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Dear Sir / Madam,

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 2015/16 is, I think, already clear but I will recap. At the election of the Lord Mayor this year, if Alderman Lord Mountevans (formerly Jeffrey Evans) 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 2016/17. The names of three Aldermen were considered: Dr Andrew Parmley (who was first elected as an Alderman in 2001), Sir Paul Judge (elected 2007) and Charles Bowman (elected 2013). These three Aldermen would be qualified by virtue of having by then served as Sheriff (in Alderman Bowman's case, subject to election by the Livery). The Court agreed that all three were suitable to become Lord Mayor in 2016. The Court then decided that it would support Dr Andrew Parmley for election as Lord Mayor for 2016/17, and, accordingly, if Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley is one of the two whose name is returned, then he will be elected.

With respect to the Shrievalty, members of the Livery will be aware that the Court of Aldermen is supporting Alderman Charles Bowman for election as one of the two Sheriffs later this month. In relation to 2016/17, the Livery Committee, which is elected by the Livery in Common Hall, is supporting the possibility of two Aldermen holding the office of Sheriff in that year.

Consequently the Court of Aldermen will be considering the Shrievalty for 2016/17 on this basis at its next meeting which will take place in early July. Confirmation of the Court's position in respect of the Shrievalty will be circulated in due course.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lorraine Brook', enclosed within a large, loopy blue oval.

Lorraine Brook
Principal Committee and Member Services Manager

cc: All Members of the Court of Common Council
Sir Win Bischoff
Sir Brian Williamson CBE
The Officers of the Court of Aldermen
The Chairman of the Livery Committee