



LANGLEY, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

12th December 2025
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr (Alderman)
 Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman (Alderman)
 Alison Gowman CBE (Alderman)
 Martha Grekos (Alderwoman)
 Timothy Russell Hailes (Alderman)

Robert Picton Seymour Howard (Alderman)
 Vincent Keaveny CBE (Alderman)
 Elizabeth Anne King, BEM JP (Alderwoman)
 The Rt Hon. The Lady Mayor, Dame Susan Langley, DBE (Alderwoman)
 Tim Levene (Alderman)

Christopher Makin (Alderman)
 Bronek Masojada (Alderman)
 Jennette Rachel Newman (Alderwoman)
 Sir Andrew Charles Parmley, (Alderman)
 Simon Pryke (Alderman)

COMMONERS

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie MBE
 Tana Adkin KC
 Munsur Ali
 Samapti Bagchi
 Jamel Banda
 Brendan Barns
 Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy
 Keith David Forbes Bottomley,
 Sheriff & Deputy
 Simon Burrows
 Timothy Richard Butcher, Deputy
 Lesley Cole
 Bethany Coombs, Deputy
 Anne Corbett, Deputy
 Elizabeth Corrin
 Simon Duckworth, OBE DL

Peter Gerard Dunphy MBE,
 Deputy
 John Ernest Edwards, Deputy
 Susan Farrington
 Helen Lesley Fentimen OBE JP,
 Deputy
 Anthony David Fitzpatrick
 John William Fletcher, Deputy
 John Foley
 Dawn Frampton
 Marianne Bernadette Fredericks,
 Deputy
 Sarah Helen Gillinson
 Steve Goodman OBE
 Jason Groves
 Madush Gupta, Deputy
 Mercy Haggerty
 Caroline Wilma Haines, Deputy

Christopher Michael Hayward,
 Deputy
 Jaspreet Hodgson, Deputy
 Stephen Hodgson
 Adam Michael Hogg
 Ann Holmes, Deputy
 Sandra Jenner
 Helen Ladelle
 Vasiliki Manta
 Tessa Marchington
 Paul Nicholas Martinelli, Deputy
 Tim McNally
 Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers,
 Deputy
 Deborah Oliver TD, Deputy
 Suzanne Ornsby KC
 Leyla Ostovar

Chief Commoner James Henry
 George Pollard, Deputy
 Nighat Qureishi, Deputy
 Anett Rideg
 Gaby Robertshaw
 Hugh Selka
 Tom Sleigh, Deputy
 James St John Davis
 Stephanie Steeden
 Jacqueline Roberts Webster
 Mark Raymond Peter Henry
 Delano Wheatley
 Ceri Wilkins, Deputy
 Philip Woodhouse
 Dawn Linsey Wright, Deputy
 Irem Yerdelen

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations There were none
3. Minutes Due to a printing error, the public minutes and non-public summary of the Court meeting on 9th October 2025 were not included in the pack. This set of minutes would be submitted to the Court meeting on 15 January 2026 for consideration.
4. Mayoral engagements The Right Honourable The Lady Mayor reported on her recent engagements, which included overseas visits to Amsterdam to hold meetings with members of the Dutch investment community and the United States to discuss the UK-US economic relationship and regulatory environment can be improved. In addition, in early

December, the Lady Mayor hosted the Prime Minister at the inaugural Lady Mayor's Banquet at the Guildhall; the Prime Minister spoke of the pressing need for the UK to face outwards again – the City Corporation had a critical part to play in this endeavour over the coming years. Separately, on 4 December, the City was honoured to host the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, for a State Banquet at the Guildhall, an excellent example of the City's soft power.

In conclusion, the Lady Mayor wished the Members of the Court a restful and rejuvenating holiday period and looked forward to the seeing everyone again in 2026.

5. Policy Statement

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity to welcome the Lady Mayor to her first Court of Common Council meeting in her new role and congratulated her on the resounding success of the first weeks of her Mayoral term.

Reflecting on the launch in 2023 of the Vision for Economic Growth, which led to the establishment of the Office for Investment: Financial Services (Ofi:FS), the Chairman emphasised that the City's role in this underscored the City Corporation's position as the partner of choice for Government when it came to Financial and Professional Services; a recent early success for the Ofi:FS was US insurer AM Speciality Insurance Company becoming the first approved firm authorised to operate in the UK market through the accelerated regulator's pathway.

After the December 2024 decision concerning the wholesale Markets, the Chairman emphasised the hard work which had taken place in the intervening 12 months; after working closely with the Markets traders and the Greater London Authority, the Chairman was delighted to provide the news earlier this month about plans advancing for a purpose built privately developed site at Albert Island in the Royal Docks, which would provide certainty for Traders, while unlocking housing and regeneration opportunities.

The Chairman reflected that in June, he had told the Court that he was committed to finding a solution for the state of the City Corporation's housing. He was pleased that later in the meeting, Members would be provided the opportunity to consider and vote for that solution.

Taken together, these decisions reflect the City that Members were shaping, a City which was experiencing a true renaissance, and one which was moving forward with confidence and purpose.

The Chairman concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and looked forward to a successful 2026 for the City of London Corporation.

6. Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments.

(A) Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls (one vacancy for a term expiring in July 2028).

Nomination(s) received:-

Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley

Read.

Whereupon the Lady Mayor declared Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls.

(B) Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common Council Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital (one vacancy for a term expiring in March 2028)

Nomination(s) received:-

Deputy Ann Holmes

Read.

Whereupon the Lady Mayor declared Ann Holmes to be appointed to the Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common Council Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital.

7. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

13 November 2025

(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)

Investment in Social Housing Stock

The Court considered a Report concerning the funding options for improvements to the City of London Corporation's social housing stock. Reflecting on the commitment made at the June meeting of the Court to draw up funding options in order to restore the Corporation's social housing stock, the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee welcomed today's Report and paid tribute to the contributions of the Chairs of the Finance Committee, the Community and Children's Services Committee, the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub-Committee, and the Corporation's lead Member for residents, Jacqui Webster. The Report today presented a fully costed plan which fulfilled the promise to residents made in June; it meets the Corporation's responsibility to residents, and he hoped that honourable Members would unanimously support it.

Concern was raised over the robustness of the funding plan, with suggestion that recommendations in the Report would be insufficient in meeting the investment requirements for the Corporation's social housing stock, with some of the sources remaining uncertain. In addition, the Report referred to leaseholder contributions of an unspecified amount, it was felt that these contributions would ultimately be unaffordable to most leaseholders. It was suggested that all funding options be brought back into consideration, including sourcing funding from City's Estate.

Several Members welcomed the steps being taken. Reassurance was sought that leaseholders would not be facing onerous contributions. It was commented that now was the time to get on and deliver high quality changes that positively impact lives. It was noted that a methodology for fair leaseholder contributions would be considered at an upcoming meeting of the Golden Lane Major Works Renewal Board.

The clear fiduciary and moral duty of Members was emphasised in looking after the City's social housing residents; work of various Members and officers over the previous six months to progress the matter, was commended by several speakers.

There was an onus put on progressing the works at pace and to keep in mind the planned maintenance for the next 50 years, not just the next 10 years.

The Chair of the Community and Children's Services Committee supported the recommendations in the Report. She gave assurance to the Court that her Committee would lead in helping to deliver the 10-year programme. Whilst it was critical for the City Corporation's housing stock to achieve the Decent Home Standard, this programme will help the City do just that and more ensuring a positive impact on people's lives.

To conclude the debate, the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee assured Members that officers were assessing the impact on leaseholders, and a Report would be submitted to the Community and Children's Services Committee in the New Year which would seek to present a fair proposal for leaseholder contributions, with mitigations embedded if necessary.

The Chairman stressed the City Corporation's moral duty to ensure the City's housing residents should live in decent homes. This topic had been spoken about for years and now the Corporation is making a start; it was incumbent on Members to hold themselves to account on this vital programme.

Referencing the as yet unidentified £45m sum for the Programme's Optimism Bias, the Chairman highlighted the need for pace; the vast majority of the funding had been identified and it would not be in anybody's interests to pause now to wait for this sum to be scoped out when it could be identified over the course of the 10-year Programme. The Chairman reiterated his view that the funding methodology was sound and that resourcing the Programme from City Fund was sufficient and appropriate.

Resolved – that the Court approves the allocation of up to £151.77m of City Fund Capital funds (including optimism bias) over the next 10 years to support the major works renovation programme to bring the existing housing stock to a good condition.

8.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

4 November 2025

(Deputy Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst)

Pan-London Sexual Health eService (SHL.UK)

The Court considered a Report concerning a proposal relating to the award of a contract for the Pan-London Sexual Health Programme eService (SHL.UK).

Resolved – that the Court endorse the award of a five-year contract, with the option to extend for up to a further 48 months of the Pan London Sexual Health Programme eService (SHL.UK)

9.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

21 October 2025

(Deputy Tom Sleigh)

(A) City Plan 2040

The Court considered a Report concerning proposals relating to a period of consultation on Main and Additional Modifications to the City Plan 2040.

It was requested that consultation responses to be published on the planning portal. The Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee supported this suggestion and would ask officers to facilitate it.

Resolved – that the Court:

- Approve a six-week consultation period on the Main and Additional Modifications to the City Plan (Appendix 1 and 2), the Sustainability Appraisal Review (Appendix 3) and the changes to the Policies Map (Appendix 4).
- Authorise the Director of Planning and Development, in liaison with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee to provide a City Corporation response to the consultation responses received.

(B) Annual On-Street Parking Accounts 2024/25 and Related Funding of Highway Improvements and Schemes

The Court considered a Report concerning the annual On-Street Parking Accounts and approval of the onward submission to the Mayor of London.

It was requested that officers investigate the potential of parking bays being established in the main residential wards of the City for the use of local residents. The Chairman of the Planning and Transportation (P&T) Committee supported this suggestion and would invite officers investigate.

Resolved – that the Court noted the contents of the Report and approve its onward submission to the Mayor of London.

10. Vote of
Thanks, Late
Lord Mayor

Resolved unanimously – “That the Members of this Honourable Court take great pleasure in expressing to:-

Haines, C. W.,
Deputy
Pollard, J. H.
G., Deputy

Alderman Alastair John Naisbitt King DL

their gratitude and appreciation for the distinguished manner in which he has served as Lord Mayor of the City of London during the past year. His Mayoral theme, ‘Growth Unleashed’, has focused on driving growth by celebrating the successes and diverse communities within the Square Mile, encouraging the adoption of technologies that provide London with a competitive advantage, and challenging industry to maximise opportunities through responsible risk taking.

Alastair has achieved particular success through his tireless work to transform the UK’s pension investment culture, championing a value-for-money approach that prioritises long-term returns for savers. Through the Mansion House Accord, an extra £50 billion of investment for UK businesses and major infrastructure projects is set to be unlocked, and his corresponding success through the Employer Pension Pledge, signed by the Chancellor in July, commits over twenty of the UK’s largest employers to pledge to prioritise retirement outcomes for their workforce, rather than focusing solely on cost reduction, when selecting or reviewing pension providers.

Throughout the year of office, the Lord Mayor undertook an extensive programme of international visits, travelling to over twenty countries by November and maintaining enthusiasm and good humour throughout, including visits to Australia, India, China,

North America, Japan, the Gulf, and Southeast Asia. Notable highlights include hosting visiting dignitaries and officials, such as the State Visit by the President of the French Republic in July—celebrating ties between the UK and France and encouraging stronger collaboration on financial services—and hosting the Amir of Qatar at Mansion House during his State Visit.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, given his Scottish heritage, Alastair also made promoting investment into Scotland a personal priority, including through his successful co-hosting of Scotland's Global Investment Summit with Scottish Financial Enterprise in October, supported by both the UK and Scottish Governments. This has already given rise to substantial new investment.

The Lord Mayor also demonstrated strong support for the Defence sector and Armed Forces by leading a series of breakfast roundtables on funding the UK defence supply chain with financial professional services firms.

In thanking Alastair, his colleagues on this Court also wish to express their gratitude to Florence, the Lady Mayoress, for her enthusiastic support throughout the year, particularly through her championing of the Armed Forces Covenant. We also record our thanks to Corinne Lee, who has often acted as Representative Lady Mayoress during the year.

In taking their leave of Alastair, their 696th Lord Mayor, Members unite in thanking Alastair for all that has been accomplished in his year and send best wishes to him and Florence for their future good health and happiness".

11. Motions
*Haines, C.W.,
 Deputy
 Pollard, J. H.
 G., Deputy*

(A)By Deputy Caroline Haines

Resolved - That the Resolution of Thanks to the late Lord Mayor, passed by Common Hall on 29th September last, be presented in a form agreeable to him.

*Martinelli, P.
 Deputy
 Pollard, J. H.
 G., Deputy*

(B) By Deputy Paul Martinelli

Resolved - That the Resolution of Thanks to Gregory Percy Jones KC, Alderman and Leatherseller and David Graham Forbes Chalk, Citizen and Draper, the late Sheriffs of the City, passed by Common Hall on 29th September last, be presented in a form agreeable to them.

*Wright, D.L.,
 Deputy
 Pollard, J. H.
 G., Deputy*

(C) By Deputy Dawn Wright

Resolved - That Deputy Dawn Wright be appointed to the Planning & Transportation Committee for the Ward of Coleman Street, in the room of Philip Kelvin.

12. Freedoms

The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned persons, who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City by Redemption:

David Monah Al-Basha, a Magistrate
JP
Ald. Alison Jane Gowman *Citizen and Glover*
Ald. Timothy Russell *Citizen and Pewterer*
Hailes, JP

Harrow, London

Yasser Alkadi <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL CC Sophia Abigail Mooney</i>	a Venture Capital Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen</i>	Wandsworth, London
Paul Nicholas Atherton <i>CC Timothy James McNally Marianna Cherry</i>	a Filmmaker, Writer & Social Campaigner <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	London
Christine Mary Banstead, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Commercial Lettings Company Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Surrey
David Barton <i>Christopher James Caine Terence George William Thurley</i>	a Businessman & Charity Founder <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Thurrock, Essex
Paramdeep Singh Bhatia, MBE <i>Dhruv Prashant Patel Neel Purshottam Patani</i>	an Investment Company Director <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Barking & Dagenham, London
Julian Charles Bickerton, VR <i>Alan Roy Willis William Victor Rowlinson</i>	a Farmer <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Saffron Walden, Essex
Charles Edward Aldridge Bil <i>Edward Arthur Jackson Richard Stewart Goddard</i>	a Boatyard Operations Manager <i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Reading, Berkshire
Clare Elizabeth Black <i>Dep. Madush Gupta Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Finance Innovation Body Chief Operating Officer <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Surrey
Dean Paul Brackenridge <i>Veronica Anne Spofforth Mrs Linda Harrald Towell</i>	a Marketing Account Manager <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	West Sussex
Eve Gloria Regina Anne Brenner, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Property Company Director, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Westminster, London

Sarah Jayne Bridge <i>Dep. Madush Gupta</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i> <i>Hailes, JP</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Islington, London
Amanda Mei-Ling Briggs <i>Robert Maurice Andrews</i> <i>Jeffrey Richard Lewis</i>	a Real Estate Agent <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Serena Clare Browne <i>The Rt. Hon The Lady Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i> <i>Hailes, JP</i>	a Charity Secretary <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Westminster, London
Colonel William Toby Browne <i>The Rt. Hon The Lady Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i> <i>Hailes, JP</i>	a Crown Equerry <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Westminster, London
Dr Cormac John Vincent Bryce <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i> <i>CC Sophia Abigail Mooney</i>	a University Lecturer <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen</i>	Harpden, Hertfordshire
Simon Paul Burke, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i> <i>Hailes, JP</i>	a Magistrate <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Hounslow, London
Natasha Simone Campbell <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i> <i>Ald. Sheriff Gregory Percy Jones, KC</i>	a Soldier <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i>	Hillingdon, London
Robert Yifei Chan <i>Matthew David Dupee</i> <i>Keith Richard Stevens</i>	a Regulatory Compliance Analyst <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i> <i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	Quincy, Massachusetts, United States of America
Seng Boon Chan, VR <i>Craig Stuart Philip Harding</i> <i>Richard Gary Stephen Miller</i>	a Legal Consultancy Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Constructor</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Bristol
Helena Marie Chapman, JP	a Wellness Company Director, retired	Wandsworth, London

<i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<i>Hailes, JP</i>		
Samantha Rin Chhrech	a Programme Director	Lowell, Massachusetts, United States of America
<i>Matthew David Dupee</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	
<i>Keith Richard Stevens</i>	<i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	
Neil Stephen Cooper	an Insurance Company Senior Operations Manager	Ipswich, Suffolk
<i>Steven Patrick Pallett</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
<i>CC David James Sales</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
Dr Costantino Davide	a Plastic Surgeon	Hammersmith & Fulham, London
<i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
Mark Devlin	a Client Services Managing Director	South Lanarkshire
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<i>Hailes, JP</i>		
<i>Dep. Madush Gupta</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
Robert Mitchell Drake	an Information Technology Company Director	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
<i>Keith Richard Stevens</i>	<i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	
<i>Professor Jordan Charles Giddings</i>	<i>Citizen and Mason</i>	
Maria Driscoll	a Personal Assistant	Harving, London
<i>Dep. Henry Nicholas</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
<i>Almroth Colthurst</i>		
<i>Dep. Andrien Gereith</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
<i>Dominic Meyers</i>		
Alfred Emil Eschbach	a Bank General Manager, retired	Solothurn, Switzerland
<i>Margaret Clarissa Holland</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Prior</i>		
<i>Ald. Robert Picton</i>	<i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
<i>Seymour Howard</i>		
Gladys Olubunmi Foluke Famoriyo, JP	a Magistrate	Wellingborough, Northamptonshire
<i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<i>Hailes, JP</i>		
Anne Marie Amélie Feuillen	a Head of Private Equity	Ealing, London
<i>Dep. Madush Gupta</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<i>Hailes, JP</i>		

Kenneth Martin Follett, CBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lady Mayor Dep. James Henry George Pollard</i>	an Author <i>Citizen and Insurer Citizen and Skinner</i>	Hertfordshire
Gary Spencer Foulkes <i>Dep. Madush Gupta Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	an Executive Chef <i>Citizen and Pewterer Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Islington, London
Orlando Marcus Rory Fraser <i>Ald. Alexander Robertson Martin Barr Charles Bertram Hopkinson-Woolley</i>	an Estate Agent <i>Citizen and Ironmonger Citizen and Ironmonger</i>	Oxfordshire
Massimo Fraulo <i>Antony Vincent Scanlan Dep. James Henry George Pollard</i>	a Solution Design Consultant <i>Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker & Tobacco Blender Citizen and Skinner</i>	Hertfordshire
Jonathan Mehdi James Goff, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Magistrate <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Westminster, London
Charlotte St. Aubyn Grainger, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Stone & Tiling Company Director <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Richmond Upon Thames, London
David Benjamin Steppel Grunwald <i>Dep. Madush Gupta Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Bank Director of Innovation <i>Citizen and Pewterer Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Barnet, London
Charles Mark Gurassa <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, CBE Dep. Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	a Media Group Chairman <i>Citizen and Plumber Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Kensington & Chelsea, London
David William Hancock, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Training Barrister <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	City of London
Elizabeth Whiteside Hearton Hannah, BEM <i>Dep. Caroline Wilma Haines</i>	a Local Government Chief of Staff <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Tower Hamlets, London

<i>Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, MBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Fueller</i>	
Ritchie Max Hardcastle	an Entertainment Company Director	Romford, Essex
<i>Rafael Steinmetz Leffa Dep. Jaspreet Hodgson</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Vintner</i>	
Laurence Thomas Healy	a Bus Driver, retired	Haringey, London
<i>Vincent Dignam Jacqueline O'Donovan, OBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
John Richard Higgins	an Engineer, retired	Saracens Head, Lincolnshire
<i>Dep. Benjamin Daniel Murphy Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, MBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Fueller</i>	
John Anthony Hildebrand	an Investment Manager	Islington, London
<i>Ann-Marie Jefferys Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
Nicholas John Hobbis	a Jewellery Company Managing Director	Birmingham, West Midlands
<i>Dr Craig Paterson Mark Watson-Gandy</i>	<i>Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker & Tobacco Blender</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	
Mary Winifred Gloria Hunniford, OBE	a Broadcaster & Writer	Sevenoaks, Kent
<i>Ald. Vincent Thomas Keaveny, CBE Vincent Dignam</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Leon Kolawole Ifayemi	a Finance Innovation Body Director	Barnet, London
<i>Dep. Madush Gupta Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
His Excellency Magzhan Ilyassov	a Diplomat	Westminster, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lady Mayor Dep. Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
Adam Robert Jones	a Director of E-Mobility	Richmond Upon Thames, London
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP Dep. Madush Gupta</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	

Maurits Engelbert Kalff, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Psychologist & Magistrate <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Lambeth, London
Commander Umer Zaman Khan, OBE <i>Dep. James Michael Douglas Thomson, CBE CC Tijs Broeke</i>	a City of London Police Officer <i>Citizen and Grocer Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Tower Hamlets, London
Nathaniel Michael Kolbe <i>Dep. Madush Gupta Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Principal Lecturer <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	City of London
Sneha Manhar Pancholi Kooros, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Homemaker <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Kensington & Chelsea, London
Nathalie Celine Laniado, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Magistrate <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Camden, London
Derek James Leighton <i>Dep. Madush Gupta Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Southwark, London
The Hon Katherine Ruth Tilla Levene <i>Ald. The Hon. Timothy Charles Levene The Rt. Hon The Lady Mayor</i>	a Project Manager <i>Citizen and Carmen Citizen and Insurer</i>	Barnet, London
Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber, KG <i>The Rt. Hon The Lady Mayor Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	a Composer <i>Citizen and Insurer Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Westminster, London
Alexander Blake Macpherson, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	an Army Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Glover Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Hammersmith & Fulham, London

His Excellency José Pascual Marco Martínez <i>The Rt. Hon The Lady Mayor</i> <i>Dep. Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	a Diplomat <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Belgravia, London
Victoria Eva McEwen <i>Murray De Vere Beauclerk</i> <i>William Francis Charnley</i>	a Treasury Professional <i>Citizen and Draper</i> <i>Citizen and Draper</i>	Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland
Diane Louise McHale, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i> <i>Hailes, JP</i>	an Office Manager <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Rochester, Kent
Alison Jane Mitchell <i>Dep. Andrien Gereith</i> <i>Dominic Meyers</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, CBE</i>	a Broadcast Journalist & Commentator <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Ealing, London
Danial Mohammadi <i>Abdul Abrham Latif</i> <i>Ali Reza Latif</i>	a Fintech Company Director <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Barnet, London
Mark John Mojsak <i>The Rt. Hon The Lady Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sheriff Gregory Percy Jones, KC</i>	The Lord Mayor's Steward <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i>	Waltham Forest, London
Garry Patrick Monaghan, JP <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i> <i>Hailes, JP</i>	a Financial Services Company Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Haringey, London
Anne Catherine Morrison <i>Sheila Mary Bailey</i> <i>Richard Evans</i>	a Media Consultant <i>Citizen and Farrier</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Richmond Upon Thames, London
Alexander Ronald Moss <i>Dep. Madush Gupta</i> <i>Ald. Timothy Russell</i> <i>Hailes, JP</i>	a University Associate Professor <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i> <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Norfolk
Oonagh Jane Moulton <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Lisa Rutter</i>	a Stockbroker & Investment Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Merton, London
Thomas James Mulvany	a Student	Sevenoaks, Kent

<i>Gina Blair</i>	<i>Citizen and Master Mariner</i>	
<i>James John Madden</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	
Deborah Clare O'Neill <i>Dep. Caroline Wilma Haines</i>	a Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Buckinghamshire
<i>Ald. Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
Diane Hélène Paredes <i>Dep. Madush Gupta</i>	a Regulatory Technology Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Westminster, London
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
Helen Margaret Penny <i>Russell Penny</i>	a Security Company Director <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Merton, London
<i>Stephen George Emmins</i>	<i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	
Stuart John Perry <i>Mark John Herbage</i>	Sergeant Major of the Honourable Artillery Company <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	Nuneaton, Warwickshire
<i>Ald. Sheriff Gregory Percy Jones, KC</i>	<i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i>	
Mark Stephen Pessell <i>Gregory John Smith</i>	a City of London Guide <i>Citizen and Hackney Carriage Driver</i>	Walthamstow, London
<i>Stephen John Plumb</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
Dr Andrew Martin Plant <i>Alice Ruth Hynes</i>	a Pianist & Musicologist <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Peterborough, Cambridgeshire
<i>Colin Alistair Mecum Fleming</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Amanda Kathleen Mary Ratcliffe <i>Ald. Sir Andrew Charles Parmley</i>	a Livery Company Deputy Clerk <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Gravesend, Kent
<i>Rt Revd Graeme Paul Knowles, CVO</i>	<i>Citizen and Founder</i>	
Dr Bachali Neel Charan Reddy <i>Terry Kenneth Morris</i>	a Medical Doctor <i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	Tower Hamlets, London
<i>John Anthony Hart Bootes</i>	<i>Citizen and Barber</i>	
Nial Philip Ring <i>Vincent Dignam</i>	an Accountant <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Dublin, Ireland
<i>Jacqueline O'Donovan, OBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Dame Karen Elizabeth Roxburgh, DCMI <i>The Rt. Hon The Lady Mayor</i>	a Diplomat <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	Kensington & Chelsea, London

<i>Dep. Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
Richard Frederick Russell	a Headmaster, retired	Haverhill, Suffolk
<i>Matthew Peter Ettienne Pellereau</i>	<i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i>	
<i>Sean Mountford Graham Williams</i>	<i>Citizen and Leatherseller</i>	
Tessa lone Sanderson, CBE	an Olympian Athlete & Charity Ambassador	Waltham Forest, London
<i>CC Shahnan Bakth</i>	<i>Citizen and Draper</i>	
<i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	
Nicole Janine Sandler	a Head of Corporate and Regulatory Affairs	Kensington & Chelsea, London
<i>Dep. Madush Gupta</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
Christopher Roy Selby	a Business Consultant	Halifax, West Yorkshire
<i>Kevin Malcolm Everett</i>	<i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
<i>Richard Evans</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
Dr Mikhail Semenov	an Investment Director	Lambeth, London
<i>CC Jamel Banda</i>	<i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	
<i>CC Philip John Woodhouse</i>	<i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	
Susan Irene Shonfeld	a Laundry Rental Company Director, retired	Stockport, Cheshire
<i>John Charles Shonfeld</i>	<i>Citizen and Launderer</i>	
<i>Kenneth Richard Cupitt</i>	<i>Citizen and Launderer</i>	
Roger John Short	an Avionics Obsolescence Manager, retired	Christchurch, Dorset
<i>CC Timothy James McNally</i>	<i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	
<i>CC David James Sales</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
Susan Barbara Short	an Office Manager, retired	Christchurch, Dorset
<i>CC Timothy James McNally</i>	<i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	
<i>CC David James Sales</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
The Venerable Wilhelmina Tohcumboh Smallman	a Clerk in Holy Orders, retired	Kent
<i>CC Matthew Legh Preston Bell</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	
<i>Dep. Helen Lesley Fentimen, OBE, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	
Glen Jack Strachan	an Automotive Repair Company Director	Worthing, West Sussex

<i>Simon Victor Langton</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
<i>Paul Stephen Hollebone</i>	<i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	
Elliot John Summerhayes	a Trade & Investment Coordinator	Waltham Forest, London
<i>Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, MBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Fueller</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
John Alfred Neville Tibbitts	a Housing & Property Company Director	Hertfordshire
<i>Christopher Arthur Hutchinson</i>	<i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	
<i>Wayne Martin Sheppard</i>	<i>Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer</i>	
Darren Tobin	a Health and Social Care Chief Executive	Bexley, London
<i>Kristen James Cottier</i>	<i>Citizen and Spectacle Maker</i>	
<i>David John Parkins</i>	<i>Citizen and Spectacle Maker</i>	
Gary Michael Trundell, JP	a Safeguarding Consultancy Company Director	Walthamstow, London
<i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	
Anthea Millicent Turner	a Broadcaster	Kensington & Chelsea, London
<i>Stephen Arthur Conway Huxham</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
<i>Richard Jeremy Muir</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
Stuart Martin Tutt	a Police Officer, retired	Tonbridge, Kent
<i>Alan Roy Willis</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
<i>William Victor Rowlinson</i>	<i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	
Lord Vaizey of Didcot	a Peer of the Realm	Hammersmith & Fulham, London
Edward Henry Butler Vaizey, PC		
<i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i>	<i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	
<i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell</i>	<i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	
Sarah Alexandra Welchman	an Artist	Oxfordshire
<i>Emmanuel Isaac Hayeem Cohen</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
<i>David Arthur Hopkins</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i>	
Jane Rochelle Whitefield	a College Vice-Principal	Bexley, London
<i>Eric Davies</i>	<i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i>	
<i>William James Murray</i>	<i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i>	
Peter William Woods	a Data Operations Head	Surrey
<i>Graham John Peacock</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	

Dominic Edouard Aslan *Citizen and Information Technologist*

Read.

Resolved - That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons to the Freedom of this City by Redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

13. Questions

*Sleigh, T.,
Deputy, to
the
Chairman
of the
Policy and
Resources
Committee*

Deputy Tom Sleigh asked the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee a question concerning the perception of street crime in the City of London, noting specifically the impact of such a perception amongst potential international investors in the City.

The Chairman responded by noting his disappointment that the wider perception of London overseas may be beginning to undermine the City Corporation's substantial efforts to promote the capital. Security, both physical and economic, remained central to the Square Mile's offer as a leading global business district; the City of London was one of the safest business districts in the world thanks to the independent City of London Police Force. This was reflected in crime figures; phone snatching in the City had fallen by 30% between April and October compared with the same period in 2024 – a direct result of the launch of Operation Swipe, an extensive initiative designed to deter, detect, apprehend, and prevent. In addition, the City of London Police and its partners had intensified activity in key hotspots, delivering more than 6,300 additional visible patrol hours since April.

Within Greater London more broadly, Metropolitan Police data showed that overall crime so far this year was 2.4% lower than the previous year to date; for theft, which would include phone snatching, the fall was 6.5%. Safety had been woven into the Corporation's Destination City Programme, which was also working closely with the City Business Investment Unit. The Chairman said that greater efforts must be made to dispel these incorrect perceptions.

As a supplementary question, Mr Sleigh asked what the City Corporation was doing to partner with others across London to try to promote a better story about safety in the capital to investors.

In reply, the Chairman said that the City Corporation would continue to work closely with the GLA and other partners in an effort to dispel established negative narratives about London more broadly.

In response to a question from Tana Adkin on action against gender-based violence, the Chairman reiterated the City Corporation's 100% support for women in all aspects of life

Deputy Marianne Fredericks asked a supplementary question on the steps being taken to reduce the prevalence of graffiti across the Square Mile. The Chairman shared the frustration about graffiti and asked the Chairs of Port Health and Environmental Services and Planning and Transportation to refer this back to their committees. The Chairman of Policy and Resources responded with assurances that the relevant Chairs would be sure to note these frustrations.

14.

COMMUNITY AND CHILDRENS SERVICES COMMITTEE

10 November 2025

(Deputy Helen Fentimen)**Corporate Parenting Strategy 2025 – 2028**

The Court received a Report concerning the Corporate Parenting Strategy 2025-2028 and the 2024/25 Corporate Parenting Annual Report

Resolved – that the Court noted the Report.

15.

Legislation

The Court received a report on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

Act**Renters' Rights Act 2025**

Changes the law about rented homes, including provision abolishing fixed term assured tenancies and assured shorthold tenancies; imposing obligations on landlords and others in relation to rented homes and temporary and supported accommodation.

Royal Assent

27 October
2025

Statutory Instruments**The Charities Act 2022 (Commencement No. 4 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2025**

Follows recommendations made by the Law Commission of England and Wales as to technical improvements that could be made to charity law. Provides a new power for charity trustees to make small ex gratia payments where there is a moral obligation to do so, but no legal power to do so. This power is exercisable without the need to seek authorisation from the Charity Commission, court or Attorney General where the legal tests are met. The maximum amount for an ex gratia payment made under the new powers is set by reference to the gross annual income of the charity in the previous financial year. Applies to many national institutions, including the Board of Governors of the Museum of London.

In Force

27 November
2025

The Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (Extension of Operative Period) Regulations 2025

13 December
2025

Extends for 5 years the existing arrangements for the implementation of international agreements where domestic legislation is required to ensure compliance with the terms of the agreement. Typical circumstances where this arrangement will apply include where states agree to apply the same public international law rules to ensure reciprocal treatment, avoid parallel legal proceedings and conflicting decisions for private litigants, and establish streamlined cross-border co-operation.

The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2025

This Order is one of the outputs of the Wholesale Markets Review. It gives the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) a rule-making power to set the criteria that firms must use to determine whether they can trade in commodity derivatives and emissions allowances (including derivatives of those instruments) without having to be authorised as an investment firm by the FCA. Introduces a flexibility for the FCA to exclude firms from the scope of regulation where trading falls below a specific monetary value.

Partly on 10 December 2025 and on 1 January 2027.

The Trade Act 2021 (Power to Implement International Trade Agreements) (Extension to Expiry) Regulations 2025

30 December 2025

Relates to the power to implement International Trade Agreements that the UK signed. The original power, contained in the Trade Act, will expire. These Regulations extend for 5 years the duration of the existing powers implementing an international trade agreement to which the United Kingdom is a signatory and the European Union and other parties were signatories before the United Kingdom left the European Union. These Regulations relates to areas including the protection of human, animal or plant life or health; animal welfare; environmental protection; employment and labour; data protection and the protection of children and vulnerable adults online.

Read.

16. Ballot Results

The Town Clerk reported the results of the several ballots taken at the last Court, as follows:-

**denotes appointed*

(A) Chief Commoner 2026/27

	Votes
Charles Edward Lord	39
Philip Woodhouse	57 *

(B) Eight Members to the **Housing Governance Working Party**

	Votes
Matthew Bell	45 *
Nick Bensted-Smith	45 *

Deputy John Fletcher	62 *
Mercy Haggerty	44 *
Stephen Hodgson	41
Adam Hogg	43 *
Sandra Jenner	42
Charles Edward Lord	38
James Tumbridge	33
Jacqui Webster	47 *
Mark Wheatley	73 *
Ceri Wilkins	51 *

17.
Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

18. Awards
and Prizes

There was no Report.

19. Hospital
Seal

There were no docquets to be sealed

20. Exclusion
of the public
*Pollard, J.H.G.,
Deputy
Meyers,
A.G.D., Deputy*

Resolved - That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they either involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972; relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of that Act; or relate to matters treated in confidence at the request of His Majesty's Government.

Summary of exempt items considered whilst the public were excluded:-

21. Non-
Public Minutes

Resolved – That the non-public minutes of the Court held on 9 October 2025 are correctly recorded.

22.

Finance Committee

The Court considered a Report concerning proposals relating to securing City of London Police Accommodation to 2030.

23.

Civic Affairs Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee

The Court received a Report relating to action taken under urgency procedures concerning the provision of hospitality.

24.

Corporate Services Committee

The Court received a Report relating to action taken under urgency procedures concerning the creation of two roles evaluated at Grade I or above.

25.

City Bridge Foundation Board

The Court received a Report relating to action taken under urgency procedures concerning the appointment of a Co-opted Member of the City Bridge Foundation Board.

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and ended at 2.08pm

THOMAS.