

Deputy John A. Bennett



John Bennett was born and raised in Leicester. He was educated at the local grammar school and Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated in biochemistry in 1967. He then qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Arthur Andersen in 1970. He spent the next 35 years in various roles in International Banking in London and Jersey with Citibank, Hill Samuel and Deutsche Bank. During this time he developed a keen interest in compliance and regulation. He retired from Deutsche Bank in 2005 after serving as Director of Compliance and UK Money Laundering Reporting Officer.

John is now an elected member of the City of London Corporation, and serves as Deputy for the Ward of Broad Street. He has served on many of its major committees and boards including Policy & Resources Committee, Port Health & Environmental Services, Markets, Culture Heritage & Libraries, Barbican Centre Board, Education Board, the Guildhall School of Music & Drama (past Chairman) and the City of London Freemen's School (past Chairman).

John served as Chief Commoner, the most senior Common Councilman of the City of London Corporation during 2014-15.

John joined the Worshipful Company of International Bankers in 2001, became a Liveryman in 2006 and joined the Court of the Company in 2017. As a Member he has been very active in supporting the Company's social events, dinners and the Annual Banquet in Guildhall. He sits on its Liverymen's Committee (Deputy Chairman) and is also a past member (and Deputy Chairman) of the Finance Committee. At that time he was very much involved with the governance review at the Company's 10th anniversary.

He is now a member of the Working Party planning and fundraising for the Presentation Dinner and the Lord Mayor's Show 2018.

John is a member, and a past Chairman, of the Broad Street Ward Club. He is a Trustee of the Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust and of charities associated with the Ward church of St Margaret Lothbury. He is a member of the Gresham Society.

John has been married to Jane for 48 years and has two sons and three grandchildren. His interests range from the visual and performing arts to bridge, keeping fit and travel.