

Report of the Livery Committee

To be presented on 25th June 2018

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Liverymen of the several Companies of the City of London in Common Hall assembled.

A copy of this report is to be issued to all Liverymen who attend Common Hall and only a summary will, therefore, be presented at the meeting so as not to delay the proceedings.

The Livery Committee

Formally established by Common Hall in 1864, the Livery Committee assists Livery Companies in their support of the Mayorality and the City of London Corporation. Its purpose is to create an improved awareness amongst Liverymen and the general public of the work of the Livery Companies. It undertakes such tasks which are intended to be in the best interests of the general body of the Livery. The Committee also oversees the arrangements for Common Hall each year.

The Committee also arranges and oversees the running of a series of courses administered by the City of London Corporation. These courses are designed to enable liverymen to learn more about how the City of London Corporation works and the range of its activities. More information regarding these courses can be found at the following website: <http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org/>

The membership of the Livery Committee, as appointed by Common Hall, is appended to this report for your information.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee has suggested to the nominating bodies that those they nominate should have a broad knowledge of Livery affairs and a good understanding of the workings of the City Corporation and, particularly, how the City Corporation interfaces with Livery Companies.

In December 2017, Sir Michael Bear retired from the Court of Aldermen and consequently stepped down from the Livery Committee. We thank him for his significant contributions during his tenure and look forward to welcoming his successor.

We **recommend**, in accordance with the terms of the report agreed by Common Hall on 24 June 2002 and 24 June 2005, that the following persons be appointed as members of the Livery Committee, each for a three year term:-

Nominated by the several Livery Companies, through the Clerks' Association

For re-appointment for a final three year term:-

Christopher Twyman – Clerk to the Painter-Stainers' Company

Russell Vaizey – Clerk to the Dyers' Company

Nominated by the Court of Aldermen

In place of Sir Michael Bear, who retired from the Court of Aldermen:-

Sir Alan Yarrow – Alderman and Fishmonger

THE LIVERY COMMITTEE 2017/18

Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

At the meeting on 13 September 2017, Deputy Richard Regan OBE (Citizen and Cutler) and Victoria Russell (Citizen and Arbitrator) were re-elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman, respectively.

Committee Activities

Your Livery Committee and its various Working Groups have, over the past 12 months, looked at a range of issues and some of the Committee's work is discussed in more detail below:

Common Hall

It will not have escaped your notice that this year's Shrieval Election is hotly contested, with four candidates for the two posts. This is the first contested election since 2011 and your Committee has been working closely with candidates, agents, and the City Corporation to make the necessary preparations.

As you will appreciate, this ancient ceremony is governed by historic legislation, which limits what can be done from a procedural perspective. Whilst many Liverymen will of course wish for a result to be called at Common Hall itself, there is a legal right for a poll to be demanded. In the event that this occurs, the poll must take place on Monday 9 July 2018. However, your Committee has asked each of the candidates to agree that they will accept the result on the day of Common Hall, provided that the result is clear – i.e., a margin of difference for the winning candidates of more than 10%.

One of the steps we have also taken to increase the speed and accuracy of the count is to introduce coloured cards. Issued to each of you today is a pack of such cards, one coloured card for each candidate, and labelled accordingly. When the Common Serjeant asks you to vote for each candidate, he will ask you to hold the relevant card in your hand clearly in the air, whilst the count is undertaken. Members of City Corporation staff have been assigned to each block of voters, and will count as quickly as possible and pass the numbers to be tallied on a central count sheet. As ever, you are to vote for only two candidates, and this counting procedure – an enhanced version of that which worked successfully in 2011 – is intended to speed up the process, whilst also increasing accuracy. This procedure will be reviewed after Common Hall to ascertain whether further improvements can also be made for future years.

Working Groups

Strategy Working Group

The Committee established a new Working Group in late 2017 to review the remit and role of the Livery Committee. This was with a view to firmly identifying what the role of the Committee should be, where it could best add value, and the steps that needed to be taken to achieve this, so as to best fulfil its role acting on behalf of the Livery and fulfilling its terms of reference in future years. Good progress has been made in developing a strategic vision for the Committee, a key element of which is intended to be a new and enhanced website which will act as an information resource for all Liverymen, Freemen and Clerks.

Communications Working Group: Briefings & Courses

The Communications Working Group aims to encourage and develop communication between the City of London Corporation, the Livery Companies and the general public. In pursuing these aims, it is responsible for arranging the Wardens' & Court Assistants' Course; the City Briefings for new and existing Liverymen; and Briefings for Clerks.

The City Briefings, held in Guildhall, have proven increasingly popular and well-received in recent years and, as a consequence, we have now added a fourth date each year. Dates for 2018 and 2019 are as follows:

- Monday 8 October 2018
- Tuesday 20 November 2018
- Tuesday 5 February 2019
- Wednesday 15 May 2019
- Monday 21 October 2019
- Tuesday 19 November 2019

The Wardens and Court Assistants City Course (primarily intended for those who expect to become Master/Prime Warden within the next year or so) is scheduled for Wednesday 26 September and we strongly encourage those taking up office in 2019 to sign up via the <http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org> website.

A half-day After Dinner Speaking course intended for a similar audience is arranged each February, and an annual Briefing for Clerks is scheduled for 12 February 2019. All are administered by the Guildhall's Communications Department and we are continually considering improvements and how we might make these even more useful for Liverymen and Clerks.

Comments from past attendees have highlighted how useful and informative they have found all of these events and we hope that as many of you as possible will take full advantage of the service offered. We would ask that Clerks and Liverymen continue to promote attendance at these events as widely as possible. Spouses and partners are welcome at each of these events and separate courses will be arranged if this is felt appropriate.

Livery Companies' Working Group

The Livery Companies' Working Group is concerned with the development and dissemination of information about good practice in Livery Companies, particularly to new or aspiring Companies, as well as responding to any matters of common interest or concern raised by the Livery Companies or the City of London Corporation.

Your Committee continues to promote the Livery Liaison scheme, which sees each Livery assigned a Member of the Committee to act as an intermediary. It is intended to simplify the channels of communication between the Livery Committee (and hence Guildhall, Mansion House, and the Shrievalty), and the Companies (and their Masters, Courts, Liverymen and Clerks); Liverymen are encouraged to use these links wherever helpful.

Livery Committee Briefing Newsletter

The regular *Livery Briefing* newsletter, published by Guildhall on behalf of the Livery Committee, is intended for all Liverymen and is emailed via the Clerk to each Livery Company. We encourage all Clerks to circulate the Briefing which can also be accessed in the "Library" at <http://www.liverycompanies.info/> .

Pan-Livery Initiative

All Liverymen will hopefully be aware of the Pan-Livery Initiative which has developed over the course of the last year. This project aims to improve connections between Companies in the two key areas of Philanthropy and Communication. We are happy to report that, by virtue of their office, the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Livery Committee were kindly invited to join the Pan-Livery Initiative Steering Group, with a view to enabling greater connectivity between the two bodies. A number of other Members (Mr Rob Abernethy, Mr David Barrett, Alderman William Russell (Chairman of the Steering Group) and Deputy Philip Woodhouse) also serve on both. If you would like to know more about the Pan-Livery Initiative please contact your Livery Committee Liaison List representative.

New Livery Companies

Having granted Guild status to three prospective Companies (the Entrepreneurs, the Human Resources Professionals, and the Nurses) in the past few years, the growth of prospective Companies has continued with the further granting of Guild status in 2017/18 to the new Guild of Investment Managers. With the Public Relations Practitioners having already gained the status of Company without Livery, it is pleasing to see that the appeal of Livery status continues to attract and be relevant to modern professions.

All of which we submit to the judgement of Common Hall.

DATED this 13th day of June 2018.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

**Richard David Regan, O.B.E., Deputy
Chairman, Livery Committee**

Livery Committee Membership

Two Aldermen, nominated by the Court of Aldermen:-

William Russell (Haberdasher)

Sir Alan Yarrow (Fishmonger) (*subject to election by Common Hall on 25 June 2018*)

Six Common Councilmen, nominated by the Court of Common Council:-

Christopher Hayward (Pattenmaker)

Wendy Mead, O.B.E. (Glover)

Judith Pleasance (Clockmaker)

Deputy Richard Regan, O.B.E. (Cutler) *Chairman*

Ian Seaton (Girdler)

Deputy Philip Woodhouse (Grocer)

Six Liverymen, one nominated by the Great XII Clerks' Association, one nominated by the Association of Clerks, and four nominated by the Fellowship of Clerks:-

Great XII Nominee

Robin Booth (Clothworker)

Association of Clerks Nominee

Julia Sibley, M.B.E. (Innholder)

Fellowship of Clerks Nominees:

Fiona Adler (Tobacco Pipe-Maker)

David Cole-Adams (Tyler & Bricklayer)

Andrew Marsden (Marketer)

Victoria Russell (Arbitrator) *Deputy Chairman*

Six Livery Company Clerks, two nominated by each Association:-

Great XII Nominees

Rob Abernethy, Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Mercers

Major General Andrew Kennett, Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Skinners

Association of Clerks Nominees

Christopher Twyman, Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers

Russell Vaizey, Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Dyers

Fellowship of Clerks Nominees

David Barrett, Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards

Colonel Robert Murfin, Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers

N.B. – Appointments to the Committee are for terms of three years. Members shall serve for a maximum of two terms.