



Aldersgate

In the last newsletter we heard from one of our new councillors. Today we have the observations of our other new councillor, Richard Crossan.



As I approach the end of my second year as a Common Council member, I thought

I might share with Aldersgate residents a few of my views about the City, the ward and its inhabitants, and a couple of suggestions for you to get involved. In no particular order:

Aldersgate residents are the most frightening in the City:

I mean this in the most complimentary fashion imaginable. As a fellow councillor put it recently: "Do we need an expert on something incredibly specialised and technical? Well in Aldersgate we have two." Residents of the ward are knowledgeable, motivated, and deeply protective of the place they live. Anyone in local government who crosses them takes their political life in their hands. And that's exactly the way it should be.

Local politics is changing:

The last two elections in the City have seen more than 50% turnover among the 100 Common Council members

who serve here. I fully expect the next election in 2021 will see something similar again. The recent by-election in Castle Baynard saw eight people stand for the one seat contested. More people than ever are interested in playing a part in local politics in the City, including more people who don't take the traditional route. That can only be a good thing. Will you stand here in 2021? It would be great for local democracy if you did.

The City Corporation does almost everything:

We all know the City Corporation handles your rubbish collection, repairs roads and collects your council tax. Most of us will be pretty familiar with the City Corporation's role in speaking for the financial services industry. What you might not know is that the City Corporation also decides on the dates for circuses on Hampstead Heath, oversees the import of live animals through Heathrow Airport, and - theoretically at least - can give £150 each year to a "poor, honest, young woman, native of London, aged 16 to 25 who has recently been, or are about to be married." The serious point

in this? All of it is discussed in committees, and written down in minutes. You can read all of it, and attend virtually all the meetings should you wish (and have a great deal of time to do so). A huge number of important issues are decided in committee meetings in the City Corporation, and more scrutiny of it is always good.

We need to hear your views on your City:

The fabric of the City is constantly changing, and that is only going to speed up over the coming years. As residents and workers here, you will be affected, in ways both good and bad. In order to take that into account, your voices need to be heard by the City Corporation. Bank junction pedestrianisation, Museum of London redevelopment, the future merger of Smithfield, Billingsgate and New Spitalfields markets (and particularly what that might mean for the Smithfield area), the Culture Mile... all of these need resident input in order for us to protect the place we live. So get in touch your local representatives using the contact details overleaf, and tell us your views.



Meet your representatives



Annual ward meetings known as *Wardmotes* will be taking place in each of the City's 25 Wards early next year. Electors are invited to attend the meeting in their ward, which provides an opportunity for them to meet their elected representatives (Alderman and Common Councilmen) and raise any issues they have with them. Details of the meetings are shown below and are also on the City of London website. The wardmotes below were confirmed at the time of writing but as arrangements for others are confirmed these will be added to the web link below. If the arrangements for any of the meetings change, updated information will appear on the website.

Invitations to the meetings will also be sent to all electors.

If you have any queries regarding the meeting in your Ward please contact the Electoral Services Office on 0800 587 5537, electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk or cityoflondon.gov.uk/voting.

Aldgate 18 March, Noon

Church Hall, St Katharine Cree,
86 Leadenhall Street EC3A 3DH

Castle Baynard 20 March, 6pm

Shoe Lane Library, Hill House, 1 New Little
Street EC4A 3JR

Cripplegate 20 March, 7 for 7.30pm start

Barber-Surgeons Hall, Monkwell Square
EC2Y 5BL

Bread Street 27 March, Noon

Fidelity International, 25 Cannon Street
EC4M 5TA

Cheap 21 March, Noon

Drawing Room, Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster
Lane EC2V 6BN

Farringdon Within 20 March, 12.30pm

Court Room, Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane
EC4M 7BR

Broad Street 20 March, Noon

David Burbidge Room, Furniture Makers'
Hall, 12 Austin Friars EC2N 2HE

**Coleman Street 26 March, 5.30pm for
5.45pm start**

Drawing Room, Armourers' Hall, 81
Coleman Street EC2R 5BJ

Lime Street 11 March, Noon

Old Library, Lloyd's Building, 1 Lime Street
EC3M 7HA

Candlewick 20 March, Noon

Church of St Clement Eastcheap,
Clement's Lane EC4N 7HB

Cordwainer 20 March, Noon

St Mary Aldermary, Watling Street EC4M
9BW

Portsoken 20 March, 6pm

Learning Centre, Artizan Street Library and
Community Centre, 1 Artizan Street E1 7AF

Wage boost for workers

A major increase in the number of workers entitled to the London Living Wage was agreed by the City Corporation in October. It will also encourage other firms to follow suit.

The move was unanimously endorsed by the Policy & Resources Committee. The City Corporation decided to strengthen its own Living Wage policy by paying its own staff and its suppliers' staff the new rate, with immediate effect, when the updated London Living Wage is announced in November each year. This is opposed to paying staff the new rate from April the following year, which is the most common approach taken by employers.

The organisation already ensures its own staff, apprentices and suppliers' staff are paid in line with the Living Wage Foundation's (LWF) accreditation terms and conditions.

And the City Corporation has now agreed that all contract

workers delivering two or more hours work for the organisation will be paid at least the Living Wage – which in London is currently £10.20 per hour.

The City Corporation will also look into sponsoring the LWF to help promote the Living Wage across the Square Mile and wider UK, encouraging more firms to adopt the Living Wage policy.

The move means that the City Corporation has committed to going above and beyond its obligations of being an accredited Living Wage employer to ensure all its workers get fair pay.

The City of London Corporation's charitable funder, City Bridge Trust, was awarded the London Living Wage accreditation by the Living Wage Foundation in recognition of its implementation of the London Living Wage policy across its funding relationships with voluntary organisations.



Have your say on the new Transport Strategy...

For the first time in its almost 1000-year history, the City of London Corporation has developed a long-term Transport Strategy that will set the framework for future investment in the Square Mile's streets.

Under these proposals, the next 25-years of transport investment in the City would see:

Pedestrians as priority:

Planning, infrastructure and safety changes will be developed by first prioritising the needs of people walking, while seeking to minimise any impact on essential traffic.

A congestion charge that's fit for purpose:

We aim to support and champion the next generation in road user charging for Central London as part of a range of measures to proactively seek to reduce motor traffic by 25% by 2030 and 50% by 2044.

Fewer vehicles on City streets:

A street hierarchy is proposed to encourage drivers to use the right street for the right journey. Vehicles that do not have a final destination in the City will be directed away from pedestrian priority areas.

The City as UK pioneers for a zero emission future:

The City of London Corporation would champion Britain's first large scale Zero Emission Zone to cover central London and, in the interim, introduce local zero emission zones covering the Eastern City Cluster and Barbican and Golden Lane.



Vision Zero achieved at 15mph:

The introduction of a City-wide 15mph speed limit, subject to approval by the Department for Transport, aims to reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions as we strive to eliminate death and serious injury from our streets.

Consolidation is key:

Deliveries make up a quarter of vehicles on City streets. The aim is to reduce this by 15% by 2030 with off-site consolidation, timed access and loading restrictions.

The Strategy includes further proposals which address accessibility issues for those with mobility needs, on street security, improving the cycling experience, transformative public realm principles, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and emerging technology.

For background on the Strategy and find out about drop-in sessions, visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/transportstrategy To view the proposals and provide your comments, visit www.citystreets.london before 13 January.

...and on the new Local Plan for the City

The City Corporation is consulting on its draft Local Plan which sets out the future development of the Square Mile.

It looks forward to 2036 and provides guidance on what types of development

and activities are likely to take place and where.

The draft City Plan 2036 can be viewed in City libraries and the Planning Reception Area at Guildhall.

There will also be several events and drop-in sessions with display material and officers in attendance to answer questions.

More information:
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityplan2036
or call 020 7332 1846

Get on the register – final call!

Whether you're a resident or a worker, there's still time to get on our electoral register.

If you're receiving this ward newsletter you're already on the register but you have to re-register each year to stay on. 16 December is the absolute deadline and if you have received registration forms but have not yet registered, they need completing and returning to vote in any elections that might take place in your ward.

More information is available from the Electoral Registration Office (see details opposite).

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY!**

Bank experiment made permanent

The 16-month experimental safety scheme at the Bank junction is now permanent.

The Court of Common Council, the City Corporation's most senior decision-making body, made the final decision in September on the Bank on Safety scheme after months of rigorous scrutiny and consideration by a range of City Corporation committees.

With over 4,200 responses to the consultation, the wide-ranging needs of local road users and other stakeholders were considered along with the operational needs of the Square Mile.

The scheme, first implemented in May 2017 on an experimental basis, restricts vehicle access to Bank junction to buses and cyclists only, Monday to Friday, 7am to 7pm.

The Bank on Safety experimental scheme is part of All Change at Bank, an improvements programme which describes the City Corporation's broader aspirations and long-term proposals for Bank junction.



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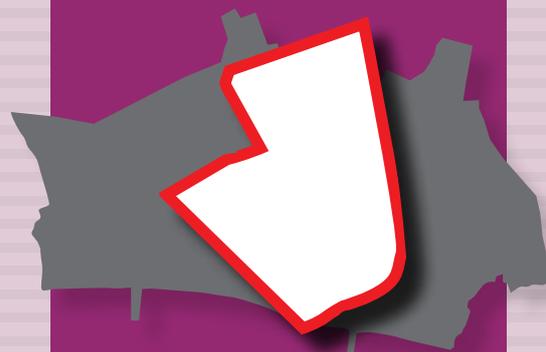
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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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Rough Sleeping

Work to get people off the streets and into proper accommodation goes on year round but as the air turns colder we all want to do everything we can to help. Your councillors have been in the forefront in raising the City Corporation's commitment to action. The budget for services was substantially increased for this year which has allowed a significant increase in assessment hubs and more accommodation for persons who have complex needs. The Community and Children's Services Committee has also established a new sub-committee to bring together all of the City Corporation's efforts. This has already led to improved engagement with the police.

You can help by supporting charities that work with the homeless and contacting StreetLink if you see someone who needs help. StreetLink can be reached:

- by downloading the StreetLink app (on smartphones), or
- by calling 0300 500 0914

The StreetLink app is provided by a national program and is not the most responsive but it does work if you persevere a bit. We are meeting with the Government to seek improvements in this app.