

# LIVERY COMMITTEE BRIEFING

Twentieth edition: June 2013



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## 1. FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Welcome to the Twentieth Briefing of the Livery Committee. This edition outlines some of the main issues considered at our 12<sup>th</sup> June meeting.

Five of our Members will now be retiring from the Committee. We say goodbye to Alderman Sir Michael Savory, Deputy Robin Eve, John Spanner, Edward Lord and Brigadier David Ross all of whom have given many years of valuable service to both the Committee and its Working Groups. We thank all these retiring members for their hard work and support.

Our June meeting was also my last as Chairman of the Livery Committee and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Livery as a whole for their wholehearted support and encouragement throughout my time in office. We shall be electing a new Chairman at our next meeting in September.

As always, should you have any comments or suggestions on how this briefing can be improved please contact our Clerk, Gemma Stokley on 020 7332 1427 or email:

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## 2. PRESENTATION BY MR. PETER TAYLOR – DIRECTOR OF THE GOLDSMITHS' CENTRE

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Our Clerk and I were fortunate enough to visit the Goldsmiths' Centre recently and were so impressed by its work that Mr Peter Taylor, Director of the Centre, based in Clerkenwell, was invited to attend our June meeting. He gave the Committee a brief presentation on the aims of the Centre, its work to date and its plans for the future.

During his presentation Mr Taylor underlined that the Centre were keen to 'look outwards' and to create links with various Schools and Academies via the Livery.

The presentation was very informative particularly given the current focus on apprenticeships and vocational qualifications and was well received by members of the Committee.

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## 3. MANSION HOUSE - STAFFING

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The Private Secretary reported on some recent staffing changes at the Mansion House.

Anton Muszanskyj, Special Projects and Correspondence Manager, has now left the Corporation and has been replaced temporarily by Barbara Burke. Jonathan Pallant, currently of the City Remembrancer's Team, will be taking up the role at the end of this month. The Private Secretary will be circulating Jonathan's new contact details on his arrival.

The Private Secretary went on to report that an advertisement for the post of City Marshall was also soon to be published with the current postholder due to retire shortly before Christmas.

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## 4. ALDERMANIC ELIGIBILITY

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The Assistant Town Clerk reported that, following the approval of the Court of Common Council, there are now 2 separate routes for election to the Court of Aldermen. One of these is via the 'magistracy route', as before, but there is now also a second, much simpler, route which requires Aldermanic candidates who choose not to become a magistrate to satisfy criteria which includes their not having been convicted of an imprisonable offence or having been the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order. This is based on criteria applicable to candidates standing for election as Police & Crime Commissioners (PCC).

This alternative route has been introduced as it was felt by many that the route through the magistracy had become increasingly difficult and lengthy.

The Committee were informed that the first potential 'test' of the new system would be at the forthcoming Broad Street Aldermanic election.

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## 5. LORD MAYOR'S AND POLICY CHAIRMAN'S VISITS

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The Private Secretary commented on the role of the Lord Mayor 's and the Policy Chairman's overseas visits.

The Lord Mayor's programme concentrates on promoting the financial City in its broadest sense, and his programme is arranged each year in consultation with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO).

The Policy Chairman's programme is more focused on the regulatory agenda with an emphasis on the EU, the USA and our links with China and India. Other than visits to countries of forthcoming EU Presidencies, it is rare for both the Lord Mayor and the Policy Chairman to hold a joint visit.

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## 6. WARDENS & COURT ASSISTANTS' CITY COURSE

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This year's Wardens and Court Assistants' City Course will be held at Guildhall, providing us with additional space. It is therefore proposed that, this year, the Course be 'opened up' to the consorts/partners of delegates and that a short slot aimed specifically at partners/consorts be piloted as part of this year's programme.

Bookings for this and all other Livery Courses/Briefings for 2013 and 2014 can be booked via the website at [www.liverycommitteecourses.org](http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org)

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## 7. LM'S SHOW & SILENT CEREMONY – 2014 DATES

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It has been brought to the Committee's attention that the Lord Mayor's Show and Silent Ceremony dates for 2014 currently published within the City Corporation's red 'pocketbook' diary are incorrect.

This year's pocketbook is to go to print later this month and this error will be corrected in the revised version with a letter to draw attention to this once the pocketbook is ready for circulation. For the avoidance of doubt, the Admission of Lord Mayor (Silent Ceremony) will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014 with the Lord Mayors Show on the following day; Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**DEPUTY WILLIAM FRASER, OBE**  
Chairman