

LIVERY COMMITTEE BRIEFING

Twenty First edition: September 2013



1. FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the Twenty First edition of the Livery Committee Briefing and my first as Chairman following my election at our meeting on the 11th September. It gives me great pleasure to have been elected and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead and to meeting as many of you as possible.

Our meeting on 11th September also saw a change in Deputy Chairman and Common Councilman Ian Seaton was elected to serve in this capacity for the ensuing year. Welcomed to the Committee were a number of new Members; Alderman Sir Michael Bear, from Common Council, Wendy Mead, Deputy Robert Howard and Deputy John Barker and Clerk Anthony Morrow, Butchers'.

As many of you will know, this 'newsletter' was set up by my one of my predecessors as a means of letting the Livery Companies know what the Committee was doing on their behalf, highlighting some of the issues discussed by the Committee and alerting the Livery to any forthcoming events. It is now my intention to continue with this tradition and a Briefing will therefore continue to be produced after every Livery Committee meeting.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions on how this briefing can be improved please contact our Clerk, Gemma Stokley on 0207 332 1427 or gemma.stokley@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

2. CITY MARSHAL

The Private Secretary reported that the Court of Aldermen had now interviewed and approved the appointment of a new City Marshal. His name has now been confirmed as Detective Chief Superintendent Philip Jordan, and he will take up office as City Marshal and Senior Programme Manager as from 9th December.

The current post-holder, Billy King-Harman, retires in December

3. ALDERMANIC ELIGIBILITY

You may recall that, earlier this year, the Court of Common Council approved a second, separate route for election to the Court of Aldermen. One route for election is via the 'magistracy route', as before, but there is now also a second, much simpler, route which requires Aldermanic candidates who choose not to become a magistrate to satisfy criteria which includes their not having been convicted of an imprisonable offence or having been the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order. This is based on criteria applicable to candidates standing for election as Police & Crime Commissioners (PCC).

The Committee were informed that the new system had now been 'tested' with the new Alderman for the Ward of Broad Street, Professor Michael Mainelli having recently been successfully elected via the new, non-magistracy route.

4. LIVERY EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE LORD MAYOR

The Private Secretary reported that work around accommodating those Livery Companies who had had little Mayoral contact in recent years is now underway. A short programme has been drawn up allowing the current Lord Mayor to start to address this matter and it is intended that this approach will now continue into the next Mayoralty and beyond.

5. FORTHCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

The Committee were informed that a cross-Departmental study was now underway at the City Corporation in an attempt to allow Officers to look ahead to any major, significant forthcoming anniversaries where the City of London and the Livery would be expected to play a role.

It would be useful for those of you who are aware of any such events in the future to contact the Swordbearer with information on these. We hope to be able to share the collated information with you all on a regular basis if this is deemed to be of general interest/use.

6. LIVERY SKILLS COUNCIL

Our new Deputy Chairman has, for some time now, also been the Committee's liaison Member with the Livery Skills Council. He updated the Committee on progress around the LSC's Apprenticeship Programme which, with the help of Government funding, is aiming to set up 52 apprenticeships by Summer 2014 at Levels 3-5. I am of the view that this is possibly one of the most exciting developments in the recent history of the Livery and would therefore strongly encourage anyone who has not already done so to contact Mr Seaton if they are keen to get involved.

7. LIVERY SCHOOLS LINK

The Committee were informed that there are plans to repeat a Livery Schools Link 'showcase' event at Apothecaries Hall following its success last year. This is scheduled to take place on 18th March 2014 and the LSL will be in touch with all shortly to engage as much Livery Company support as possible for this.

8. 'PHILANTHROPY IN THE LIVERY'

As you may by now be aware, the Museum of London and Charterhouse are working together to mount an exhibition on 'Philanthropy'. The exhibition will be opened by the Lord Mayor on 29th October. It is intended that there will be a number of themed evenings with an invited speaker throughout the exhibition. The first such evening will be entitled 'Philanthropy in the Livery' and will take place on 30th October. One representative from each Livery Company will be given the opportunity to attend.

The guest speaker for the night will be Dr Matthew Davies from the Institute of Historical Research, an authority on the history of Livery Companies. I hope that as many of you as possible will take the opportunity to be represented at this exciting event.

9. 'LIVERY PROFILE'

The Committee considered the Livery Profile leaflet, which was last updated in 2011. It was agreed that this pocket sized leaflet remained a very useful aid to masters and all liverymen, highlighting the core facts and figures about livery company membership,

charitable and educational activity etc.

The leaflets were compiled by the Mercers' Company, from whom bulk copies are available (by arrangement), or it may be downloaded at:

http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-the-city/working-with-and-for-others/Documents/LH_LC_LiveryProfile2011.pdf

The Committee will keep the need for future reprints under review.

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