



LYONS, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

8th December 2022
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr
Professor Emma Edhem
Sir Peter Estlin
Alison Gowman
Prem Goyal

Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Vincent Keaveny
Sheriff Alastair John Naisbitt King DL
Tim Levene
Ian David Luder
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor Nicholas
Stephen Leland Lyons

Professor Michael Raymond Mainelli
Christopher Makin
Sir Andrew Charles Parmley
Susan Jane Pearson
Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell
Sir David Hugh Wootton

COMMONERS

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie
George Christopher Abrahams
John David Absalom, Deputy
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Jamel Banda
Brendan Barns
Matthew Bell
The Honourable Emily Sophia
Wedgwood Benn
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith
Ian Bishop-Laggett
Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy
Mark Bostock, Deputy
Keith David Forbes Bottomley,
Deputy
Tijs Broeke
Timothy Richard Butcher

Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst,
Deputy
Anne Corbett
Graeme Doshi-Smith, Deputy
Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy
Mary Durcan
John Ernest Edwards
Anthony David Fitzpatrick
John Foley
Steve Goodman
Martha Grekos
John Griffiths
Jason Groves
Madush Gupta, Deputy
Caroline Wilma Haines
Christopher Michael Hayward,
Deputy
Ann Holmes, Deputy
Amy Horscroft
Wendy Hyde

Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi,
Deputy
Elizabeth Anne King
Gregory Alfred Lawrence
Charles Edward Lord, Deputy
Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Andrew Paul Mayer
Catherine McGuinness
Wendy Mead
Brian Desmond Francis Mooney,
Deputy
Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy
Eamonn James Mullally
Graham Packham, Deputy
Judith Pleasance
James Henry George Pollard,
Deputy
Nighat Qureishi, Deputy

Alpa Raja
Anett Rideg
David Sales
Ruby Sayed
Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Hugh Selka
Oliver Sells
Alethea Silk
Paul Singh
Tom Sleigh
Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy
Naresh Hari Sonpar
James Richard Tumbridge
William Upton
Glen David Witney
Philip Woodhouse, Deputy
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
2. Declarations There were no additional declarations.
3. Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the Court meetings held on the 13 October and 17 November 2022, are correctly recorded.
4. Mayoral Engagements The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor reported on his recent engagements, including the successful Lord Mayor's Show and Banquet, the hosting of His Excellency the President of South Africa at the Guildhall on the occasion of the

recent State Visit, and visits to Northern Ireland and Wales as part of the UK partnership strategy.

The Lord Mayor also took the opportunity to record his thanks to the late Lord Mayor, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, for his leadership over the past year, as well as to the wider Court for their support. Finally, the Lord Mayor placed on record his personal thanks to the Town Clerk, John Barradell, whose final Court meeting this was prior to his retirement.

5. Policy
Statement

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee took the opportunity to deliver a statement in which he reflected upon the past year for the City Corporation, noting the significant internal, political and national change, culminating in the momentous approval of the Markets Co-Location Programme. The Chairman was pleased to report that the City Corporation had now signed agreements with the relevant markets associations and subsequently deposited a private bill in Parliament.

The Chairman also made reference to the Destination City initiative and the Golden Key launch event, as well as his activities further afield, in Egypt at COP27 in relation to Climate Change, in the US to promote collaborative efforts on regulatory leadership in the Financial Sector, and in Switzerland to engage with government and industry to continue momentum on UK Swiss mutual recognition agreement, which would be instrumental to deepening trading ties between the two countries.

He commented on the forthcoming retirement of the Town Clerk, acknowledging his determination, commitment and integrity in the role, and in closing wished for the Lord Mayor, Court Members, officers and staff at the City of London to enjoy the forthcoming festive break.

6. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)

17 November 2022

Election of the City Remembrancer

In accordance with Standing Order No. 63 and the previous resolutions of this Court, an Appointment Panel had been constituted to consider and submit a candidate for appointment to the Office of City Remembrancer. Details of the candidate, together with details of the interview and assessment process, were set out in an accompanying confidential.

It was advised that the candidate would appear before the Court of Common Council (in private session) and give a presentation. Upon the candidate's withdrawal from the Court, a ballot would be held for the appointment and, on completion of that and consideration of the additional non-public item before the Court this day, the public would be re-admitted and the decision of the Court made known.

Resolved – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the interview of the candidate for the City Remembrancer, together with the consideration of other non-public items of business, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of

H.N.A., Deputy

exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act, 1972, or which relates to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Summary of the exempt item considered whilst the public were excluded

The candidate for the post of Remembrancer, having been called in, addressed the Court on a given subject and then withdrew.

The Court proceeded to ballot on the appointment.

Whilst the ballot count was conducted and the public excluded, the Court proceeded to consider Items 22-28.

The ballot for the Remembrancer having been taken up and cast, the Lord Mayor declared Paul Wright, to have been appointed.

Whereupon the Court resolved that strangers be re-admitted.

The Town Clerk reported that the Court of Common Council had, in accordance with Standing Order No. 63(1), elected Paul Wright, to be City Remembrancer.

Whereupon The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor declared Mr Wright to be duly appointed to the Office of Remembrancer, from a date to be confirmed, on the usual terms and conditions relating to the appointment of Chief Officers and subject to such other regulations as this Court had adopted or may hereafter adopt in respect of the said appointment, and to all other orders and regulations of this Court with reference to its Officers.

Paul Wright accepted the appointment, thanked the Court and withdrew.

Resolved – That Paul Wright, be appointed to the Office of City Remembrancer from a date to be confirmed.

7. **CIVIC AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Edward Lord, OBE JP)

7 October 2022

Applications for Hospitality

(a) Networking breakfast reception and panel discussion to mark Mental Health Awareness Week

It was proposed that the City Corporation host a networking breakfast reception and panel discussion on Wednesday 17 May 2023 to mark Mental Health Awareness Week.

Mental Health Awareness Week was an annual event intended to focus

attention on the importance of achieving good mental health and in 2023 would run from 13 – 20 May. The Mental Health Foundation, a leading mental health charity, would announce the theme for 2023 later this year.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for a networking breakfast reception and panel discussion to mark Mental Health Awareness Week, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Health and Wellbeing Board; the costs to be met from City’s Cash within approved parameters.

(b) Early evening reception to celebrate Vaisakhi

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception in the Old Library on Thursday 27 April 2023 to celebrate Vaisakhi.

Vaisakhi was one of the most important festivals in the Sikh calendar. Hosting a reception would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to celebrate the contribution of the Sikh community in London and the UK, develop further the City’s relationship with the community and demonstrate the City Corporation’s commitment to bringing together different communities and celebrating London as a multi-faith city. Speakers would include the Lord Mayor and a senior representative of the Sikh community. Guests at the event would include representatives from Sikh community organisations, the City’s faith communities, politicians and City Businesses, and members of the City Corporation’s Multi-Faith and CLEAR staff networks.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to celebrate Vaisakhi and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City’s Cash within approved parameters.

(c) Annual reception to thank volunteers who support the work of the City Corporation

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception at Guildhall on Monday 5 June 2023 to recognise the work of volunteers who supported City Corporation departments.

The City Corporation launched its volunteering strategy in 2018. Its aim was to create the best possible culture of volunteering, recognising the mutual benefit that volunteering brought to both the City Corporation and the volunteers themselves.

The reception would provide an opportunity to thank individuals who gave up their time voluntarily and to highlight the City Corporation’s commitment to giving people opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.

Resolved – That hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City’s Cash within approved parameters.

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Deputy Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst)

15 November 2022

(A) Corporate Cleaning Services Agreement Extension

The Court considered a report relating to an interim extension of the corporate cleaning services agreement to Atalian Servest whilst the City tenders for an Integrated Facilities Management (IFM) model which would include the provision of cleaning services.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council approve the following variations to the Corporate Cleaning Services Agreement with Atalian Servest Limited:

1. a variation to the expiry date of the contract term to 31st March 2023; and
2. an increase in the Total Contract Value of £1.9m to £32.7M from within existing budgets.

15 November 2022

(B) Revisions to the Procurement Code

The Court considered a report relating to annual revisions to the Procurement Code, specifically to support the efficiency principles under the Target Operating Model, to align activity and resources to our corporate outcomes; increase the pace of decision making; and achieve cost savings to resolve budget deficits.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council approve the revisions to the City Corporation's Procurement Code effective from 3rd January 2023 as set out in appendix 1 of the report.

9. **FINANCE COMMITTEE
BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES COMMITTEE**

**(Deputy Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst)
(Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson)**

23 November 2022

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy – 2022/23

The Court considered a report relating to a proposed amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) and Annual Investment Strategy for 2022/23. These were to improve the alignment between the strategy and the various individual participants to whose treasury management activities the TMSS applies.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council:-

1. approve that paragraph 5.1 of the 2022/23 TMSS be amended to include the following text:

“The City Fund will have exposure to Specified and Non-specified Investments. All other participants in the Treasury Management Strategy

Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2022/23 will have exposure to Specified Investments only” and that the amendment be backdated to 1 April 2022.

2. Note that the amendment would be applied retrospectively (backdated to 1 April 2022).

10.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments:

- (A) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls** for the balance of a term expiring in July 2023.

Nominations received:-
Jaspreet Hodgson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Jaspreet Hodgson to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls for a balance of a term expiring in July 2023.

- (B) One Member on the **Markets Board** for the balance of a term expiring in April 2024.

Nominations received:-
Hugh Selka

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Hugh Selka to be appointed to the Markets Board.

- (C) One Member on the **Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee and West Ham Park Committee** for the remainder of a four-year term expiring in April 2024.

Nominations received:-
James Bromiley-Davis
Alpa Raja

Read.

- (D) One Member on the **Freedom Applications Sub (Policy & Resources) Committee** for the balance of a term expiring in April 2023.

Nominations received:-
Anthony Fitzpatrick
David Sales

Read.

- (E) Four Members on the **Member Learning & Development Steering Group** for the remainder of the 2022/23 civic year.

Nominations received:-

David Sales
Ruby Sayed

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared David Sales and Ruby Sayed to be appointed to the Member Learning and Development Steering Group for the remainder of 2022/23

- (F) Two Members on the **Board of Governors of the Museum of London**, for a four-year term expiring in December 2026.

Nominations received:-

* Deputy Mark Bostock
* Judith Pleasance

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Mark Bostock and Judith Pleasance to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the Museum of London, for four-year terms expiring in December 2026.

- (G) One Member on the **London Chamber of Commerce and Industry Council** for a four-year term expiring in December 2026.

Nominations received:-

Alpa Raja
Paul Singh

Read.

The Court proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No.10, to ballot on each of the foregoing contested vacancies.

The Lord Mayor appointed the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of Finance Committee, or their representatives, to be the scrutineers of the ballots.

Resolved – That the votes be counted at the conclusion of the Court and the results printed in the Summons for the next meeting.

11. 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: -

**Professor Mohammed Kayed
Abdel-Haq**

*Barry John Frederick Theobald-Hicks
John James Tunesi of Liongam, The
Younger*

a University Assistant Vice
Chancellor

*Citizen and Scrivener
Citizen and Scrivener*

Cuddesdon,
Oxfordshire

<p>Alexander Neema Adranghi <i>Anthony John Paice</i> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i></p>	<p>a Quantitative Analyst <i>Citizen and Mason</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i></p>	<p>Clapton, London</p>
<p>Jason Lee Airey <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i></p>	<p>a Managing Director of a Vehicle Leasing Company <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Swindon, Wiltshire</p>
<p>Gerald Philip Arnold <i>William Peter Povey</i> <i>Lydia Wilbraham McClure</i></p>	<p>a Chartered Surveyor, retired <i>Citizen and Carpenter</i> <i>Citizen and Feltmaker</i></p>	<p>Torquay, Devon</p>
<p>Jay Kumar Asher <i>John Edward Gill</i> <i>Thomas Sleight, CC</i></p>	<p>an Aerospace Public Affairs Officer <i>Citizen and Butcher</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p>	<p>Stockwell, London</p>
<p>Peter Alan Baker <i>Martin Henry Charles Russell</i> <i>Roderick Edmond Forbes Morriss</i></p>	<p>a Senior Civil Servant, retired <i>Citizen and Farrier</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i></p>	<p>Billericay, Essex</p>
<p>Graham John Barker <i>Steven William Tamcken</i> <i>John Anthony Goodrum</i></p>	<p>an Education Manager <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i></p>	<p>Kirkby, Liverpool</p>
<p>Rory James William Cain <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i></p>	<p>an Army Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>	<p>Murarrie, Queensland, Australia</p>
<p>David Ronald Carvill <i>Jennifer Bryant-Pearson</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i></p>	<p>a Retail Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Patternmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i></p>	<p>Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire</p>
<p>Catherine Casey <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i></p>	<p>a Business Consultancy Company Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>London Bridge, London</p>
<p>Godfrey James Charnley <i>Deputy Brian David Francis Mooney</i> <i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CC</i></p>	<p>a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i></p>	<p>Coggeshall, Essex</p>
<p>John Paul Clements <i>Geoffrey Hill Abraham</i> <i>Mark Hill Abraham</i></p>	<p>a National Account Manager <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Chelmsford, Essex</p>
<p>Steven James Corcoran <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i></p>	<p>an Engineering Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Crowborough, East Sussex</p>
<p>Brenda Eleanor Coshall <i>Steven William Tamcken</i></p>	<p>an Accountant, retired <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i></p>	<p>Bexley, Kent</p>

<i>Andrew Paul Mayes</i>	<i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	
Constantin Michael Cotzias <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater</i> <i>Russell</i>	a Media Company Director <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Islington, London
Melissa Lee Coughlin <i>Stephen Willis</i> <i>Dr Millan Sachania</i>	a Secondary School Teacher, retired <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Poplar, London
Luke Joseph Decker <i>Thomas Sleight, CC</i> <i>Tijs Broeke, CC</i>	a Lawyer <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Shoreditch, London
George Oliver Farha <i>Paul David Herbag, MBE, DL</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King</i>	a Property and Investment Company Chairman <i>Citizen and Cook</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Kensington, London
Lourdeson Lucian Fernando <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Councillor and Security Officer <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	St. Leonards On Sea, East Sussex
Garrett Joseph Fitzpatrick <i>David James Sales, CC</i> <i>Nicholas James Redgrove</i>	an Attorney At Law <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	White Plains, New York, United States of America
Saleh Gowili <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i>	a Hotel General Manager <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i>	Clapham, London
Dylan Mark Grevatt <i>Wesley Val Hollands</i> <i>Peter John English</i>	a Boutique Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire
Rie Hamaguchi <i>Mei Sim Lai</i> <i>Rajiv Sabharwal</i>	a Real Estate Company Director <i>Citizen and Horner</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre</i> <i>Drawer</i>	West Ealing, London
Ernest William Handley <i>John William Fletcher, Deputy</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Romford, Essex
Robert David Haslam <i>Douglas William Abbott</i> <i>Ivor Cook</i>	a Construction Project Manager <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Hatfield Heath, Essex
Lady Mary Philomena Hatch	a Utilities Contracting Company Director	St Giles, Buckinghamshire

<i>Vincent Dignam</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
<i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, Deputy</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
Jane Lucille Anderson Heathcote	a Secretary	Arundel, West Sussex
<i>Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	
<i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
Garrick Anthony Hedges	a Relocation Services Company Director	Shepherd's Bush, London
<i>Scott Marcus Longman</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
<i>Michael David Wear</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
Bryan Leroy Hill	a Prison Warden, retired	Pennsylvania, United States of America
<i>Glen Andre Cook</i>	<i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	
<i>Matthew David Dupee</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	
Sally Jane Horton	a Learning and Development Consultant	Orpington, Kent
<i>Dr Diana Margaret Constance Cassell</i>	<i>Citizen and Mercer</i>	
<i>Richard Alexander Cassell</i>	<i>Citizen and Mercer</i>	
Christopher Robert Houghton	a Technology Company Chief Executive Officer	Bolton, Lancashire
<i>Joanna Mary Cadman</i>	<i>Citizen and Plaisterer</i>	
<i>David Herbert</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
Almira Syeda Hussain	a Business Consulting Company Director	Tower Hamlets, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>		
<i>Ald. Sir William Anthony Bowater</i>	<i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	
<i>Russell</i>		
Patrick Joseph Kelliher	an Executive Director	New Malden, Surrey
<i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
<i>Vincent Dignam</i>	<i>Citizen and Carman</i>	
Grace Lauren Kendrick	a Trainee Solicitor	Wolverhampton, West Midlands
<i>George Niblett</i>	<i>Citizen and Mason</i>	
<i>Robert Travers Smith</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
Mark Stephen Lewis	a Lighterman	Gravesend, Kent
<i>Ald. Prof Michael Raymond Mainelli</i>	<i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	
<i>Elisabeth Mainelli</i>	<i>Citizen and Mason</i>	
Mary Elizabeth Lynch	a Teacher, retired	East Preston, West Sussex
<i>Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	
<i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
Leslie David Moody	a Transport Training Manager	Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire
<i>Alan Robert Brumwell</i>	<i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	

<i>Graham John Peacock</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
Baldeesh Nahl <i>Deputy James Henry George Pollard</i> <i>Ald. Robert Charles Hughes-Penney</i>	a Private Investor <i>Citizen and Skinner</i> <i>Citizen and Haberdasher</i>	Mayfair, London
David Michael O'Neill, MBE <i>Frank Noel David</i> <i>Barry John Sargent, MBE</i>	a Principal Fire Officer <i>Citizen and Baker</i> <i>Citizen and Firefighter</i>	Wallington, Surrey
Aran Ozgur Osman <i>Allan Stewart Anderson</i> <i>Daniel Flowers</i>	a Gas Fitter <i>Citizen and Plumber</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Upminster, Essex
Carl Joseph Pendlebury <i>Martin Stuart Nicholls</i> <i>Karl Andrew Kurn</i>	a Metropolitan Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Painter-Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Painter-Stainer</i>	Belsize Park, London
Peter Ivanov Petrov <i>Donald Howard Coombe, MBE</i> <i>David Peter Coombe</i>	a Construction Company Director <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Poulter</i>	Mottingham, London
Michael Phillips <i>Deputy Shravan Joshi</i> <i>Andrew John Reynolds</i>	a Real Estate and Management Company President <i>Citizen and Fueller</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Architect</i>	Sloane Square, London
Andrew Mark Pompei <i>Stephen Willis</i> <i>Dr Millan Sachania</i>	a Firefighter <i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i>	Walton-on-Thames, Surrey
Gerald William Porter, MBE <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>Marianne Bernadette Fredericks,</i> <i>Deputy</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Eltham, London
Rachel Nicole Punter <i>Deputy John William Fletcher</i> <i>Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, CC</i>	a Local Government Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Whitechapel, London
Kevin Michael Reaney <i>Michael Timothy Holland</i> <i>Nicholas Robert Gull</i>	a Property Owner <i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Blackpool, Lancashire
Simon David Macbeth Reichwald <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Amanda Josephine Keaveny</i>	a Social Enterprise Director <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
Robert Brian William Richardson <i>David Alastair Morgan-Hewitt</i> <i>Philippe Roland Rossiter</i>	a Hospitality Institute Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Innholder</i> <i>Citizen and Innholder</i>	Canterbury, Kent

<p>Graham Rider</p> <p><i>Michael Peter Cawston</i> <i>William Joseph Browning</i></p>	<p>an Electrical Engineer, retired</p> <p><i>Citizen and Tyler and Bricklayer</i> <i>Citizen and Glass Seller</i></p>	<p>Dursley, Gloucestershire</p>
<p>David Roger Robertson</p> <p><i>Michael John Smith</i> <i>John Alexander McGregor, OBE</i></p>	<p>a Public Affairs Consultant</p> <p><i>Citizen and Fan Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Spectacle Maker</i></p>	<p>Hertford, Hertfordshire</p>
<p>Colin Patrick Robinson</p> <p><i>Ald. Sir Peter Kenneth Estlin</i> <i>Ian Christopher Norman Seaton, MBE, CC</i></p>	<p>a Craft and Design Technician</p> <p><i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Girdler</i></p>	<p>Wormley, Godalming</p>
<p>Dr Roberto Mercurio Sanchez</p> <p><i>Keith Richard Stevens</i> <i>Dmytro Tupchiienko</i></p>	<p>an Engineering Consultant</p> <p><i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i> <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspapermaker</i></p>	<p>Richmond, Texas, United States of America</p>
<p>Elizabeth Jane Scott</p> <p><i>Stephen Willis</i> <i>Dr Millan Sachania</i></p>	<p>a Legal Executive, retired</p> <p><i>Citizen and Musician</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Otford, Sevenoaks, Kent</p>
<p>Wendy Kathleen Seigel</p> <p><i>Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i></p>	<p>a Teacher, retired</p> <p><i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i></p>	<p>Kingston Upon Thames</p>
<p>Michael John Sharp</p> <p><i>Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CC</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i></p>	<p>a Railway Infrastructure Manager, retired</p> <p><i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i></p>	<p>Felixstowe, Suffolk</p>
<p>David Anthony William Steed</p> <p><i>Richard George Turk</i> <i>Edward Gradosielski, BEM</i></p>	<p>an Information Technology Manager</p> <p><i>Citizen and Shipwright</i> <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i></p>	<p>Digswell, Herts</p>
<p>Paul Waring</p> <p><i>Michael Timothy Holland</i> <i>Nicholas Robert Gull</i></p>	<p>a Manufacturing Company Co- Director</p> <p><i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i></p>	<p>Hyde, Greater Manchester</p>
<p>Natalie Anne Watson</p> <p><i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i> <i>Martin Victor Edwards</i></p>	<p>an Ear, Nose and Throat Consultant Surgeon</p> <p><i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i></p>	<p>Wimbledon, London</p>
<p>Dr Ross Paul White</p> <p><i>Kristen James Cottier</i> <i>Robert George Munson</i></p>	<p>a Hospital Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><i>Citizen and Spectacle Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Builders Merchant</i></p>	<p>Aylesford, Kent</p>

Kevin Mark Williams	a Lorry Driver	Towcester, Northamptonshire
<i>Susan Mary Harrison</i> <i>Steven Farmer</i>	<i>Citizen and Educator</i>	
Dr Sandra Diane Williams	a General Practitioner, retired	Climping, West Sussex
<i>Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE</i> <i>Wendy Mead, OBE, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	

12. Vote of
Thanks,
Late Lord
Mayor

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

VINCENT THOMAS KEAVENY

Holmes.
P.A. Deputy;
Mooney,
B.D.F.,
Deputy

their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the distinguished manner in which he has carried out the role of Lord Mayor of the City of London during the past year.

Hailing from Dublin, Vincent has served as the 693rd Lord Mayor, and has been the first Irishman to take up this mantle.

We are especially grateful to Vincent for placing People and Purpose at the heart of his Mayoral Theme in this important post-pandemic and post-Brexit era. He has worked tirelessly to promote his theme, thereby championing a purpose-led and people-focused UK Financial and Professional Services sector, growing the global competitiveness of the UK as a world leader in sustainable finance, He has attended to Environmental, Social and Governance matters, making the City home to the best and most diverse global talent, whilst driving social mobility at all levels.

A highlight of Vincent's Mayoralty was the Net Zero Delivery Summit, which saw him welcome the Prime Minister to Mansion House, Working closely with No.10, the Lord Mayor championed the crucial net zero pledges made at COP26 and ensured the summit provided an opportunity for attendees to engage with financial and corporate leaders and other experts and senior Ministers, on the progress of key priorities agreed at COP26.

Following the restrictions of previous years, Vincent was keen to get the Mayoralty back on the road and undertook many domestic and international visits including to Spain and Portugal, the United States, Mexico, Indonesia and Japan. A little closer to home, he also took the opportunity to return to his homeland with a visit to the Republic of Ireland at the beginning of this year – something which carried special significance.

It would be remiss of me to comment on Vincent's year in office without recognising the events involving the Royal Family. There is no doubt that he will long treasure the memory of his leading role in the happy events of the Platinum Jubilee, when he received the Royal Family on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral and here at Guildhall. He will now also be remembered as the Lord Mayor who, following the passing of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, had the sombre duty of taking part in the Accession Council, leading the Proclamation of King Charles III on the steps of the Royal Exchange, as well as attending her late Majesty's funeral.

Throughout this historic and momentous year, in all of his work, the Lord Mayor has received enthusiastic support from Amanda, the Lady Mayoress, and, as we move to the close of what we hope has been a memorable and special period for them both, this Honourable Court thanks Vincent for all that he has done as Lord Mayor. In taking their leave of Vincent, their 693rd Lord Mayor, Honourable Members send to him and Amanda – as well as to India of course - our very best wishes for their future good health and happiness.

13. Motions
Holmes, P.A.
Deputy;
Mooney, B.D.F.
Deputy

(A) *Resolved* – That the Resolution of Thanks to the late Lord Mayor, passed by Common Hall on 29 September last, be presented in a form agreeable to him.

Pollard, J.H.G.
Deputy;
Mooney, B.D.F.
Deputy

(B) *Resolved* – That the Resolution of Thanks to Alison Jane Gowman, Alderman and Glover and Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons, Alderman and Merchant Taylor, the late Sheriffs of the City, passed by Common Hall on 29 September last, be presented in a form agreeable to them.

Luder, I.D.
Alderman; Snyder,
Sir Michael

(C) *Motion* – “That paragraph 1 of Standing Order No. 14 be amended to increase the number of Members required to support a Division to at least 24, plus the Member demanding the Poll i.e. a total of at least 25 Members, the amended paragraph 1 of Standing Order No. 14 to read:

“A Member demanding a Division must stand for that purpose (if able to do so). A Division will not be allowed unless at least another 24 Members (i.e. at least 25 in total) stand in their places (if able to do so) to support the Division”.

Alderman Ian Luder introduced the motion, suggesting that divisions had become a more regular occurrence and ultimately took a significant amount of time away from debate on key items. He observed, however, that the new threshold proposed involved more than half the quorum for the Court. With that in mind, he wished to amend his motion to bring the proposed threshold down to “19 Members (i.e., at least 20 in total).”

Luder, I.D.
Alderman; Snyder,
Sir Michael

Amendment – To replace “to at least 24, plus the Member demanding the Poll i.e., a total of at least 25 Members” with, “to at least 19, plus the Member demanding the Poll i.e. a total of at least 20 Members”.

And, to replace “A Division will not be allowed unless at least another 24 Members (i.e., at least 25 in total) stand in their places (if able to do so) to support the Division” with “A Division will not be allowed unless at least another 19 Members (i.e., at least 20 in total) stand in their places (if able to do so) to support the Division”

Upon the Amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried, unanimously.

The Chairman of Policy and Resources then stood to propose a further amendment that would require proposals for options on electronic voting be brought before the Policy and Resources Committee.

Hayward, C.M.
Deputy; Anderson,
R.K., Deputy

Amendment – That a final paragraph be added to the motion “Further, this honourable Court instructs the Policy and Resources Committee to investigate the viability of introducing an electronic voting system, capable of recording and scrutinising individual votes, that would replace the current voting procedure as laid out in paragraph 4 of Standing Order No.14 — and to return to Court no later than April 2023 with its recommendations.”

During the ensuing debate, a suggestion was made that that the original motion was premature and that a decision on changing thresholds should be delayed until such a time that options on electronic voting had been considered. A further concern was raised that any proposal being brought forward on electronic voting must allow for scrutiny and interrogation, whilst another Member suggested that energy would be better spent exploring the creation of a new purpose-built meeting chamber, one of the benefits of which would be to allow voting and Divisions to take place more swiftly.

Reflecting on the reasons why a Division had been called at a recent Court meeting, a Member observed that transparency and accountability to the electorate was important and was aided by recorded votes, adding that the efficiency of the process could be improved by the behaviour of Members, suggesting the issue at the root of this debate was perhaps one caused by this rather than by the system itself.

Alderman Ian Luder supported the proposal for investigation into electronic voting options. However, he felt that his original substantive motion was still required for the immediate-term until such a time that electronic voting can be considered and ultimately implemented

Upon the Amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

Tijs Broeke stood to put a further Amendment: to delete the first two paragraphs, thereby deleting Alderman Luder’s original Motion to increase the number of Members required to call a Division, and leaving the new text as added through Deputy Christopher Hayward’s Amendment.

Amendment – To delete the first two paragraphs of the Motion and to replace “Further,” from the remaining paragraph, with “That”.

Upon the Amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

Broeke, T.;
King, E.A., B.E.M..

Resolved – That this Honourable Court instructs the Policy and Resources Committee to investigate the viability of introducing an electronic voting system, capable of recording individual votes, that would replace the current voting procedure as laid out in paragraph 4 of Standing Order No.14 — and to return to Court no later than April 2023 with its recommendations.

(D) This Motion was withdrawn pursuant to Standing Order 12(5).

Gupta, M., Deputy to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee

Reflecting on the return of Clifford Chance and its 4000 employees to the Square Mile, Deputy Madush Gupta noted the positive impact this would have on the local SME economy and asked the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee whether the time was right to ensure that the City Corporation created an active sustainable approach to marketing the City of London to significant occupiers with more than 1,000 workers.

Responding, the Chairman agreed that with large firms came large numbers of people, which was vital for the success of SMEs and Destination City. The Clifford Chance relocation proved that the City continued to be an attractive option to major international firms and that there was indeed demand in the market for office space, despite changing working patterns. The City's offer on this front was extremely strong, with excellent development opportunities, an incredible concentration of skilled people from around the world, supported by great transport links, with culture and history on its doorstep.

The Chairman confirmed that the City Corporation did undertake a programme of engagement with property managers of the top 250 businesses in the City as well as those looking to relocate. This allowed the Corporation to actively manage requirements for space as well as promote opportunities afforded by its regeneration schemes. However, in conclusion the Chairman drew attention to his earlier policy statement, highlighting that the City Corporation was a voice for the Financial and Professional Services sectors across the whole of the United Kingdom. As such, whilst he was determined to get firms back into the City, the Corporation must do everything it could to grow the sector across the whole country and not just in the Square Mile.

In light of changes in working patterns, Paul Singh asked a supplementary question, querying whether there needed to be a change of strategy that would see the City Corporation actively go out and sell itself and garner more interest from other firms beyond Clifford Chance. The Chairman provided assurances that there were a number of other interested firms, but that these conversations were often confidential, for obvious reasons.

Catherine McGuinness asked whether the Chairman was aware of the new report launched by Clifford Chance on 'Enabling the Voluntary Carbon Market in the Context of the Paris Agreement' and asked if he would join her in commending the report for the Court's attention. The Chairman agreed unequivocally.

Goodman, S., to the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee

Support for children in poverty at City Schools and Academies

Steve Goodman asked a question of the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, concerning the eligibility of children living in poverty for free school meals. Whilst recognising there was no quick fix and that the Corporation's own budgets were constrained, it was asked if the Policy and Resources Committee might explore what could be done to support children at the City's family of academies and schools in the immediate future.

In response, the Chairman acknowledged that this winter and the coming year were likely to be very tough for many people, asking Members to bear this in mind as they took decisions at their Committee meetings. He explained that the City

Corporation was already providing wrap-around services such as Saturday clubs, before and after school care, as well as help with additional costs (e.g. uniforms and school trips), adding that one of the best ways to ensure that children were kept safe, warm and fed, was to make sure they are in school. In this vein, within the last week the Education Board had agreed to commit £140k of the City Premium Grant to look at attendance issues and services for SEN pupils.

The Education Board and the COLAT Board were extremely well engaged on these issues, and the Policy and Resources Committee had responded positively in the past in response to requests for additional funding. The Chairman committed to keeping a close eye on such matters going forward, working with COLAT, heads, and others to monitor the impact of cost of living crisis, and consider options such as provision for family liaison officers, subject to available funding. Extending the free school meals policy was an important matter and the Chairman also agreed that he would raise as Vice Chairman of London Councils, and work with them to make a pan-London representation to government.

Ruby Sayed, Chairman of Community and Children's Services, asked a supplementary question regarding the Chairman's awareness that the City's one local authority run school (Aldgate Primary), had for a number of years offered free school meals to all children, regardless of parental family income. She supported something similar being introduced at the whole City Corporation Family of Schools. The Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee thanked the Member for reminding the Court of this.

Alderman Susan Pearson asked how the City Corporation could make sure that all primary aged children who lived within the Square Mile, but went to schools outside, were also covered by any future provisions. The Chairman observed the difficulties in calculating how far to widen the net in terms of the City Corporation's financial responsibility and suggested that, at this time, the Corporation must focus on those under its direct oversight in its family of Schools, in line with the original Question.

Replying to a further question from Ruby Sayed, the Chairman agreed that the City Corporation had a very high quality early help service, which covered all children under age of 18, similarly with SEND children, both of which had been recognised for their outstanding level of service.

Destination City

Martha Grekos asked the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee a question regarding measurable outcomes of the Destination City launch event, the Golden Key. Specifically, she sought information on the money spent by the City Corporation in organising and hosting the event; how much the performers and food pop-ups give back to the Corporation in percentage of earnings; whether the Corporation sent communications to local businesses encouraging them to remain open for the event, informing them of what was taking place; what number of people attended the event; and whether the Corporation corresponded with Transport for London, Network Rail and the Docklands Light Railway informing them of the event, requesting that services run.

The Chairman confirmed that a full report on the Golden Key event would be considered at the Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee and Policy and Resources Committee in the early part of 2023. He was, however, able to confirm that the Golden Key was successful in attracting 30,000 people to the City with the Museum of London having its best day of the year to date. The Corporation had spent around £400k on the artistic production, an additional £240k on marketing and £295k on event management. Local businesses and Transport for London were engaged, with a business engagement producer employed to encourage participation with various communications delivered. All artists and performers were paid; they did not pay the City Corporation.

The Chairman explained that this was an ambitious and visionary campaign and there would undoubtedly be elements that did not work, as well as those that did. This would all be contained within the forthcoming report and the Chairman looked forward to taking these learnings on board to develop the exciting project.

Martha Grekos asked a supplementary question, asking the Chairman to clarify the choice of paid pop-ups rather than local businesses, in the context of the City Corporation's funding difficulties and challenging national economic climate. She also asked what could be done to make sure future events were not just a big show but for the benefit of all City stakeholders.

The Chairman confirmed that all monies had been properly budgeted and approved by committee. Destination City was not just about events but about changing the concept of the Square Mile and re-imagining it. All relevant committees would be updated with all feedback received.

15. **BARBICAN CENTRE BOARD**

(Thomas Sleigh)

21 November 2022

Report of Action Taken: Barbican Centre Trust – Articles of Association

The Court received a report regarding action taken under urgency procedures to respond to proposals from the Barbican Centre Trust for amendments to its Articles of Association.

Resolved – That the action taken under urgency procedures be noted.

16. 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:-

Statutory Instruments**Date in force****The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (Extraction of Information: Code of Practice) Regulations 2022 No. 1054**8th November
2022

These Regulations bring into force a code of practice on the exercise of powers conferred by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act, in relation to the extraction of information from electronic devices. Under the Act, an “authorised person” may extract information stored on an electronic device voluntarily provided to them, where the user has agreed that information on the device may be extracted. It also provides that an “authorised person” may extract information where the user of the electronic device has died. An “authorised person” in this context includes a constable of a police force in England and Wales; a member of staff appointed by the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales; and an employee of the Common Council of the City of London who is under the direction and control of a chief officer of police.

The Sentencing Act 2020 (Serious Violence Reduction Orders: Retention and Disposal of Seized Items) Regulations 2022 No. 1071

17th January 2023

The Sentencing Act 2020 provides constables with a power to search a person subject to a Serious Violence Reduction Order to ascertain if they have a bladed article or offensive weapon with them. It provides for a constable to seize anything found in the course of the search which the constable reasonably suspects to be a bladed article or an offensive weapon. These Regulations make provision for the retention, safe-keeping, disposal and destruction of items seized under this power. They specify the period for which items must be retained by the relevant officer, and provide for the owner of an item to apply to have the item returned.

The Terrorism Act 2000 (Alterations to the Search Powers Code for England and Wales and Scotland) Order 2022 No. 1087

26th October 2022

This Order brings into force alterations made by the Secretary of State to the search powers code for England and Wales, following their approval by each House of Parliament. The alterations reflect the creation of a new power under the Terrorism Act 2000, whereby a constable may stop and search terrorist offenders released on licence where their licence includes a search condition and the constable is satisfied that the search is necessary for purposes connected with protecting members of the public from a risk of terrorism.

Read.

The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer's Office.

17. Ballot
Results

The Town Clerk reported the results of a ballot taken at the last Court, as follows:-
Where appropriate:-

* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment;

★ denotes appointed.

1 One Member to the **Barbican Centre Board**

	Votes
Alpa Raja	48 ★
Anett Rideg	39

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alpa Raja to be appointed to the Barbican Centre Board for a term expiring in April 2024.

18. Resolutions There were no resolutions.

19. Hospital Seal There were no docquets to be sealed.

20. Awards & Prizes There was no report.

21. The public having been excluded during consideration of Item 6 and 23, the remaining non-public items (Items 22, 24-28) were considered prior to the re-admission of the public (as indicated above). The summary of the decision taken is set out below and was reported to the public on their re-admission to the meeting.

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

22. Non-public Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the Court meetings held on the 13 October and 17 November 2022, are correctly recorded.

24. **CIVIC AFFAIRS SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Charles Edward Lord)

8 November 2022

The Court considered a report relating to the Members Code of Conduct.

Resolved – To censure the subject Member, Deputy Philip Woodhouse, in the following terms and for the reasons set out in the respective Decision Notices:

“The Court finds that Deputy Woodhouse made unsubstantiated, unjustified and irrelevant comments about Sir Michael Snyder which were likely to damage his reputation at the Policy and Resources Committee on 28 February 2022 and that he has thereby failed to treat Sir Michael with respect in breach of Paragraph 2(K) of the Members’ Code of Conduct. Deputy Woodhouse’s conduct has on this occasion fallen short of what is expected to promote respectful and inclusive debate and the orderly conduct of meetings. The Court hopes that Deputy Woodhouse will reflect on this and that there will be no repetition of such behaviour”.

Furthermore, that the above resolution is published in the formal public minutes of the Court of Common Council but that the Court’s consideration of the matter, the decision notices of the Independent Panel and the background papers remain exempt pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act

1972. This is because publication of the details of the allegations poses a risk to the Subject Member's reputation and nor is it necessary and proportionate for the other personal data of the parties and witnesses to be disclosed.

25.

FINANCE COMMITTEE**(A) Contract Extension – Work and Health Programme – Central London Works**

The Court considered a report relating to the extension of a contract for the Work and Health Programme – Central London Works.

(B) Integrated Facilities Management Award Report – Further Competition

The Court considered a report relating to contracts within the Integrated Facilities Management Framework.

(C) Contract Extension for Managed Service Temporary Agency Resource

The Court considered a report relating to the extension of a contract for Temporary Agency staff resource.

(D) Minor Works Measured Term Contracts – Procurement Strategy and Extension of Contract

The Court considered a report relating to the procurement strategy and extension of a Measured Term contract for Minor Works.

26.

CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk clarified that item 26 related to a report of the Corporate Services Committee, not the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama as published on the Summons.

The Court received a report relating to action taken on the recruitment of a Chief Operating Officer at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

27.

FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME REPORTING AND ANALYSIS SERVICE PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE; CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

The Court received a report relating to action taken on the procurement of a fraud and cybercrime reporting analysis service.

28.

PROPERTY INVESTMENT BOARD

The Court received a report relating to action taken on the purchase of the Hanover Trading Estate.

The meeting commenced at 1.03 pm and ended at 2.47 pm

BARRADELL.