

November 2021



# MEMBERS' BRIEFING



# LORD MAYOR

## Lord Mayor's Banquet

The Lord Mayor was delighted to begin his Mayoralty with a return of the Silent Ceremony, the Lord Mayor's Show, and the Lord Mayor's Banquet, and is grateful for the support of Members, City of London Corporation staff and other partners in the planning and delivery of such a memorable start to his term in office. At the Banquet on 16 November in Guildhall – the first in three years - the Lord Mayor was able to welcome the Prime Minister, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Chancellor, each of whom made speeches, together with the late Lord Mayor, Alderman William Russell, who was able to reflect on his historic two-year term.

## TCUK leadership council

On 17 November, the Lord Mayor joined a meeting of the Leadership Council of TheCityUK. The theme was Sustainability and Post-COP26 and included a post-COP26 update from John Glen MP (Economic Secretary to the Treasury and City Minister). The Lord Mayor spoke on his Mayoral theme of "People and Purpose" and plans to make sustainability and green finance central to his year in office.

## LatAm Investor COP26 event

On 17 November, the Lord Mayor spoke to an audience of Latin American business representatives which included 10 Ambassadors from the region. The focus of the event was on green finance and the Lord Mayor was able to reflect on the Green Horizons Summit at COP26 (GHS@COP26) and reinforce the positive messages from that. It was also an opportunity to showcase London's ability to provide green finance solutions for Latin America's energy transition needs.

## Singapore Deference Forum

On 18 November, the Lord Mayor took part in the Singapore Deference Forum. The event took place having been postponed from the late Lord Mayor's ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) virtual visit and was held at the behest of the British High Commission in Singapore and HM Treasury. The objective was to raise awareness of the equivalence mechanism as an additional means of easing the flow of business into the UK or enabling business with UK firms. Using Singapore as a test case for future roundtables, it gave a positive trade promotion set of messages and underlined what is already possible (on-shored equivalence decisions). It also highlighted the list of possible decisions the UK Government could make and explored what other areas beyond this would be of interest to Singaporean firms. The event was a most useful engagement supporting the UK Government and City relationship with Singapore

## Meeting with Ambassador of Slovenia

On 19 November, the Lord Mayor had a courtesy call with the Ambassador of Slovenia picking up on other engagement that she has had with the City Corporation. It enabled the Ambassador to present the priorities of the Slovenian presidency of the EU, which commenced on 1 July 2021. It was also an opportunity to discuss the state of the EU-UK relations and broader Slovenian outlook. The Lord Mayor also took the time to outline the priorities for his Mayoralty as well as to debrief the Ambassador on GHS@COP26.

## Meeting with UK Ambassador to Japan

On 19 November, the Lord Mayor had a meeting with the UK Ambassador to Japan. The Lord Mayor outlined his Mayoral Theme, gave an overview of his role and current engagements with the British Embassy in Tokyo. This included plans for an impending roundtable with the Governor of Tokyo joined by UK and Japanese businesses, and outlined plans for a further event in February. The Lord Mayor also talked of possible objectives for a physical visit to Tokyo in 2022 and took the time to provide a debrief on GHS@COP26.

## World Economic Forum (WEF) - Europe and Eurasia Meeting

On 22 November, as part of a series of high-level meetings en route to the WEF Davos Summit early next year, the Lord Mayor joined this meeting focused on the future of partnership between Africa and Europe. The keynote remarks were from the President of Zambia (whose visit was hosted by the late Lord Mayor in early November), as well as Stefano Sannino (Secretary-General of the European External Action Service of the European Union) and Monique Nsanzabaganwa (Deputy Chair, African Union Commission). The discussion covered the importance of cross-regional cooperation, particularly to achieve key objectives such as the twin green and digital transitions. In September, the European Commission introduced the 'Global Gateway' – an ambitious scheme to finance connectivity infrastructure in emerging markets – which will serve as a key component of the Europe-Africa relationship. With the launch the African Continental Free Trade Agreement in January, Africa is seeking partnerships that support its Agenda 2063 objective of attaining inclusive and sustainable development across the continent over the next 50 years. These twin goals were crystallized into conclusions on how EU and African leaders can mobilize investment through innovative financing.

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# CHIEF COMMONER

## Bring a Hip Flask

It's not often that the Chief Commoner is invited to bring a hip flask to an official engagement, but these were the instructions for the annual memorial service for Submariners. The wreath-laying parade in early November is held in Temple Gardens opposite the Submarine War Memorial, a 1922 Grade 11\* listed structure which is just inside the City boundaries on Victoria Embankment. The memorial commemorates the 136 submarines lost in both world wars, and the City of London is represented because the memorial is in the Square Mile – it is said that Westminster didn't want it because submariners were not then regarded as gentlemen! The flasks, opened on command by everyone on parade, is for a toast to Absent Friends.

The submariners' parade is held on the Sunday before Remembrance Day, and it heralds the start of a busy and moving week which includes the installation of the new Lord Mayor, the Lord Mayor's Procession, and the new Lord Mayor's Banquet. The Chief, representing the Court, plays a role in many of the key moments. The Banquet was a resounding success; it was a momentous message that the City of London is back.



Amid the pomp and ceremony, highlights for me were the reception at Mansion House to say thank you and goodbye to the outgoing Lady Mayoress and lunch for Members and their spouses, partners and guests at Guildhall on Remembrance Sunday. These were truly family occasions reminding us of the many special bonds that give us common purpose.

The lunch was overshadowed by sadness in saying farewell to Karina Dostalova who has had to resign for regulatory reasons to take up a new job; she will be sorely missed. Karina is one of about 20 Members who will not be standing in the elections next March. I am drawing up a list of those not seeking re-election so that we can prepare an appropriate tribute for each of them – hopefully at the last Court before the elections. If anyone has not told me that they are standing down, please let me know in good time, and if the decision is still private, I will of course keep the information confidential.

Can I end please with a gentle plea – be kind and courteous to officers. We don't always appreciate how intimidating we can be, and while most Members deal with officers in an exemplary fashion, just occasionally some come down on them a little on the hard side. It is also timely to remind ourselves that we owe one another the same respect and courtesy that we owe to officers and staff.

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# CHAIR OF POLICY & RESOURCES

## **Green Horizon Summit at COP26 (GHS@COP26)**

The Policy Chair and Deputy Policy Chair undertook an extensive programme at GHS@COP26, which was co-hosted by the City of London Corporation and the Green Finance Institute. Participating in several events organised by both the City Corporation and major financial and professional services organisations, they spoke on subjects such as the regulatory framework around green finance, the redirection of capital towards climate and nature-friendly investments, carbon pricing, insuring the uninsurable, and the role of SMEs and net zero. Events at COP26 also focussed on the role of Cities in reaching net zero. The Deputy Policy Chair spoke on financing regional transition to net zero and met with the UK 100 group of UK civic leaders working towards that transition. The Policy Chair shared a platform with Marvin Rees (Mayor of Bristol), Cllr Georgia Gould (Chair, London Councils) and Helen Whately MP (Exchequer Secretary). Moderated by Greg Clark of the Connected Places Catapult (CPC), the panel discussed the work of the UK Cities Climate Investment Commission. The Commission – a partnership between London Councils, the CPC and Core Cities – produced a [major report](#) which was launched at the event aimed at channelling further public and private investment into net zero infrastructure projects, with cities taking a leadership role. Short video recordings from the session can be found on the [International Institute for Sustainable Development website](#).

## **Whitehall and Industry Group (WIG) Annual Interview**

On 18 November, the Policy Chair hosted the WIG Annual Interview which this year was with Simon Case (Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service) and took place in the Livery Hall at Guildhall. The Policy Chair delivered introductory remarks, highlighting the important partnership between the City Corporation and the WIG, and touched on topics such as the future direction of regulation and partnerships, and green finance and recovery.

## **Centre for Policy Studies Margaret Thatcher Conference on Trade**

On 22 November, the Policy Chair welcomed delegates to Guildhall and delivered opening remarks at the Margaret Thatcher Conference on Trade, alongside Lord Spencer (Chair, Centre for Policy Studies) and Ian Stuart (CEO, HSBC). The Policy Chair also took part in a panel discussion on Trade in Services and also met the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP. The Conference also provided a good opportunity to hear from International Trade Secretary, Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan and Cabinet Office Minister Lord Frost, along with numerous other senior policy makers and business representatives.

## **TradeTech Europe**

On 10 November, the Policy Chair attended the TradeTech Europe Conference and delivered a keynote speech about Brexit and the UK's standing in global financial services markets. Her speech focused on the impact of Brexit on business and employment in the City, looked at the EU barriers for financial trade. She also highlighted the City Corporation's support in strengthening dialogues in key areas including through the International Platform on Sustainable Finance.

## **Engagements with the London Diplomatic Community and Overseas Governments**

Diplomats from Australia, Canada, Chile, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Japan, Latvia, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland and Turkey attended the Lord Mayor's Show on 13 November. The Policy Chair made opening remarks at the Ambassador's lunch she hosts every year and highlighted the close relationship between the City Corporation and London's diplomatic community. The Policy Chair also met with Ambassadors from France and Austria, Irish financial Services Minister Sean Fleming TD and continuing from last month's successful visit to Brussels, the UK Ambassador to the EU Lindsay Croisdale-Appleby.

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# PARLIAMENTARY/GLA

## Central Bank Digital Currencies

The Economic Secretary to the Treasury and City Minister, John Glen MP, gave evidence to the Lords Economic Affairs Committee. Glen said no decision had been taken by the Government on Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs), but that it intended to consult next year on the opportunities and desirability of a CBDC. The consultation would consider issues such as the privacy of transactions and economic crime, and would involve stakeholders such as other Government departments and the Information Commissioner's Office. Any CBDC would be introduced in the second-half of the decade, he added, before noting that demonstrating operational resilience and the resolution of cyber security issues would be core to the safe and credible evolution of a CBDC.

## COP26

Peers reflected on the outcome of the COP26 conference in a debate in the House of Lords. Baroness Young of Old Scone (Lab) praised "deliverables" achieved at the conference including the completion of the Paris rulebook, the expansion of countries signing up to net-zero, and side deals on methane and halting deforestation. Young criticised the lack of progress on the "\$100 billion-per-year funding commitment" agreed at COP15 and a lack of resolution on the "question of compensation for the poorer countries and small island states for the impact of historic emissions emanating from the richer countries." Liberal Democrat Lord Oates spoke of his experience at the finance day at COP, noting that "it was key that there was much greater focus and commitment to greening finance. [...] The announcement ahead of the COP by the Prudential Regulation Authority that it would be reviewing capital requirements to ensure that they adequately factor in climate risk was encouraging, and the European Central Bank also said that it was taking steps in that direction as well. Finance and the role of financial regulation will play an ever-increasingly important role in our battle to address climate change." In summing up, Minister Lord (Zac) Goldsmith of Richmond Park praised new and increased commitments from both public and private finance "to provide scaled-up finance to support developing countries to take climate action and to align trillions of dollars of finance with a net-zero, resilient future. Over 450 private financial institutions, responsible for over \$130tn in assets, have committed to net zero by 2050 through the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero."

## Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill

The work of the City of London Corporation's animal welfare team was noted by David Bowles, head of public affairs at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), as he gave evidence to the Public Bill Committee. Asked what the Government would need to provide "to allow local authorities to be able to enforce the licensing part of keeping primates as pets," Bowles felt that training was an issue. He told the Committee, "There are a number of very good training courses out there for local authority staff, but there are also some very poor training courses" whose trainees would "not have the same competence as somebody who has been on a course run by, say, the City of London." Bowles warned that the Bill placed additional responsibilities on local authorities, such as "making sure that puppies are imported and sold properly and, if they are sold on the internet, that that licence requirement meets the legislation," without providing extra financial support. Paula Boyden, veterinary director of the Dogs Trust, agreed it was important to provide "the right support for local authorities." She noted suggestions that local authorities might collaborate to form "a central animal welfare inspectorate to undertake the inspections," arguing that, "in effect, that is what we have in the City of London. They are doing this day in, day out, so they have that level of expertise that we need for this."

## London's River Crossings

The London Assembly's Transport Committee has published a report into London's river crossings. Bridge House Estates gave evidence to the Committee at an earlier stage of its inquiry, which was launched in the wake of the long-term closure of Hammersmith Bridge. The report noted the importance of London's river crossings to the life of the capital, but raised concerns over the "complex number" of stakeholders and asset owners involved in governing, managing, maintaining, funding and operating them, as well as the ability of Transport for London to fund maintenance programmes given its financial situation. Its recommendations include a proposal that Transport for London, the Government and impacted boroughs that wish to opt-in should consider contributing to a collective fund for river crossing maintenance, and that London's portion of Vehicle Excise Duty should be devolved to the capital to fund future maintenance work. The report also recommended that asset owners in London should publish an annual report on the condition of river crossings in London, and that a Thames River Crossing Coordination Group be formalised to oversee the maintenance of crossings.

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# COVID-19

## Rapid Testing Business Outreach

Since the end of July, the City's COVID-19 Rapid Testing Business Outreach Team has gone Ward to Ward, visiting small and independent businesses in the hospitality, retail, and close-contact services sectors, providing them with boxes of rapid COVID-19 tests, and signposting to COVID-19 guidance, including through a leaflet, and the Business Healthy website. To date, the team has visited 600 small businesses, providing information alongside the rapid testing kits, including the benefits of their staff regular testing, even when they don't have symptoms of COVID-19. There have been examples locally where frequent testing has helped to identify asymptomatic cases of COVID-19, making people aware they need to self-isolate and thereby helping prevent onward transmission and an outbreak in the workplace. The visits have been well-received, with businesses grateful to be able to access rapid tests easily and distribute them to their staff. In addition, the team have been signposting the City's rapid and PCR testing sites in the Guildhall complex, as well as to COVID-19 pop-up vaccination clinics locally. Alongside being able to share information and capture insights, this outreach has assisted in collecting basic contact details of small City businesses, to assist with engagement. During the summer months, the team also undertaken some on-street outreach with City workers, as well as visits to residential areas including the Portsoken area and Golden Lane Estate, reaching 800 individuals. The team has handed out thousands of boxes of rapid tests to our local community, and will continue the business visits through the festive season. The City of London and Hackney Public Health and Environmental Health teams also delivered a webinar to hospitality, retail, and close-contact service businesses on 15 November, focusing on keeping their staff and customers, safe and healthy in the run-up to the party season.

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## UK Competitiveness

### Green Horizon Summit at COP26

The City of London Corporation with the Green Finance Institute brought together private finance to tackle the major issues in the transition to net zero at the Green Horizon Summit at COP26 (GHS@COP26) in Glasgow. By working with UN Special Envoy for Climate Finance Mark Carney, UK Government, and 26 partner firms and trade bodies from across Financial and Professional Services (F&PS), we:

- Highlighted the progress made on greening finance
- Kickstarted the Financing Green challenge - \$130tn of climate investment
- Provided momentum to global initiatives at COP26 - e.g., Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero, the International Sustainability Standards Board and Integrity Council for Voluntary Carbon Markets.
- Called for a global carbon price and urgent focus on financing nature
- Showed City Corporation and the GFI leading F&PS collaboration and debate.

More than 40 CEOs or Chairs from F&PS participated along with an online audience of 10,000 on the SwapCard platform. Over 200 speakers took part from a diverse range of geographies, sectors, and genders. A key theme throughout GHS@COP26 was the requirement for an effective global Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM). The UK VCM Forum, which the City Corporation provides secretariat for, launched [The Future of Voluntary Carbon Markets](#) and provided a platform for announcements of market initiatives from [ICE](#) and [London Stock Exchange Group](#). The Chancellor of the Exchequer echoed support for the Forum and the announcements. The City of London has been ranked as the world's leading hub for green and sustainable finance. The Green Horizon Summit will remain a key platform for bringing together City and global private finance through the UK COP Presidency in 2022.

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### Investment Opportunities in Decarbonising Indian Industrial Supply Chains

Ahead of COP26, the City Corporation with Cybele Capital Partners LLP launched the report [Investment Opportunities in Decarbonising Indian Industrial Supply Chains](#) to highlight the opportunities for commercial cooperation between Indian and UK firms in facilitating India's decarbonisation.

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### Responsible Business programme

Applications for Heart of the City's Foundations for Responsible Business programme are open to SMEs across the UK. SMEs can get support from responsible business experts in areas such as sustainability, community, diversity and wellbeing and [businesses can apply here](#).

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### The Socio-Economic Diversity Taskforce

The Taskforce are asking employers across UK financial and professional services to send a short survey to their employees, asking them to anonymously share their socio-economic background, level of seniority, and their views on career progression. Gathering this data helps us to understand the full picture, to create the right baseline and ultimately increase socio-economic diversity at senior levels. If your business would like to participate, please email [socio-economicdiversity@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:socio-economicdiversity@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

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## Culture

### Strategic Destination Review

Over the past two months, external consultants Danny Lopez and Kate Keating have been engaging with City stakeholders across visitor, worker and residential communities to develop a renewed vision for the City as a cultural destination. The Review seeks to be ambitious and wide-ranging, prioritising activities and embedding a shared vision for growth through detailed and evidence-based recommendations. It will be presented to the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee in December, and to the Court of Common Council in January, subject to approval.

### Borealis

Guildhall Yard has been chosen to host Borealis – the Greater London Authority's 'hero event' of its Winter Season Let's Do London. The event will drive visitor, resident and worker footfall in the run up to Christmas and deliver vital retail and hospitality spend. Borealis will run from 5-10pm every night in the Yard from 11-22 December. Tickets for this free event are fully booked, but some walk-up places will be available each day.

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## Bridge House Estates (BHE) and City Bridge Trust (CBT)

### BHE Strategic Governance Review

The BHE Strategic Governance Review is nearing completion, playing a key role in driving forward recent developments. This includes progressing the development of a Brand Positioning Statement for the charity, embedding new Member governance changes and seeking further governance changes by way of a Supplemental Royal Charter in consultation with the Privy Council.

### Bridge Activity Update

Following a London Assembly Transport Committee into the management of London's River crossings a public report titled "*London's River Crossings: Bridging the Thames*" was published which makes a number of recommendations about the management and maintenance of the river crossings. BHE will provide a formal response.

### Bridging Divides Strategy - 2021 interim review

CBT continues to implement the recommendations arising from the early 2021 interim review of the Bridging Divides strategy. Most notably:

- The Anchor Partners initiative seeks to develop a long-term, collaborative approach with key civil society organisations to facilitate crucial work tackling inequality.
- Of the nineteen pre-Covid funding strands, eleven are now open, having been reviewed and updated in light of the current context in London, incorporating lessons learnt from the pandemic. Transitional funding support is available to those organisations who would normally seek funds from those strands currently on pause.
- CBT's "Funder Plus" offer, The Bridge Programme, relaunched, which reconnects grant funded organisations with a range of free, non-financial support.
- CBT continues to work with partners on the London Community Response, shaping a further programme of work which builds on the learning of waves one to five in identifying ways to continue collaborating in a non-emergency context. The BHE Grants Committee will receive headlines at the 6 December meeting.

### Philanthropy

The Beacon Collaborative - a strategic initiative funded by CBT hosted its annual strategic conference at Guildhall in late October. The Chair of the BHE Board welcomed attendees followed by a speech by Danny Kruger MP (Parliamentary Private Secretary, Department for Housing, Communities and Levelling Up).

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## Open Spaces

### New carbon-cutting scheme launched in Epping Forest

A 42 acre wildflower meadow was sown recently on Buffer Lands surrounding Epping Forest as a Carbon Removals Project, part of the wider City of London Corporation Climate Action Strategy. The new meadow at Patmore's Field, High Beach, which was previously low-quality arable land, will help remove carbon by locking CO<sub>2</sub> into plant material and through the roots into the soil. In addition to locking atmospheric carbon into the undisturbed soil, it will also boost biodiversity by creating new habitats for a range of species, and improve water storage and soil health. Importantly, this new meadow lies close to other flower-rich grasslands in the Forest, providing greater connectivity for pollinating insects. Work is already underway to identify additional sites for new carbon removal projects on City Corporation land.

## **Freedom of the City of London for Capital Kids Cricket CEO, 11 November**

West Ham Park and its Charity partner, Capital Kids Cricket (CKC) and their supporters were delighted that its CEO, Shahidul Alam (Ratan), was awarded the Freedom of the City in a ceremony at Guildhall. His work has made a huge difference to local communities and schools by improving the physical, social and emotional development of disadvantaged children and young people living in the most deprived areas of London. Mentoring coaches is also one of the key successes of CKC and Ratan, an accomplished cricketer, has played a crucial part in this work since he joined CKC in 2008.

## **Fascinating finds during excavation at Burnham Beeches**

There were some fascinating finds during a recent excavation on the Hillfort at Burnham Beeches. Other than an unexpected section of cast concrete that almost certainly dated back from WWII army activity, Dr Wendy Morrison, from the heritage lottery-funded Beacons of the Past, also discovered a few other interesting finds including two half penny coins dating from 1917 and 1940 and a brass badge, possibly of military origin. A more exciting find came in the shape of a small 'flint flake' of possibly Neolithic origin. Wendy also uncovered pieces of charcoal between the original soil horizon and the bottom of the spoil layer in the bank along with fragments of wattle and daub in the ditch which could be of disused buildings. With the use of carbon dating, hopefully it will help establish the date the Hillfort was constructed.

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## **Improving the Environment**

### **Clean-up operation at this year's Lord Mayor Show**

This year once again saw a successful cleansing operation as part of the Lord Mayor's Show. Over 70 staff and 40 vehicles took part in the sanding and clean-up operation, starting at 6am and finishing the clean up by 5pm to ensure that the roads were thoroughly cleaned and ready to be reopened. Some three days of early morning rehearsals starting at 2am also took place in preparation for the big day. The full-dress rehearsal took place on the Wednesday in which the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Pageantmaster, military and the state coach participated as well.

### **Rewards for recycling – Reverse Vending Machine installed at Broadgate**

As part of European Week of Waste Reduction, the Recycling Team launched the City's first Reverse Vending Machine in the Broadgate quarter, on 20 November, for public use. The 'reverse vending machine' will give City workers, residents and visitors rewards for recycling plastic bottles and aluminium cans. Rewards available so far include discounts at Beany Green's restaurant at Broadgate and at Leon restaurants in the Square Mile.

### **Alternative story of a Christmas Tree installation at Mansion House.**

An alternative Christmas tree is being installed on the balcony of Mansion House. The piece of art - 'An Alternative Story of a Christmas Tree' - has been produced by the Recycling Team and the Cheapside Business Alliance, who commissioned Áinne Burke artist and researcher, to design and produce the tree. The tree is made of waste materials ranging from plastic pellets to disposable gloves to stones and sand. The aim of the installation is to send a reminder of the precious resources used in manufacturing and packaging for all the products consumers buy without perhaps considering where the materials come from, how they are transported and where it ends up.

### **Give and Take Day**

The Recycling Team are hosting another Give and Take Day – this will take place at St Giles Cripplegate Church on the Barbican estate on 22 January. Give and Take Days are an opportunity for residents to give away items they no longer want or need and take things they do for free. The purpose is to encourage everyone to reuse, rather than dispose of unwanted items - perfect for unwanted Christmas presents.

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## **Markets and Consumer Protection**

### **Billingsgate Market Team wins prestigious award**

At the recent National Association of British Markets Authorities annual awards, Billingsgate won Markets Team of the Year. Markets Committee Chairman John Chapman was present to accept the award. The judges acknowledged that:

- whilst markets across the country were closing, Billingsgate was busier than ever, with the team working tirelessly to ensure that thousands of local people could buy fish quickly and safely;
- the market was not closed for a single day and that staff showed remarkable dedication to support the delivery of the service by adapting their roles; and
- increased footfall and social distancing had presented unparalleled challenges for staff in supporting our fish merchants.



The team were further commended, as a result of a decision by Members, for facilitating numerous temporary testing sites for our host borough, Tower Hamlets, in the collaborative response to the pandemic. Judges concluded that the staff at Billingsgate were a credit to the industry in 'keeping the show on the road' for our merchants and their customers.

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## City of London Police Authority Board

### The Police Authority Steps Up its Engagement with Government

The Police Authority continues to raise its profile nationally with key external engagements promoting the work of the City of London Police in its role as national lead Force for tackling fraud. On 25 October, Police Authority Board Chair, Deputy James Thomson, and Assistant Commissioner Angie McLaren presented at an All Party Parliamentary Group meeting on the challenges of policing modern crime. This provided an excellent platform to highlight the role of the City Corporation and CoLP in supporting economic growth and need for the Online Safety Bill to include fraud as a priority harm to ensure the private sector proactively protect the public from fraud. On 27 October, the Lord Mayor hosted a private dinner with Damien Hinds MP (Minister of State for Security and Borders) and leaders from law enforcement and the finance industry. Discussion focused on strengthening collaborative working between the public and private sectors to tackle economic and cyber crime. This engagement follows the Minister's recent attendance as guest speaker at the Police Authority Board Dinner and underlines the keen interest the Government is taking in the City's role in supporting the UK's competitiveness agenda and commitment to tackling economic crime. Latest figures from the England and Wales Crime Survey estimated 5 million fraud offences in the year ending June 2021, a 32% increase compared with the year ending June 2019.

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## Community & Children's Services

### Alcohol Awareness Week

During Alcohol Awareness Week 2021, the Public Health team collaborated with GPs to provide refresher training to recognise alcohol related harm and offer advice. GPs also heard about the new Alcohol Support Service being delivered by the City and Hackney Integrated Recovery Service, which utilises a Specialist Clinical Governance approach, led by the Clinical Services Manager. Key components of this service include: weekly multidisciplinary team meetings; community alcohol detox provision; outreach and home visits for service users needing physical health reviews; Pabrinex (vitamin B1) and abstinence based prescribing; partner agency training; hospital inreach and enhanced continuity of care involving peer mentors; and psychosocial interventions for each stage of treatment. The service incorporates a non-dependent pathway and a dependent pathway.

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### Free Online Newspapers

Barbican and Community Libraries are now able to offer free online newspapers to all of our customers. The service includes a large number of UK newspapers, both national and local publications, as well as newspapers from around the world. You can view the whole newspaper in the original layout, or just individual articles if you prefer, and there are lots of accessibility options including being able to change the font size. The service is provided by PressReader and is accessed via our eLibrary provider Libby, using either the Libby app or [Libby website](#).

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### Sports and Leisure provision for children with Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND)

New funding has been secured to provide free sports and leisure provision for SEND children, young people and parents/carers in the Square Mile and surrounding boroughs. Activities on offer include dedicated SEND swimming lessons, SEND football for ages 7-12 and SEND teen gym for ages 15-25. For more information please email [SCD-CoL@fusion-lifestyle.com](mailto:SCD-CoL@fusion-lifestyle.com)

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### Parkguard Mobile Patrol

The Department of Community and Children's Services has commissioned an expansion of the mobile patrol service delivered by Parkguard Ltd. The expanded service commenced on 28 October and is funded for a period of 12 months with resources from the Proceeds of Crime Act. The service aims to prevent, detect, and deter anti-social behaviour and crime, as well as collect information and intelligence to help services with longer term criminal and civil enforcement action. This pilot supports the City Corporation's commitment, in its local authority role to proactively prevent and tackle anti-social behaviour and crime in every part of the Square Mile.

### Night hubs

The City of London Corporation, City of London police, St John's Ambulance and wider Violence Against

Women and Girls partnership are running Night Hubs in St Botolph's church hall to provide a place of safety for the community within the City of London to visit if they feel threatened, intimidated, need medical attention, or would like to report a crime. The hubs will run from 10pm-5am and are for everyone, but in particular a safe space for women to go if they need help or support during these times. They will start on 26 and 27 November, and run most Thursday to Saturday nights in December.

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## City of London Academies and Schools

### ED-EN HUB Conference

ED-EN HUB is an Erasmus+ project co-financed by the European Union and developed by a consortium made up of 8 institutions from 5 different European countries. This international cooperation alliance will allow the development of tools and methodologies towards the creation of synergies between educational institutions and enterprises. On 28-29 October, The Education Unit welcomed 34 in-person attendees to Guildhall and 41 virtually, via Zoom. Day one of the conference was spent updating on the progress of the project and to discuss potential issues. On Day 2, external stakeholders from various educational institutions and business were invited to provide detailed feedback and review of the work to date. Vital discussions took place from three expert panels covering assessment and skills measurement, education, and enterprise experts.

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### City of London School (CLS)

Pupils from CLS, CLSG, Highbury Grove, Freemans, and City of London Academy Southwark, all took part in a Mock COP26, hosted at City of London School. The pupils represented ten countries involved in the COP26 to discuss and debate the different ways their countries are tackling the climate change crisis. The event began with a presentation from the Chief Climate Officer of the City Corporation, which detailed the City's climate action plan, including the target of Net-Zero emissions by 2040, 10 years ahead of the official UK Government schedule. City of London School took part in this year's Lord Mayor's Show. Representing the square mile's appreciation for education, a group of pupils and staff took to the streets of the City on their 'moving forest' float. The float represented our Environmental, THINK, Afro-Caribbean, and LGBTQ+ societies; a small snapshot into extracurricular learning on offer at CLS. Each society held a floating globe with a logo the pupils designed and the foliage used in the 'moving forest' has been planted in and around the School.

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### City of London Girl's School (CLSG)

The evenings may well be drawing in all too fast, but life at CLSG is anything but dreary. Over the last couple of weeks we have, of course, all been much preoccupied by COP26. Students have been producing regular bulletins to share with the school. You can read some of them [on the CLSG](#). In addition, there was a joint 'mock COP' conference with students from the Boys' school and the City Family of schools. There was a rigorous debate about the different ways we can combat climate change and negotiate the practical steps that each power should take. It proved challenging at times as each nation had different priorities and circumstances. After lots of debate, the evening was declared a success as the students were granted invaluable insight into the response, responsibilities and expectations that different countries currently have in the climate crisis. The musical life of the school has also been back in earnest. This was showcased wonderfully at our Young Musician of the Year 2021 and autumn concert. We were delighted that our choir performed alongside the Boys' school at the Garden of Remembrance Service at St Paul's. We are very much looking forward to our carol service at St Giles on 9 December. After two years in the making, we are delighted that The Tempest is at last having its opening night (more next month!). As a sneak preview, here is a wonderful CLSG documentary - [The Making of the Tempest](#).

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### City of London Freeman's School

At Freeman's, we are exceptionally proud of our students' involvement in sport both inside and outside of School, whatever their ability or particular talent. We are delighted to report a significant Freeman's representation at several external competitive events, in a broad range of sports, from Athletics to Weightlifting. Highlights include Golf, where the U18 boys' team achieved third place overall in the Surrey School's Golf Tournament, one of our Senior School pupils has been selected to play for the U18 England Team, and two have been selected for the U16 Regional Academies. We have representation in the Irish U18 rugby team as well as London Irish Academy. The U13 and U15 girls' hockey team reached the last 16 of the Independent Schools Cup, and we have three Regional Performance Centre representatives. In Netball the U15's were runners up in the district tournament and we currently have one pupil in the U17 Surrey Storm Academy. Freeman's is also represented at County level in Cricket, Cross Country, Swimming, Squash and Shooting, with Sixth Form representation in the National Scout Rifle Squad, and the Southeast Regional Pistol Squad. We have had a pupil represent Turkey in the European Fencing championships and a swimmer in the National Individual Finals, as well as a national weightlifter. Sport continues to feature prominently in

the Freemen's curriculum, with over 300 Freemen's pupils taking part in competitive fixtures against other schools in one weekend alone, and we are proud to support our students, whatever their passion or ability.

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## Gresham College

[Early Protestant Missions to Jews, Muslims and Pagans: A Dangerous Model](#) - Professor Alec Ryrie

**1 December, 6-7pm, attend at Museum of London or watch online live or later. Ticketed, free.**

European Protestant and evangelical Christians did not have to look far to find 'infidels' in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries: as well as the 'pagans' of northern Scandinavia, Jews were scattered across the continent and Muslim powers were all too close. This lecture will consider the repeated, and repeatedly failed attempts to convert these peoples: some naively well-intentioned, some openly violent. Those bitter experiences would become a crucial lens through which Christians viewed global missionary projects, sometimes with unexpected consequences.

[Attacks on Knowledge from Ashurbanipal to Trump](#) - Richard Ovenden

**2 December, 1-2pm, attend at Barnard's Inn Hall or watch online live or later. Ticketed, free.**

This lecture explores the destruction of libraries, archives and other knowledge, from Babylonian times until now, and its implications for society today. What are the motivations for destroying knowledge, and how have libraries and archives responded to these threats? What must we do now that knowledge is digital, and controlled by a small number of very powerful companies?

[Judicial Racism and the Lammy Review](#) - Professor Leslie Thomas

**7 December, 6-7pm, attend at Barnard's Inn Hall or watch online live or later. Ticketed, free.**

Judges, who are typically drawn from privileged backgrounds, wield vast power over the lives of the most marginalised people in society. This lecture will explore the role of judicial racism in perpetuating injustice and inequality in the legal system. The Lammy Review found gross disparities in sentencing for black and white defendants – while also finding no systematic racial bias in juries' decisions to convict or acquit. What should we do about racism in the judiciary and the legal profession?

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## Barbican Centre

**World premiere of Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Up For Grabs***

The world premiere of Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Up For Grabs*, performed by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, celebrated Arsenal's famous victory over Liverpool in 1989 with music and video-footage. It received high-profile pre-coverage in national newspapers and radio, and also less-conventional coverage for a classical concert through BBC One Football Focus and FourFourTwo football magazine. The Times, The Guardian and The Telegraph all awarded the performance ecstatic 5\* reviews. The Financial Times wrote "This new work must have received as much advance publicity as anything in the classical diary this year, and not only in the usual media outlets". Post-concert, football journalist and host of the evening Amy Lawrence and Arsenal legend Lee Dixon posted clips and images to Twitter, generating large amounts of conversation about the event from fans who were there, who watched at home, or who were sad to have missed it - with one user posting "Now that's what I call a Friday night out."

**Barbican Theatre: *Anything Goes* and *Captions Speak Louder***

It was announced that *Anything Goes*, which ended its run in the Barbican Theatre earlier this month, will return to the Barbican Theatre stage in Summer 2022; the musical broke box office records, taking an astonishing £717,000 in one week. The Barbican is also currently presenting an exhibition by Stagertext called *Captions Speak Louder* on the mezzanine level, charting the history of live captioning (the first captioned performance took place on the Barbican Theatre stage 21 years ago). Sky News reported on the exhibition as part of Captioning Awareness Week in November and spoke to actor William Grint from the cast of the Royal Shakespear Company's *The Comedy of Errors*.

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## Guildhall School of Music & Drama

**Strengthening Music in Society conference announced**

Strengthening Music in Society is a conference taking place on 16 December, hosted and convened by the Institute for Social Impact Research in the Performing Arts at Guildhall School in association with Conservatoires UK (CUK), the Association Européenne des Conservatoires, Académies de Musique et Musikhochschulen (AEC) and SEMPRES. Presented by Jess Gillam MBE, award-winning saxophonist, broadcaster and Guildhall School alumna, this will be the first opportunity for those working in the music sector to respond to a major report which aims to bring about positive change in the music sector.

## **Guildhall School's Recording and AV team wins three awards for work during pandemic**

Congratulations to Guildhall School's Recording and AV Team, whose installation of innovative technology during the pandemic – funded by a £350,000 investment enabled by the City of London's Priorities Investment Pot - has won the team three awards at this year's Mondo DR and AV Awards, including Best Performance Venue, Best Education Project, and Best Entertainment/Event Project. Over 250 School performances have been captured so far by the department using a world-class broadcast network and suite, reaching a combined online audience close to half a million. The network allows teaching and performance to be captured from over 50 School spaces.

## **Honorands announced at Guildhall Graduation Day**

Taking place on 5 November in person and via livestream, Guildhall School's Graduation Day saw 370 graduates receive their degrees from the Lord Mayor at a ceremony in Guildhall. Honorary Fellowships were also awarded to longstanding donors Maureen Amar and Richard Jenkins, soul singer Omar Lye-Fook, recent Board member Christina Coker, and production director and costumier Richard Green.

## **Newly discovered musical tributes to Admiral Nelson to be performed by Guildhall School**

A search of the collections of the Museum of London by its librarian during last winter's lockdown has uncovered a collection of songs - some unpublished - celebrating some of Nelson's greatest victories, among the collected papers of his lover, Emma Hamilton. On 11 December, a musical event will bring these forgotten scores to life at the Museum of London Docklands, featuring Guildhall School musicians.

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# **London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)**

## **New LMA Director appointed**

LMA is delighted to announce that Emma Markiewicz has been appointed as its new Director following an extensive recruitment process. Emma joins LMA from The National Archives (TNA), where she is currently Head of Archives Sector Development and is leading on the Government's vision for archives, Archives Unlocked. Previous roles at TNA include Head of Collections and Engagement and Head of Programmes. Emma brings 20 years of experience in cultural heritage to the role and a strong track record of building partnerships in the archival sector. She will join LMA on 14 February 2022.

## **Speed 'Dates': 20 Years of LGBTQ+ History**

This year's LMA LGBTQ conference looks slightly different. Ahead of a bumper year of LGBTQ+ events in 2022 marking our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday, this year we will be reflecting back on the last 19 years forging a path of inclusive LGBTQ+ programming in archives. Spend the afternoon of 4 December speed 'dating' through 20 years of LGBTQ+ history. Streamed live from LMA, hosted by Sean Curran, 19 speakers (including Peter Tatchell, Claire Summerskill, Alan Butler, Dan Glass, Ajamu X and Topher Campbell) will be giving lightning talks, taking us from the 00's to present day, all in just two and a half hours. Book your ticket via the [eventbrite](#).

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# **Guildhall Library**

## **New Donation of Books**

We are delighted to be adding a new donation of books about wine appreciation to the Library of the Institute of Masters of Wine. This collection is not only used by students preparing for the Masters of Wine examination, but also by writers and academics and those who simply wish to widen their knowledge of wine. It must be the finest assembly of wine and wine-related books in the country that is publicly available.

## **Online Events Programme**

Guildhall Library's [online events programme](#) continues to pull in large audiences including talks entitled: Will Power: Dick Whittington's Legacy, 223; How To Be A Lord Mayor, 255; and A Wicked City, 242 and Noel Coward, 259. We will be trialling our first hybrid online and onsite talk: *As Good As Gold* on 6 December, 14.00 GMT. Arts Society Lecturer Alexandra Epps will be exploring the story of gold and its significance and symbolism within the history of art. All our forthcoming events can be [booked online](#) and in December include:

- **Smithfield:** in this online talk Pete Smith will explore how a "smooth field" where horses were sold and tournaments took place became London's biggest meat market, where bodysnatchers traded corpses with surgeons. 9 December, 2pm.
- **Blood, Black Hearts and Booze:** a walk led by Pete Smith round the vicinity of Smithfield Market which has been associated with bloodshed and butchery for a thousand years. Meet at Barbican Tube Station at 11am on 10 December. Tickets £10.
- **Oranges and Lemons:** Online talk on a City nursery rhyme. 15 December, 2pm.

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## In the News

- The Green Horizon Summit at COP26 (organised by the City of London Corporation and the Green Finance Institute) in Glasgow generated a significant amount of media coverage.
- Highlights of the Lord Mayor's coverage included extracts from his keynote speech reported by [City AM](#) and further related coverage in [Evening Standard](#), [Evening Standard \(ii\)](#), [Yahoo News](#) and [Canada Express News](#); his opinion piece in [City AM](#) about the Green Horizon Summit; a live interview on a panel discussion on [CNBC](#) [skip to 1.00', viewable internally].
- Highlights of the Policy Chair's coverage included her comments in a [City AM](#) article on calls for meaningful action on climate change; an interview on the [BBC World Service](#) (skip to 12' 28"); her comments in a front-page article in the [Evening Standard](#) story about City bonuses for senior executives being linked to hitting 'green targets'; her reaction reported by [Reuters](#), [City AM](#), [Daily Mail](#) and many other online outlets to the announcement that the Chancellor wants to make the UK the world's first net-zero financial centre.
- The Lord Mayor's Show generated extensive media coverage - a total of 1,400 online news, broadcast, and print stories. The coverage included a live interview by the BBC1 Lord Mayor's Show TV broadcast of an Extinction Rebellion protester, who criticised the Lord Mayor and the City Corporation. More Lord Mayor's Show coverage including [The Times](#), [BBC Online](#), [Metro](#), [Independent](#) (viewable internally) [Evening Standard](#), [RTE](#), [The Guardian](#), [City Matters](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Observer](#) (viewable internally), [LBC](#) (viewable internally) and [Sky News](#). The Lord Mayor's Show Pageantmaster was interviewed for ITV's [London Tonight](#) (viewable internally) and [BBC London Radio](#) (listenable internally only) ahead of the event. [Good Morning Britain](#) featured Guildhall Yard referencing the Early Morning Rehearsal.
- The Lord Mayor's Banquet at Guildhall also generated extensive media coverage – with over 1,000 online news, broadcast, and print stories. The coverage included Boris Johnson's keynote speech, which was featured in the [FT](#), [City AM](#), [Daily Express](#), [Daily Telegraph](#) (£), [FT](#)(£), [Daily Mail](#), [Inews](#), [Independent](#), [Reuters](#) and [the Guardian](#). The Lord Mayor's speech and his focus on the social component of ESG was reported by [City AM](#) and [The Daily Telegraph](#). (viewable internally).
- A page lead in [The Times](#) (£) featured an interview with the new Lord Mayor. He highlighted his ambition to improving diversity across the City. Further coverage in [The Irish Times](#), the [Irish Post](#) and [Belfast Telegraph](#). [City AM](#), [Sunday Mirror](#), (viewable internally) [City Matters](#), [Irish Sun](#), [Irish Central](#), [Daily Advent](#), [Bloomberg Radio](#) and [Irish Post](#).
- The Lord Mayor was also interviewed live on the [BBC Radio 4 Today](#) programme (skip to 1:20:00). Further coverage in [The Guardian](#), [Daily Mail](#), [BBC London TV](#) [skip to 17:15] and [BBC Good Morning Ulster](#) (skip to 55.06).
- The City Corporation was referenced in coverage of the Secretary of State's decision to reject plans for the "Tulip" tower included [The Daily Telegraph](#) (£), [The Guardian](#), [Mail Online](#), the [Financial Times](#) (£), [Bloomberg](#), [BBC News](#), [BBC Radio Shropshire](#) (listenable internally only), [Yahoo](#), [ITV](#), [Evening Standard](#), [The AJ](#) (£) and [City AM](#).
- [The Guardian](#) reported that the City Corporation has committed to "a radical transformation of culture and behaviours" at the Barbican Centre. Chair of the Barbican Centre Board, Tom Sleigh, was quoted. Further coverage included in [Evening Standard](#), [The Stage](#) (£), [The Times](#) (£), the [Daily Telegraph](#) (£), [City Matters](#), [Arts Professional](#) and [The Stage](#) (ii £). Also in over 150 UK local online articles via Press Association.
- The [Evening Standard](#) reported that drivers are being urged to switch off their engines while stationary, as part of a new campaign led by the City Corporation and Camden Council. Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, Keith Bottomley, was quoted. Further coverage in [City Matters](#), [London News Today](#) and [Highways News](#).
- [Ham & High](#) reported on the announcement that, from January next year, Stefania Horne will become the City Corporation's first female superintendent to manage Hampstead Heath. Also reported by [Camden New Journal](#).
- The Policy Chair was quoted on the front-page of [City AM](#) about the Waterloo and City line returning to a full weekday service. Further coverage in the [Evening Standard](#) and [MSN](#).
- The City Corporation is mentioned in [BBC](#) coverage on the upcoming Borealis installation in Guildhall Yard as part of a larger "winter lights" season across the capital. Chair of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee, Wendy Hyde, is quoted. Further coverage included [Londonist](#).
- The [Financial Times](#) ran a feature on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hampstead Heath Act.

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