



LANGLEY, MAYOR

COURT OF ALDERMEN

Tuesday, 9 December 2025

PRESENT

The Rt Hon. The Lady Mayor Dame Susan Langley, DBE
Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley
Alderman Sir Charles Bowman
Alderman Vincent Keaveny CBE
Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons
Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli

Alderman Timothy Hailes JP
Alderman Alison Gowman CBE
Alderman Robert Howard
Alderman Gregory Jones KC
Alderman Prem Goyal CBE
Alderman Professor Emma Edhem
Alderman & Sheriff Robert Hughes-Penney
Alderman Bronek Masojada
Alderman Alexander Barr

Alderman Christopher Makin
Alderman Tim Levene
Alderman Kawsar Zaman
Alderwoman Martha Gekos
Alderman Simon Pryke
Alderwoman Elizabeth Anne King, BEM JP

Minutes: That the minutes of the Court of Aldermen meeting held on 14th October 2025 were correctly recorded.

Minutes, Court of Common Council: [The minutes of the Court of Common Council were on the table].

Vote of Thanks to the Late Lord Mayor, Alderman Alastair King: **Resolved Unanimously:** - That this Court wishes to convey to,

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 South East 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 co-hosting of Scotland's Global Investment Summit with Scottish Financial Enterprise in October, supported by both the UK and Scottish Governments.

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And 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 to Florence for their future good health and happiness.

**Resolutions
on
Retirements,
Congratulatory
Resolutions,
Memorials,
etc:**

**The
Bridgemasters,
Oath Taking –
Giles Shilson
and Susan
Threader:** The Bridgemasters, Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson and Susan Elizabeth Patterson Threader, made the prescribed declaration under the Promissory Oaths Act 1868 for the due execution of the Office.

Applications for Freedom: The Chamberlain presented the names of two hundred and one persons to be made free of this City, and it is Ordered that they be admitted into the Freedom of this City accordingly, as follows:-

Name	Occupation	Address	Company
Sharon Jane Affleck	a Business Unit Director	Northamptonshire	Fruiterers
Mark Anthony Aitkins	a Landscaping Company Director	Bedfordshire	Feltmakers
Zabir Ali	an Optometrist	Wandsworth, London	Spectacle Makers
Paul Frank Arden	a Farmer	Market Rasen, Lincolnshire	Farmers
James Argentieri	Lorenzo a Home & Garden Company Managing Director	Leigh-on-Sea, Essex	Glass Sellers
Keith Douglas John Atkins	a Civil Servant	Bristol	Carmen
Duncan Martin Owain Baldock	a Head of Procurement	Guildford, Surrey	Carmen
Andrew Ballantyne	James an Agricultural Director, retired	Sleaford, Lincolnshire	Poulterers
Victoria Siobhan VR	Caroline Bannister, a Royal Air Force Personnel Support Adjutant	Essex	Chartered Secretaries & Administrators
Christopher Anthony Barker	a Civil Engineer	Brent, London	Engineers
Stephen James Bealey	a Pilot	Biggleswade, Bedfordshire	Air Pilots
Darren Mark Bell	a Group Fleet & Compliance Director	Camberley, Surrey	Carmen
Dr Delroy Sylvester Beverley, JP	a Hospital Non-Executive Director	Huddersfield, West Yorkshire	Educators
Charles Rupert Guy Biggin	a Chartered Accountant	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire	Chartered Accountants
Stephen Bilham	Andrew a Car Hire Company Director	Carshalton, Surrey	Hackney Carriage Drivers
Julia Jane Bird	a Ballet Teacher	Kent	Farriers

Nicholas John Black	a Contact Optician	Lens	Hereford, Herefordshire	Spectacle Makers
Professor Alison Mary Blunt	a Professor of Geography		Barnet, London	Drapers
Marco Bottin	a Civil Servant		Ixelles, Belgium	Clockmakers
Jensen Mark Bourke	a Chartered Legal Executive	Burgess Hill, West Sussex		Wheelwrights
Roger Paul Bradburn	a College Principal	Hillingdon, London		Marketors
Jerome Philip Bradley	a Construction Company Managing Director	Buckinghamshire		Carpenters
Bruce Meikle Braes	a Security Consultant	Frome, Somerset		Security Professionals
Vanessa Ann Brett	a Milliner	Chelmsford, Essex		Feltmakers
Olivia Sylvia Brindle	an Insurance Professional	Tower London	Hamlets,	Insurers
Michael Desmond Broadley	a Fire & Rescue Service Station Manager	Liverpool, Merseyside		Firefighters
David Andrew Brooks	an Information Technology Manager	Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire		Coopers
Neil Frank Buffin	a Solicitor	Cardiff, Wales		Spectacle Makers
Niamh Morgan Burke-Tomlinson	a Graduate	Wakefield, Yorkshire	West	Bakers
David John Burton	a Fenestration Industry General Manager	Peterborough, Cambridgeshire		Gunmakers
Dr Alex James Byrne	a Medical Doctor	Godalming, Surrey		Apothecaries
Jose Antony Calvo	an Innovation Director	Lancaster, Lancashire		Spectacle Makers
Carol Ann Carter	a Secretary, retired	Hayling Island, Hampshire		Furniture Makers
Nigel James Chandler	a Business Development Director	Hampshire		Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers
Marie Foong Mei Cheong-Thong	a Food & Wine Writer and Consultant	Putney, London		Distillers

Maria Alexandra Ciucu	a Fundraising and Communications Director	Haringey, London	Makers of Playing Cards
Demi Lee Cole	a Human Resources Professional	Lambeth, London	Leathersellers
Dr Howard Pearse Collins	a Higher Education Teaching Fellow	Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Spectacle Makers
Brett Martin Cooper	a Solicitor	Morecambe, Lancashire	Carmen
Josephine Augusta Crowe	Maria Martyres	a Pipeline & Heating Company Managing Director	Builders Merchants
Marie Therese Crozier	a Registered Nurse	Rochester, Kent	Nurses
Amanda Davidson	Jane	an Optometrist	Eastbourne, Sussex
Colin Philip Davidson	an Optometrist	Eastbourne, Sussex	East Spectacle Makers
Jennifer Davies	Lorraine	a Media, Communications & Events Officer	Bridgend, Wales
Douglas John Day	a Liquor Company C.E.O.	Suffolk	Gunmakers
John Simon Day	a Veterinary Surgeon	Suffolk	Loriners
Matthew Terence Day	a Banking Software Company Director	Havering, London	Coopers
Phoebe Elizabeth Day	Annie	an Insurance Broker	Havering, London
Squadron Leader Craig Edward De Jonghe	a Fuels Policy Manager	Buckinghamshire	Fuellers
Mario De Serranos Jimenez	a Corporate Banker	Southwark, London	International Bankers
Mark Richard Dean	a Social Club Chairman	Greenwich, London	Gunmakers
Lucy Jane Demmon	a Solicitor	Westminster, London	Glass Sellers
Ashley Edward Alex Digweed-Francis	a Brickwork Project Manager	Suffolk	Tylers & Bricklayers
James Doherty	a Farmer & Broadcaster	Suffolk	Butchers

Dr Anthony Doyle	James an Electronics Manufacturing Company Chairman	Horsham, Sussex	West	Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers
Dr Amy Eccles Jonathan Eshkeri	Elizabeth a Medical Doctor Reuben a Solicitor	Lambeth, London Hertfordshire		Cutlers World Traders
Andrew Fairbairn	Amiel a Capital Markets Investor & Charity Executive	Haringey, London		International Bankers
Richard Conor Farr	a Merchandiser	Newham, London		Coopers
Nicholas John Oxleigh Fell	a Shipping and Energy Company General Counsel	Singapore		Shipwrights
Sam Jess Fenton-Elstone	a Marketing Agency Chief Executive	Brighton, East Sussex		Marketors
Professor Christopher Ashley Ford	a Professor of International Relations	Bethesda, Maryland, United States of America		Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Ian Norman Ford	an Independent Social Worker & Practice Educator	Greenwich, London		Fletchers
Natalie Forrest	a Senior National Health Service Manager	Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire		Nurses
Barbara Laura Franci	a Candlemaker	Genoa, Italy		Wax Chandlers
Karen Debra Gennard	an Optometrist	Gloucestershire		Spectacle Makers
Helen Anita Gibbons	a Lead Nurse	Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire		Nurses
Naomi Frances Gibson	a Scientist	Macclesfield, Cheshire		Fletchers
Dr Edward John Gillin	a University Professor	Devon		Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Dame Anne Margaret Glover, DBE	a Venture Capitalist	Kensington Chelsea, London	&	Merchant Taylors
Anne Elizabeth Glynn	a Business Manager	Cobham, Surrey		Insurers
Sally Barbara Goodsr	a Curator of Decorative Arts	Amersham, Buckinghamshire		Painter-Stainers
Simon John Reza Goodwin	an Electrical Contracting Company Director	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire		Lightmongers

Thomas Michael Gray	a Professional	Strategy	Wiltshire	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Commodore Timothy Cooper Green, CBE	a Royal Navy Officer	Gosport, Hampshire		Fan Makers
Lata Gullapalli	an Investment Banker & Consultant	Camden, London		Glaziers
Captain Ahamed Hazari Hafeel	a Master Mariner	Kingston Upon Thames, London		Master Mariners
John Kendall Hall	a Master Distiller	Devon		Distillers
Timothy James Benedict Hallett	a Teacher	Malvern, Worcestershire		Educators
Penelope Vivien Hamilton, JP	an Advanced Nurse Practitioner	Winchester, Hampshire		Nurses
Revd Timothy John Handley	a Clerk in Holy Orders	Westminster, London		Skinners
Mark John Hargreaves	a Business Company Executive	Data Chief	Gloucestershire	Needlemakers
William Richard Harrison	an Estate Manager	Suffolk		Farmers
Patrick Alois Jardine Hayes	an Execution Analyst	Hammersmith Fulham, London	&	Mercers
Rebecca Elizabeth Head	a Property Lettings Negotiator	Wandsworth, London		Mercers
Carolyn Hayley Jane Hilder	a Judge	Hertfordshire		Broderers
Alexander David Hill	a Building Services Engineer	Orpington, Kent		Constructors
Hayder Rothschild Hoozeer	a Film Producer	Westminster, London	Tobacco Makers	Pipe & Tobacco Blenders
Mark Richard Hopking	a Sea Captain	Edinburgh, Scotland		Master Mariners
Lucy Jane Horncastle	an Operations Manager	Brent, London		Distillers
Jamie John Alec Howes	a House of Commons Senior Doorkeeper	Brent, London	Gold & Silver	Wyre Drawers
Carmen-Elena Iftode	an Actuary	Kingston Upon Thames, London		Actuaries

Andrew Stuart Jackson	an Animal Feed Company Commercial Director	Oswestry, Shropshire	Farmers
Himanshu Chooramun Jhoboo	an Actuary	Greenwich, London	Actuaries
Fay Susan Isobel Johnstone	a Human Resources Consultant, retired	Richmond Upon Thames, London	Human Resource Professionals
Karl Ashley Jones, MBE	a Part-Time Digital Communications Officer	Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Joanne Charlotte Jørgensen	a Creative Director	Lewisham, London	Cordwainers
William Charles Kay	an Airline Pilot	Henley Beach, Adelaide, Australia	Air Pilots
Shameem Kazmi Jawaid	a Management Consultancy Company Director	Solihull, Midlands	West Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Judith Ann Keeling	a Journalist	Oxfordshire	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Maia Khitarishvili	a Hydrogen Exploration Company Director	Cobham, Surrey	Fuellers
Anthony John Kingsley	a Clockmaking Company Director	Kensington Chelsea, London	& Clockmakers
Penelope Anne Lake	an IT Consulting Company Secretary	Henley On Thames, Oxfordshire	Farriers
John Paul Lennon	a Technical Director	Poole, Dorset	Butchers
Susan Beverley Lidstone	a Fine Artist	Farnham, Surrey	Painter-Stainers
Paul Michael Lincoln, CB OBE VR	a Management Consultant	Halton Village, Buckinghamshire	Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers
Silva Lukoseviciute	an Assistant Butler	Newham, London	Fishmongers
Alastair Sebastian Russell Lyon	a Journalist	Richmond Upon Thames, London	Dyers
Rosalind Jane Mabey	a Lead Nurse	Vale of Glamorgan, Wales	Nurses
David Vincent Macelvogue	a Project Manager, retired	Abingdon, Oxfordshire	Information Technologists

Brett Roderick Mackay	a Procurement Manager	Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire	Butchers
David James Mansfield	an Audio Research Company Non Executive Chairman	Wandsworth, London	Marketors
Mark William Marland	an Eye Health Consultant	Lancashire	Spectacle Makers
Nathalie Marshall Catherine	a Senior Service Designer	Swindon, Wiltshire	Mercers
Cheryl Rose Martin	an Executive Cyber Security Officer	Hertfordshire	Information Technologists
Geneviève Mather Elizabeth	a Property Letting Company Director	Newbury, Berkshire	Arts Scholars
Paul Gerard May	a Business Consultancy Director	Clitheroe, Lancashire	Carmen
Archie McAlpine Robert	a Wellbeing Research Consultancy Founder	Southwark, London	Paviors
Frederick Edwin McAlpine- Riddell	a Sculptor	Hackney, London	Paviors
Felicity Alice Petronelle McCallum	a Finance Manager	Merton, London	Salters
Martyn McIntee Thomas	a Fleet Compliance Auditor	Ashford, Kent	Carmen
Ian Alexander Chiene McKerrow	a Whisky Academy Director	Stirlingshire, Scotland	Distillers
Thomas Henry Ronan McLaughlin	a Chartered Surveyor	Albans, Hertfordshire	Carpenters
Claire Linzee Midgley- Adam	a Horticulturist	Westminster, London	Gardeners
Ian John Mills	an Airline Pilot	Camberley, Surrey	Air Pilots
Jocelyn Claire Mitchell	a School Governor	Putney, London	Skinner's
Jason Harling Morris	an I.T. Company Engagement Manager	Waltham Forest, London	Information Technologists
Diane Jane Nash	a Contact Lens Optician	Trowbridge, Wiltshire	Spectacle Makers

Gordon Newlands	James Ibiyinka	a Development Manager	Brand Selkirk, Borders	Scottish Butchers
Grace Ogedengbe		a Head of Financial Crime Operations	Croydon, London	International Bankers
Tony Derrick O'Leary		a Physician	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada	Coopers
Luis Alberto Oliveira Fonseca		an Eyewear Manufacturing Company Director	Broxbourne, Hertfordshire	Spectacle Makers
Sarah Elizabeth Oliver		a Journalist and Author	Suffolk	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Okikiade Maria Jesse Oloyede		a Technology Consultant	Lewisham, London	Leathersellers
Fergal James O'Reilly		a Chartered Surveyor	Oxted, Surrey	Chartered Surveyors
Eleanor Mary Owen		a Sommelier	Newquay, Cornwall	Vintners
Ugbana Julius Isotuk Oyet		a Public Servant	Basingstoke, Hampshire	Engineers
Oliver Humphrey Umberto Padovan		an Investment Banking Associate	Brent, London	Drapers
Lorenzo Pandolfi		a Planning Consultant	Hackney, London	Chartered Architects
Cameron James McCausland Parham		a Technology Consultant	Guildford, Surrey	Insurers
Reena Rohit Parmar		a Solicitor	Harrow, Middlesex	Solicitors
Eyiayemi Olakitan Awobode Pearse		a Consultant Surgeon	Wandsworth, London	Cutlers
Dr Charlotte Margaret Rosina Perry		a Medical Doctor	Wandsworth, London	Apothecaries
Fiona Ellen Petch		an Architect	Hammersmith Fulham, London	& Chartered Architects
James Richard Pilbin		a Builders' Merchant Sales Director	Warwick, Warwickshire	Builders Merchants
Iryna Plastun		a Business Development Manager	Westminster, London	Fuellers
William Matthew Pohl		a Property Company Director	Chelmsford, Essex	Glass Sellers

Stefan Anders Poole	an Optical Assistant Buyer	Retail	Bedfordshire	Spectacle Makers
Rupert John Preston-Bell	a Music Director, retired	Director, Tunbridge Wells, Kent	Kent	Musicians
Simon Peter Protano	a Training Recruitment Manager	& Congleton, Cheshire	Cheshire	Carmen
Rachel Rayner-Lok	a Master Saddler & Saddle Fitter	Kent		Saddlers
Stephen James Reid	Edward an International Business Consulting Partner	St Peter Guernsey, Islands	Port, Channel Islands	Gunmakers
Anna Rennie	a Silversmith & Maille Maker	Truro, Cornwall		Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers
Brian Richardson	Edmund a Head of Agriculture	of Harrogate, Yorkshire	North Yorkshire	Farmers
Ian David Robinson	a Head of Strategy & Development	Lancaster, Lancashire	Lancashire	Paviors
Kevin Rodgers	a Chemical Company Director	Islington, London	London	Gunmakers
Alexander James Roe	Frederick a Fund Manager, retired	Alton, Hampshire	Hampshire	Skinniers
Sarah Rollings	Elizabeth a Strategic Client Director	Ealing, London	London	Shipwrights
Nicholas Henry Rolls	a Motor Company Spatial Brand Design Manager	West Sussex	West Sussex	Tylers & Bricklayers
Lawrence Stuart Rose	an Insurance Broker Managing Director	Woodford Essex	Green, Essex	Hackney Carriage Drivers
Jack Ross	a Taxi Company Director	Bexley, London	London	Hackney Carriage Drivers
Dan-Andrei Ruse	a Software Engineer	Kingston Upon Thames, London	London	Information Technologists
Professor Vesa Savolainen	Vincent a University Professor	Eton Wick, Berkshire	Berkshire	Scientific Instrument Makers
Christian Henry Saxton	a Mining Company Director	Hammersmith and Fulham, London	London	International Bankers
Alexander James Scott	a Consultancy and Finance Company Director	Devon		Woolmen
Faraz Shibli	a Barrister	Northamptonshire		Pewterers

Emma Jane Shipley		an Artist & Designer	Haringey, London	Dyers
Professor Edmund Richard Simons		an Academic	Staffordshire	Pewterers
Professor Steven Edward Spier	a University Chancellor	Vice-Chancellor	Southwark, London	Drapers
Joel Elliot Dane Stanton	a Nurse		Tower London	Hamlets, Nurses
Adam Timothy Stearns	a Consultant Surgeon		Cambridgeshire	Barbers
Rachel Stonehouse	Alice	a Baking Company Product Development Manager	Brighton and East Sussex	Bakers
Graham Paul Strachan		a Software Company Senior Director	Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire	Information Technologists
Lorna Sheila Straker		a Tax Manager	Oxfordshire	Tax Advisers
Matthew Stringer	Jackson	a Charity Executive	Chief Bath, Somerset	Spectacle Makers
Dr Samantha Louise Strong		a University Lecturer	Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands	Spectacle Makers
Joan Heather Stubbs		a Music Teacher, retired	Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire	Merchant Taylors
Helen Clare Taylor		a Teacher, retired	Horsham, Sussex	West Spectacle Makers
Simon Thacker		a Manufacturing Company Director	Walsall, Midlands	West Builders Merchants
Vaishali Thakrar	Ashwin	a Dispensing Optician	Harrow, London	Spectacle Makers
Philip Sherwood Roper Thompson		a Contact Lens Optician	Rotherfield, Sussex	East Spectacle Makers
Alexander Tozzi	Edward	a Home Service Company Executive	West Sussex	Plumbers
Danny Upson		a Retail Sales & Marketing Director	Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear	Butchers
Alison Mary Vincent Dr John Hereward Wake, DL		a Glass Artist a Farm Managing Partner	Buckinghamshire Northampton, Northamptonshire	Glass Sellers Farmers
David John Walker		a Technology Company Director	Northamptonshire	Information Technologists

Brett William Walwyn	a Psychotherapist	Kettering, Northamptonshire	Stationers & Newspaper Makers
Haydn Philip Webb	a Film & T.V. Horsemaster	Reading, Berkshire	Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers
Lucy Rosanna Weld	a Solicitor	Wandsworth, London	Saddlers
Kristin Jane Wellenstein Kilshaw	a Property Manager & Landlord	Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire	Glovers
Martin David Ashcombe Wheatcroft	a Chartered Accountant	St. Neots, Huntingdonshire	Chartered Accountants
Hilary Margaret White	a Credit Controller, retired	Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire	Farriers
Martin Donald White	a Lawyer, retired	Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire	Farriers
Don Mathew Williams	an Optometrist	Kidderminster, Worcestershire	Spectacle Makers
Wing Commander Robert Benjamin Williams	a Royal Air Force Officer	Stourport On Severn, Worcestershire	Founders
Annette Wilson	Elizabeth an Investment Company Non-Executive Director	Richmond Upon Thames, London	Chartered Accountants
Dr Mervin Pak Ming Wong	a Medical Doctor	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	Apothecaries
Claire Denise Wood	a School Improvement Executive	Sittingbourne, Kent	Glass Sellers
Stella Maria Wood	a Taxi Driver & Tour Guide	Southwark, London	Hackney Carriage Drivers
Pinar Yetgin	an Insurance Company Non-Executive Director	Merton, London	International Bankers
Aram Osep Zagikyan	a Railway Engineering Manager	Stanford-le-Hope, Essex	Carmen

Reports – General Purposes Committee of Aldermen:

Governance of the Court of Aldermen – Amended Standing Orders

The Court of Aldermen considered recommendations of its General Purposes Committee on amended Standing Orders for the Court of Aldermen (together with additional guidance on the Pre and Post Mayoral Election period) and proposed Terms of Reference for the General Purposes Committee.

Resolved: - That the amended Standing Orders of the Court of Aldermen

(including the appended Supporting Guidance for Immediate Pre and Post Mayoral Periods piece) and the Terms of Reference of the General Purposes Committee be approved to come into immediate force and be made publicly available, replacing any past such versions.

Trusteeship of the Samuel Wilson Loan Charity

The Court of Aldermen considered recommendations of its General Purposes Committee concerning accepting trusteeship of the Samuel Wilson Loan Charity (noting that this was *also contingent on a concurrent decision by the Policy and Resources Committee regarding resource allocation*). This historic Aldermanic charity, provides business loans to disadvantaged young people aged 18–39, and is currently overseen by individual trustees - the Chamberlain (ex officio) and five Aldermen. The most recent Corporate Charities Review again recommended transferring trusteeship to the City of London Corporation acting by the Court of Aldermen, a proposal supported by the Charity's trustees. If approved, a new sub-committee under the Court of Aldermen would be formed, mirroring the Emanuel Hospital structure, with aligned meetings and a proposed core group of Aldermen serving across both sub-committees to enhance and reinforce understanding of charity trustee regulation and compliance obligations, as well as to otherwise improve efficiency and oversight.

Resolved: - That this Honourable Court, subject to the concurrence of the Policy & Resources Committee regarding resource allocation:

- accept the transfer of trusteeship to the City of London Corporation, acting by the Court of Aldermen, for Samuel Wilson Loan Charity;
- appoint a sub-committee of the General Purposes Committee to undertake the management of the charity with wide discretion to consider and agree the governance and operational arrangements which should be adopted for the charity's effective administration accountable always to the General Purposes Committee and ultimately the Court of Aldermen in its capacity as charity trustee of the Samuel Wilson Loan Charity; and
- agree that the governance of the new sub-committee be aligned to that of the Emanuel Hospital sub-committee and that a core group of Aldermen should serve across both sub-committees.

Emanuel Hospital Charity

The Court of Aldermen considered recommendations of its General Purposes Committee on the Emanuel Hospital Charity's financial position as at the most recent year end (2024/25) and in the period to date (5 months to 31 August 2025), with a forecast for the remainder of the 2025/26 financial year alongside a cash flow forecast from 2025/26 up to 2026/27.

Resolved: - That, the Aldermen, acting collectively for the City of London Corporation as the charity trustee and only in the best interests of Emanuel Hospital:

- i. Approve the contents of the financial update report and Appendices.
- ii. Approve the draft Trustee's annual report and financial statements which have now been independently examined, and direct that they be signed by the Chairman of the Emanuel Hospital Management Sub-Committee and the

Chamberlain under delegated authority.

iii. Note the likely required drawdown from investments held, to take place in April 2026.

**Letter:-
Surrender
of Office,
Alderman
of the Ward
of Coleman
Street:** The Town Clerk lay before the Court a letter of surrender of office from Alderman Sir Peter Estlin offering to surrender his Office of Alderman of the Ward of Coleman Street.

RECEIVED.

**Court of
Hustings:** **Resolved Unanimously:-** That the Court of Hustings **NOTE** the appointment by the Lady Mayor of Gary Langley as Deputy Gauger for her Mayoralty.

At the conclusion of the Court of Hustings, the Lady Mayor wished all members of the Court, the High Officers, and all others present or observing the meeting online, a very happy festive period.

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