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Dear Sir / Madam,

Mayoralty and Shrievalty – 2018 Aldermanic Appraisal Process

As is customary, at this time of the year the Court of Aldermen shares with the Livery the names of those Aldermen who it is supporting for progression to the Shrievalty or Mayoralty over the next year or so.

The Court's position on the Mayoralty for 2018/19 is already clear but I will recap. At the election of the Lord Mayor later this year, if Alderman Peter Estlin is one of the two Aldermen whose name is returned by the Livery to the Court, then he will be elected.

The Court met recently to discuss the Mayoralty for 2019/20. The names of two Aldermen were considered: William Russell and the current Aldermanic Sheriff, Timothy Hailes. The Court decided that it would support Alderman William Russell for election as Lord Mayor for 2019/20, and, accordingly, if Alderman William Russell is one of the two whose name is returned at Common Hall in 2019, then he will be elected. With a view to forward planning, for the 2020/21 Mayoralty, the Court has expressed its in-principle support for Alderman Timothy Hailes.

In respect of the Shrievalty in 2018/2019, members of the Livery will be aware that the Court of Aldermen is supporting Alderman Vincent Keaveny for election as the Aldermanic Sheriff later this month. The Court's position in respect of the following year, 2019/2020, is to support one Alderman for progression, that being Alderman Michael Mainelli. Again, with a view to forward planning, for the 2020/21 Shrievalty, the Court has expressed its in-principle support for Alderman Alison Gowman and Alderman Alastair King.

The Court of Aldermen has now consulted the Livery Committee, which is elected by Common Hall, about the possibility of two Aldermen holding the office of Sheriff in 2020/2021. With that Committee's consent the Court of Aldermen will, in April 2019, give further consideration to the Shrievalty for 2020/2021 on the basis of its in-principle support for Alderman Alison Gowman and Alderman Alastair King.

As in previous years, the Court hopes that this process of deciding which candidates it will support for progression to higher office in the years ahead continues to be of benefit to the Livery.

Yours sincerely,

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The Chairman of the Livery Committee