## **Text of Wardmote Resolution**

- 1. "This Cripplegate Wardmote:
- i) Notes that several Members of the Court of Common Council have been appointed Lead Members including for Climate Action and Sustainability. However, there is no Lead Member for Urban Greening and Biodiversity, despite the importance of the same to residents, workers, students and visitors, as well as to wildlife, within the Square Mile. Despite this importance, there are areas with significant biodiversity deprivation, as acknowledged in the draft City Plan 2040. Its Chapter 12 Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure specifically includes both Urban Greening and Biodiversity;
- ii) Agrees that increasing Urban Greening and Biodiversity benefits the health and wellbeing of residents, workers, students and visitors, particularly in areas of deficiency in access to public open space. Also, such increase in other areas will improve their health and wellbeing; and
- iii) Resolves to request the Court of Common Council to appoint a Lead Member for Urban Greening and Biodiversity charged with ensuring City Corporation takes all necessary steps to increase urban greening and biodiversity enhancement independently of any requirements for the same in planning applications and other development proposals.