguarding.

Serving on this committee would allow me to represent our community more effectively and continue working hard for those who placed their trust in me.

Deputy Anne Corbett

I have been a dedicated ward member of the CCSC since 2022, actively leading on initiatives for Carers and contributing to the Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Safeguarding sub-committees. My commitment to policy oversight and collaboration with senior officers has contributed to positive outcomes in Social Services. I am effective in addressing housing and repair issues, amplifying resident voices and advocating for children and young people. The next decade will present many challenges to improve the City's housing stock with necessary attention paid to value for money and efficient development. As an experienced residential member, I have the knowledge and commitment to make a difference.

Dawn Frampton

With experience in both mainstream primary education and specialist SEN support, I understand children's needs and am a committed safeguarding advocate. I stay up to date on safer recruitment and trauma informed practices within schools. As an elected residential member, I'm determined to see improved standards in housing repairs/maintenance for all City residents. The upcoming major works improvements need strong, consistent representation. I'm ready to be that voice, championing quality, accountability and progress for our community in the years ahead. I've actively contributed to the Committee's work over the past year and hope to continue serving in this capacity.

Steve Goodman OBE

I have sat on CCS for the last three years and last year chaired the housing subcommittee. I have worked with others to ensure that we have a strategy to bring all our social housing up to standard. I would like to continue this work.

I am a social worker by trade and previously led children services at Hackney. I then ran a business advising local authorities worldwide about how to improve child protection services.

I am keen to continue to use my expertise on the committee as it addresses a wide range of issues over the coming year.

Adam Hogg

As Chair of the Barbican Residents Association over the past four years I am acutely aware of the City's failure to look after its housing stock.

From my business experience running pub companies where I was responsible for the maintenance and redevelopment of tenanted estates, I know that postponing repairs is counter productive leading to dissatisfied tenants and greater costs down the line as delay makes the problems worse .

I believe I can make a positive contribution to the task of returning housing to a fit and proper state.

Jason Pritchard

I'm an elected member for Portsoken Ward and previously served on the C&CS Committee from 2017 to 2023. Our ward has two large social housing estates, the City's only state primary school, and many elderly, vulnerable and low-income residents.

Despite serious health inequalities, Portsoken has no affordable gym or swimming provision nearby. I've long championed housing, education and community wellbeing.

There are currently four committee members from Cripplegate and Aldersgate, but only two from Portsoken. With seven candidates standing for four places, please cast two of your votes for Jason Paul Pritchard and Samapti Bagchi.

Item 7(B) TWO Members on the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee

Matthew Bell

I am seeking your support for a place on 'Culture Heritage and Libraries'. I hope you will see that I have had an active interest in this area. I have personally commissioned two memorial plaques and am seeking to commission two further ones in the City and one in Islington. I am currently working with the local community to revive Bartholomew Fair in Smithfield. As well as being a Governor of the London Museum, I am also an unpaid patron of various City and Islington cultural organisations and actively support them all. The City needs more of a cultural identity.

John Foley

In history and heritage the Square Mile is arguably the richest area in the world. Sadly, many of the City's cultural assets (more than 850 of them under the Corporation's aegis) are unknown to residents, workers and visitors. For the cultural aims of Destination City and the BIDs to succeed and prosper, the work of the CHL committee is crucial. As a professional practitioner in both the performing and written arts, I believe my input while serving on the committee during the past three years has been of value. I ask for your vote to continue that service.

Sophia Mooney

I will help promote and protect the City's art and heritage for visitors and residents alike. As a resident of Queenhithe, I am well versed in our City's cultural offerings and I am keen to get involved.

I lived abroad in several countries as a child, and most recently spent ten years in Spain (I speak Spanish). At University I studied Ancient History and my first job was in the Books & Manuscripts department at Sotheby's. I come from an arty family.

I am currently leading a local group which aims to extend the Mosaic panel in Queenhithe Ward.