



# Bridge



## Bridge Ward Common Council by-election



Thursday 3rd November marked the culmination of many months of campaigning for the five candidates in the Bridge Ward Common Council by-election. The closeness of the election result reflected the difficult choice that all electors faced. I'm proud to have been elected as the newest Common Councillor for Bridge Ward, and I'd like to thank you for placing your trust in me. I will work tirelessly to repay that trust during my time in office.

During this campaign it has been a real pleasure to meet so many electors. I've enjoyed discovering some of the great work done by people in the ward, from engineering eco-friendly steel plants, improving access to finance for under-served customers, to insuring the world's

assets. Examples like these have been a reminder of the diversity of the City and the value which we in this ward add to the UK and the world.

It has been valuable to hear people's concerns about the City. I have heard from a number of people about the issues, whether air pollution or traffic, caused by TfL's roads in the ward; about the number of unoccupied buildings reducing the flow of people back to the ward; and the various ways in which landlords have responded well (or poorly) to the pandemic, especially for small businesses. There's also been a lot of interest, especially from residents, in the availability of green open space. On that front I'm really pleased that, thanks to the work of the existing councillors, we have agreement to create some new public space by the river as part of the refurbishment of Adelaide House but there is always more to do to make the ward as attractive as possible.

I've also been enthused by the eagerness of many people to engage more with the ward. In particular, I recommend the ward's social club, Bridge Ward Club ([www.bridgewardclub.org.uk](http://www.bridgewardclub.org.uk)). It is there to serve you - please do consider joining and let the committee know what you would like from the club. The next event coming up is the carol service in St Magnus the Martyr church on Thursday 1st December. Membership is open to all, whether or not you're a registered elector.

I look forward to joining Alderman Tim Levene and Deputy Keith Bottomley in representing this ward and serving you. Please feel free to get in touch with us about ward issues, or if you'd like to understand more about the work that we do and how we can help you.

**Hugh Selka**

## Our Ward Police Officer



I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I have just taken over as the Dedicated Ward Officer for the Monument Cluster. My main aim is to be a visible presence and to deter crime and anti-social behaviour.

Domestic violence and abuse is also a nationwide and force priority and in time I intend to hold help and support drop in centres.

I will also be working with the corporation to tackle rough sleeping/ begging and issues that surround the night time economy.

There has been a recent rise in thefts in the area. Including bags/ laptops in licenced premises and "phone snatches" where phones are snatched from hands usually by people on bikes. A polite reminder to always keep your bags with you when in pubs etc and to be aware of your surroundings when walking with phones in hand.

Please contact me with any issues you have, and I will address them. In time I will be able to offer bike markings at offices to help prevent bicycle theft. If that is something you would be interested in please email me.

Kind Regards

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# Construction begins on justice and policing hub

The City of London Corporation, the Ministry of Justice and the City of London Police have celebrated the start of construction on a 45,785 sqm civic scheme to boost the justice system's work to crack down on fraud.

Funded and delivered by the City Corporation, the Salisbury Square Development on Fleet Street will house the City of London Law Courts and a state-of-the-art headquarters for the City of London Police and is due to be completed in 2026.

With 18 courtrooms, the City of London Law Courts will combine magistrates, civil and crown courts in one flagship facility. The courts will harness new technology and modern ways of working to try economic crime cases.

As the lead force investigating cyber and economic crime nationally, the new headquarters will equip the City of London Police with the tools needed to face the challenges of 21st century policing.

Home to 2,500 jobs – 400 of which will be newly created – the scheme will generate an estimated £51m in productivity benefits (Gross Value Added) per year.



## Worried about the cost of living?



Get support from City Advice – the City of London Corporation's specialist, independent service that provides guidance to those who live and work in the Square Mile.

You can speak the team and get free, impartial and confidential advice on welfare benefits, debt and money, housing support, employment rights and more.

**Call 020 7392 2919;**  
**Text 07432 658 083;**  
**email [city.advice@toynbeehall.org.uk](mailto:city.advice@toynbeehall.org.uk);**  
**or visit**  
**[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityadvice](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityadvice)**

**For more information on this and other sources of help visit:**  
**[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/costofliving)**

## Green light for refurbishment plan

The City Corporation has resolved to approve the refurbishment and extension of Cripplegate House, which will create 15,471 square metres of high-quality, Grade A flexible office floorspace together with a new community and cultural space.

The refurbished and extended building at 1 Golden Lane – proposed by Castleforge – will add an extra 2,485 square metres of space to the existing site to meet continuing strong demand from occupiers in the Square Mile.

The scheme will form part of Culture Mile, with the community

and cultural space at ground level set to be combined with new public artwork and murals around the site. This will be accompanied with other public realm and lighting enhancements around the site.

It will be designed to high sustainability standards, incorporating a significant element of integrated urban greening, climate resilience and energy efficiency. The scheme targets BREEAM 'Outstanding' and adopts Circular Economy principles. A total of 222 long stay and 14 new short-stay cycle parking spaces will be provided to encourage active travel.



## On the ball

Portraits of the Euro 2020 England men's football squad and its manager, Gareth Southgate, are being shown at the City Corporation's Guildhall Art Gallery.

From Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham to Bukayo Saka and Raheem Sterling, the free exhibition, 'This is England', features

the most successful men's national team since the winners of the World Cup in 1966, after reaching the final of Euro 2020.

Artist Matt Small's paintings, which are on loan from Moniker Foundation and managed by JG Contemporary, will be on display in the Temple Room at the gallery.

The artworks celebrate the diversity of what it means to be English today and recognises the players' superb teamwork and admirable stance on equality, inclusivity, and racial injustice.

## Don't lose your vote



City of London elections are your way to help shape the future of the Square Mile. Unlike elsewhere, both workers and residents can vote and you must re-confirm your registration each year. If you are a City worker, you can request a vote at your organisation at [www.speakforthecity.com](http://www.speakforthecity.com)

Voter registration forms must be received by 16th December. If you would like to receive this by email or have any questions, please contact [electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

While the next election for all Common

Councillors will not be held until 2025, elections for Aldermen and by-elections may be held at any time. If you are passionate about the City and are interested in standing for election in the future, please find out more at [www.speakforthecity.com/stand](http://www.speakforthecity.com/stand)

## Statement of community involvement

The City Corporation is to ask people for their views on a new Statement of Community Involvement setting out how engagement and consultation will take place with the Square Mile's communities on planning applications and planning policy matters.

The revised Statement of Community Involvement replaces one previously agreed in July 2016. It incorporates consultation and engagement lessons learned during the pandemic, when new and innovative ways to communicate with stakeholders were introduced effectively.

This includes making provision for online and hybrid meetings and consultation events, the use of new presentational techniques such as 3D modelling and the use of QR codes.

These will be utilised alongside more traditional methods to increase engagement in planning matters.

The City Corporation continues to encourage developers to consult with local communities ahead of taking their proposals forward by submitting a formal planning application. To ensure this is done well, draft guidance for developers on the City Corporation's expectations has also been prepared for consultation.

Both the Statement of Community Involvement and the developer engagement guidance will be issued for public consultation then brought back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration and formal approval.



## Who We Are



**Tim Levene Alderman**

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**Committee Appointments:**

Academic & Education Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School (Deputy Chairman), Board of Governors of the City Junior School (Ex-Officio Member), Board of Governors of the City of London Freemen's School (Ex-Officio Member), Chairman Board of Governors of the City of London School, Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls (Ex-Officio Member), Bursary Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School (Chairman), Court of Aldermen, Court of Common Council Deputy Chairman Finance & Estates Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School, Finance Committee General Purposes Committee of Aldermen



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**Committee Appointments:**

Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee Chairman Communications & Corporate Affairs (Policy & Resources) Committee, Chairman Port Health & Environmental Services Committee, Deputy Chairman Board of Governors of the City of London School, Chairman Finance & Estates Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School, Deputy Chairman Governance Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School, Academic & Education Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School Board of Governors of the City Junior School, Bursary Committee of the Board of Governors of the City of London School, Capital Buildings Board, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee, Corporate Services Committee, Court of Common Council, Finance Committee (Ex-Officio Member), Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service Procurement Committee, Freedom Applications Sub Committee, Gresham (City Side) Committee, Operational Property and Projects Sub Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee/Planning Applications Sub-Committee, Reference Sub (Licensing) Committee, Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee, Senior Remuneration Sub-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

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### Destination City

The Golden Key, produced by BAFTA award-winning charity CONEY, was the first major event delivered by the City Corporation on Saturday 15 October under our new Destination City programme. Launched in May, the initiative will transform the Square Mile's leisure offer, creating a leading destination for UK and international visitors, workers, and residents to enjoy.

The event ran from midday to sunset, and featured over 30 independent theatre companies and 200 performers bringing London's stories to life in an extravaganza of fun. St Paul's Cathedral Churchyard, the historic Guildhall Yard, and the London Wall High Walks hosted street festivals, featuring giant puppets, circus performers, contemporary dancers, jugglers, storytellers, and interactive theatre.

And in a dramatic end to the event at sunset, there were three 'fire finales' at each festival, with breathtaking performances, flaming beacons, and a thrilling fire garden.

More events are planned for next year with an overall objective of increasing visitor numbers and spend with the Square Mile's street scene SMEs