



Vintry

Tom Hoffman elected Chief Commoner of the City

At the October meeting of the Court of Common Council the Aldermen and Common Councilmen of the City elected Tom Hoffman, Common Councilman and Deputy for Vintry Ward, as the City's Chief Commoner for 2019-20. There were three candidates and the election was by secret ballot taken during the meeting of the Court.

The Chief Commoner is, uniquely amongst Commoners' offices, directly elected by the whole Court of Common Council. As such the title is unique amongst Commoners in that it is bestowed by the Court and serves to recognise the distinguished contribution the office holder has made to the City Corporation over a period of years.

The Chief Commoner is the foremost representative of the Commoners in the Court of Common Council.

In protocol terms he is the primus inter pares amongst the 100 Common Councilmen of the City, being a civic leader for the Commoners and indeed, as part of the Civic Team, for the whole City. The Chief Commoner is expected to support engagements that are linked to promoting the objectives of the City's



Corporate Plan. There is an array of custom and practice that accompanies the role of Chief Commoner, particularly due to the City's heritage and connections. He is expected to use his position to stimulate community pride, encourage business or social investment, and promote the voluntary sector.

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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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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Tackling rough sleeping in the City

What can we do when we come across someone sleeping rough in Vintry Ward or in any other part of the City?

As we go about our business by day and when we leave our offices in Vintry Ward to return to our homes at night, we all encounter rough sleepers on the streets of the City. With the colder weather of autumn and winter, rough sleepers face increasing health risks.

The City of London Corporation works year-round on getting rough sleepers into accommodation. Our commissioned outreach service is on the streets looking out for rough sleepers every day, all weeks to offer emergency accommodation. In its latest initiative to tackle this problem, the City of London Corporation has committed to an increase of almost half a million pounds in funding to help tackle homelessness across the City. This will support new services including specialist accommodation and

support services. It aims to reduce long term rough sleeping and ensure that those who arrive new to our streets spend no more than one night out. A range of new services will help the outreach team, led by St Mungo's, to deal with rough sleepers who require specialist professional intervention

If you come across someone sleeping rough, you can make a quick and easy referral to StreetLink: www.streetlink.org.uk or you can call the 24-hour helpline on 0300 500 0914 (If there is no one available to take your call you can leave a message).

If the person needs urgent medical assistance always call emergency services on 999.

However, begging doesn't always mean someone is rough sleeping. Giving money to someone sleeping rough can have dangerous consequences. It is therefore better to donate to registered charities such as St Mungo's or StreetLink.

