

COURT OF ALDERMEN

Constitution

The Court of Aldermen is summoned and presided over by the Lord Mayor and consists of,

- the 25 Aldermen of the several Wards
- The Recorder of London

Quorum

The quorum consists of the Lord Mayor or his locum tenens, together with 10 Aldermen.

Standing Committees:

Privileges Committee of Aldermen & General Purposes Committee of Aldermen

Constitution

There are two Standing Committees of the Court of Aldermen, all Aldermen and the Recorder of London being members thereof. These are:-

- Privileges Committee of Aldermen
- General Purposes Committee of Aldermen

The Chairmen of these Committees are Aldermen who have served the office of Lord Mayor.

Quorum

The quorum of a Committee shall be three members.

Terms of Reference of the Privileges Committee

To deal with all matters relating to the privileges and position of individual members of the Court of Aldermen, in particular progression to the Shrievalty and Mayoralty.

Terms of Reference of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen

1. To consider and report to the Court of Aldermen on all matters which are not within the terms of reference of the Privileges Committee which, in the opinion of the Chairman, or the Town Clerk, would benefit from a more detailed and informal debate.
2. To consider any matters which are referred to it by the Court for consideration and report.
3. To consider and make recommendations to the Court of Aldermen on:-
 - (a) all matters relating to the Livery;
 - (b) appointments on outside bodies;
 - (c) the appointment of the Recorder, the Private Secretary & Chief of Staff (Mansion House) and all other appointments which are in the gift of the Court;
 - (d) the estimates of the Court of Aldermen;
 - (e) the Lord Mayor's patronage.

4. To deal with matters relating to:-
- (a) the magistracy;
 - (b) the Mansion House;
 - (c) applications relating to the leave of absence of Aldermen for periods in excess of one month;
 - (d) Mayoralty and Shrievalty expenses;
 - (e) the dates of meetings of the Court of Aldermen and its committees;
 - (f) nominations to the various Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Parties of the City Corporation;
 - (g) matters where the expenditure involved is less than £5,000;
 - (h) the approval of the annual estimates;
 - (i) applications made by individual Aldermen pursuant to Standing Order No. 28.