

Report of the Livery Committee

To be presented on 24th June 2022

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

A summary, only, of this report will be delivered orally to those who attend Common Hall. The report will also be available in full on the Livery Committee website and available in hard copy at Common Hall itself.

This report touches upon:

1. The Livery Committee;
2. The Livery Committee website;
3. Nominations for positions on the Livery Committee;
4. Pan Livery Steering Group.

1. The Livery Committee

Formally established by Common Hall in 1864, the Livery Committee assists Livery Companies in their support of the Mayoralty 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 (*see appendix one*).

- Development of a skills programme:

Details of this programme are on the Livery Committee website (www.liverycommittee.org) under 'Connecting Communities'. This information has been distributed to all Clerks and is a tremendous initiative between the City and Guilds, the City and the Livery. This is a good example of how the subtle power of the Livery can work so well in an area that really needs all our support; please do contact Ms Gwen Rhys if you would like more information, on Gwen.Rhys@cityoflondon.gov.uk. This reflects the reasons behind the City and Guilds initiative driven by 16 Livery Companies over 150 years ago.

In all these Livery matters it is key to maintain a close relationship with the City Corporation, and with Mansion House and the Chamberlain in particular, on matters concerning, respectively, the Mayoralty and Shrievalty and the Freedom. This is helped by the Livery Committee's current membership:

- 2 Liverymen who are Aldermen, nominated by the Court of Aldermen;

- 4 Liverymen who are Common Councillors, nominated by the Court of Common Council;
- 4 Liverymen, not Aldermen or Common Councillors or Clerks, nominated by the Livery Companies, one through the Clerks of the Great Twelve Livery Companies, one through the Clerks' Association and two through the Fellowship of Clerks;
- 5 Livery Company Clerks, one nominated from the Clerks to the Great Twelve, one from the Clerks' Association and three from the Fellowship of Clerks.

The three-fold leaflet which has been distributed with your papers is the recap of the philanthropy which highlights what an exceptional amount of support the Livery provide. Some highlights are:

- the Livery kitchen initiative;
- Super bloom;
- the Jubilee pageants.

The Livery Committee is aware and respectful of the importance of the independence of each and every Livery Committee; we are here to help if asked, and welcome ideas for opportunities to improve our activities.

2. The New Website

The Livery Committee work with the City Corporation and the Livery Companies in running the website www.Liverycommittee.org for the benefit of all the Livery, the Clerks of the Livery Companies and Guilds, the City Corporation and all those interested in the Livery; to enable a conduit of communication to the Livery, a knowledge-sharing resource for the Clerks and a means of providing information about the Livery to the general public.

We had over 57,000 page views on the site in the first four months of this year, 2022. In 2021, our first year in operation, we had 21,000 visits to individual Livery Companies and had 107,000 pages visited on our site. We hope you agree the website is proving a great success for the benefit of the Livery. We always welcome news items and events for the website: it is for the use and benefit of the whole Livery. It is your site.

3. Nominations for Appointment

The nominating bodies have submitted their nominations for those whose term of office has expired. Those nominations are:

Three Liverymen nominated by the Court of Common Council

- Deputy Keith Bottomley, *Wheelwright*, (first year of first 3-year term);
- Deputy Shravan Joshi, *Fueller*, (first year of second 3-year term);
- Irem Yerdelen, *Insurer*, (first year of first 3-year term).

One Liverymen nominated through the Clerks' Associations

- Nicholas Dawson-Paul, *Salter*, (first year of first 3-year term).

Two Clerks nominated by the Clerks' Associations

- Jonathan Grosvenor, Chair of the Fellowship of Clerks, nominated by the Fellowship of Clerks (first year of first 3-year term);
- Kate Pink, Deputy Chair of the Fellowship of Clerks, nominated by the Fellowship of Clerks (first year of first 3-year term).

(Each member nominated can serve for two 3-year terms and service as either Chair or Deputy Chair does not count in the total years served).

There are a further **two Liverymen** to be nominated through the Fellowship of Clerks in the near future. Once that process is complete, the proposal of the Livery Committee is to co-opt the two nominees on a temporary basis, with the consent of Common Hall, and subsequently present them for formal appointment in at Common Hall on 29 September 2022.

The Committee has also decided that it can co-opt up to four other members who may be Liverymen or Clerks whose terms of office will be reviewed annually. David Barrett, Secretary of the Fellowship of Clerks and a Liveryman of the Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers, is the only co-optee at present.

We RECOMMEND that Common Hall approve the nominations as set out above.

4. Pan-Livery Steering Group

Your committee continues to work very closely with the Pan-Livery: the Chair sits on the Pan-Livery Steering Group and the Chair of Pan-Livery sits on the Livery Committee: this has helped with wider understanding of what we wish to achieve for the Livery as a whole.

The Pan-Livery, with its focus on enhancing clearer and more transparent communication and developing the shared philanthropic reports, is delivering a stream of work helpful to the Livery committee and the wider Livery community. The Steering Group issued its report – Philanthropic Giving by Livery Companies – which aggregated data from almost all the Livery Companies, as well as 8 Guilds and Companies without Livery, to provide an overview of the Livery Movement's philanthropic activity and help the Livery's approximately 47,000 members communicate a clear, consistent and authentic message of the Livery's value and contribution to society. This report is now on the Livery Committee website and has been shared with the Clerks of all Liveries and Guilds. We would like to take the opportunity of this report being provided to the next Common Hall in September to say 'Thank you' to all of those serving (or who have served) on Pan-Livery for the work that they do on behalf of all of us in the Livery. It is very much appreciated.

On that note, the Committee extends its most sincere and grateful thanks to Peter Nelson for his valuable work advising the Committee and his years of support of the Livery. I'm sure all of the Livery will join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

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If any Liveryman has a question in relation to any of the matters referred to in this report, the website offers an opportunity to [contact us](#) and please do.

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

DATED this 8th day of June, 2022.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee

PHILIP WOODHOUSE, Chair

Livery Committee and why we exist.

- (i) Established in 1864 to oversee the running of Common Hall including, where appropriate, the voting procedures;
- (ii) To help increase awareness of and support the work of the Lord Mayor, the City Corporation and the wider livery movement and, where possible and practical, to help create an awareness among opinion formers of the work of livery companies, their charitable activities and benefit to society as a whole;
- (iii) To act as a forum to which livery companies can bring matters of concern for discussion and to help in the sharing of good practice among livery companies.

The Key Tasks of the Livery Committee are to help it deliver its objectives:

1. Giving guidance to candidates, through literature and/or meetings, on the various processes relating to the elections in Common Hall;
2. Developing a skills program. Please see the skills program that is attached. This has been distributed to all Clerks and is a tremendous initiative between The City and Guilds, The City and The Livery. This is a good example of how the subtle/soft power of the Livery can really work in an area needing real support;
3. To run such courses as may be helpful. Current courses include:
 - City of London Briefings (primarily for new and existing Freemen and Liverymen);
 - The Wardens' & Court Assistants' Course (half-day for them and their spouse/partner);
 - The Livery After Dinner Speaking Course (half-day for Wardens and Court Assistants);
 - The Clerks' Forum.

Details, including dates, of all the courses are available on your website.