

## Report – Policy & Resources Committee

### Report of Urgent Action Taken – Exceptional Wavier to Standing Order 26(10)

*To be presented on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025*

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons  
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

#### **SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN**

1. The revised Standing Orders of the Court of Common Council were approved in March 2025 and adopted on 25 April 2025. These revisions included a new mechanism setting out the procedure for Grand Committees to appoint the membership and chairs of their respective sub-committees. This process includes the requirement to submit a written expression of interest to the Town Clerk one clear working day prior to the scheduled date of the meeting (Standing Order 26(10)). Standing Order 26(10) does not currently allow for any exceptions to this rule to be exercised.
2. A Member of Policy and Resources Committee was restricted in their ability to submit their nomination for positions on relevant sub-committees by this deadline due to extenuating personal circumstances. In light of the challenging position faced by the individual Member, approval was sought under urgency procedures via your Policy and Resources Committee, to waive Standing Order 26(10), with the effect of permitting this Member to submit their nomination past the prescribed deadline.
3. This proposal was approved by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Lord Mayor, Chief Commoner, Chairman of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Planning & Transportation Committee. It was noted during consultation with Members that the approval was granted due to exceptional nature of the request and that any similar cases in future would be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

4. We **recommend** that the action taken be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 7th day of May 2025.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward**  
Chairman, Policy & Resources Committee