

WARDMOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF AN ALDERMAN

WARD OF BISHOPSGATE

AGENDA FOR WARDMOTE – ELECTION OF ALDERMAN

To be held at Coopers' Hall, 13 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4TH

at NOON on Wednesday 14 September 2022

1. PROCESSION

The Procession to enter the Wardmote will be as follows:

The Beadles
City Marshal
The Honorary Ward Clerk The Comptroller and City Solicitor
The Lord Mayor's Aldermanic Representative

Alderman Ian Luder is the Lord Mayor's Aldermanic Representative.

2. PROCLAMATION

The Ward Beadle for the Ward Without, on the instruction of the Honorary Ward Clerk, opens the Wardmote by Proclamation:

“OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ

All manner of persons who have anything to do at this Court of Wardmote for the Ward of Bishopsgate holden here this day before Alderman Ian Luder, draw near and give your attendance.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.”

3. PRECEPT

The Ward Beadle calls on the Honorary Ward Clerk to read the Precept: -

“All persons here present are commanded to keep silence whilst the Precept is read.”

The Honorary Ward Clerk reads the Precept.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Wardmote of 23rd March 2022 having previously been circulated are approved and signed.

5. VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks is passed by the LMAR to the previous Alderman of the ward, The Right Honorable the Baroness Patricia Scotland of Asthal.

6. NOMINATIONS

The names of the persons remaining validly nominated are read out by the Honorary Ward Clerk, in the order appearing on the statement as to persons nominated:

Henry Paul KNAPMAN

Kawsar ZAMAN

7. ADDRESS BY THE CANDIDATES

On the invitation of the Presiding Officer (LMAR), same order as above.

“The Candidates are invited to address the Wardmote in accordance with the order of their names on the Ballot Paper, as I introduce them. Each candidate will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes”.

8. QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

The Presiding Officer (LMAR) invites electors to put questions to the candidates if they wish.

“If there are Ward Electors here who wish to address any questions to the Candidates, would they please raise their hand – and when given the floor, please state their name clearly”.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF POLL

The LMAR, in their capacity as Presiding Officer, announces that a Poll will take place: -

“As the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled and in accordance with the Notice of Poll given on 7 September 2022 a Poll will take place at Coopers’ Hall, 13 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4TH on Thursday, 15 September 2022, between the hours of 8.00 am and 8.00 pm.”

10. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR POLL

The LMAR will appoint Alana Forino as their Deputy and Presiding Officer, as well as Kate St Clair Hughes and Richard Skok as Poll Clerks on the day of the Poll.

“I appoint Alan Forino to be my Deputy for the day of the Poll. I appoint the said Alan Forino as the Presiding Officer and Kate St Clair Hughes and Richard Skok as the Poll Clerks at the polling station at Coopers’ Hall, 13 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4TH.”

The LMAR will then sign appointments of such Officers as may be necessary for conducting the Poll in accordance with The Ballot Act 1872, Section 8, Rule 21 of the First Schedule to the Act.

11. DECLARATIONS OF SECRECY

Taken by all those authorised to attend the polling station and the count.

The LMAR will say:-

“Will the Presiding Officers, Poll Clerks and Counting Assistants together with the candidates and other persons authorised to attend at the Polling Station or the count stand up while the relevant provisions of the Ballot Act 1872 are read out.”

The Honorary Ward Clerk reads out the provisions of Section 4 of the Ballot Act 1872 to the assembled declarants (ie individuals attending the counting of votes):

“Every officer, clerk and agent in attendance at a polling station shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting in such station, and shall not communicate, except for some purpose authorised by law, before the poll is closed to any person any information as to the name or number on the register of voters of any elector or proxy for a voter who has or has not applied for a ballot paper or voted at that station, or as to the official mark, and no such officer, clerk or agent, and no person whosoever, shall interfere with or attempt to interfere with a voter when marking his vote, or otherwise attempt to obtain in the polling station information as to the candidate for whom any voter in such station is about to vote or has voted, or communicate at any time to any person any information obtained in a polling station as to the candidate for whom any voter in such station is about to vote or has voted, or as to the number on the back of the ballot paper given to any voter at such station. Every officer, clerk, and agent in attendance at the counting of the votes shall maintain and aid in maintaining the secrecy of the voting, and shall not attempt to ascertain at such counting the number on the back of any ballot paper, or communicate any information obtained at such counting as to the candidate for whom any vote is given in any particular ballot paper. No person shall directly or indirectly induce any voter to display his ballot paper after he shall have marked the same, so as to make known to any person the name of the candidate for or against whom he has so marked his vote.

No person having undertaken to assist a blind voter to vote, shall communicate to any other person any information as to the candidate for whom that voter intends his vote to be given or for whom his vote has been given, or as to the number on the back of the ballot paper issued at a polling station for the use of that voter.

Every person who acts in contravention of the provisions of this Section shall be liable, on summary conviction before two justices of the peace, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.”

All declarants will then say:-

“I solemnly promise and declare that I will not at this election for Alderman do anything forbidden by Section 4 of the Ballot Act 1872 which has been read to me.”

Declarations of Secrecy are to be made by every Officer, Clerk, Agent or person authorised to attend at the polling station or at the counting of the votes.

In the event that any person required to make such a declaration is not present, then the declaration must be made prior to the commencement of the Poll before a Justice of the Peace.

The LMAR in their capacity as Returning Officer should also make the declaration before the Poll.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Ward Beadle for the Ward Within adjourns the Wardmote by Proclamation:-

“OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ

All ye good people of the Ward of Bishopsgate summoned here to this Wardmote may depart hence; and you are required to give your attendance again tomorrow evening at Coopers’ Hall. And hereof fail not.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”

13. RETIREMENT

At the adjournment of the Wardmote the Mayoral party retires:

The Beadle
City Marshal
The Lord Mayor’s Aldermanic Representative
The Honorary Ward Clerk The Comptroller and City Solicitor

WARD OF BISHOPSGATE

AGENDA FOR ADJOURNED WARDMOTE

**To be held at Coopers' Hall, 13 Devonshire Square, London, EC2M 4TH
after the ballots have been counted on Thursday 15 September 2022**

1. PROCESSION

Procession to enter the Wardmote will be as follows:

The Beadles
City Marshal
The Honorary Ward Clerk The Comptroller and City Solicitor
The Lord Mayor's Aldermanic Representative

Alderman Sir Peter Estlin is the Lord Mayor's Aldermanic Representative.

2. PROCLAMATION

The Honorary Ward Clerk instructs the Ward Beadle for the Ward Without to announce the reopening of the Wardmote as follows:

“OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ

**All manner of persons who have anything to do at this Court of
Wardmote for the Ward of Bishopsgate holden here this day
before Alderman Sir Peter Estlin, draw near and give your
attendance.**

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.”

3. DECLARATION OF THE RESULT

The LMAR, in their capacity as Presiding Officer, declares the result of the poll and declares the successful candidate elected as Alderman for the Ward.

4. ADDRESS

To return thanks. Firstly by the successful candidate and then the others if they so wish on order of votes cast.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Any general business of the Wardmote is dealt with.

6. PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTION

Resolution proposed by a Deputy that:-

“The results of this election and the name of the candidate duly elected be published on the Ward Notice Board “
be passed to give public notice of the name of the candidate elected.

7. VOTE OF THANKS

Resolution proposed by a Deputy to the Presiding Officer that:-

“The cordial thanks of this Wardmote be tendered to Alderman Sir Peter Estlin for his courtesy and ability in presiding at the Wardmote on this occasion”
be passed.

8. PROCLAMATION

The Ward Beadle for the Ward Within closes the Wardmote by Proclamation: -

“OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ

All ye good people of the Ward of Bishopsgate, summoned here to this Wardmote, may depart hence; and give your attendance when again summoned. And hereof fail not.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN”

9. RETIREMENT

The Mayoral party retires: -

The Beadles

City Marshal

The Lord Mayor’s Aldermanic Representative

The Honorary Ward Clerk

The Comptroller and City Solicitor