## Town Clerk's Department

Gregory Moore Interim Deputy Town Clerk



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Date 13 February 2024

Re: City of London Ward Lists – Outcome of hearing City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001

I am writing to advise all parties of my decision in relation to the inclusion of Eno Agbor in the final Ward List for the Ward of Castle Baynard for 2024 – 2025, as appointed by Loppex ("the Company") at 160 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2DQ ("the Premises").

A hearing was held on 5 February 2024 at the Guildhall before me, Greg Moore, Interim Deputy Town Clerk, under delegated authority from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive. I was assisted by Edward Wood, Assistant City Solicitor and Alice Loynes, Electoral Services and City Occupiers Database Deputy Manager.

In attendance was Common Councillor Eamonn Mullally ("the Objector"), who had submitted the objection to the inclusion of Eno Agbor in the provisional Ward List. He was accompanied by Alderwoman Martha Grekos.

It was not disputed by the Objector that the Company was a qualifying body for the purposes of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 ("the 1957 Act") and the City of London (Ward Elections) Act 2002.

However, it was disputed that the Company was occupying the Premises for relevant purposes on 1 September 2023 (the qualifying date), as required under section 6(1)(c) of the 1957 Act, in order to give rise to a right to appoint one or more voters.

The objection was based in part on the fact that, according to records filed at Companies House, the Company had been dormant since 2011. The Objector also submitted an email from Workspace, the owner of the Premises, stating that the Company was an ex-tenant and no longer based there at the time of writing, in December 2023.

Eno Agbor wrote to me in advance of the hearing to state that the objection was justifiable as at present a lot of his activities were overseas. He added that there was really no need for a hearing and that he had requested that his name be removed much earlier, although it appeared that this request had not been received.

Accordingly, Eno Agbor will not be included in the final Ward List for the Ward of Castle Baynard for 2024-2025.

Yours sincerely

**Greg Moore** 

Interim Deputy Town Clerk