



Bridge



Rough Sleeping

Your Ward Councillors organised a lunch time briefing in February, kindly hosted by RSA at 20 Fenchurch street. The event was attended by around 40 people who were keen to know more about the issue and what the City of London Corporation is doing to help, so Rough Sleeping coordinator Simon Young came along to explain. 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. If you see someone sleeping rough and you think they are suffering the effects of exposure to cold weather, please contact emergency services on 999.

Trends related to levels

In the past two years, rough sleeping has been increasing in London generally, a trend we have seen reflected in the Square Mile. Last winter we saw the highest levels of rough sleeping yet recorded, however, the latest data indicates this trend has been arrested.

Developments within the cohort

Rough Sleepers met by our outreach team fall into one of three categories; new rough sleepers, rough sleepers who have been on the streets for a long time and rough sleepers that have been seen, left the streets, and returned several times. Those assessed by the outreach team this year demonstrate an increasing trend for complex support needs. Individuals with mental health and multiple, complex needs continue to make up the largest proportions of rough sleepers. To ensure we are meeting the needs of individuals in complex situations, we are increasing the capacity of our commissioned services – both in terms of accommodation and outreach. We are also reviewing our commissioning policy to ensure we can meet future demands.

New initiatives and Covid-19

As Covid-19 took hold we committed to bringing all rough sleepers met in the City of London into a safe space. We worked with the Youth Hostel Association (YHA) and Providence Row Housing Association (PRHA) to open an assessment service. PRHA provide 24/7 support at the site alongside specialist providers to ensure the health and wellbeing of those placed in the service.

We also secured Hotel rooms to ensure that individuals could be supported away from the street immediately with a floating support service to provide emergency



**Simon Young (top)
and Keith Bottomley at
RSA, 20 Fenchurch St**

accommodation specific to their support needs and presentation. The GLA additionally operated specific sites for individuals presenting with the symptoms of C19.

For some long term, street attached, rough sleepers the fear of entering accommodation still outweighed the fear of contracting covid 19. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of these individuals, and to help influence their thinking around accommodation, we extended the pilot project we had initiated with Doctors of the World. Rough sleepers were met by a nurse and General Practitioner on the street which led to an increased level of specialist triaging for covid 19 symptoms, along with longer term welfare management.

In for Good

For every individual brought into accommodation during the C19 crisis we are committed to ensuring that there is no return to the streets. This is part of our commitment to the 'in for good' principle in which it is agreed that once someone is brought inside, even if this is an emergency measure, they should not have to face rough sleeping again.

We are working with partners to bring forward the delivery of new accommodation which has funding approved and meanwhile an extension to the assessment service based at the YHA until early 2021 has been agreed. The floating support measure has also been extended.

It is our aim that this service extends to offer support to individuals as they move away from emergency accommodation and into independent accommodation, predominantly through the Private Rented Sector with support to develop skills to maintain positive wellbeing and independent management of their accommodation and so helped to thrive and do not find themselves in a position of having to rough sleep again.



If you come across someone sleeping rough, you can make a quick and easy referral to StreetLink: www.streetlink.org.uk

Call the 24-hour national helpline on 0300 500 0914

(If there is no one available to take your call, you'll be able to leave a message. StreetLink will respond at the earliest opportunity).

Download the StreetLink app (available for Apple and Android devices)

Major City projects continue despite COVID-19

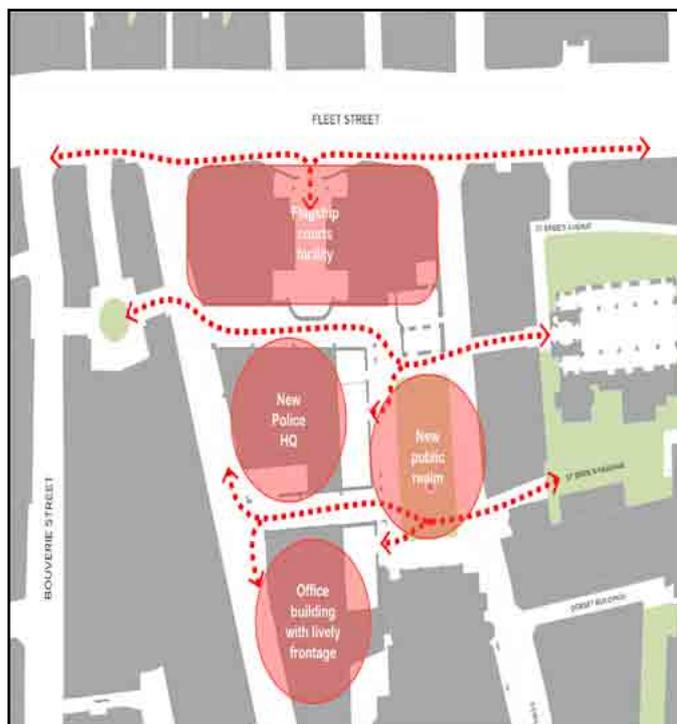
Over the summer the City of London Corporation launched an initial consultation on its plans for a new combined court and police complex on Fleet Street.

The proposals would see a flagship 18 courtroom facility for HM Courts and Tribunal Service and a new state-of-the-art headquarters for the City of London Police, along with a commercial development of offices and retail.

The new court facility, with its main entrance on Fleet Street, will create a high-quality civic frontage on this historic and important London thoroughfare. It will house significantly improved facilities for users and staff.

The City of London Police will be provided with a headquarters to support modern policing in its local and national remit and is being designed in close consultation with officers and staff.

A commercial building is planned for the rear of the site providing office accommodation and space for retail at ground floor level, creating a vibrant street scene on the route down towards the river.



Further consultation is expected to be carried out this autumn before a planning application is submitted in late 2020. You can keep up to date with the latest developments on the project website www.fleetstreetestate.co.uk

Also during the summer, the City Corporation asked for feedback on the initial concepts to re-imagine the Grade II* listed East and West Smithfield buildings and the Grade II Rotunda, should the meat market relocate. The east and west buildings are currently home to Smithfield meat market which the City Corporation has submitted an outline planning application to co-locate alongside Billingsgate and New Spitalfields markets to a new site in Dagenham Dock. Parliamentary approval is required to move the three markets and a further iteration of the Smithfield concept designs will support this process.

More information
www.wholesalemarkets.co.uk/smithfield

Register to vote in City elections

If you're a City worker, you may spend more time in the office than you do at home... so why not have the same say on services in the Square Mile as you have where you live?

Staff in City businesses and organisations can join residents and vote in the City of London Corporation's elections.

The City is unique in residents and workers being able to register to vote for local ward councillors.

This means they can have a voice on areas including air quality, cycling, personal security, green spaces, commuting and transport.

As far as possible, the appointed voters should reflect the diversity of the organisation's employees. This includes gender, ethnicity and seniority. The right to be appointed as a voter is open to staff at all levels – from chief executive to entry-level employees and even regular contractors –

so that the voters are truly representative of the whole City.

The City Corporation has sent registration forms to all eligible organisations. If you want to find out if your company has a named contact to help you register to vote, please get in touch on 0800 587 5537 or electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/workervote



Have your say on City landmarks



People are being asked to give their views on statues, street and building names and other landmarks in the City of London with historic links to slavery and racism in all its forms.

The City of London Corporation has launched a three-month consultative exercise asking people which landmarks they think are a problem and what action they would like to see taken.

The survey is being promoted by the City Corporation's Tackling Racism Taskforce, set up in June with the aim of considering what action the organisation can take to tackle racism in all its forms.

It comes as organisations across London and the UK review the cultural legacy of slavery and colonialism in the light of the Black Lives Matter movement.

People can take part in the consultative exercise, which runs until Tuesday, 24 November, online at cityoflondon.gov.uk/historiclandmarksconsultation or by writing to: Tackling Racism Taskforce, City of London Corporation, Guildhall, PO Box 270, London EC2P 2EJ

New mental health centre opens

A new counselling and psychotherapy centre for workers and residents in the City of London and neighbouring boroughs is due to open in October,



Supported by the City of London Corporation, the City Wellbeing Centre will provide access to both longer and shorter-term talking therapies not easily available through the NHS in recent years. The charity, Tavistock Relationships, has been commissioned to provide a range of services from the centre.

As a non-profit making organization, Tavistock Relationship will look to make its services accessible to all, by providing therapy on the basis of what individuals and couples can afford and, in this way, it will play an important part in tackling health inequalities within the City.

Located at 75-77 Middlesex Street E1 7DA, the Centre will provide a range of counselling and psychotherapy services to individuals, couples and groups with mental health concerns and relationship difficulties.

www.citywellbeingcentre.org

Call for firms to enter environmental awards

City firms cutting back on single-use plastics and committing to improve London's air quality are being urged to enter London's top environmental gongs.

The City Corporation, which runs the Clean City Awards, wants to hear from firms of all sizes and sectors across the Square Mile.

The scheme, now in its 26th year, rewards businesses leading the way in improving environmental performance – be it by reducing their plastic use, taking action to cut their carbon emissions or just going that extra mile to be more environmentally friendly.

There are four award categories:

- Resource and Circular Economy
- Plastic Free City
- Air Quality and Climate Action
- Communication and Engagement

There is also a chance to apply for and win the Chairman's Cup, which looks at organisation's environmental and sustainability performance, and behaviour change during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Applications are open until 16 October 2020.

To sign up, apply and find out more information please visit www.ccaslondon.co.uk



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Court of Aldermen
Court of Common Council
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Board of Governors of the City of London School
Capital Buildings Committee
Court of Common Council
Establishment Committee
Finance & Estates Sub-Committee of the Board of
Governors of the City of London School
Digital Services Sub (Finance) Committee
Gresham (City Side) Committee
Licensing Committee; Licensing (Hearing) Sub Committee
Local Plans Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee
Performance and Resource Management Sub
Planning and Transportation Committee
Police Authority Board; Policy and Resources Committee
Port Health & Environmental Services Committee (Chairman)
Projects Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee (Chairman)
Public Relations and Economic Development Sub
(Policy & Resources) Committee
Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee
Senior Remuneration Sub-Committee; Standards Appeals
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of London School for Girls (Ex-Officio Member); Bursary Committee
of the Board of Governors of the City of London School; Court of
Common Council; Digital Services Sub (Finance) Committee
Finance & Estates Committee of the Board of Governors of the
City of London School (Chairman); Finance Committee; Financial
Investment Board; Governance Committee of the Board of
Governors of the City of London School; Investment Committee

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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.

COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

Working from home versus living at work

The ability to work remotely has been welcomed by many, in particular the abandonment of a difficult and expensive commute. For some this has brought welcome flexibility and increases in productivity. Yet, I hear of others who function better in a formal office environment who have been keen to find some normality in a more traditional work routine. There is perhaps no right or wrong in this. But I have been re-energised and inspired by the return to the office of the Augmentum team, some of whom have found creative ways of getting to the office while there remains concern over public transport.

I worry about the erosion of company culture, the off-the-cuff conversations which often generate insight, humour or simply keep the wider team updated on what else is going on across the business.

Someone told me yesterday they are no longer working from home but living at work. We must be conscious of the dangers of isolation and the impact that can have on mental and physical health.

I have marvelled at the resilience of so many shopkeepers doing whatever they can to keep their businesses afloat, but many are reliant on office. The City of London and surrounding areas are ghost towns currently, and for

those shops that are open, many are seeing takings of 15% of their normal levels. SMEs are the lifeblood of our economy and if they fail, then who will support our businesses and our work forces when eventually we return to some form of full-time office working.

We cannot continue to operate as we have been these past few months. Of course, there is risk, and we must do whatever we can to ensure our workplaces are safe and secure. We must also respect those that will find the return to the office too difficult or have compelling reasons to continue to operate from home.

There are compromises that will need to be made, but overall we must do whatever we can to transition to a hybrid working culture, taking all the positive learnings from the past few months alongside the benefits of returning to an office environment.

I hope that businesses will prioritise and support the return to the office for those that are able to do so, while ensuring we do whatever we can to create as safe an office environment as possible. At the same time, it is important that everyone who can support local businesses before our streets become permanent ghost towns.

Tim Levene