



Cheap

Supporting a thriving City



We would like to wish everyone a great Christmas and New Year.

Despite the challenges of covid19 we have achieved a lot in 2021. Throughout the year we have stayed in touch virtually and in person, discussing policing priorities with our dedicated ward police officers, meeting with our local MP Nickie Aiken together with the Ward of Cheap Club and Cheapside Business Alliance, or simply catching up with old and new friends at our annual summer reception.

Robert Hughes-Penney as our Alderman has supported businesses based in the Ward of Cheap and aided the Lord Mayor as ambassador for the City of London's financial and professional services and the growing tech sector.

Alastair Moss as chair of the planning and transportation committee has helped to lead the City's initial response to the pandemic, and our wider blueprint for growth and innovation, as well as the development of an ambitious plan to make the City's streets more

accommodating for pedestrians and cyclists. Nick Bensted-Smith as chair of the City's Financial Investment Board has been instrumental in shaping the City Corporation's net zero commitment for our £3bn investment portfolio.

Tijs Broeke has focussed his work as Common Councillor as deputy chair of the Police Authority Board to keep the City one of the safest financial districts in the world, on education supporting over 7,400 students across London, and on ending homelessness – overseeing support and interventions resulting in a drop by one-third of rough sleepers in the Square Mile.

But as 2021 draws to a close, we as your elected representatives for the Ward of Cheap are firmly looking forward at our commitments to, and priorities for, the City of London in 2022 and beyond. Together we look forward supporting a vibrant City – creating an ecosystem in the Square Mile that thrives as we re-emerge from the pandemic.

Your Ward of Cheap Team

Investing in net zero

At the start of COP26 the City of London Corporation announced a new, ambitious 2040 net zero target for its combined £3bn investment portfolios, setting out a pathway to end the organisation's single largest contribution to global emissions by 2040.

Ward of Cheap Common Councillor Nick Bensted-Smith: *"We firmly believe that preparing our own investment portfolio and encouraging our investment managers towards a climate change transition is not only the right thing to do but it also makes economic sense. These actions are vital if the City of London is to continue to play a leading role on the global stage."*

Decisive short-term action is central to the plan, which sets four explicit targets to be delivered over the next four years to 2025, including:

- Reducing the emissions intensity of the City Corporation's investments by 24%.
- Full compliance by investment managers with a set of 12 climate investor expectations, including default support for climate change shareholder resolutions and a requirement for all investee companies to set science-based decarbonisation targets.
- Adopting an open stance to climate solution investments.
- Dedicated resource for timely delivery of the net zero pathway.

Further details of the City Corporation's commitments can be found in the City of London Corporation inaugural climate-related financial risk disclosure.



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 Aldermen
Court of Common Council
Investment Committee
Finance Committee
Epping Forest and Commons Committee
Financial Investment Board
City of London Reserve Forces & Cadets Association



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Committee Appointments:
Court of Common Council
Planning & Transportation Committee (Chair)
Investment Committee
Property Investment Board
Local Plans Sub-Committee (Chair)
Street and Walkways Sub Committee
Policy and Resources
Cheapside BID lead



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JP, CC**
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Committee Appointments:
Court of Common Council
Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls (Chair)
Economic Crime Board of the Police Committee
Financial Investment Board (Chair)
Finance Committee
Investment Committee (Deputy Chair)
Police Authority Board



Tijs Broeke, CC
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Committee Appointments:
Court of Common Council
Barbican Centre Board (Deputy Chair)
Police Authority Board (Deputy Chair)
Policy and Resources Committee
Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub Committee (Deputy Chair)
Port Health and Environmental Services Committee
Education Board

Check the website for up to date committee allocation.

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We are always happy to talk to businesses, 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 or if there is something we can do to help

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

Creating more space for people walking and cycling

The City of London Corporation has decided that current on-street measures on Old Jewry, Cheapside and King Street should be kept in place as Experimental Traffic Orders. This will allow the City Corporation to test the effectiveness of the measures in creating more space for people walking and cycling as well as provide for more greenery and places to sit.

For Cheapside the formal traffic experiment includes:

- Retaining the current point “no entry” restrictions
- Further enhancement of the temporary public realm (i.e. seating and greenery)

For Old Jewry the formal traffic experiment includes:

- Retaining the bollards that close the street at the Cheapside end
- Creation of a new “green” space in the road at the Cheapside end with plants and seating
- Carriageway to be raised up around Fredericks Place

For King Street the formal traffic experiment includes:

- Retaining the one way working and contra-flow cycle lane
- Widening the footway for pedestrians on the eastern side
- New public realm measures such as plants or trees

The public consultation on the experiments is open and we would encourage people to respond. www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/streets/pedestrian-priority-programme

