

Court of Aldermen 2024/25



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Introduction to the Court of Aldermen



Overview

The Court of Aldermen has commissioned this summary guide for the purpose of providing an overview of the leadership role it continues to play in The City of London – particularly in supporting London's role as a leading global financial hub in partnership with other key stakeholders.

For those unacquainted with the governance arrangements of The City of London Corporation it will hopefully provide you with an introduction and orientation to the Court of Aldermen's origins, purpose and unique and specific relationship with the Mayoralty, Shrievalty and Judiciary.

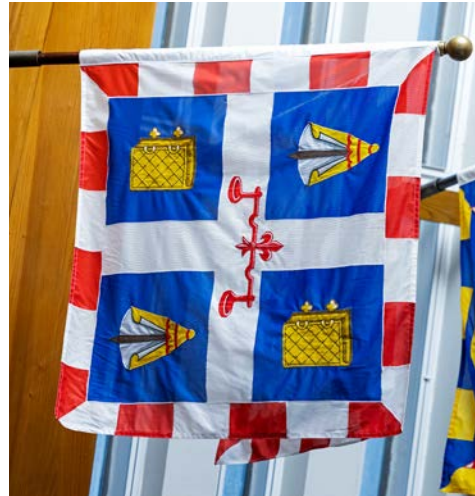
For those more intimate with the workings of civic life it may nonetheless help to inform, guide and supplement existing knowledge.

Irrespective of familiarity we hope that you find it an enjoyable read.

Historical Context

The Court of Aldermen ('CoA') is one of the three constitutive bodies which comprise the government of The City of London (the other two being Common Council and Common Hall and, collectively, 'The City of London Corporation' often shortened to just "The Corporation"). Although the legal title is 'Alderman', holders of the office are both male and female and the terms 'Alderman' and 'Alderman' have now become common parlance amongst the CoA and more widely across The City in referring to individual office holders.

The Corporation pre-dates Parliament and is legally presumed to have existed since time immemorial. It is reputed to be the longest continuously existing municipal government in the world.



Historical Context

Historically, the entire administration of The City was vested in the CoA but most of its responsibilities were subsumed by the Common Council (of which all Aldermen and Alderwomen are also members) over the course of the 13th and 14th centuries.

The Modern Court of Aldermen

As the senior of the elected members of Common Council for their geographic constituency (or 'Ward', of which there are 25 in The City), all Aldermen and Alderwomen actively serve in support of the civic government and many have pursued distinguished careers supporting those elements of The Corporation's work relating to 'traditional' local government activity, its extensive network of charities (including education), its residents, and its role in supporting and promoting the arts, culture, heritage and green spaces.



Uniquely, however, only a member of the CoA is eligible for election to the office of Lord Mayor of The City of London and many Aldermen and Alderwomen therefore see their role as primarily underpinning and supporting that office and progression into eventual service in it by:

Promoting, advocating and championing the City's commercial interests as the pre-eminent global financial and professional services hub.

Providing guidance, connectivity and civic leadership to businesses, residents and the many other institutions that are part of the extended City fabric.

Playing an active role in the development of strategy and policy for The City of London Corporation through participation in the relevant committees.

Leading the representation of their Ward in partnership with their Common Councillors.



The Modern Court of Aldermen Aldermen and Alderwomen actively serve in support of the civic government.



The Modern Court of Aldermen



The electoral franchise in the City of London is unique, allowing workers and residents to vote. This reflects the dual role of the City of London Corporation, both in looking after local services in the Square Mile - and in promoting City businesses, here and across the world. Voters elect the 100 members of the Common Council, as well as the 25 Aldermen and Alderwomen.

Unlike Common Councillors who serve a four-year fixed term, Aldermen and Alderwomen stand for re-election within 6 years of their previous election and, subject to periodic re-election, ultimately retire in line with the judicial retirement age (currently 75) as all holders of the office of Alderman are technically also holders of Judicial Office at the Central Criminal Court.

The Court of Aldermen formally meets seven times per year; most of its work is executed by two sub-committees: the General Purposes Committee (responsible for operational and financial matters, appointments to committees and City related promotion); and the Nominations Committee (which is specifically charged with the management of Aldermanic assessment and progression to the higher offices).



The Modern Mayoralty

Whilst the Mayoralty works closely with the national government of the day, it is 'with' government but not 'of' government, which gives it an independence and flexibility free of the considerations and constraints of national party politics.

The Modern Mayoralty

Given London's pre-eminence as a mercantile trading and commercial centre since its original foundation by the Romans around 43AD, it should come as no surprise that its government has been outward looking to the world and that international trade has always been at the root of its success over the centuries.

The first holder of the office of Mayor, Henry FitzAilwin, was appointed by King Richard I in 1189 and there have now been nearly 700 holders in a continuous line of succession since that date. For the sharp-eyed, the names of every Mayor since FitzAilwin are memorialised in the great stained glass windows of the Guildhall – the most famous of them, perhaps, being Alderman Richard Whittington (who financed its rebuilding in the early fifteenth century).

Today, The Lord Mayor of The City of London is an international ambassador for the UK's financial and professional services sectors as well as the constitutional Head of The City of London Corporation (and each of its three component parts). Lord Mayors in the 21st century will therefore spend around a third of their year in office on overseas and regional visits, visiting some 25+ countries and spending 60% of their diary time on the ambassadorial business promotional role. The Lord Mayor is elected annually at Common Hall, selected from and by the Court of Aldermen.



The Sheriffs

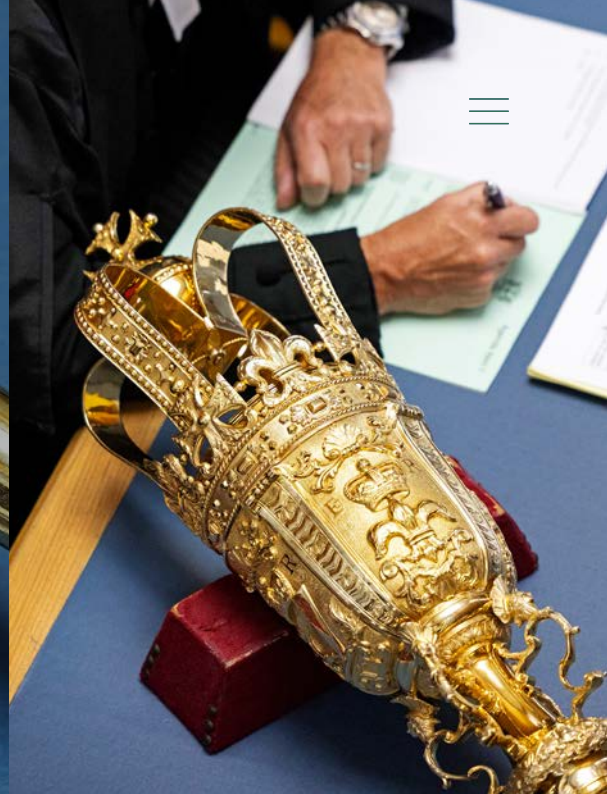
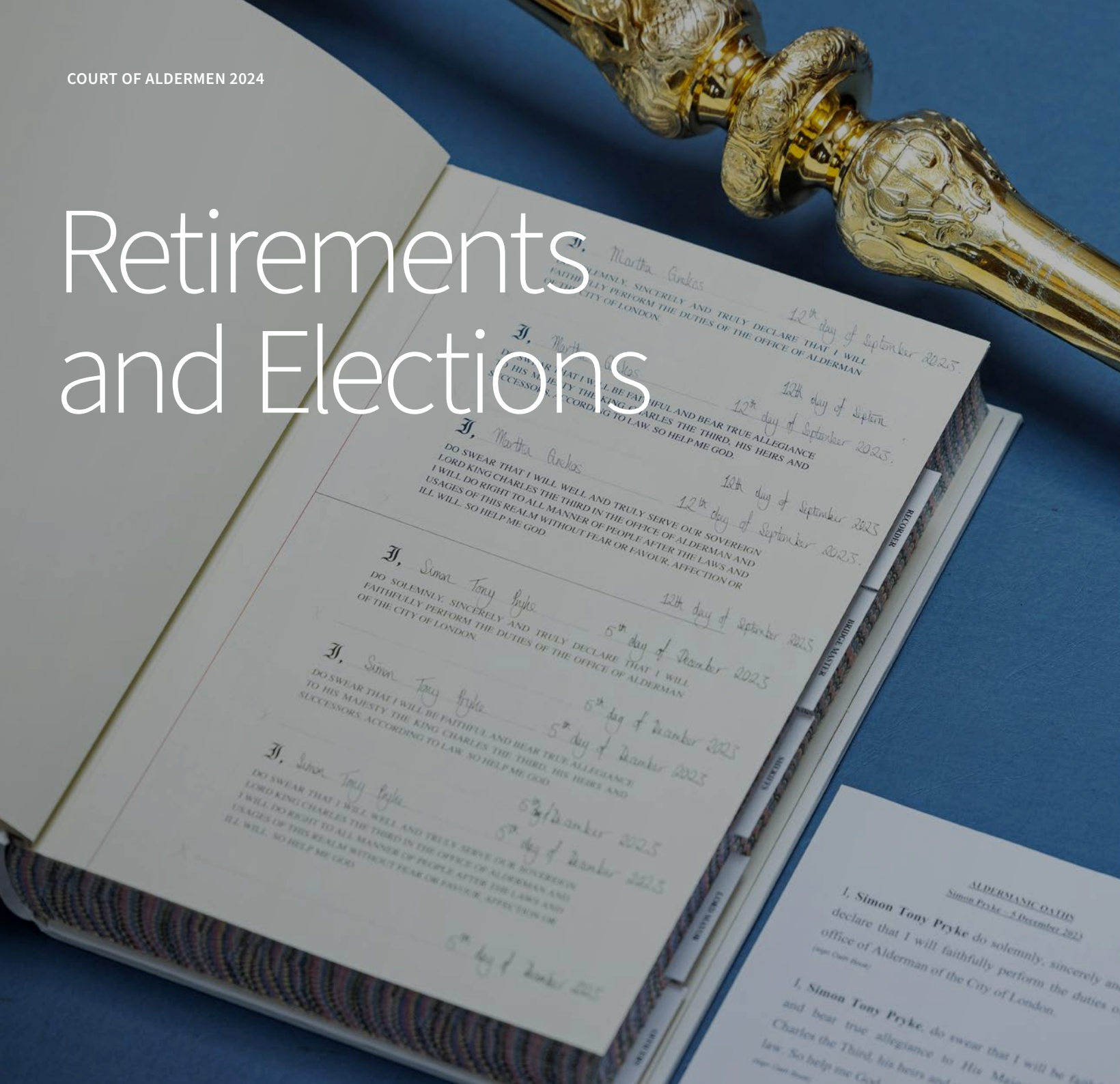


Perhaps the most (in)famous Sheriff (a contraction of the Anglo-Saxon 'shire reeve' or, in Old English, 'scirgerefa') is the Sheriff of Nottingham – immortalised by the tales of Robin Hood – but most of the major municipal conurbations in medieval England also had Sheriffs including The City of London. Today the counties of England and Wales still retain High Sheriffs who are appointed by the Crown though they are largely now only ceremonial.

Exceptionally, The City of London has two Sheriffs serving in any given year (it is a 12 month term of office) and they are elected by the Liverymen of the historic trading guilds ('Livery Companies') in Common Hall. By convention, one of the two Sheriffs elected is an Alderman, as it remains a pre-condition for progression to the Mayoralty that prior service is undertaken in the office of Sheriff.

The Sheriffs in The City of London have a unique role in discharging The Corporation's and the CoA's historic commitment to and connection with the rule of law. During their tenure, they reside at the Central Criminal Court (The Old Bailey) supporting the senior judiciary - including through an extensive programme of community outreach and engagement - as well as playing an active working role supporting the Mayoralty as a core element of the senior civic leadership team along with The Lord Mayor.

Retirements and Elections



LORD MAYORS OF LONDON

1987 Sir Donald Henry Trussart, T.D.
 1988 Sir Sydney Harold Elliott M.C.
 1989 Sir Edmund Villiers Jinschull Bookdale
 1990 Sir Sanford Nathaniel Waley-Cohen, M.A.
 1991 Sir Frederick Alfred Rose
 1992 Sir Ralph Edgar Parry
 1993 Clement James Harman
 1994 Sir James Milne, D.L., LL.D., L.C.C.
 1995 Sir Lionel Davon, M.C.
 1996 Sir Robert Ian Ballinger
 1997 Sir Gilbert Samuel Wingfield, T.D., M.A.
 1998 Sir Charles Tridand, M.A.
 1999 Lt. Col. Sir Ian Frank Bowster, D.B.O., T.D.
 2000 Sir Peter Milden Blund, M.A.
 2001 Sir Edward Hovary, B.L.
 2002 The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mals, O.B.E., S.R.O., T.D., D.L., C.Eng.
 2003 Sir Hugh Wattman, C.V.O.
 2004 Sir Murray Fox, O.B.E., M.A.
 2005 Sir Lindsey Roberts King, O.B.E.
 2006 Col. Sir Robin Gwynne Penrose Elliott, B.L., O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.
 2007 Air Comd. The Honourable Sir Peter Bookford Rutgore Venness O.B.E., C.B., AFC, A.E., M.A., D.L.
 2008 Sir Kenneth Cook, O.B.E.
 2009 Sir Peter Drury Haggerston Gadden, O.B.E., M.A., C.Eng.
 2010 Col. Sir Ronald Laurence Gardner-Thorpe, O.B.E., T.D.
 2011 Sir Christopher Lawler, O.B.E.
 2012 Sir Anthony Stuart Jellicoe, O.B.E.
 2013 Dame Mary Davidson, O.B.E.
 2014 Sir Alan Towers Trill, O.B.E., M.A.
 2015 Sir William Alan Davis, O.B.E.
 2016 Sir David Kenneth Rivers-Vin, O.B.E.
 2017 Sir Devilla Spritt, O.B.E., T.D., D.L.
 2018 Sir Christopher Calvert, O.B.E., M.A.
 2019 Sir Hugh Silver, O.B.E.
 2020 Sir Alexander Michael Graham, O.B.E.
 2021 Sir Brian Vandora, O.B.E., M.A.
 2022 Sir Pamela Marjorie O.B.E., B.Sc., (Eng.), P.Eng.
 2023 Paul Henry Newell, T.D., M.D., D.L.
 2024 Christopher Rupert Watford, M.A.
 2025 Leonard John Chubbey, M.A., M.D. D.Sc., F.R.C.S.
 2026 Roger William Gore
 2027 Richard Edward Hishop

1988 The Lord Lovell of Portoman, C.B.E.
 1989 Sir Hugh Hearn, O.B.E., T.D., D.L.
 2000 David Howarth Baymour Howard M.A.
 2001 James Vincent Horlock Cher
 2002 Garyn Per Arthur, M.A.
 2003 Robert Curran
 2004 Michael Barry Seaver
 2005 Sir John C. M.C.
 2006 John Bealman Stewart, M.A.
 2007 David Thomas Knight Lewis, M.A.
 2008 Ian David Lister Davidson
 2009 Nicholas John Aker

Changes to the Court of Aldermen

Since 1 January 2023, the following changes to the Court of Aldermen have taken place:

RETIRED



Ian Luder
Represented Castle Baynard Ward, retired from the Court in July 2023 after 25 years of service.
(Lord Mayor 2008-2009)



Sir David Wootton
Represented Langbourn Ward, retired from the Court in November 2023 after 21 years of service.
(Lord Mayor 2011-2012)



Sue Pearson
Represented Cripplegate Ward, retired from the Court in July 2024 after seven years of service.

RE-ELECTED



Alderman Sir William Russell
Re-elected to the Ward of Bread Street on 7 September 2023.



Alderman Prem Goyal
Re-elected to the Ward of Portsoken on 30 November 2023.



Alderwoman Emma Edhem
Re-elected to the Ward of Candlewick on 31 January 2024.



Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney
Re-elected to the Ward of Cheap on 31 January 2024.

NEWLY ELECTED



Alderwoman Martha Grekos
Elected to the Ward of Castle Baynard on 13 July 2023.



Alderman Simon Pryke
Elected to the Ward of Langbourn on 2 November 2023.



Alderwoman Liz King
Elected to the Ward of Cripplegate on 4 July 2024.

Voices from the Court of Aldermen



Alderman Sir Charles Bowman

Ward of Lime Street (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



“The activities of the City of London Corporation are broad and wide but what really interested me to become an Alderman was the role it plays as advocate for UK’s Financial & Professional Services sector... a sector that employs 2.5m people nationwide, accounts for more than 10% of UK GDP and contributes each year from Financial Services alone, some £75bn in tax.”

Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons

Ward of Tower (FIRST ELECTED 2017)



“It’s been an enormous privilege to have served the City of London. The perspective you get from being Lord Mayor, particularly with the international engagement that’s involved, reinforces just how important it is that the City of London continues to prosper, so that it is able to perform its critical role in financing the UK’s future.”

Alderwoman & Sheriff Dame Susan Langley DBE

Ward of Aldgate (FIRST ELECTED 2018)



“It’s been fascinating being an Alderwoman and Sheriff, especially being part of the Old Bailey and working with the judges and the Liveries, which are another of the City’s hidden and perhaps misunderstood gems. Together the Liveries give over £75m in Charity a year and I’ve met so many great people. The Civic City does far more than people think and I’d really encourage you just to get involved.”

Alderman Prem Goyal OBE

Ward of Portsoken (FIRST ELECTED 2017)



“I started thinking about how I could support the next generation, and I also wanted to find the secret behind why so many talented people were drawn to the City. That is when I learned about the City of London Corporation and discovered what an Alderman was.”

Alderman Christopher Makin

Ward of Aldersgate (FIRST ELECTED 2022)



“It is a pleasure to be the Alderman for my Ward and to represent my neighbours in the City, to the City. I enjoy working with them to see how we can make the voice of City residents heard ever more clearly.”

Professional Profiles



The Rt Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli

MStJ FCCA FCSI (Hon) FBICS Ward of Broad Street (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



Michael is a scientist and economist promoting societal advance through better finance and technology. Originally a research scientist in aerospace, architecture and cartography he is Chairman of Z/YEN Group, a commercial think tank in The City of London. His career includes being a senior partner of accountancy firm BDO Binder Hamlyn, Corporate Development Director for the Ministry of Defence's Defence Evaluation & Research Agency, mergers and acquisitions specialist with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, and Gresham Professor of Commerce.

Michael is currently serving as the 695th Lord Mayor of The City of London (November 2023-24) having held the office of Sheriff of London (September 2019-2021). He is the first American-born and first Italian to be elected to the Mayoralty. His theme in office is 'Connect To Prosper' celebrating the many Knowledge Miles of the Square Mile, the world's coffee house, a programme highlighting the City's ability to solve global challenges.

Michael attended Harvard University graduating with a BA degree in government, studied fourth-year engineering, mathematics & computer science at Trinity College Dublin, and completed an MPhil and PhD at LSE in chaotic systems, as well as accounting, computing, and securities trading qualifications. He is a Fellow of Gresham College, Kings College London, Birkbeck College, and Goodenough College, Honorary Bencher of Middle Temple, and visiting Professor at UCL's Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction.

He is active in 15 Livery Companies, Past Master of the World Traders and has charity interests in the environment, education and care.

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Alderman Dr Sir Andrew Parmley

Ward of Vintry (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 1991, ALDERMAN 2001)



Andrew has spent a lifetime in the creative industries teaching, researching, examining adjudicating, writing, composing, and editing. His career started as Director of Music at Forest School, Snaresbrook and he is currently Principal of the Harrodian School and a Director of the Royal College of Organists.

First elected as a Common Councillor for the Ward of Vintry in 1992, Andrew was returned as the Alderman for the Ward in 2001. He served as the 689th Lord Mayor of The City of London (November 2016-17). His civic career has spanned three decades of service during which he has served on all the major committees. He has been Chairman of the City of London School for Girls and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Andrew is Deputy Chair of the Nominations Committee of the CoA.

Andrew was educated at Blackpool Grammar School and is a proud Lancastrian. He displayed an early interest in music and started playing the organ winning a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. He then studied for a Master's at Manchester University before pursuing further studies at Royal Holloway College, London, and Jesus College, Cambridge.

Andrew is a member of more than twenty Livery Companies and is a Past Master of the Parish Clerks', Musicians', Glass Sellers' and Vintners' Companies.

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Alderman Sir Charles Bowman

Ward of Lime Street (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



Charles retired as a senior partner of PwC in September 2020. He joined the firm in 1983, qualified in 1986 and was admitted to partnership in 1995. Amongst other leadership roles, Charles led the firm’s ‘Building Public Trust’ programme. He remains an advisor to PwC, sits as a non-executive director on various boards and is a member of one of HMG’s Trade Advisory Groups.

Charles was elected Alderman for the Lime Street Ward in 2013. He served as Sheriff for 2015-16 and as 690th Lord Mayor of The City of London for 2017-18 during which his programme aimed to create a legacy of better business, trusted by society (‘The Business of Trust’). Charles is Deputy Chair of the General Purposes Committee of the COA, a member of the City’s Competitiveness Advisory Board and serves on the Corporate Services Committee of The Corporation of London.

Charles was born in Essex and educated at Old Buckenham Hall School before attending Uppingham School. He then read architecture at the University of Bristol.

Charles is a past Master Grocer (2023/24) and a Liveryman of the Chartered Accountants’ Company. He is an Honorary Air Commodore of No 2623 Squadron RAuxAF Regiment. Other interests include golf, tennis and architecture.

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Alderman Sir Peter Estlin

Ward of Coleman Street (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



Peter became a chartered accountant in 1985 and a partner in Coopers & Lybrand in 1992. He then became CFO of Citigroup's Corporate & Investment Bank and subsequently interim CFO for Barclays Bank PLC. He is now a plural non-executive with appointments in banking, digital innovation and skills including chair of Vanquis Banking Group PLC and non-executive director of Rothschild & Co. He is also involved with several not-for-profit organisations associated with skills and apprentices.

Peter was the 691st Lord Mayor of The City of London (November 2018-2019). His Mayoral theme was 'Shaping Tomorrow's City Today' which promoted the scale of innovation taking place in the UK alongside championing digital skills and its power to create a more inclusive society. Peter is Chair of the Nominations Committee of the CoA and currently serves on the Finance Committee of The Corporation of London.

Born in Portsmouth and educated at King Edward's School, Witley, Peter subsequently read economics and accounting at the University of Bristol. He is currently Vice President at King Edward's having previously served as Treasurer (Chair of Governors) from 2006-2016.

Peter is chair of [futuredotnow](#) a coalition of businesses committed to boosting the digital skills of the UK. He served as Master of the Worshipful Company of International Bankers in 2017, the Chartered Accountants' in 2022 and is on the Court of the Ironmongers' Livery Company.

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Alderman Sir William Russell

Ward of Bread Street (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



William is the past Chair of CDAM, a London based asset management company, and is the co-founder and Chair of Knightsbridge School and Director of Knightsbridge School International. He started his financial career at First Boston Corporation before joining Merrill Lynch where he became a Managing Director in the Investment Banking division working in Asia, New York and London.

William served as the 692nd Lord Mayor of The City of London from 2019-2021. His Mayoral theme was “Global UK; Trade, Innovation and Culture”. In view of the global disruption to public life brought about by the COVID 19 pandemic he was re-elected to serve a second term for 2021. He chairs the General Purposes Committee of the CoA and currently sits on the Policy & Resources Committee of The Corporation of London. William has recently taken up as Chair of the Barbican Board.

William is a proud alumnus of Durham University, where he read General Arts and was educated at Eton College.

He is a Court Assistant to both the Haberdashers' and Feltmakers' Livery Companies, a Liveryman of the Girdlers' as well as an Honorary Liveryman of the Paviers' Company. Other interests include cricket, tennis, rugby and the Arts.

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Alderman Vincent Keaveny CBE

Ward of Farringdon Within (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



Vincent is a senior advisor at international law firm DLA Piper, where he was previously a partner advising on finance and capital markets transactions in the UK and Europe. Until 2019 he was international co-chair of the financial services sector at DLA Piper. He is an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn and a past President of the City of London Law Society.

Vincent has served as Alderman for the Ward of Farringdon Within since 2013. He was the 693rd Lord Mayor of the City of London from November 2021-2022 where he championed 'People and Purpose' a purpose led and people focused FPS sector with a specific emphasis on social mobility. He is now Chair of Progress Together. He currently sits on the Policy & Resources Committee of The Corporation of London and is Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society.

Vincent took a degree in civil law from University College Dublin and was educated at St Michael's College, University of Dublin and Trinity College Dublin. He was recognised in 2018 by UCD as their law alumnus of the year.

He served as Master Solicitor in 2014/15, Master Woolman in 2022/23 and is a Liveryman of the Distillers', Spectacle Makers', Stationers', Framework Knitters', Upholders' and Security Professionals' Companies. In his spare time Vincent enjoys tennis and walking his labradors.

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Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons

Ward of Tower (FIRST ELECTED 2017)



Nick is Chairman of Phoenix Group Holdings and NED at Convex Group. He has held a number of positions on the boards of other financial institutions including BUPA Group, the Pension Insurance Corporation and Catlin Group. Nick worked for 21 years in US investment banks (JPMorgan, Salomon and Lehman Brothers) specialising in mergers and acquisitions and capital raising for financial institutions.

Nick served as the 694th Lord Mayor of the City of London for the 2022-23 term where he championed 'Financing our Future' and the critical role pensions play in the growth of the UK economy. He had the singular honour of representing The City of London in the Royal Procession at the Coronation of King Charles III. He is a member of the City's Competitiveness Advisory Board and currently sits on the Barbican Centre Board and the Education Board. Nicholas is a Trustee of the St. Paul's Cathedral Choristers' Trust and is a Patron of the Temple Bar Trust.

Nick was educated at King's School, Canterbury before reading history at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Nick is a Court Assistant of the Merchant Taylors' Company and is a Liveryman of the Bakers', Insurers' and the Educators' Livery Companies. Other interests include golf, the visual and performing arts and financial literacy.

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Lord Mayor-Elect Alderman Alastair King DL

Ward of Queenhithe (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 1999, ALDERMAN 2016)



Following an early career in the law, Alastair has subsequently pursued an entrepreneurial career in financial services. After investing in early stage venture capital opportunities he started his own buy-out vehicle and then founded his own asset management firm specialising in global fixed income. Alastair serves on the board of five City of London-based financial services companies.

Alastair is Lord Mayor-Elect and will become the 696th Lord Mayor of The City of London for 2024-25. He has 25 years of uninterrupted civic service being first elected as a Common Councillor in his Ward of Queenhithe (where he lives) in 1999. He served as Sheriff for 2022-23 where he championed and celebrated many of the immigrant communities' contributions to the success of The City. He is also Chair of the British Liver Trust and Trustee of the Royal Regiment of Scotland Trust. He is a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London.

Alastair was educated at Oundle School. He studied law at the University of Kent and has a Masters in Finance from the London Business School.

A Past Master/Prime Warden of the Stonemasons and the Blacksmiths, Alastair is active in the Livery movement, belonging to more than ten Livery Companies and Guilds. Of proud Scottish heritage, Alastair enjoys boxing and hill walking in Scotland with his Italian greyhound.

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Alderman Canon Alison Gowman CBE

Ward of Dowgate (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 1991, ALDERMAN 2002)



Alison is a city lawyer who has specialised in commercial real estate at the international law firm, DLA Piper. She was their first female partner and remains an active consultant with the firm. She has extensive expertise in development, landlord and tenant, insolvency, and waste management law.

Alison served as Sheriff of the City of London for 2021-22 and is a Governor of the Museum of London. She is a Lay Canon and member of Chapter at St Paul's Cathedral. Alison is The Corporation of London Policy Lead on Climate Action, Biodiversity and Urban Greening - having promoted green finance a sustainable City environment and led on early efforts to encourage a carbon neutral footprint for many years, and was recognised for this work in the King's Birthday Honours in 2024 with a CBE. She founded and Chairs the Livery Climate Action Group – the largest Pan-Livery collaboration. Alison sits on the Central London Bench as a Presiding Justice.

Alison is a law graduate of Durham University who also awarded her an honorary doctorate of Civil Law in 2024

Alison published an insight into the ancient roots and historic roles of The City, "The City of London: Who, What, Why?" in July 2019. She is a former Master Glover and Plaisterer, and a Livery member of the Chartered Surveyors' and Solicitors' Companies. Alison enjoys the theatre, music and the arts, as well as walking and cross-country skiing.

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Alderman Timothy Hailes JP

Ward of Bassishaw (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



Tim is the general counsel at Blockthree Holdings Limited a fintech company providing a suite of consultancy and platform services for the digitalisation of assets using blockchain solutions. Prior to Blockthree he spent 20 years at JPMorgan where he became the global practice head for the equities division of the Corporate & Investment Bank. He has specialised in derivatives and securities markets since qualification as a solicitor in 1995 and was given a Lifetime Achievement Award for services to the legal profession in 2018. In an irony not lost on him he was named The Legal 500 EU Regulatory (Financial Services) Lawyer of the Year in 2017.

Tim served as Sheriff of the City of London from 2017-18. He currently sits on the Policy & Resources Committee of The Corporation of London. Subject to election Tim has been supported for progression by the Court of Aldermen to the Mayoralty in 2026-27. Tim sits as a magistrate on the Central London Bench.

Tim was educated at Bristol Grammar School before reading a BA history degree at King's College London. He returned to Bristol following graduation to read law at the University of the West of England, Bristol.

Tim has continued his academic interest in history - particularly modern middle eastern political history – and is a passionate JRR Tolkien fan. He is a member of the Courts of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers and International Bankers; and a Liveryman of the Solicitors, Firefighters and Paviers. He has long championed equality and inclusion in both the workplace and wider society.

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Alderman Robert Howard

Ward of Cornhill (FIRST ELECTED 2015)



Robert has worked for over 30 years at Charles Stanley, one of the UK's largest private client investment firms based in The City and with branch offices across the UK. He is a senior compliance officer and policy representative to numerous trade associations focusing on regulatory policy development in both the UK and EU. He has had a significant focus on responsible and sustainable investment standards including green finance.

As a member of the Education Board, Robert is heavily involved in the educational work of The Corporation of London. He is a trustee of the City of London Academies Trust (responsible for ten inner London academies) and Chairman of the Board of Governors of The City of London School for Girls. Prior to his election as Alderman of the Cornhill Ward in October 2015, Robert served on the Common Council for four years for the Ward of Lime Street.

Robert is a graduate of Oxford University (where he was a Boxing Blue) and the London Business School.

Robert is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners and the Worshipful Company of Fletchers. He was formerly a governor of Capel Manor College, Enfield, London's premier horticultural college.

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Alderman & Sheriff Gregory Jones KC

Ward of Farringdon Without (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 2013, ALDERMAN 2016)



Gregory practices at the bar in chambers within his ward at Francis Taylor Building, Temple. His expertise includes town & country planning, Parliamentary, climate change, environmental, ESG, EU, compulsory purchase, administrative and local government law.

Gregory is a Bencher of both Lincoln's Inn and of Inner Temple. An associate tenant of KBW Chambers in Leeds, Gregory also practices from the Bar Library in Belfast, Northern Ireland and from the Law Library in Dublin, Ireland. He has worked at the European Commission and was the first Jean Pierre Warner Scholar to the European Court of Justice. In 2015 he was appointed by the Irish government to chair the expert review of An Bord Pleanála.

Greg is currently Sheriff 2024-25. He served as a Common Councillor for his Ward from 2012 until his election as Alderman in 2016. He is currently Deputy Chair of both the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee.

Greg was educated at Colfe's School (Exhibitor). He then read jurisprudence at New College, Oxford and an LLM at University College, London.

Greg is Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Manchester. He is a Fellow of the Centre of European Law, King's College, London and also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Gregory is a Distinguished Visiting Fellow of St. Stephen's House, Oxford University and a Law Fellow of Goodenough College, London. Gregory is a Liveryman of the Leathersellers', Butchers' and Arbitrators' Companies. He is a Freeman of the Founders' and Stationers' companies. His interests are rugby, cricket and football; South African art and general history.

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Alderman Prem Goyal OBE

Ward of Portsoken (FIRST ELECTED 2017)



Prem has worked in financial services for c.20 years including at Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank in New York, Tokyo, Zurich and London. He has specialised in institutional sales and credit derivatives. He is currently a Non-Executive Director of Greengage, a fintech SME based in the City of London, and a senior advisor to the Hinduja Group, a global conglomerate with an annual turnover of £40bn, focusing on net zero, fintech, insurance and real estate investments.

Prem was elected Alderman in 2017 for the Ward of Portsoken and currently chairs the Audit and Risk Committee of The Corporation of London. He is the Founding Chairman of the City of London Chamber of Commerce advocating for 22,000 businesses in the Square Mile. Prem also served as a magistrate for over ten years.

Prem grew up in New Delhi, India earning degrees from the Indian Institute of Technology (India) and Clarkson University (New York). He then obtained an MBA from UCLA where he won the Dean's Outstanding Student Award and went on to pursue executive education at Chicago Booth.

Prem is an avid traveller, having visited 125 countries. He is a Liveryman of both the World Traders' and Plumbers' Livery Companies and a Freeman of the Goldsmiths.

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Alderman Prof. Emma Edhem

Ward of Candlewick (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 2017, ALDERMAN 2018)



Emma is an International and Geopolitical Barrister practicing from No 5 Chambers. She is a Distinguished Barrister and Master of the Bench at Gray's Inn. She has over 30 years' experience in law spanning the fields of space, cyber, digital commerce, fraud, corruption, energy, and state immunity.

Emma is a double Professor in Practice at Durham University, in both the Space Research Centre as Professor of Space Economy, Technology and Innovation, and the department of Economics. She is on the Strategic Advisory Board of a Satellite and Internet of Things Real Time Data Integration company, Space Aye, and holds other board and trustee positions. She delivers speeches and key note addresses worldwide.

Emma was first elected to Common Council in 2014, being re-elected in 2017, then elected as Alderman for the Ward of Candlewick in 2018. Emma currently serves on the Finance Committee, Police Authority Board and City Bridge Foundation.

Emma received her BSc (Hons) in Psychology from Goldsmiths College, London and postgraduate studies in law at City University.

Emma is President-Elect of City Livery Club, Past Court Assistant of the Company of Woolmen and Liveryman of the Educators.

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Alderman Robert Hughes-Penney

Ward of Cheap (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 2004–2012, ALDERMAN 2018)



Robert has over 30 years' experience in The City working at Rathbones, the UK's largest discretionary investment and wealth business. Within Rathbone's he has served as a board member, spent 12 years on the executive and management committees and has had 20 years in senior leadership roles. As an investment director he has extensive practical experience running successful risk adjusted multi-asset portfolios.

Subject to election Robert has been supported for progression by the Court of Aldermen to the Shrievalty in 2025-26. He currently serves on the Planning & Transportation Committee of The Corporation of London. Prior to his election as an Alderman Robert spent 8 years as a Common Councillor during which he was Chairman of both the Investment Committee and Finance Investment Board.

Robert was born in Brazil and spent some of his childhood in South Africa before returning to the UK where he attended Haberdashers' Aske's School. He graduated from Manchester Metropolitan University and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, spending four years serving in the British Army prior to joining the City.

Robert is a Past Master of the Guild of Investment Managers and a Court Assistant of the Haberdashers.

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Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley DBE

Ward of Aldgate (FIRST ELECTED 2018)



Susan is the chair of Gallagher UK and senior independent director of Northern Rock Asset Management and Bradford and Bingley. Previously she was the lead non-executive director for the Home Office, CEO for Financial and Professional Services at the DIT, Executive Director North America and Market Development for Lloyds of London, Director of Lloyds Asia, and Chairman of Lloyds Japan. She joined the insurance market from PwC where she was a principal consultant working with a range of FTSE 100 companies.

Sue was a founding member of the Government's Women's Business Council, a past recipient of the Insurance Institute of London (ILL) President's Award, the FS Women in the City Achievement Award, Women to Watch, Leading Women in Reinsurance and top 20 inspirational City Women.

Sue served as Sheriff for 2023-24 and completed her term of office on 27 September. Subject to election, Sue has been supported for progression by the Court of Aldermen to the Mayoralty in 2025-26.

Sue was educated at Redden Court School, before reading a BSc in geography at Southampton University.

Sue is a Liveryman of the Insurers' and Drapers' Companies and a Freeman of the Goldsmiths' Company.

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Alderman Bronek Masojada

Ward of Billingsgate (FIRST ELECTED 2019)



Bronek’s executive career was at Hiscox, the global speciality insurer, where he served for 28 years – first as Group Managing Director and then 21 years as CEO. During his tenure the business grew from one office in London to over 30 across the world and joined the FTSE100. He was Deputy Chair of Lloyds of London from 2001-2007 and served as a Director of the Association of British Insurers and of Pool Re.

Bronek currently serves as Chair of the East End Community Foundation, a charity serving the people of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and the City of London. He is also Chairman of US listed Sirius Point, a specialty insurer, Saltus, an IFA/wealth manager and serves as a non-executive director of Brown & Brown, an insurance brokerage firm.

Bronek served as Sheriff for 2023-24 and completed his term of office on 27 September. Subject to election, Bronek has been supported for progression by the Court of Aldermen to the Mayoralty in 2027-28.

Bronek holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of KwaZulu Natal in South Africa and a Masters degree from Trinity College, Oxford.

Bronek enjoys kite surfing, mountain biking and bee-keeping. He is a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Insurers.

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Alderman Alexander Barr

Ward of Cordwainer (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 2017, ALDERMAN 2022)



Alex is a partner at Sarasin & Partners LLP, a leading manager. He leads their private markets arm, Sarasin Bread Street, a business he co-founded in 2021. He previously held global and investment leadership roles at Aberdeen (now abrdn), Deutsche Asset Management and Janus Henderson. Over his 31 year career he has developed and led successful investment platforms, run private and public market portfolios for pension funds, government agencies and endowments and has managed the portfolios of five major LSE and NYSE listed investment funds.

Alex is the Alderman for Cordwainer Ward having previously represented it as one of its team of Common Councillors and being professionally based there for over 15 years. He currently serves on the Audit and Risk Management and Port Health & Environmental Services Committees of The Corporation of London.

Alex attended Queen Anne High School, Dunfermline and subsequently the University of Aberdeen. He also completed the inaugural Oxford AI Programme at Said Business School, Oxford.

Alex is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers.

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Alderman Christopher Makin

Ward of Aldersgate (FIRST ELECTED 2022)



Christopher is a seasoned communications professional in the financial services industry. He led communications for Standard Chartered Bank in sub-Saharan Africa and, subsequently, for FCE Bank (a wholly owned subsidiary of Ford Motor Company) in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. This built on previous experience working in UK retail banking for Barclays Bank PLC.

Christopher was elected to the Court of Aldermen in 2022. He is passionate about the Barbican Estate where he lives and chaired the Barbican Estate Residents' Consultation Committee 2018-2022. He currently serves on the Children's and Community Services Committee and the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School. He is also a trustee of Morden College, Blackheath.

Christopher was educated at West Hatch High School.

Christopher is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Glovers and a Freeman of the Company of Communicators.

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Alderman the Hon. Tim Levene

Ward of Bridge and Bridge Without (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 2017, ALDERMAN 2022)



Beginning his career at Bain & Company, Tim worked in Moscow, Sydney, and London. In 1998 he transitioned into entrepreneurship by developing a juice bar chain which evolved into Crush. In 1999 Tim launched flutter.com which, following its merger with betfair.com in 2001, has become one of the UK's most prominent digital businesses.

In 2010 Tim established Augmentum which he later took public, listing it on the main market of the LSE in 2018. It remains the UK's only publicly listed investment company focusing on the fintech sector. He has held positions on numerous fintech boards, including Interactive Investor, Tide, Zopa, Cushon, Farewill and iwoca, and was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2012.

Tim represented the Ward of Bridge as a Common Councillor from 2017 until his election as Alderman in 2022, serving on the Financial Investment Board and Digital Services Committee. He is currently Chair of the Board of Governors of the City of London School and sits on the Capital Buildings Board and Finance Committees.

Tim was educated at the City of London School and then at the University of Manchester.

Tim is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Companies of Carmen and Fishmongers.

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Alderwoman Jennette Newman

Ward of Walbrook (FIRST ELECTED 2022)



Jennette has over 25 years' experience in the legal and insurance sectors focusing on business innovation, operational change, client service delivery and team development. She has held senior business roles in Clyde & Co, BLM, Ince and HF Law. She is a recognised international casualty and contentious sport lawyer with experience in claims, defence litigation and coverage, advising insurers, reinsurers, intermediaries, corporates and other risk carriers on all aspects of their claims, investigation processes, litigation and alternative dispute resolution. She is also currently a non-executive director for the Chartered Insurance Institute.

In 2022 Jennette was elected Alderman for the Ward of Walbrook. She currently sits on the Planning and Transportation and the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committees of The Corporation of London.

Jennette graduated from Liverpool University with a Bachelor of Law degree and has practiced in the City of London since 1994.

Jennette is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Insurers.

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Alderman Kawsar Zaman

Ward of Bishopsgate (FIRST ELECTED 2022)



Formerly a solicitor at Clifford Chance LLP and Allen & Overy LLP where he focused on financial services regulatory law, Kawsar is now a barrister at No. 5 Chambers specialising in Public, Regulatory and Employment Law.

Kawsar was elected Alderman for the Ward of Bishopsgate in September 2022 and is the first Alderman from a British Bangladeshi background. Between 2016 – 2022, he was a trustee of Toynbee Hall in East London and championed its Free Legal Advice Centre, providing free housing, debt and employment advice to those most vulnerable in society. He is a judge on the annual Women and Diversity in Law Awards. In 2009 Kawsar was appointed a Global Fellow of the Prime Minister, as part of which he explored the social, economic and environmental effects of globalisation across major emerging economies including Brazil, China and India

Kawsar went to his local state comprehensive in East London before graduating with a First in Law from the London School of Economics as a 2HC Scholar. He then read for the BCL at Oxford University as an OCIS Scholar and subsequently an LLM at Harvard Law School where he was a Fulbright Scholar.

He is a trustee of the Wembley National Stadium Trust, the UK National Muslim War Memorial Trust and a Governor of Morpeth Secondary School.

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Alderwoman Martha Grekos

Ward of Castle Baynard (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 2022, ALDERWOMAN 2023)



Martha is a barrister focused on planning and environmental law. She has specialist expertise in regeneration, infrastructure and development and has been appointed by various organisations as a non-executive director and advisor including the Civil Aviation Authority, the Mayor of London’s Infrastructure Advisory Board, the London Legacy Corporation, Thames Estuary Growth Board and the Cambridge Land Economy Advisory Board (University of Cambridge).

Martha was elected Alderwoman for the Ward of Castle Baynard in July 2023. Before that, she was Common Councillor for the Ward of Castle Baynard. She currently sits on the Finance Committee of The Corporation of London and she is also Chairperson of the Fleet Street Quarter BID Public Realm Working Group

Martha has taught planning law at the University of Cambridge having graduated from there with a Masters degree in Law (LLM). She undertook her undergraduate law degree (LLB) at the University of Bristol.

Martha is a Visiting Lecturer at the Inns of Court College of Advocacy and Advocacy Trainer at the Honourable Society of Inner Temple. She is also a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects and a past trustee of The Temple Bar and of The London Society. She enjoys volunteering amongst her local community whether as a school governor, as part of the St John Ambulance Vaccination Programme, or cooking at homeless centres. She is often to be found singing with the Bar Choral Society, rowing on the River Thames, or running marathons to raise money for many good causes.

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Alderman Simon Pryke

Ward of Langbourn (FIRST ELECTED 2023)



Since 2016 Simon has been CEO and Managing Partner of Findlay Park, an independent asset manager focused on investing in North American companies. His previous roles include Chief Investment Officer and Head of Private Wealth at global multi-asset investment firm Newton (part of BNY Mellon). Simon's interest in the evolution of regulation and its impact on financial market participants stems from many years as a bank and insurance stock analyst.

Simon was elected Alderman for the Ward of Langbourn in November 2023. Simon is currently a member of the Investment Committee of the City Bridge Foundation Board and of the Planning and Transportation Committee. He sits on the City of London Competitiveness Advisory Board.

Simon was educated at Southend High School for Boys before reading History at Jesus College, Oxford.

His non-executive appointments include acting as a Trustee of the United Westminster and Greycoat Foundation and of the Courtauld Gallery's art collection at Somerset House. Simon is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers.

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Alderwoman Liz King BEM JP

Ward of Cripplegate (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 2022, ALDERWOMAN 2024)



Liz has had a wide ranging career in large cap /FTSE/international heavy engineering and energy companies, in a variety of corporate strategy, development, M&A and investor relations roles.

First elected as a common councillor for Cripplegate in 2022, Liz sits on a number of Corporation committees. She has been a City resident for over 25 years, and works to ensure that the views and concerns of her neighbours are represented and heard throughout the Corporation.

Liz is a Governor of the Cripplegate Foundation. As a pandemic response, Liz founded and organised the Square Mile Food Bank, which was set up at the request of Age UK. For this work she received the British Empire Medal for “Voluntary service to the community in the City of London during the Covid-19 Response” and was invited to the coronation of King Charles.

Liz was born and raised at the Jersey Shore, USA, and has a BA in economics and politics from Bowdoin College, Brunswick Maine, as well as an MBA from the University of Warwick.

As a girl, Liz played association football to county standard, and is a passionate supporter of the England teams, particularly the Lionesses.

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