

Report of the Livery Committee

To be presented on 26th June 2017

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.

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.

The past year has seen the departure of two long-serving and former Chairmen from the Committee, in Nigel Pullman and Bill Fraser. This month, the final terms of long-serving Livery Committee members Rear Admiral Nick Harris and Paul Herbage also come to an end; Philip Grant, too, leaves the Committee after three years, with Colonel Hamon Massey also departing. We thank all six for their significant contributions to our work during their time on the Committee and look forward to welcoming their successors.

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 Fellowship of Clerks

For appointment for three year terms, in place of Philip Grant and Paul Herbage:-

Colonel Robert Murfin, TD DL – Clerk to the Pattenmakers

David Barrett – Clerk to the Makers of Playing Cards

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

David Cole-Adams – Citizen and Tyler & Bricklayer

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

For appointment for a three year term, in place of Nigel Pullman:-

Julia Sibley, MBE – Citizen and Innholder

Nominated by the Great XII, through the Great XII Clerks' Association

For appointments for three year terms, in place of Rear Admiral Nick Harris and Colonel Hamon Massey:-

Rob Abernethy – Clerk to the Mercers

Major General Andrew Kennett, CB CBE – Clerk to the Skinners

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

George Charles Robin Booth – Citizen and Clothworker

Nominated by the Court of Common Council

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

Ian Christopher Norman Seaton – Citizen and Girdler

For appointment for a three year term, in place of Bill Fraser:-

Philip John Woodhouse, Deputy – Citizen and Grocer

THE LIVERY COMMITTEE 2016/17

Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

At the meeting on 13 September 2016, Deputy Richard Regan OBE (Citizen and Cutler) was elected as the Committee's new Chairman in succession to Nigel Pullman. In turn, Victoria Russell (Citizen and Arbitrator), has been appointed as the Committee's new Deputy Chairman.

Committee Activities

Your Livery Committee has, over the past 12 months, looked at a range of issues and some of the Committee's work is discussed in more detail below.

Working Groups

Both the Communications Working Group and the Livery Companies' Working Group have met on a number of occasions over the last year, and the Committee has also worked closely with the Livery Companies' Skills Council and Livery Schools Link throughout the period:

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; and Briefings for Clerks.

The three City Briefings, arranged each year in February, October and November, continue to be held in Guildhall. Dates for 2017 and 2018 are as follows:

- Tuesday 10 October 2017
- Monday 6 November 2017
- Wednesday 7 February 2018
- Monday 8 October 2018
- Tuesday 20 November 2018

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 an all-day course held in September. This year's date is Wednesday 20 September and we strongly encourage those taking up office in 2018 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 held in January. 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 and a link to the web-based booking system can be found at: www.liverycompanies.info. Spouses and partners are welcome at each of these events.

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. In recent months, the Working Group has met to discuss how this scheme might be made more effective and we very much hope that you will benefit from changes to be made in the coming months.

Livery Companies Skills Council (LCSC)

One of the main issues that the Committee and the LCSC have been considering over the year has been the content and implications of the Government's Technical and Further Education Bill. Whilst the focus of the Bill was very much in relation to public provision associated with technical education, there was for some time a lack of clarity with respect to the extent that various courses operated by the Livery might be affected. Through the City Remembrancer, and following significant liaison with Government officials, Livery Companies and the Livery Companies Skills Council, we are pleased to confirm that a number of amendments were accepted by the Government which have provided welcome clarification on the position and remove much of the potentially adverse impact on Livery Company apprenticeships currently offered.

In the months ahead the Department for Education will seek views on which skills and knowledge should be included within official technical education and apprenticeships routes; Livery Companies will, therefore, have an opportunity to contribute their views and we will continue to work with the Remembrancer, LCSC and the wider Livery to ensure that your concerns are adequately represented.

Livery Schools Link (LSL)

LSL hosted its highly successful Showcase careers fair in March in the Old Library at Guildhall. The Livery Showcase Event, held annually, is a key opportunity for Livery Companies to engage with students inspiring them to consider career paths and job opportunities in the wide range of skills, trades and professions they represent. Over 600 students from over 30 schools across London attended this year's event, where 30 widely differing career paths were showcased.

Following the departure of David Steward, Lis Goodwin took over as Chairman of the LSL last year and has worked closely with the Committee, particularly through the Committee's outgoing representative on the LSL, Paul Herbage. The Committee would like to take the opportunity to place on record its thanks to Paul for his dedication and support to LSL over the past few years.

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/>.

Interactive Livery Halls Map

An interactive map of the City's Livery Halls (as well as other points of interest) has now been developed. The map can be found either through the <http://www.liverycompanies.info/> website or through the City Corporation's website. We hope it is of use to Clerks, Companies and indeed all Liverymen and Freeman.

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

DATED this 14th day of June 2017.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

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