



Bassishaw

Climate Action in the City

Councilman Robert Merrett reports on positive action impacting our Ward



I have been very pleased to support the City of London Corporation's Climate Action Strategy. The commitments include:

- Net zero emissions across the City Corporation operations by 2027;
- Supporting the achievement of net zero for the Square Mile by 2040;
- Investing £68m over the next six years to support these goals, of which £15m is dedicated to preparing the Square Mile for extreme weather events.

Each of the Committees that I sit on has been integral to this. For example, on the Financial Investment Board, we have held numerous discussions ahead of approving the plans for achieving a new 2040 net zero target for the combined £3bn investment portfolio. Importantly, this includes an initial commitment to reduce the emissions intensity by 24% by 2025. On the Procurement Committee, we are actively engaging with our key suppliers to ensure we obtain reductions in emissions in our supply chain. And through the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee, we have been actively pursuing improved air quality through cleaner vehicles and more space for walking and cycling.

There is information available to help everyone in our Ward:

- **Heart of the City for SMEs**
www.theheartofthecity.com
The City Corporation has partnered with the Heart of the City to provide free, tailored support for SMEs in the Square Mile. The website provides details on a year-long course supporting businesses to take positive action against the climate crisis in four steps and resulting in a plan to reach net zero.
- **Business in the Ward**
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/environmental-health/climate-action/climate-action-strategy
The City Corporation's Climate Action Website provides a handy 'what you can do' guide for businesses and the Clean City Awards Scheme celebrates and recognises the efforts of businesses on climate and sustainability.

- **Livery Climate Action Group**
www.liverycag.org.uk

This website provides practical guidance, including assessing your carbon footprint, simple and effective actions to cut emissions and increase green spaces for carbon capture and biodiversity, reviewing food choices for local sourcing, and good ESG practice for charity investment portfolios.

Please send us details of your plans for climate action or tell us how you would like the City Corporation to assist you. We look forward to your ongoing input and support on such an important topic.

Season's Greetings



Your elected Members wish all the residents and workers in the Ward a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

COVID-19 Booster and Flu Vaccines



The number of cases of COVID-19 in London is rising. But the COVID-19 booster programme can make a real difference. Boosters are available to those 50 years old or older, people who work in health or social care or younger people who have a long-term health condition. The jab boosts waning immunity for those most at risk over the winter period. More than eight million people in the UK have already received their COVID-19 booster vaccine. People will be invited by the NHS when it's their turn. If you have not been contacted within a week of reaching six months since your second vaccine you can call 119 or book online or visit various walk-in sites across London.

Flu is another virus that can be serious. To give people the best

protection over winter, those over 50 years old, and people who have a long-term health condition or are pregnant are eligible for a free flu vaccine and should book an appointment at either their GP practice or their local pharmacy.

The offer of a first and second COVID-19 vaccine remains open to anyone who is eligible, including children aged 12 to 15 years old.

Some of the new variants of concern spread more quickly. This means it is even more important to get both doses of the vaccine or just one dose for those aged between 12 and 17 years old.

www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations

Free cycle services on offer



The City of London Corporation is calling on residents and workers to take advantage of free cycle services as the Square Mile's buzz returns.

Throughout the pandemic, many people across England took to two wheels as the benefits of fresh air and sustainable travel became even more evident during the months of lockdown.

TfL revealed that cycling levels during the coronavirus pandemic were boosted from 21 per cent of Londoners in 2019/20 to 27 per cent in 2020/21.

Those who live, work or study in the City of London are eligible to receive free cycle training from expert instructors who will tailor the session to the rider's ability – from first-time riders to regular cyclists looking to improve confidence.

Since August last year, a total of 218 adult cycle skills sessions have been undertaken by Pedal Me and Cycle Confident in the City of London. In addition, two Square Mile schools have benefited from school cycle training sessions.

More on the Cycle Confident free training: cycleconfident.com/sponsors/city-of-london/; **the Pedal Me business cargo bike rider training:** pedalme.co.uk/training/

Meet your candidates

By the time you receive this newsletter the deadline for registering to vote in next year's City elections will almost be due – 16 December.

If you are registered you will be able to vote for the City's Common Councillors in March 2022. These elections are held by 'first past the post' and you will have the same number of votes as councillors you are electing, eg three votes in a three-member ward. If there is a vacancy for an Alderman in your ward next year, you will also have one vote in that election.

You will also be invited to attend your ward's Wardmote, a meeting similar to a hustings, the day before the election, 23 March 2022. This will give you the opportunity to meet your candidates and ask them questions. You will be able to vote in your allocated polling station on polling day, 24 March 2022. As with any other election, you can request a postal vote without needing a reason. If you think you might be away from the City or busy on Election Day, you might want to arrange a postal vote that goes to your home or work address. Postal votes are usually dispatched 10 working days before polling day.

Updated information on the wardmotes, their timing and location 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 speakforthecity.com



WORK OR LIVE IN THE CITY?

REGISTER TO VOTE BY 16TH DECEMBER

www.speakforthecity.com

 **SPEAK FOR THE CITY**



The City of London Corporation has mounted a new campaign to support retail, leisure and hospitality businesses as well as cultural attractions by encouraging people back into the Square Mile for work and play.

The "Square Smile" campaign is designed to raise awareness of the benefits of returning to the City and face-to-face interaction as firms increasingly give their staff more flexibility on where they locate through hybrid working. It showcases the City's vibrant offer – ranging from world-class culture, heritage, cuisine, entertainment, retail, architecture and much more.

The campaign – which runs until the beginning of 2022 – targets hybrid workers as well as those who have fully returned to their workplace. The campaign seeks to remind them of all the things they missed during the pandemic, including socialising and enjoying the City's culture and entertainment. Whether it be collaborating with teammates, going for a spontaneous lunch or having the opportunity to go for after work drinks, the City can help to bring people together.

cityoflondon.gov.uk/squaresmile

ASK FOR ANGELA

By telling customers that they can 'Ask for Angela' we're giving them a discreet code word that they can give to staff if they feel unsafe or threatened.

The City of London Police, City of London Corporation and Metropolitan Police Service are working in partnership with Safer Sounds, who are part of the Safer Business Network, and licensed venues to help keep people safe while in the City of London.

The 'Ask for Angela' initiative is being rolled out to bars, clubs and other licensed businesses across the whole of London, including in the City of London. The scheme aims to reduce sexual violence and vulnerability by providing customers with a phrase they can use to get the attention of staff if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable. Staff can help by reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or the police.

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Many of the City's bars, clubs and other licensed businesses are getting busier and will continue to do so in the lead up to Christmas. For many people, this could be the first time they have been to a licensed premises during the festive period in two years, due to the pandemic.



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Who We Are



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Committee Appointments:
Court of Common Council
Court of Aldermen
General Purposes Committee of Aldermen
Policy and Resources Committee
Public Relations Sub Committee
Member Development Steering Group
Bridewell Royal Hospital
Capital Buildings Committee
City of London Police Authority Board
Economic Crime Committee of the CLPAB
Resource, Risk and Estates of the CLPAB
Strategic Planning & Performance of the CLPAB



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Committee Appointments:
Court of Common Council
Finance Committee
Procurement Sub (Finance) Committee
Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis
Markets Committee
Port Health & Environmental Services
Investment Committee
Financial Investment Board
Property Investment Board
City of London School



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Committee Appointments:
Court of Common Council
Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee
Planning and Transportation Committee
Community & Children's Services Committee

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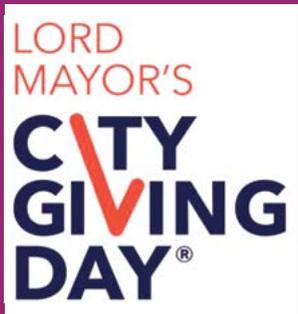
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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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

Lord Mayor's Appeal



We want to thank all those in our Ward who continue to contribute to the charitable events organised by the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

City Giving Day in September was supported by a large number of firms in our Ward and makes a very valuable contribution to the Appeal.

The Livery Companies play a valuable part in this. For example, this year the Master of the Worshipful Company of International Bankers handed over a cheque for £2,000 to the Lord Mayor in Guildhall Yard at the start of City Giving Day on 21st September. In the picture are the Master, Robert Merrett, Lord Mayor of London, Alderman William Russell, and the Clerk, Nicholas Westgarth.

Further details on all the events during the year can be found at www.thelordmayorsappeal.org

