

Court of Aldermen 2025/26

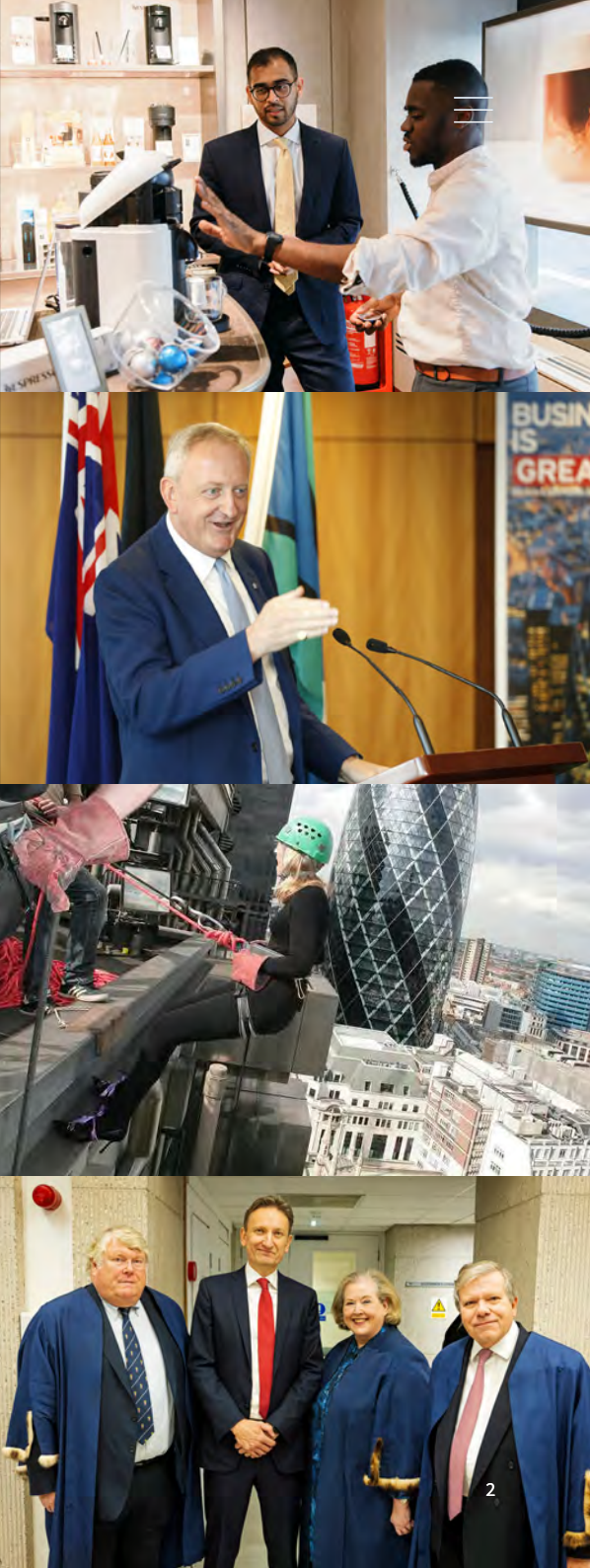


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Introduction to the Court of Aldermen



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 'Alderdwoman' 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



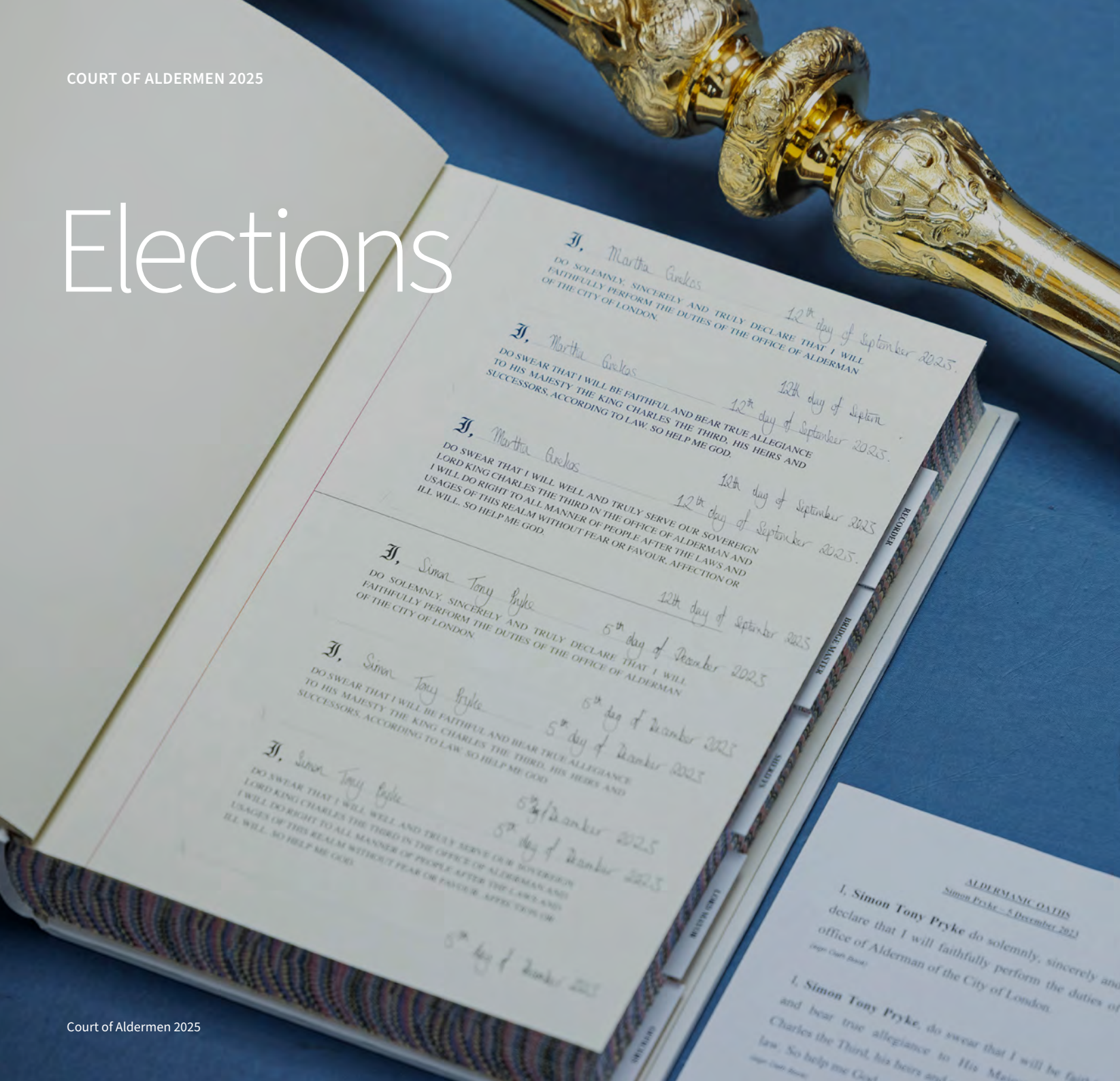
Perhaps the most (in)famous Sheriff (a contraction of the Anglo-Saxon 'shire reeve' or, in Old English, 'scirgerefa') is the Sheriff of Nottingham – immortalised by the tales of Robin Hood – but most of the major municipal conurbations in medieval England also had Sheriffs including The City of London. 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.



Elections



| LORD MAYORS OF LONDON | |
|-----------------------|--|
| 1987 | Mr Dennis Henry Truett, T.D. |
| 1988 | Mr Sydney Harold Elliott M.C. |
| 1989 | Mr Edmund Villiers Mingeley Woodcock |
| 1990 | Mr Bernard Nathaniel Waley-Cohen, M.A. |
| 1991 | Mr Frederick Alfred Howe |
| 1992 | Mr Ralph Edgar Perring |
| 1993 | Mr Clement James Harman |
| 1994 | Mr James Millar, D.L., LL.D., L.C.C. |
| 1995 | Mr Lionel Barry, M.C. |
| 1996 | Mr Robert Ian Bellinger |
| 1997 | Mr Gilbert Samuel, C.B.E., T.D., M.A. |
| 1998 | Mr Charles Trinder, M.A. |
| 1999 | Mr Col. Sir Ian Frank Spence, D.S.O., T.D. |
| 2000 | Mr Peter Milden Blad, M.A. |
| 2001 | Mr Edward Howard, B.E. |
| 2002 | The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mair, O.B.E., S.R.C., T.D., D.L., C.Eng. |
| 2003 | Mr Hugh Wattman, C.V.O. |
| 2004 | Mr Murray Peck, O.B.E., M.A. |
| 2005 | Mr Lesley Barbara King, O.B.E. |
| 2006 | Mr. Sir Robin Gervase Parsons Elliott, B.E., O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R. |
| 2007 | Mr. Sir Peter Bookford Rutledge Vannock O.B.E., C.B., A.F.C., A.E., M.A., D.L. |
| 2008 | Mr Kenneth Cook, O.B.E. |
| 2009 | Mr Peter Drury Haggerston Gadsden, O.B.E., M.A., C.Eng. |
| 2010 | Mr. Sir Ronald Laurence Gadsden, O.B.E., M.A., C.Eng. |
| 2011 | Mr Christopher Laver, O.B.E. |
| 2012 | Mr Anthony Stuart Jelliffe, O.B.E. |
| 2013 | Ms Mary Davidson, O.B.E. |
| 2014 | Mr Alan Thomas Trill, O.B.E., M.A. |
| 2015 | Mr William Alan Davis, O.B.E. |
| 2016 | Mr David Kenneth Kuper-Vin, O.B.E. |
| 2017 | Mr Geoffrey Epsitt, O.B.E., T.D., D.L. |
| 2018 | Mr Christopher Collett, O.B.E., M.A. |
| 2019 | Mr Hugh Blissett, O.B.E. |
| 2020 | Mr Alexander Michael Graham, O.B.E. |
| 2021 | Mr Brian Jenkins, O.B.E., M.A. |
| 2022 | Mr Pamela McWilliams, O.B.E., B.Sc., (Eng.), F.Eng. |
| 2023 | Paul Henry Newell, T.D., M.A., D.L. |
| 2024 | Christopher Rupert Watford, M.A. |
| 2025 | Leonard John Duggan, M.A., M.D. D.Sc., F.R.C.S. |
| 2026 | Roger William Goss |
| 2027 | Richard Edward Nisbett |
| 2028 | The Lord Levens of Passenham, K.C.B. |
| 2029 | Chia Hui-Hsin, O.B.E., T.D., D.L. |
| 2030 | David Howarth, C.B.E., M.A. |
| 2031 | James Vincent, C.B.E., M.A. |
| 2032 | Garyn Per Arthur, M.A. |
| 2033 | Robert Gervase |
| 2034 | Michael Barry Savory, C.M.O. |
| 2035 | John Beetham, C.B.E., M.A. |
| 2036 | David Thomas Lloyd Lewis, M.A. |
| 2037 | John David Lloyd, C.B.E., M.A. |
| 2038 | Nigel John Adams |

Changes to the Court of Aldermen

Since 1 January 2024, the following changes to the Court of Aldermen have taken place:

RE-ELECTED



Alderman Professor 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.



Alderman Sir Nicholas Lyons
Re-elected to the Ward of Tower on 20 March 2024.



Alderman Timothy Hailes JP
Re-elected to the Ward of Bassishaw on 18 December 2024.



Alderman Bronek Masojada
Re-elected to the Ward of Billingsgate on 18 December 2024.



Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Re-elected to the Ward of Broad Street on 18 December 2024.



Alderman Alison Gowman CBE
Re-elected to the Ward of Dowgate on 18 June 2025.



Alderman Dr Sir Andrew Parmley
Re-elected to the Ward of Vintry on 19 June 2025.



Alderman Sir Charles Bowman
Re-elected to the Ward of Lime Street on 10 September 2025.



Alderman Vincent Keaveny CBE
Re-elected to the Ward of Farringdon Within on 10 September 2025.

Voices from the Court of Aldermen



Lady Mayor, Alderwoman Dame Susan Langley DBE

Ward of Aldgate (FIRST ELECTED 2018)



“After a few years, I became one of the two Sheriffs of the City of London in 2023, and then the 697th Lord Mayor. The third female in history, and the first to actually take the title, the Lady Mayor. For me, I think it is important that we build on the amazing platform that tradition and history give the role, but to gently modernise. It’s an office, not an individual, and every Mayor should build on the great work of those before them, and then hand on to the next.”

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.”

Alderman Timothy Hailes JP

Ward of Bassishaw (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



“This is a city whose traditions are deep, but are entwined with constant evolution including some of the most innovative thinking and technology on Earth. This is a city where nothing stands still.”

Alderman Canon Alison Gowman CBE

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



“I enjoy the camaraderie of the City, which can feel like a village where the various aspects of my life collide from living in the Barbican, belonging to livery companies, and serving as a Lay Canon at St Paul’s Cathedral. There are so many aspects to the City and I’ve not touched on the underlying driver in its role as the global financial sector underpinning the UK’s economy, with a key contribution from the legal sector where it all began for me.”

Alderman Prem Goyal CBE

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



“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 & Sheriff Robert Hughes-Penney

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



“I’m particularly proud of my role as President of the Ward of Cheap Club, fostering the community spirit makes our Ward so special. And this shrieval year I’m launching an inniative that I’m particularly passionate about, the Justice For All Series. Inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and number 16, which focuses on peace, justice and strong institutions.”

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



Lady Mayor, 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 was elected as the Lady Mayor of the City of London in September 2025, taking up the Office of the Mayoralty on 7 November 2025. She is only the third woman to hold the role and the first to use the title 'Lady Mayor'. 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 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 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 and sits as a non-executive director on various boards.

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 is Co-Chair of the UK-China Green Finance Taskforce.

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 nonexecutive 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-forprofit 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 [futuresdotnow](#) 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 started his financial career at First Boston Corporation in 1987 before joining Merrill Lynch in 1992, where he became a Managing Director in the Investment Banking division working in Asia, New York and London, leaving in 2006. He was then Chair of Prostate UK and Deputy Chair of the charity 'Place To Be'. He is a past Chair of CDAM, a London based asset management company, and is the co-founder and Chair of Knightsbridge School.

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 is the 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, paddle, tennis, rugby and the Arts.

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Alderman Vincent Keaveny CBE

Ward of Farringdon Within (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



Vincent is a senior adviser 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 City of London Corporation 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 currently the Upper Warden of the Distillers'; he is also a Liveryman of the Spectacle Makers', Stationers', Framework Knitters', Upholders' and Security Professionals' Companies. In his spare time Vincent enjoys tennis and walking his labrador.

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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 currently sits on the Barbican Centre Board and the Epping Forest and Commons Committee. 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. He is an Honorary Bencher of Middle Temple and an Honorary Visiting Professor at City St George, University of London.

Nick is the Master 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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Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli MStJ FCCA FCSI (Hon) FBCS

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, the leading commercial think tank in the City of London renowned for its Global Financial Centres, Smart Centres, and Global Green Finance indices. His career includes developing the first digital maps of the world in Switzerland in the 1980s, senior partner of accountancy firm BDO Binder Hamlyn, Corporate Development Director for the Ministry of Defence's Defence Evaluation & Research Agency, and mergers & acquisitions banking with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. Michael served as the 695th Lord Mayor of The City of London (November 2023-24), having held the office of Sheriff of London (September 2019-2021).

His theme as Lord Mayor was '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. Amongst other achievements, Connect To Prosper led to the 70 nation AI Quality Infrastructure Consortium, Oxford's Global Alliance for Living Evidence on aNxiety, depressiOn and pSychosis, and the Commonwealth's

CommonSpace initiative promoting sustainable use of outerspace for the benefit of its 56 member countries.

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 statistics and chaotic systems, as well as accounting, computing, and securities trading qualifications. He has UK and Irish nationality, and is also the first American-born and first Italian citizen to be elected to the Mayoralty. He is Emeritus Professor of Commerce and Life Fellow of Gresham College, a Fellow of King's College London, Birkbeck College, Guildhall School of Music & Drama, and Goodenough College, visiting professor at UCL's Bartlett School and City St George's University of London, Honorary Benchet of Middle Temple, senior independent director of the United Kingdom Accreditation Service and a listed mining company. He is active in 17 Livery companies, Past Master of the World Traders and has charity interests in the environment, education, and care.

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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 served as the 696th Lord Mayor of The City of London for 2024-2025. He has 26 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 hill walking in Scotland with his wife and their Italian greyhound.

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Alderman Timothy Hailes JP

Ward of Bassishaw (FIRST ELECTED 2013)



Tim is the Principal at Meridian Global Strategies Limited, a private consultancy business. Prior to this he spent 4 years at Blockthree Holdings Limited, a fintech company providing a suite of consultancy and platform services for the digitalisation of assets using blockchain solutions, and 20 years at JPMorgan, where he became the global practice head for the equities division of the Corporate & Investment Bank. He 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 and, subject to election, has been supported for progression by the Court of Aldermen to the Mayoralty next year. He is currently the Senior Alderman Below The Chair ('SABTAC').

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 Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers, International Bankers, Solicitors, Firefighters and Pavors. He has long championed equality and inclusion in both the workplace and wider society.

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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 when she promoted the work of the Old Bailey and the Judiciary in a responsible City. 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. She 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 Robert Howard

Ward of Cornhill (FIRST ELECTED COMMON COUNCILLOR 2011, ALDERMAN 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 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 infrastructure, planning, Parliamentary, climate change, environmental, ESG, EU, compulsory purchase, and public law. He is a consultant to the Lysis Group (an international governance and compliance group focused on the financial markets and other regulated sectors).

Gregory is a Bencher of both Lincoln's Inn (Hardwick scholar and Thomas More scholar) and of Inner Temple. 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.

Gregory served as Sheriff of the City of London from 2024-2025. He is Chair of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee. Greg is Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Manchester, Vicar General of the Province of York, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a distinguished Visiting Fellow of St. Stephen's House, Oxford. He is also a Law Fellow of Goodenough College, London.

Educated at Colfe's School (Exhibitor) and at New College, Oxford MA (Barclays Bank and Leathersellers' Scholar) he took an LLM at University College, London.

Gregory is a Liveryman of the Leathersellers', Butchers' Founders' and Arbitrators' Companies and a Freeman of the Founders 'and Stationers' companies. His interests include rugby, cricket, football, South African art and general history. He is a Trustee of the Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association.

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Alderman Prem Goyal CBE

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



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 the Chair of Greengage, a fintech SME based in the City of London, and an NED at both Dolma Impact Fund II and the Federation of Small Businesses, where he also chairs the Audit and Risk Committee.

Prem was elected Alderman in 2017 for the Ward of Portsoken and currently chairs the Audit and Risk Management Committee of The Corporation of London. He was the Founding Chairman of the City of London Chamber of Commerce advocating for 22,000 businesses in the Square Mile, and also served as a magistrate for over 10 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 Professor 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 & Sheriff Robert Hughes-Penney

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



Robert has 30+ years' experience of the City working at Rathbones, the UK's largest discretionary investment and wealth business. Within Rathbones he has served as a Board member, spent 12 years on the Executive and Management committees and 20 years in senior leadership. Meanwhile, as an Investment Director he has extensive practical experience of running successful risk adjusted multi-asset portfolios. As a result, he deals first hand with the ebb and flow of global capital markets across a range of asset classes and jurisdictions. He has successfully and consistently navigated difficult financial markets as well as initiating and sponsoring change in a highly competitive sector.

Robert also serves as Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee at the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment and is on the Board of the Impact Investing Institute that leads the way in the important work of promoting impact investments that are made to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return. As a member of the CityUK Business Council Robert engages with leaders from fintech, challenger banks and FPS firms outside the magic circle.

Formerly a Common Councillor, he chaired key committees and has served on the Boards of several charities. Additionally, prior to the City he served in the British Army and is Past Master of the Guild of Investment Managers and on the Haberdashers' Court. Having been born in Brazil and lived in Canada, Germany and South Africa, Robert has an international perspective. He is married to Elspeth, who was formerly a corporate lawyer in the City, and they have three young adult children.

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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 and 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, Deutsche Asset Management and Janus Henderson. Over a +30 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 LSE and NYSE listed investment funds.

Alex is the Alderman for Cordwainer Ward having previously represented it as a Common Councillor and was professionally based there for over 15 years. He currently serves on the Finance and Gresham Committees of the Corporation of London.

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

Alex is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers and a Governor of Christ's Hospital School in Horsham.

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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, the Sir William Coxen Trust Fund and the Samuel Wilson Loan Trust.

Christopher was educated at West Hatch High School. Christopher is a Liveryman of the Company of Glovers and 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)



Educated at the City of London School and the University of Manchester, Tim now serves as the Chair of the Board of Governors for his former school.

Tim began his career at Bain & Company, working internationally in Moscow, Sydney, and London before turning to entrepreneurship. In 1998, he founded a juice bar chain that became Crussh. A year later, he launched flutter.com, which merged with Betfair in 2001 to become what is now Flutter Entertainment plc, one of the UK's most prominent digital businesses.

In 2010, Tim founded Augmentum, taking it public on the London Stock Exchange in 2018. It remains the UK's only publicly listed investment company dedicated to the fintech sector. He has served on the boards of numerous leading fintech companies, including Interactive Investor, Tide, Zopa, and Cushon. A Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum (2012), Tim also serves on the Digital Board of The National Gallery.

Tim represented the Ward of Bridge as a Common Councillor from 2017 until his election as Alderman in 2022. Within the City of London Corporation, he has served on the Financial Investment Board, Finance Committee and Digital Services Committee and currently sits on the Capital Buildings Board and the Community and Children's Services Committee.

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 30 years of 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 and for Markerstudy Insurance Services.

In 2022 Jennette was elected Alderwoman 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 served as 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 has previously served as 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 who specialises on planning and environmental law. Her expertise is in regeneration, infrastructure and development, working on some of the most complex and politically sensitive projects in England. She has been appointed by various organisations as a non-executive director and advisor including as Chair of The Royal Docks Management Authority, Commissioner for the London Climate and Sustainability Commission and on the Mayor of London's Infrastructure Advisory Board. She was also a specialist advisor to the Civil Aviation Authority, an independent member of the London Legacy Development Corporation, member of the Thames Estuary Growth Board and member of 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 Public Realm Working Group where she is steering forward the £9million transformative public realm project.

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

Martha is an advocacy trainer, mentor and one of the scholarship panel chairs at the Honourable Society of Inner Temple. She is also a Liverywoman and Court Assistant 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. She is born and bred a Londoner and still works and lives in London.

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Alderman Simon Pryke

Ward of Langbourn (FIRST ELECTED 2023)



Simon is Executive Chair and Managing Partner of Findlay Park, an independent asset manager investing in North American companies. His previous roles include CEO at Findlay Park and Chief Investment Officer at Newton Investment Management (part of BNY Mellon). Simon's interest in the evolution of regulation and its impact on financial markets 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 a member of the Planning and Transportation and Pensions Committees of the Corporation of the City of London. He sits on the City of London Competitiveness Advisory Board and is a Board member of the City Bridge Foundation.

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

His non-executive appointments include chairing the Investment Association's Trade and Investment Committee and acting as a Trustee for the United Westminster and Greycoat Foundation and of the Courtauld's 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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