**Civil Partnership**

*Option to play music as your guests wait for your ceremony to begin.*

Good morning/afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I would like to welcome you to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am the Deputy Superintendent Registrar, of the City of Westminster. I have the privilege of conducting today’s ceremony, alongside my colleague \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who will be creating the legal record of this civil partnership.

For \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it is with a real sense of pride that they stand here today to honour their relationship, and it is with a deep sense of gratitude that they reflect back on all they have already shared together. They each feel extremely fortunate to have found a partner who so richly enhances every aspect of their life, and your support today in celebrating their relationship means the world to them.

*Suitable place to incorporate up to two paragraphs summarising your relationships progression to civil partnership.*

*Suitable place for a reading.*

Civil partnership has its foundings in equality. Its very roots are grounded in fairness, in respect, and in consideration for others. It is a shared ideology of rooting their own relationship in these same principles that has lead \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to choose civil partnership, as the means for them to legally recognise their lifelong intent to be equal partners in a secure, committed and loving relationship.

*Suitable place for a second reading*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I am now going to ask you bothto make a sincere and truthful declaration that to the best of your knowledge there is no lawful impediment why you should not be joined in civil partnership.

In turn, please repeat after me:

**I declare that I know - of no legal reason - why we may not register - as each other’s Civil Partner.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, today we mark the strength of your relationship and the depth of your commitment to one another. I ask you now to each confirm your intent to join in civil partnership.

In turn, please repeat after me:

# I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to be my lifelong partner. I promise to trust you and be honest with you - to stand by you and support you – now and always.

*Option to include personal vows.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we have now come to the giving of rings. These rings are a physical representation of the bond of love that you share, and of the faith you place in one another.

In turn, please repeat after me:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , I give you this ring – in recognition of all that you mean to me. – I promise to cherish and care for you – for the rest of our lives.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the moment has now come for you to sign the civil partnership schedule. Upon signing this document, you will legally become civil partners. If I could now invite forward your witnesses, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to also sign.

*Option to play music as you and your witnesses sign the civil partnership schedule*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today’s ceremony has affirmed the deep trust, respect, understanding and friendship that binds you together. We hope that you will think back on today often and be reminded of the strength of the commitment you have made to each other. May the love you have for one another grow ever stronger throughout the years to come.

It is with the greatest of pleasure I now declare you civil partners!

*Ceremony close. Option to play music as you and your guests exit the ceremony room.*