

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF ALDERMEN**  
**Tuesday, 16 September 2025**

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held at  
Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 16 September 2025  
at 10.00 am

**Present**

**Members:**

Alderman Sir William Russell (Chairman)  
Alderman Sir Charles Bowman (Deputy Chairman)  
Alderman Sir Peter Estlin  
Alderman Vincent Keaveny, CBE  
Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons  
Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley, DBE  
Alderman Alison Gowman CBE  
Alderman Timothy Hailes JP  
Alderman Robert Howard  
Alderman Gregory Jones KC  
Alderman Prem Goyal CBE  
Alderman Professor Emma Edhem  
Alderman Bronek Masojada  
Alderman Alexander Barr  
Alderman Christopher Makin  
Alderman Tim Levene  
Alderwoman Jennette Newman  
Alderman Simon Pryke  
Alderwoman Elizabeth Anne King, BEM JP

**Officers:**

Ian Thomas, CBE	- Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Greg Moore	- Deputy Town Clerk
Polly Dunn	- Assistant Town Clerk
Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
Rhiannon Leary	- Town Clerk's Department
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- The Chamberlain
Benjamin Chen-Sverre	- Chamberlain's Department
Victoria Nelson	- Chamberlain's Department
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Paul Wright	- Remembrancer
Jack Joslin	- City Bridge Foundation
Caroline Jack	- Executive Director, Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor
Catherine Rooney	- Senior Private Secretary
Tim Rolph	- The Swordbearer and Programme Manager

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from the Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Alastair King, Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley, Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli, Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney, Alderman Kawsar Zaman and Alderwoman Martha Grekos.

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 15 July 2025.

**RESOLVED:** - That the minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 15 July 2025 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

**Chairman's Congratulatory Remarks**

The Chairman reported that Alderman Prem Goyal had been appointed as Honorary President of the UK Cryptoasset Business Council (UKCBC), a cross-sectoral industry group that promotes responsible innovation, investment, and growth in the UK's digital asset and blockchain sector.

He went on to report that The National Planning Policy Framework and Policies for Development Management Handbook - expertly co-edited by Alderman and Sheriff Gregory Jones KC and Simon Neate MRTPI had recently been published. In clear language, it examines the meaning of the NPPF in a comprehensive and systematic way by reference to case law and appeal decisions.

4. **APPOINTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** - That the Committee approve:

- (i) the appointment of Alderman Christopher Makin to the Samuel Wilson Loans Trust; and
- (ii) the appointment of Alderwoman Elizabeth King to the Emanuel Hospital Management Sub-Committee.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no additional, urgent items of business for consideration.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** - That, in accordance with the Court of Aldermen's Disclosure Arrangement (Standing Order 25), the public shall be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen have determined, having had due regard to the Disclosure Arrangement, that disclosure should not be permitted.

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Committee considered and approved the non-public minutes of the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen held on 15 July 2025.

9. **GOVERNANCE OF THE COURT OF ALDERMEN AND A STRATEGIC RESET FOR A MODERN MAYORALTY**

The Committee considered and approved a report of the Town Clerk concerning the Governance of the Court of Aldermen and a Strategic Reset for a Modern Mayoralty.

10. **MANSION HOUSE REFURBISHMENT**

The Committee considered and approved a report of the City Surveyor on the mansion House Refurbishment.

11. **RISK REGISTER & FUNDING POLICY UPDATE FOR EMANUEL HOSPITAL CHARITY (CHARITY REGISTRATION NO. 206952)**

The Committee considered and approved a report of the Acting Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation and Chief Charities Officer providing key updates on the Emanuel Hospital Charity for review by the Aldermen in discharging the City of London Corporation's functions as charity trustee.

12. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions raised in the non-public session.

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

The Chair raised matters relating to the Members Code of Conduct, the Ward Beadles' Code of Conduct and the Deputy Chairmanship of the Committee.

**The meeting ended at 12.17 pm**

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Chairman

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