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## The Right Hon the Lord Mayor of London re-opens Stationers' Hall

Alderman Vincent Keaveny, in his capacity as Lord Mayor of London, re-opened Stationers' Hall on Monday, 4 July 2022 after a £7.5 million project known as *Vision 350* in recognition of the upcoming 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hall in 2023. The Stationers' Company has undertaken this work in order to provide improved facilities and better public access to the building which is considered to be the heart and the home of the communications and content industry.

The Hall now boasts a second entrance and a lift which gives step-free access to all the public spaces including a new suite of meeting rooms which can accommodate meetings and conferences of different sizes. Air-cooling has been installed which will ensure the comfort of all, whether members of the Company or commercial clients, who attend the dinners, forums, debates and other events which are held regularly at the Hall. The kitchens have been completely redesigned and refurbished and, as the building work concluded, attention turned to restoring the garden which has now been planted to attract bees in line with the aims of *Pollinating London Together* – just one of many strategies to improve the environmental impact of the building.

The Lord Mayor, himself a Liveryman of the Stationers' Company, said "

"As Lord Mayor, and as a liveryman of the Stationers' Company myself, I am delighted to be able to reopen the renewed and improved Stationers' Hall. This is a historic building which is now more sustainable, more accessible and more comfortable. I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to all those involved in this successful project. This hall is a great asset to the City of London."

Robert Flather, whose year as Master of the Stationers' Company ended on 5 July 2022 said "

"This project has been hugely demanding of the Stationers' Company, our professional advisors and our contractors but today these challenges are in the past and with its improved accessibility, flexibility and sustainability this really is a building for the future. On behalf of the Stationers' Company I thank all those who have made it possible". For further information about hiring Stationers' Hall please contact Hayley Rawle on <u>marketing@stationers.org</u> and for other enquiries please contact Deborah Rea on <u>communications@stationers.org</u>

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