



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FLETCHERS

THE CURRENT CHALLENGES FACING THE CITY CORPORATION AND THE MAYORALTY - TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 2010

The City Corporation, headed by The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor, is a unique and historic institution. The Court of Common Council and the Court of Aldermen may operate under procedures shrouded in ancient tradition, but the issues and challenges facing the City Corporation are very current. Indeed, you may well have read recent commentary in the media attributed to The Lord Mayor and the Chairman of Policy of the City Corporation in relation to the economic crisis and proposed reform of the banking industry. It is crucial, if the City Corporation and the Mayoralty are to survive, that their roles remain relevant and evolve over time.

We are very fortunate as a Livery Company to have a significant number of Liverymen who play an active part in the Civic City. In particular, at the present time Past Master Alderman David Wootton is currently serving his year as Sheriff, and Court Assistant and Common Councilman Stuart Fraser is the current Chairman of Policy. David and Stuart have kindly agreed to put on a short talk for members of the Livery and their guests on the City Corporation, its role and that of key players such as The Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs, Aldermen and Common Councilmen. They will also highlight some of the current challenges facing the City Corporation. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and indeed you are actively encouraged to do so. This is your chance to ask about anything you would like to know and it is hoped that as a result there will be an interesting and lively debate.

The venue for the evening will be the Private Members Dining Room in the Guildhall Club – a fitting choice given the topic of discussion as well as providing an opportunity to see a part of Guildhall many of you may never have had the chance to visit before. Following the more formal part of the evening refreshments will be served, consisting of a substantial finger buffet with wine, providing a chance to mingle and chat with fellow Liverymen.

You should arrive at Guildhall from 6:15pm (enter by the main entrance on the corner of Aldermanbury and Gresham Street and you will be directed to the Private Members Dining Room). The talk will commence at 6:30pm and will last around one hour after which refreshments will be served. The cost will be £38 per head. Please send your application form to the Clerk by **Friday 19th March 2010**. No formal tickets will be issued on this occasion.

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To: Captain Michael Johnson Royal Navy, 65 The Avenue, Fareham, Hants PO14 1PE

I would like to book.....places @ £38 per head.

Name:.....(Capitals please)

Address:..... (Capitals please)

Name of Guest(s).....

I enclose my cheque for £..... payable to **The Worshipful Company of Fletchers** OR I authorise you to collect the sum of £..... by direct debit.