

Financial Services Group – Report 2012

The year saw another schedule of busy meetings. The range of activities and work continuously expands.

The Group is formed of twelve Livery Companies from the principal professions which are core to the current City. Its objectives include:

- Providing expertise, experience and issues for briefings to the Lord Mayor for outbound and inbound visits
- Supporting the incumbent Lord Mayor's theme
- Providing education in financial matters for potential Lord Mayors and Sheriffs from all Livery Companies

During the year meetings were held with the Sheriffs-Elect, Alan Yarrow and Wendy Mead, Mark Boleat, Deputy Chairman (now Chairman,) Policy and Resources Committee, Peter Sissons, Head of International Affairs in the Economic Development Office of the Corporation, and Chris Cummings, CEO of The CityUK, with the aim of improving the availability of information to the Lord Mayor and the Corporation. The FSG is also building relationships with Aldermen Before the Chair, and Second Warden Edward Sankey made a personal briefing on the profession to Neil Ratcliffe, Alderman Before the Chair.

The Group has set up a website www.liveryfsg.org.uk to make information available about its activities and about the Professions included.

The Group, collectively and through individuals, played a part in the Lord Mayor's initiative "Restoring Trust in the City" including attendance at the October 2011 Conference at Mansion House. Its interest continues through the successor body City Values Forum chaired by Past Sherriff Richard Sermon.

The Group has provided briefs with respect to various countries to the Lord Mayor's Office for Inward and Outward Visits. As in previous years, it presented the new Lord Mayor David Wootton in November 2011 with a booklet of the activities of the Companies in the Group and their professions. This was well received, and provides contact points for the Lord Mayor and his Office to get in touch on any particular points of topical interest.

To assist members of Livery Companies explain how the Livery interacts with the Corporation and City business, the Group prepared and published a small prompt card. Copies are available for members of the WCoMC through the Clerk.

The Group is very active and its remit is growing. If anyone is interested in getting involved in its work I would be pleased to describe more.

Edward Sankey

Second Warden

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