

# Court of Common Council

Great Hall, Guildhall  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of London  
Alderman Alastair King

## **Item 4: Mayoral Engagements**

Thank you, Town Clerk.

And a special welcome to the two students from Arizona who are in the public gallery today, as part of the London Bridge Rotary Educational Foundation.

It has been a busy month for the City of London Corporation since our last Court – all while also enjoying the excitement of Wimbledon and the Women’s Euros.

At the beginning of this month, we welcomed the Lord Chancellor, the Lady Chief Justice and many of His Majesty's Judges to Mansion House, where we discussed the importance of the rule of law and the value of legal services and expertise as one of the United Kingdom's greatest exports.

Two weeks ago, we had the honour of welcoming President Macron of France here for a state banquet in this very hall.

We spoke of the importance and the strength of the alliance between France and the United Kingdom.

I emphasised the historic contribution of the City of London to that alliance, and the current contribution of the financial City to European investment in defence and other shared priorities.

Last week, we held the Financial and Professional Services Dinner where the Chancellor of the Exchequer gave her Mansion House speech - with commitments to further reforms to regulation, to savings and to how we welcome international investors.

I highlighted the launch that day of the Employer Pension Pledge - a commitment to value-for-money, to better returns for savers, and for investment which will unleash growth across the United Kingdom.

The Pledge has now been signed by 23 of the United Kingdom's largest employers, covering more than a million savers, and we will continue to urge more employers to take this much-needed step.

This builds on the Mansion House Accord, announced in May.

I also highlighted the Pension Education Plan – a coming together of eleven prominent education institutions to train those in the pension value chain on the importance of taking calculated risk when investing pension monies.

They have agreed to provide this training at cost – a great commitment on their part.

This week, I hosted a roundtable with Defence Secretary John Healey and City businesses on how the financial services sector can do more to support investment in UK defence – Bringing government, finance and industry together to work out better ways to finance the UK defence supply chain.

Later today, I will be travelling to South Yorkshire, visiting the Homewards homelessness project of the Royal Foundation being supported by the Lord Mayor's Appeal, the Wentworth Woodhouse restoration project, and the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire.

I would like to thank everyone here for your support in this busy and productive period for our City.

Thank you.