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Dear Sir / Madam,

As is customary, at this time of the year the Court of Aldermen shares with the Livery the names of those Aldermen who it is supporting for progression to the Shrievalty or Mayoralty over the next year or so.

The Court's position on the Mayoralty for 2016/17 is already clear but I will recap. At the election of the Lord Mayor this year, if Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley is one of the two Aldermen whose name is returned by the Livery to the Court, then he will be elected.

The Court met recently to discuss the Mayoralty for 2017/18. The names of three Aldermen were considered: Charles Bowman, Peter Estlin and Sir Paul Judge and all three were deemed to be credible candidates. These three Aldermen would be qualified by virtue of having by then served as Sheriff (in Alderman Estlin's case, subject to election by the Livery). The Court decided that it would support Charles Bowman for election as Lord Mayor for 2017/18, and, accordingly, if Alderman Charles Bowman is one of the two whose name is returned, then he will be elected.

In respect of the Shrievalty, members of the Livery will be aware that the Court of Aldermen is supporting Alderman Peter Estlin and Alderman William Russell for election as the two Sheriffs, as a double Aldermanic Shrievalty, later this month. The Court's position in respect of the following year, 2017/18, is to support one Alderman for progression, that being Alderman Tim Hailes.

As in previous years, the Court hopes that this process of deciding which candidates it will support for progression to higher office in the years ahead continues to be of benefit to the Livery.

Yours sincerely,

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The Chairman of the Livery Committee