

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee held at
Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 6 May 2026 at
10.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy Tom Sleight (Chair)
Deputy Madush Gupta (Deputy Chair)
Tana Adkin KC
Alderman Sir Charles Bowman
Deputy John Edwards
Deputy John Fletcher
Deputy Marianne Fredericks
Alderman Alison Gowman CBE
Deputy Madush Gupta
Josephine Hayes
Deputy Jaspreet Hodgson
Amy Horscroft
Shravan Joshi MBE
Philip Kelvin
Alderwoman Elizabeth Anne King, BEM JP
Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP
Tim McNally
Sophia Mooney
Deputy Alastair Moss
Deputy Deborah Oliver
Deputy Nighat Qureishi
Gaby Robertshaw
Alderman Sushil Saluja
Matthew Waters
Jacqui Webster
David Williams

Officers:

Gudrun Andrews	- Head of Planning Policy, Environment Department
Baljit Bhandal	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's
Ian Hughes	- City Operations Director, Environment Department
Tim Munday	- Senior Sustainability & Lead Environmental Resilience Officer, Environment Department
Callum Southern	- Governance Officer, Town Clerk's Department
Gemma Stokley	- Principal Governance & Member

Katie Stewart

Peter Wilson

Services Manager, Town Clerk's
Department

- Executive Director, Environment
Department

- Assistant Director, Planning
Performance, Environment Department

1. **APOLOGIES**

At the beginning of the meeting, Alderman Charles Bowman, as senior Member present, was moved into the Chair by Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP, as senior Commoner present.

Apologies for absence were received from Alderwoman Jennette Newman, Deputy Henry Pollard, Deputy Oliver Sells and Naresh Sonpar. Deputy Henry Pollard and Deputy Oliver Sells observed the meeting online.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

The Committee received the Order of the Court of Common Council dated 23 April 2026.

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Chair in accordance with Standing Order No. 28.

Deputy Tom Sleigh, as the only Member expressing their willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chair for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED – That, the Committee:

- i) Elected Deputy Tom Sleigh as Chair of the Planning & Transportation Committee.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chair in accordance with Standing Order No. 29.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Deputy John Edwards, Deputy Madush Gupta and Gaby Robertshaw had all expressed a willingness to serve, and that a ballot was therefore necessary.

A ballot having been taken, votes were cast as follows:

Deputy John Edwards	- 9
Deputy Madush Gupta	- 11
Gaby Robertshaw	- 6

Abstained - 0

As no candidate reached a majority of the votes cast in the first round, a second round of voting was required. Therefore, Gaby Robertshaw was eliminated as the candidate with the lowest number of votes in the first round.

Deputy John Edwards - 10
Deputy Madush Gupta - 15 (elected)
Abstained - 1

Deputy Madush Gupta, having received a majority of the votes, was duly elected as Deputy Chair for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED – That, the Committee:

- i) Elected Deputy Madush Gupta as Deputy Chair of the Planning & Transportation Committee.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk concerning the appointment of Sub-Committees.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Deputy Keith Bottomley, Deputy John Edwards, Deputy Marianne Fredericks, Shravan Joshi MBE, Deputy Deborah Oliver TD, Charles Edward Lord OBE JP, Deputy Alastair Moss, and Deputy Henry Pollard had all expressed a willingness to serve on the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee.

A ballot having been taken, the votes were cast as follows:

Deputy John Edwards - 18 (elected)
Deputy John Fletcher - 19 (elected)
Deputy Marianne Fredericks - 13
Alderman Alison Gowman - 18 (elected)
Shravan Joshi MBE - 16 (elected)
Deputy Deborah Oliver TD - 14 (elected)
Deputy Oliver Sells - 11
Matthew Waters - 14 (elected)
Jacqui Webster - 20 (elected)

Therefore, Deputy John Edwards, Deputy John Fletcher, Alderman Alison Gowman, Shravan Joshi MBE, Deputy Deborah Oliver TD, Matthews Waters and Jacqui Webster were duly elected to serve on the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that Deputy Keith Bottomley, Deputy John Edwards, Deputy Marianne Fredericks, Shravan Joshi MBE, Charles Edward Lord OBE JP, Deputy Alastair Moss and Deputy Henry Pollard had all expressed a willingness to serve on the Local Plans Sub-Committee.

A ballot having been taken, the votes were cast as follows:

Deputy Keith Bottomley	- 16 (elected)
Deputy John Edwards	- 18 (elected)
Deputy Marianne Fredericks	- 13
Shravan Joshi MBE	- 17 (elected)
Charles Edward Lord OBE JP	- 16 (elected)
Deputy Alastair Moss	- 17 (elected)
Deputy Henry Pollard	- 21 (elected)

Therefore, Deputy Keith Bottomley, Deputy John Edwards, Shravan Joshi MBE, Charles Edward Lord OBE JP, Deputy Alastair Moss and Deputy Henry Pollard were duly elected to serve on the Local Plans Sub-Committee.

A Member drew attention to an error in the Terms of Reference of the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee, noting that Members appointed to the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee were not ex-officio and were able to vote in the election of Deputy Chair of the Sub-Committee. The Clerk agreed to adjust the Terms of Reference of the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee to reflect the comments made.

RESOLVED, that – the Committee:

- i) Appointed the following Members to the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee for the ensuing year and approved its terms of reference, with a correction to remove references to ex-officio in relation to those positions appointed by other Committees, detailed at Appendix B to the report

Deputy John Edwards
Deputy John Fletcher
Alderman Alison Gowman CBE
Shravan Joshi MBE
Deputy Deborah Oliver TD
Matthew Waters
Jacqui Webster

- ii) Appointed the following Members to the Local Plans Sub-Committee for the ensuing year and approved its terms of reference detailed at Appendix B to the report

Deputy Keith Bottomley
Deputy John Edwards
Shravan Joshi MBE
Charles Edward Lord, OBE JP
Deputy Alastair Moss
Deputy Henry Pollard

- iii) Approved the Planning Applications Sub-Committee terms of reference detailed at Appendix B to this report.

7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

A question was received from a Member on the climate resilience of the City's infrastructure. The Senior Sustainability & Lead Environmental Resilience Officer responded that insights were being coordinated, and adequate progress had been made against the Climate Resilience Review published in July 2024.

The City Operation's Director, added in response to a follow-up question on leveraging the utilities companies to resolve operational problems, that officers had good relationships with utility companies and asked the Committee to help identify operational problems, especially relating to power and water. The City Operations Director confirmed there was a form to report issues online, and indicated it would be shared with Committee Members.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair informed the Committee that the next meeting of the Planning & Transportation Committee was due to take place on Monday 22 June 2026.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

9.1 Approval for Overseas Travel by the Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee

The Committee received a report which sought approval for the Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee's travel associated with participation at the World City Summit in Singapore; engagement with the Singapore Urban Redevelopment Authority and external stakeholder engagement and site visits in Singapore.

RESOLVED – That, the Committee:

- i) Approved the Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee's travel associated with participation at the World City Summit in Singapore; engagement with the Singapore Urban Redevelopment Authority and external stakeholder engagement and site visits in Singapore.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

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

No non-public questions on matters relating to the work of the Committee were received.

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

No other business was discussed that the Chair considered urgent.

The meeting ended at 10.37 am

Chair

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