



COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL – 11th September 2025

QUESTIONS SUMMARY

1. Deputy Madush Gupta to ask a question of the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee concerning the electoral review:-

“I rise to address a commitment made to this honourable Court some 21 months ago by my honourable friend, Deputy Hayward. In January 2024, when I raised the urgent matter of our long-overdue electoral review, the Deputy assured the court that work would commence immediately after the March 2025 elections.

We now find ourselves in September 2025, with half of our 25 wards operating with councillor allocations based on voter registration data that hasn't been refreshed since 2010. That's not just administratively untidy - it's a deficit affecting the very heart of our ancient democracy. The refresh is critical to keep our electoral rolls fully subscribed.

Will the Deputy now commit to a specific completion date - not a project plan, but a firm deadline - for this electoral review and future reviews after each election cycle?”

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2. Josephine Hayes to ask a question of the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee concerning pension fund investments:-

“Last Wednesday the Lord Mayor said that through the Mansion House Compact and Accord we're making sure that some of the huge sums in the hands of British pension funds are being invested in technology.

Will the Chair of Policy and Resources confirm that this Court of Common Council is acutely conscious that one of the main reasons for the 2008 financial crisis was excessive risk-taking in the years leading up to it, and that the government had to bail out a number of lenders which were too big to fail, at immense cost to the UK taxpayer; and that since pension funds are responsible for safeguarding long term pensions for their members, British pension fund trustees must be left to decide what risks they are prepared to take, without being influenced to engage in high risk investments? ”