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MEMBERS' BRIEFING

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COVID-19

COVID-19 App: new NHS test and trace QR code posters for businesses in the Square Mile

City pubs, restaurants, barbers and museums are being asked to display new QR codes in a bid to control the coronavirus and save lives. The Government is calling on businesses in the Square Mile to take part in the national poster campaign which encourages people to download the new NHS COVID-19 app. Since 24 September some venues in England and Wales have become legally required to display the test and trace posters to make it easier for people to check-in at different premises. This includes:

- hospitality services, including pubs, bars, restaurants and cafés;
- tourism and leisure services, including hotels, museums, cinemas, zoos and theme parks;
- close contact services, including hairdressers, barbershops and tailors.

Venues that need to display the QR code but fail to do so are liable for fines of up to £1,000, which will rise to up to £4,000 for repeat offenders. Places of worship and other venues not legally required to display the QR code, are also being encouraged to take part. The process is simple: when someone enters a venue and scans an NHS QR code poster with their smartphone, the venue information will be logged on their device. The phone will check for other users who have visited at that same time and location and, if the app finds a match with a positive case of COVID-19, users will get an anonymous alert with advice on what to do next. The alert message does not identify the venue - it only tells the user that they have recently been to a place where they may have come into contact with the virus. The app will never access the GPS location, contacts, or any other personal data saved in the smartphones. Businesses will be expected to make sure their customers are aware of the rules around QR codes by displaying posters and speaking to visitors directly. People who do not have the app or a compatible phone will still be required to take part in contact tracing by providing their details using current test and trace methods.

Return to the Workplace

The Policy Chair has been responding to updated government guidance on returning to the workplace following the [Prime Ministers COVID-19 statement](#) to the House of Commons on 22 September. This has received widespread coverage in the media, including in [The Daily Telegraph](#) [£], [The Guardian](#), [Daily Mail](#), [The Sun](#), [People Management](#), [Express Digest](#), [The Times](#) [£], [Financial Times](#)[£], [Financial Times](#) (ii), [Evening Standard](#), and [ITV News](#). The Policy Chair has also appeared in interviews on [BBC News](#)' 1pm bulletin (skip to 14:30), [BBC R4's Today](#) programme and [Channel 4 News](#)' evening bulletin.

Contact [Nathan Rodgers](#)

City & Hackney Local COVID-19 Test & Trace Scheme

The City of London Corporation, like local authorities across England and Wales, has been tasked with setting up a locally-based 'test & trace' scheme to supplement the national programme. A joint test & trace scheme has been set-up with the London Borough of Hackney with whom we share a Director of Public Health. The initial focus is to contact confirmed cases that the national system has been unable to follow up. Successfully followed up cases will also be contacted to ensure they are able to self-isolate and check if they have any welfare support needs. In Hackney, the contact tracing will be done through their Contact Centre and in the City, where far fewer cases are anticipated, it will be carried out by Environmental Health Officers in the Department of Markets and Consumer Protection. These officers are already trained in contacting and interviewing infectious disease cases. If necessary, officers will draw on other 'citizen' data held, such as council tax, tenancy and benefits records, to make contact. Contact will be made by telephone but if that does not succeed, and it is felt appropriate, visits will be made to pass on advice and information on self-isolation and other relevant matters.

Contact [Chris Lovitt](#)

Pilot COVID-Compliant Accreditation Scheme

The City Corporation launched a pilot [COVID-Compliant Accreditation Scheme](#) on 14 September in partnership with Southwark and Camden councils. The scheme offers food and retail businesses a free verification assessment from our Environmental Health Officers. It is aimed at supporting businesses in their reopening by reassuring their customers that their premises are safe to visit. Businesses must demonstrate that they comply with government guidelines and advice. The City's part of the pilot is based in the Cheapside Business Improvement District and is supported by the [Cheapside Business Alliance](#). Each of the 30 participating businesses, if they meet the Scheme's requirements, will be provided with a door or window sticker stating that they are "COVID COMPLIANT". If the pilot Scheme is successful in its aim, it will be recommended to other London local authorities for rolling-out across London.

Contact [Jo Hill](#)

LORD MAYOR

Abu Dhabi Global Market roundtable (ADGM) - 3 September

After successful engagements with the Chairman of ADGM earlier this year in Abu Dhabi, as well as a virtual meeting held in June, the City of London Corporation hosted a virtual FinTech roundtable to provide an opportunity for the UK and UAE FinTech ecosystems to come together, identify opportunities of collaboration, and ultimately support with inward and outward investment ambitions. The Lord Mayor opened the roundtable, highlighting the strength of UK FinTech and encouraging international partnership.

World Economic Forum (WEF) Regional Action Group - 7 September

The Lord Mayor attended the 5th WEF Regional Action Group meeting, alongside 40 leaders from Europe and Eurasia to discuss responses to COVID-19. The Lord Mayor emphasised that there is interest and capital to help with recapitalisation in light of COVID-19.

The City UK (TCUK) Leadership Council - 8 September

The Lord Mayor continues to promote the close relationship between TCUK and the City Corporation, by joining the TCUK Leadership Council. This meeting saw updates from the German Federal Ministry of Finance, former Chancellor Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP, City Minister John Glen MP, and TCUK Recapitalisation Group Chair Omar Ali. The Lord Mayor spoke to his Mayoral theme Global UK - The New Future, emphasising its importance in helping to grow global trade, champion innovation and promote a rich and vibrant cultural creative economy as we recover from COVID-19. He provided an update on the successful COVID-19 Recovery Group that convened 40 business leaders to discuss challenges, opportunities, strategies and solutions, alongside his virtual engagement programme, and return to workplace plans.

Royal Commonwealth Society Webinar - 10 September

The Lord Mayor was a panellist on a Royal Commonwealth Society Webinar focussing on the trade and investment agenda for the UK, and business opportunities for the Commonwealth. It also examined how COVID-19 has affected the Commonwealth and Africa. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon and Patricia Ithau also took part in the Webinar. The Lord Mayor expressed his enthusiasm for attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Kigali next year, and his recent engagements with the Commonwealth such as virtual visits to Australia and the Standard Bank's COVID-19 Africa Investors Conference. He also highlighted the importance of Environmental, Social and Governance criteria, alongside Green Finance to the COVID-19 recovery to build back better, utilising technology to drive innovation and maintain a global economy.

Meeting with Governor Koike of Tokyo - 11 September

On Friday 11 September the Lord Mayor, accompanied by Sir Roger Gifford and Ambassador Paul Madden, met Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo and her Deputy, following the Governor's successful re-election. The Lord Mayor had taken part in a Virtual Visit to Japan in July. This meeting helped to continue and extend the close relationship between London and Tokyo, especially in the context of the very recently finalised UK-Japan Free Trade Agreement. They discussed the impact of COVID-19 on their respective economies, how innovation has triumphed through accelerated digitisation, the importance of Green Finance, maintaining globalisation within business, and how to best continue cooperation and collaboration across the cities.

Visit to HMS Tamar and meeting with the First Sea Lord - 15 September

The Lord Mayor visited and toured HMS Tamar and met the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Tony Radakin. He is responsible for over 30,000 men and women, alongside more than 90 warships, nuclear submarines and support vessels, and the helicopters and jets of the Fleet's Air Arm and the elite naval infantry of the Royal Marines. During the meeting the Lord Mayor discussed potential co-ordination between overseas visits in 2021 and port visits including the HMS Queen Elizabeth. He also highlighted the work of the City Corporation in areas relevant to the Navy's strategic reach in the indo-pacific region.

Outdoor Excursions - 21 September

The Lord Mayor has taken part in a series of outdoor excursions to Open spaces and City Corporation owned bridges to show support for continued work through the pandemic. The Lord Mayor visited staff working on the London Bridge Upgrade Project, a vital maintenance and waterproofing programme which was completed almost four weeks ahead of schedule. On a visit to Kenley Common, the Lord Mayor highlighted the importance of our Open Spaces to the public, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Giving Day - 22 September

Now in its 7th year, City Giving Day saw the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress lead events in the City to celebrate and promote philanthropy and volunteering within the Square Mile. The day started with the Lord Mayor virtually opening the London Stock Exchange and saw a series of virtual and in-person visits to companies including some Q&A sessions around youth, COVID-19 and training. The Lady Mayoress also accompanied the Lord Mayor on the Tour de City bike ride fund raising event.

Contact [Chloe Waterman](#)

CHIEF COMMONER

You could hear that proverbial pin drop when Lord Lisvane's report was circulated to Members just before noon on 15 September. The air waves went unusually silent as Members read and digested what is without doubt a challenging report.

Lord Lisvane tells us that our committee system is broken, that we manage and micro-manage in silos with sclerotic decision making, often lacking any sense of collective effort. The committee system, he says, has become a means in itself, rather than a means to an end.

His recommendation for a wholesale reorganisation and rationalisation of the City Corporation's committees, sub-committees, working parties and boards - including the abolition, merging or hiving off of a large number - may or may not be well received. Fully implemented, the proposed cuts would almost certainly necessitate a commensurate and sizeable reduction in the Court of Common Council.

The temptation could be to avoid radical change and just opt for a pick and mix. A specific recommendation to abolish the internal Standards regime and replace it with an independent panel could in any case be an obvious first step.

It will be up to the entire Court to decide, and every effort will be made to engage with all Members. Deputy Chair of Policy & Resources Chris Hayward will lead some 'listening' groups, and together with him I will endeavour to make sure that everyone is heard.

Working through the implications and deciding which of his nearly 100 recommendations we choose to implement will doubtless take time. A reasonable objective would be to have a new-look governance in place by the next elections in 2022. But how new will it be? How much 'Not-Me' will have whittled it down?

I can report for starters that Lord Lisvane's recommendation that we go paperless is not being adopted - at least, not for the time being. Members' pocket diaries are being printed and will be distributed and mailed shortly.

As for the report itself there will be those who pick on issues where Lord Lisvane is out of key or has in some way misrepresented or misunderstood how we operate. The great achievement of my former profession, journalism, was quite how much we got right in the press of events and under the pressure of deadline. The same can perhaps be said about Lord Lisvane's report: despite coming at it untutored and inexperienced in our ways, he appears to have got a lot of it spot on.

Members will be delighted, meanwhile, that a partial return to Guildhall has begun. It is less than perfect with each of us having to sign in and out, and with a limitation on numbers, and with space at hybrid meetings restricted. But it appeared to be a step in the right direction until that is the latest Government advice to go back to working from home where possible.

My own external programme as Chief Commoner remains largely curtailed. I represented the Court at another flag raising ceremony in Guildhall Yard - this for the 999 Emergency Services - and in the same capacity I accompanied the Lord Mayor on a visit to one of our lesser known open spaces - Kenley Common and its Battle of Britain airfield in Surrey.



A total of 55 Members have attended the Equally Yours training. More of us could have participated in one of these inter-active sessions, and, indeed, Lord Lisvane recommends that this sort of training should be mandatory. A similar number of Members, 48, logged onto the recent IT sessions.

Thank you to those who supported my second term, and in particular to those who encouraged me to continue. It was not an easy decision; I took it primarily to ensure continuity and to keep the office of Chief Commoner in line with the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, who each had their terms extended because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deputy Brian Mooney MA CC

CHAIR OF POLICY & RESOURCES

London Transition Board

On 2 September, the Policy Chair attended a virtual meeting of the London Transition Board, chaired by the Mayor of London and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and attended by several senior stakeholders from across London. Discussions at the Board continue to focus on the capital-wide response to the COVID-19 crisis, as well as any issues that arise from this work. The Board will continue to meet every three weeks and work in conjunction with the longer-term focused London Recovery Board. Through her membership of both boards the Policy Chair will ensure that the City Corporation is involved with the ongoing work to ensure the recovery in the City and across the capital.

Contact [Sarah Bridgeman](#)

Dentons Mental Health in the legal sector event

The Policy Chair joined a virtual roundtable with legal professionals on 8 September to discuss mental health in the legal sector. The discussion considered the impact COVID-19 and remote working are having on employee mental health, and how legal services could incorporate lessons learned into future practices such as communications, training, and hybrid working environments. The roundtable highlighted a focus on embracing positive change and the importance of incorporating wellbeing into each element of recovery and resilience planning.

Contact [Theresa Yurkewich-Hoffman](#)

Swiss 'Virtual Visit':

In lieu of a physical trip, the Policy Chair and Miles Celic, CEO of TheCityUK, led a series of virtual meetings with Swiss-based institutions on 4-5 September. These discussions touched on the future bilateral services relationship in the week preceding the UK-Swiss Financial Dialogue, and the forward-looking agenda for international institutions. These meetings confirmed mutual enthusiasm for the future UK-Swiss bilateral relationship in a wide a range of financial and professional services. Key international institutions such as the Financial Stability Board and Bank of International Settlements are reconfiguring workplans in light of COVID-19 challenges which will provide opportunities for substantive engagement on environmental, social and governance, and fragmentation work specifically.

Contact [Duncan Richardson](#)

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Councillor Briefing

On 9 September the Policy Chair led a virtual briefing for members of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham planning committee and local ward councillors on the City Corporation's outline planning application for the site of the co-located wholesale markets in Dagenham Dock. The briefing session was an opportunity to update councillors on the work the City Corporation has undertaken since submitting an outline planning application earlier in the summer. Barking and Dagenham councillors remain fully supportive of the wholesale markets coming to their borough and are keen to work with the City Corporation to ensure the markets thrive. Outline planning permission is anticipated in the autumn.

Contact [Gary Webb](#)

Climate Action Strategy

Subject to endorsement at Policy and Resources on 24 September and adoption by the Court of Common Council on 8 October, the City Corporation will launch a Climate Action Strategy next month. The strategy will set us on a course to be net zero by 2040 across the full value chain of the City Corporation and within the operations of the Square Mile. It sets us on a pathway to climate resilience in our buildings, public spaces and infrastructure. This is a hallmark strategy which both sends an important global signal of the intent for the future of the City and defines a local response on a key issue for our stakeholders.

Contact [Simi Shah](#)

Any Member wishing to know our policy position on any subject can contact the Director of Communications [Bob Roberts](#) or the Interim Head of Corporate Affairs [Richard Messingham](#).

PARLIAMENTARY/GLA

COVID-19 Restrictions

In a statement to the House of Commons, the Prime Minister announced new restrictions intended to reduce the R rate of COVID-19 infections below 1, in the face of rising numbers of positive cases that would otherwise be likely only to worsen in the coming months. While falling short of a return to a full 'lockdown' as seen earlier in the year, the Prime Minister said the new restrictions could be in place for at least six months. Nonetheless, he pledged that schools and COVID-19 secure businesses would remain open, so as to balance the needs to save lives and protect jobs and livelihoods.

Of perhaps greatest interest to the City Corporation, the Government has reversed its 'back to work' messaging and is asking those office workers who can work from home to continue to do so. The Prime Minister also acknowledged that the spread of the virus would prevent the reopening of business conferences, exhibitions and large sporting events from 1 October.

Other restrictions announced included mandatory table service and 10pm closures in hospitality venues, an extension of the requirement to wear face coverings to include retail staff, indoor hospitality staff and all users of taxis and private hire vehicles, and legal enforcement of retail, leisure and tourism COVID-19 secure guidelines. The Prime Minister also announced a reduction in the number of guests able to attend a wedding, and an extension of the 'rule of six' to indoor adult team sports. The new restrictions will be enforced with larger penalties, and extra funding will be made available to the police and local authorities to facilitate tighter enforcement.

UK Internal Market Bill

The UK Internal Market Bill has passed its Second Reading and Committee Stages in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister has argued that the controversial Bill would "provide legal certainty," fulfil Conservative election promises to "maintain and strengthen the integrity and smooth operation of our internal market," and provide business in Northern Ireland with "unfettered access to the rest of the UK," while its opponents have criticised it for provisions allowing the UK to breach treaty obligations with the EU.

The Prime Minister recognised the controversy surrounding the exercise of the powers in the Bill and made it clear that he had "absolutely no desire to use these measures," calling them "an insurance policy." If a UK-EU agreement is reached, he said, they will never be invoked. Nevertheless, he added that the reserve powers were necessary to "guarantee the integrity of our United Kingdom."

Shadow Business Secretary Ed Miliband moved an unsuccessful amendment declining to give a Second Reading to the Bill on the basis that it "undermines the Withdrawal Agreement already agreed by Parliament, re-opens discussion about the Northern Ireland Protocol that has already been settled, breaches international law, undermines the devolution settlements and would tarnish the UK's global reputation as a law-abiding nation and the UK's ability to enforce other international trade deals and protect jobs and the economy."

Following the Second Reading and further discussions between No 10 and government backbenchers, the Government tabled an amendment, subsequently approved at the Committee Stage, which would prevent ministers from using powers to override the Brexit withdrawal agreement unless the Commons had voted to approve it first. The Bill faces a final vote in the Commons at the end of September before moving to the House of Lords.

The Future of London

The Mayor has announced a new piece of research into the future challenges and opportunities facing central London and the Canary Wharf area in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the London Transition Board has led on addressing the challenge of 'reopening' central London and ensuring a safe return to work, the Mayor has set out his determination "to ensure London's global competitiveness for the future, and to safeguard and enhance its position as an international powerhouse for culture, tourism and innovation, by understanding and preparing for the long-term impacts on the central London economy."

The research will help City Hall and other stakeholders to understand emerging trends that might affect London's city centre economy. In its first phase, the project will conduct an evidence-gathering exercise "into the issues that central London and the Canary Wharf area are facing, and the trends that are likely to develop."

An interim report will be published in the New Year, and will be followed by further work on policy solutions.

Cancellation of Lord Mayor's Show

The Lord Mayor's Show, one of the landmark events in the City of London's calendar, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision was made on 21 September by the Lord Mayor's Show Ltd. The annual event which, traditionally, features a three-mile-long procession through the City's streets, would have been held on Saturday 14 November as a contained, televised spectacle with no public access in Guildhall Yard. According to historical records, the last cancellation of the Lord Mayor's Show was in 1852 to allow for a period of national mourning for the Duke of Wellington.

Contact [Andrew Buckingham](#)

Innovation & Growth Directorate

Green Horizon Summit

A large amount of capital needs to be mobilised in order to achieve climate targets. Bringing policy and industry leaders together, the [Green Horizon Summit](#) will address the barriers to growth in green finance. The Summit will run, from 9-11 November and opened for registrations, on 22 September. It will provide a platform for decision makers to share their solutions and commit to action. High profile speakers such as Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance will lead discussions alongside an international line up of public and private sector panellists. The Summit will also be a platform for exclusive announcements of initiatives that will shape the future of sustainable finance, including Carney's Framework for Financing a Whole-of-Economy Transition.

Contact [James Boyle](#)

Support for Financial and Professional Services

Innovation and Growth published a review of our recent work, "[City of London Corporation: Support for Financial and Professional Services](#)". The report showcases the work of the City Corporation to strengthen and promote the UK's competitiveness as a leading global hub for financial and professional services.

Contact [Samantha Lagan](#)

Embracing Digital Regulation

On 10 September, the Regulatory Affairs Team hosted a webinar on 'Embracing Digital Regulation', with opening remarks from Huw van Steenis (Group Managing Director and Senior Adviser to the CEO of UBS) author of the landmark Future of Finance report. The panel included Ross Leckow (Senior Adviser FinTech Strategy and Legal, BIS Innovation Hub), Diana Paredes (CEO, Suade Labs) and Ondrej Kovařík (Member of the European Parliament). The event explored how regulators can use modern technology to gather data, monitor risk and maintain a safe and effective financial system.

Contact [Marco Fugaccia](#)

Regulatory engagement

We have continued our EU engagement programme, meeting with senior regulatory and policy contacts from various Member States including France, Germany, Spain and Ireland. The focus of the discussions is the future EU-UK relationship, bilateral relationship building, and discussions on areas of shared mutual interest including sustainable finance and digitalisation.

Contact [Sarah Murray](#)

Heart of the City Foundation Programme

Heart of the City has supported 1,000 companies with responsible business. Applications are now open to join them in 2021 as part of our Foundation Programme. Funded places are available for SMEs in the City and they can [apply online](#).

Contact [Mona Vadher](#)

Culture Mile

Installation gets underway this month for a new pop-up green space. The Moor Lane Community Garden has been developed with the public realm team, Culture Mile and local community and resident groups, working with award-winning landscape, art and architecture practice, Wayward. Inspired by the iconic architecture of the Barbican and London Wall, the temporary installation explores new and exciting ways to green our streets and will act as a testbed for a future landscaping project in Moor Lane. Since the pandemic hit, Culture Mile has responded to the immediate needs of its network, working with partners to protect the delicately balanced ecology that is essential to the area being an attractive place to live, work, learn and visit. Culture Mile and its partners created the next in a series of play packs for London's most disadvantaged families. 9,500 packs have now been distributed through foodbanks and community centres since April. The Culture Mile Learning Online Mentoring Programme is in full swing, providing looked-after young people with an inspiring mentor working in a sector that they're interested in. As the new normal becomes our reality, Culture Mile has reevaluated how we interact and engage with the place that we live and work, transform how and why we develop new skills, work with our neighbours to forge new relationships and reframe how organisations support their local community. On 13 October at 9.45am, we would like to invite all Members to a session detailing our community-led series of initiatives and our plans for the future.

Contact [Anna Dabrowsk](#)

City Bridge Trust (CBT)

When COVID-19 hit, CBT's team were amongst the first to pivot and act. In line with their values, they collaborated with umbrella organisation London Funders, the GLA and 60 other funders to launch and establish the London Community Response Fund (LCRF), a mechanism enabling funders to quickly fund those who needed it most. In total so far, CBT has allocated £11m to the overall £21m London Community Response Fund budget. The remaining budget came from a range of donors, the biggest being the National Lottery Community Fund (£7m) and GLA (£5m). Overall, £35.5m has been allocated via the LCRF. Under its own funding strategy, Bridging Divides, CBT proactively allocated one-off grants to smaller organisations on its current portfolio, allowed flexibility with programmatic funding and streamlined reporting to help organisations struggling in the wake of COVID-19. CBT paused the intake of applications for new Bridging Divides projects, instead promoting the LCRF, but was able to allocate almost £13.4m to current funded organisations. CBT senior staff continue to play an integral part of the pan-London response, via the London Recovery Board.

Contact [Catherine Mahoney](#)

Open Spaces

Rare plant found growing on Stoke Common

A plant has been found growing on Stoke Common that was last recorded growing there in 1864. *Scutellaria minor*, otherwise known as the lesser skull cap was discovered growing in the mire during this year's annual grazing impact assessment - exactly the sort of acidic, wet heathland conditions where you would expect to find it. The assessment is carried out each year to monitor the effect of grazing and to ensure that we are using the correct grazing densities to achieve the goals set out in the management plan.

200 hours of volunteering

Despite restrictions brought about through the COVID-19 crisis, volunteers at Burnham Beeches have still been able to offer important help to staff whilst following Government social distancing guidelines. In July and August, volunteers were able to give nearly 200 hours of their time (equivalent to 25 staff days) through solitary roles such as checking on livestock, litter picking and ecological monitoring projects. This enabled staff to progress with other key projects and site management tasks. Thank you to everyone.

Great British September Clean campaign

Inspired by Keep Britain tidy and to coincide with their Great British September Clean campaign, The Friends of West Ham Park organised and ran a '10-minute litter pick' on 13 September, the first of three weekends planned this month. Armed with litter sticks, gloves and bags, about 12 teams set off during the two hours, mainly in small family groups who did much longer than 10 minutes - one pair were there for almost the entire two hours! Thanks goes to everyone who helped and to the Friends of West Ham Park who have been incredibly supportive over these challenging times. Similarly, Epping Forest supported the Keep Britain Tidy campaign by working with volunteers across the Forest by organising a staff litter pick on 24 September.

Contact [Roush Islam](#)

Improving the Environment

Biodiversity and the City Corporation

Biodiversity is a key driver for the work of the Open Spaces Department. Across our Open Spaces, avian, aquatic and terrestrial surveys have been done to and interventions designed to support biodiversity. More widely, biodiversity is one of the key themes of the City Corporation's Responsible Business Strategy. With Climate Change identified as one of the key drivers to biodiversity loss, the City Corporation's proposed Climate Action Strategy will further help with this effort both in reducing the impact and by improving ecosystem resilience. The City Corporation's Responsible Procurement policy works to build biodiversity requirements into relevant contracts.

Contact [Divindy Grant](#)

Clean City Awards applications deadline, 16 October

The Clean City Award Scheme (CCAS) awards applications deadline is 16 October. Any business or facilities management site located within the Square Mile can become a member of the CCAS and apply for an award. CCAS Members can also apply for the Chairman Cup - this year's theme is embedding environmental performance and sustainability during the COVID-19 outbreak. CCAS Members receive Resource Packs which provide guidance and support in the new category areas, monthly e-newsletters, invites to Best Practice Meetings and annual award ceremony which this year will depend on COVID-19 restrictions permitting. Any businesses interested in joining the CCAS should visit the [CCAS London website](#).

London's first Repair Week, 12-17 October

The City of London Recycling Team will be participating in London's first Repair Week, running from 12-17 October. The week is designed to raise awareness of how to repair and re-use a wide range of items such as electrical devices, textiles, bicycles and furniture. The aim is to give people practical skills and encourage greater use of existing repair services. Due to limitations imposed by COVID-19 outbreak, this campaign will take place on the web and via social media.

Give and Take Day Cancellation

The Middlesex Street Give and Take Day on 17 October has been cancelled. This is due to the impact of COVID-19. Future updates can be found on the Recycling Events page on the City of London website.

Contact [Karen Marks](#)

Proportion of the Square Mile meeting air pollution guidelines reaches new high

In our 2019 Air Quality Strategy, we set an ambitious target that over 90% of the Square Mile will meet the health-based Limit Values and World Health Organisation (WHO) Guidelines for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) by 2025. In order to monitor progress against this target, we are undertaking annual computer modelling, making use of our vast amounts of air quality monitoring data. In 2019, 67% of the Square Mile (excluding buildings) met the annual average Limit Value and WHO Guideline for NO₂. This is a huge improvement from the previous year when just 30% of the area met the guidelines.

Contact [Stefanie Hughes](#)

Community and Children's Services

Youth Services Review

We consult with our young residents each year to ensure the youth services we provide meet the needs and wants of the young community and their parents/carers. This summer we conducted a Parents and Guardian Survey to help us find out what children and young people within the City want from their local community. We have also commissioned I Know I Can Ltd to:

- Review the City of London Corporation's existing Youth Offer.
- Consult with stakeholders (especially young people) on existing youth provision and what a future Youth Strategy and Youth Offer could/should look like.
- Create a new Youth Strategy in line with the City Corporation's priorities (and in line with UK government and national youth priorities).
- Support the recommissioning of the City's Youth Offer for 8-19 year olds (and up to 25 for young adults with disabilities or who are Leaving Care) ready for April 2021.

Contact commissioning@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Homelessness and Rough-Sleeping

The 45-bed hostel - which was opened in May this year - will now continue to operate until the end of March next year. Thames Reach have been awarded the City of London Rough-Sleeping Outreach Service contract. The new contract further reflects the City of London's ambition to significantly reduce rough-sleeping levels in the Square Mile by focusing additional efforts on our most street attached and long-term rough-sleepers. The contract commences on 1 November for an initial duration of three years.

Contact [Will Norman](#)

Barbican and Community Libraries

The City's lending libraries reopened on 20 July with significant COVID-19 safety measures in place including restricted services and shorter opening hours. Feedback from customers has been overwhelmingly positive. Customers can use a free PC, access the enquiries service, browse and borrow. Staff are continuing to maintain a full virtual offering for all ages.

Contact [Carol Boswarthack](#)

City of London Academies and Schools

City of London Family of Schools

There has been much excitement about the return to school from staff and pupils across the Family of Schools, who seem keen to teach and learn. Despite different timings and the increased routines after the period of lockdown, the schools are largely operating on a recovery curriculum in a broad and balanced way and assessments are taking place to identify where the gaps are in learning. Extra support is provided around mental health, wellbeing and behaviour to pupils and their parents; staff are receiving additional training in these key areas. The pressure on Headteachers and school staff is considerable currently and we appreciate all their hard work and have been continuing to offer them support through our forums. They have also been provided with additional training where needed, for example in Risk Assurance.

Education

During the first two weeks of the summer holidays, Year 5 at Redriff Primary City of London Academy participated in a 'Summer Club' aimed at transitioning the year group back into school life with a focus on moving up to Year 6. The mornings were dedicated to reading, writing and maths, with the afternoons full of other enriching and engaging activities, for example working with The Museum of London on a Cockney Rhyming Slang workshop. Some of the pupils spent the first week at The Paper Garden in Canada Water, taking part in activities designed to support and encourage their growth and development through links to the curriculum. The summer club received very positive feedback from pupils, parents and teachers. The school continues to build links with The Paper Garden in order to strengthen community ties and ensure all pupils benefit from a wide and varied educational offer. In preparation for September's return to school, The City Academy, Hackney held a Year 6 transition week specifically targeted at pupils beginning Year 7 in September. They also held a successful catch up summer school for Year 10 pupils. The School have started an Aim Higher Saturday School for Years 11 and 13 in order to help pupils who need extra support in key subjects ahead of exams in 2021. Extra-curricular sports clubs have also started, along with weeklong celebrations of the European Day of Languages, new counselling support in school, and free instrument lessons for all Year 7 pupils.

Cultural and Creative Learning

Over the Summer Culture Mile Learning (CML) were unable to run the summer work experience programme face-to-face and so adapted the project into an online mentoring programme run over Zoom. Culture Mile and their learning partners have also been designing and distributing creative Play Packs in order to sustain cultural engagement for vulnerable families over the period of venue closures. The feedback received has been overwhelmingly positive and has highlighted the joy they have brought to families during these stressful and unprecedented times. Electronic versions can be viewed on the [Culture Mile website](#).

Skills

In Summer 2020, the London Careers Festival had a particular focus on achieving long-term impact for participating teachers, pupils and organisations. One of the ways in which this has been achieved is by providing ongoing access to resources and opportunities which schools, pupils, parents and other interested individuals can access, free of charge, via the London Careers Festival website throughout the year. Resources are focused on careers, work-related learning and activities, skills development, and education and employment pathways. Directly following the Festival, its [website](#) was updated to include a 'Summer 2020' page which lists a number of relevant careers opportunities and lots of other useful information.

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City of London School (CLS)

Every September, City of London School plays host to hundreds of prospective parents and boys who look round the school to get a feel of life as a CLS pupil. This year, our events went virtual with hundreds of families logging on to watch video tours and speakers during the first of its kind (for the School) open events. Families were directed to a dedicated Open Event Hub where they could explore and watch videos from the Head, Senior Management and the pupils themselves on life at CLS. The events ran live on Microsoft Teams where parents were given a talk by Head, Alan Bird, followed by talks from the Head Boy and younger pupils, before taking part in a live Q&A. During the summer Ahan Sengupta, a Fifth Form pupil wrote a book, which has since been published and is available to buy online. Entitled 'The Little Book of Julia Algorithms: A workbook to develop fluency in Julia programming' it is aimed at complete beginners to the Julia programming language. Having learnt the language aged 11, Ahan has been involved with the Julia community for a while. He has even presented talks and posters at the annual Julia conference for the past three years, and been its youngest speaker.

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City of London School for Girls (CLSG)

We are so pleased to see so many CLSG students off to university this month. They have secured places at a wonderful range of universities, including 12 students who are going to Cambridge, nine to Edinburgh, five to Durham, four to Oxford, and four to UCL. The USA has also proved popular with our leavers, with students going to Harvard, Stanford, Barnard College and the University of Chicago. Students have also chosen to study a great variety of degree courses from mathematics and medicine to architecture, archaeology, and Asian studies. On 14 September, former student Pax Butchart led Merton College, Oxford to a resounding victory over Wolfson College, Cambridge. Despite facing the renowned Wolfson College (alma mater of University Challenge fan favourite, Eric Monkman), it was Butchart's team that dominated, leading with an impressive score of 210-40. Butchart is in the second year studying English, will now captain the team in the second round of the competition. Whilst our drama studio is being renovated, we have been extremely fortunate in being offered space at the Barber Surgeons' Hall, just a three-minute walk from the school. Not only is the main space large enough to comfortably conduct a socially distanced drama lesson, but it is full of fascinating history. Undoubtedly, the most compelling artefact is Hans Holbein's 1542 painting of Henry VIII and his newly appointed Barber Surgeons.

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City of London Freeman's School

The City of London Freeman's School has 'Learn, Lead and Make a Difference' at the heart of the School's mission, vision and values. This ethos is embraced not only by pupils, but also by staff and those within the wider School community, as charitable efforts form a large part of life at Freeman's. Given this, we were particularly proud to see a member of our teaching staff starring in a national television advertisement for the charity Alzheimer's Society. Head of Upper Sixth and Chemistry Teacher, Mr Daniel Moran, worked alongside the charity to promote the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk Campaign during the summer, providing pupils with a great example of how to Learn, Lead and a Make a Difference. Mr Moran and his son, Ben aged 22, appeared in the advert together which encourages people to take part in a family friendly sponsored walk to raise funds for people affected by dementia. Alzheimer's Society is the leading support and research charity for people with dementia, their families and carers. "It had been a unique opportunity to honour Chris, my father-in-law and Ben's grandfather, who had Alzheimer's disease and died in February aged 79." Said Mr Moran. The Memory Walk Campaign ran during World Alzheimer's Month in September and asked people to help complete their own Memory Walk and stride towards life-changing dementia breakthroughs, with tens of thousands of people up and down the country taking part in walks on Sunday 20 September.

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Gresham College

Autumn Term

Lectures at Gresham College re-started online on 15 September, and will be held online-only until the end of December. Online registration is available for all our free Autumn term lectures now, so whether you want to learn more about [Evil Women](#) in history with Professor Joanna Bourke, or improve your understanding of the [Major Debates in Public Health](#) with Professor Chris Whitty, or understand [Intergenerational Justice](#), or - in this series about [Death, the State and Human Rights](#) - why Black Lives Matter has become such a rallying cry, now is the time to sign up.

The Role of the State in Public Health and its Limits

The relative role of the State and the individual is a recurring theme of political theory. It is also a practical question in public health - what are the respective responsibilities of government, individuals and healthcare professionals to protect health? This lecture by [Professor Chris Whitty](#) will explore the areas government is widely perceived to be responsible for, ones where government should have no role, and the areas where medical professionals provide a third dimension to a triangle of responsibility. Wednesday 14 October, 6-7pm, Online, free (or watch later on the Gresham College website).

The Political Lawyer

Traditionally a lawyer's own views and political affiliation are irrelevant to the pursuit of the legal process. This lecture by [Visiting Professor Thomas Grant QC](#) will examine - and celebrate - the work of lawyers who have crossed the usual lines and worked for political change. It will look at the life of South African advocate Bram Fischer, who defended Nelson Mandela at the Rivonia trial, and was himself prosecuted for sabotage and sentenced to life in prison. It will consider modern examples of lawyers paying a heavy price for political engagement, as well as the ethical issues which are engaged - how far can a lawyer go? Monday 19 October, 6-7pm, Online, free (or watch later on the Gresham College website).

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Barbican Centre

Live from the Barbican

Live from the Barbican, is a new concert series for streaming and live audiences which will take place in the Barbican Hall between 4 October and 13 December. The series introduces a new concept for the Barbican: for the first time, it will stream the live experience online for a wider, global digital audience, and a reduced, socially distanced live audience (if government guidance continues to permit). The line-up includes The Divine Comedy, The Kanneh-Mason Family, Emmy the Great, Sir Antonio Pappano, Nubya Garcia, Shabaka Hutchings and Sir Bryn Terfel.

Toyin Ojih Odutola: A Countervailing Theory

On 11 August Barbican Art Gallery opened *A Countervailing Theory*, a site-specific installation for The Curve and the first-ever UK commission by Nigerian-American artist Toyin Ojih Odutola. An epic cycle of new work unfurls across the 90-metre long gallery, exploring an imagined ancient myth conceived by the artist, with an immersive soundscape by renowned conceptual sound artist Peter Adjaye. In a 5* review The i Paper said: 'This carefully wrought parallel prehistory has much to tell us about our own time. Ojih Odutola invites us to think about the way that we construct and interpret stories of the past to serve our present... beautifully conceived, high impact and provocative, a magnificent achievement'.

Leytonstone Loves Film

From 16 September to 4 October, Leytonstone Loves Film celebrates film culture and Leytonstone's exciting cinema community through a reimagined programme of small-scale film screenings, online Watch Parties, talks and workshops. Produced by the Barbican in partnership with local residents and organisations and the London Borough of Waltham Forest, the free community-powered programme brings people together through movies and storytelling in a safe and enjoyable way and provides a platform to showcase the work of filmmakers, industry creatives and cinema enthusiasts in the local area.

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Guildhall School of Music & Drama

Autumn Events & Ground-Breaking 'Low-Latency' Technology

The Autumn season of events at Guildhall School, in its 140th anniversary year, will be made available online only and includes a range of live broadcasts and pre-recorded concerts, plays, operas and more, all free-to-view online. From this term, in order to allow musicians to perform whilst social distancing, Guildhall School has installed major new 'low-latency' technology, which enables streaming and broadcast from 30 venues and classrooms across the School's buildings. It will be used for the first time at the annual Gold Medal competition: the School's most prestigious prize for music, allowing a full symphony orchestra and soloists to perform together but in different rooms. The concert will be broadcast on Saturday 26 September at 7pm via the School's website and will be available online for a week. It is believed that Guildhall School will be the first institution in the world to use this technology for this purpose. Other highlights of the season include American classical singer Julia Bullock as Artist in Residence 2020-2022; Artistic Director of HighTide Suba Das directs actors in a new version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; a triple bill of Italian operas; a series of conversations with socially-engaged artists curated by Paula Varjack and a three-day online festival of new work *Chapters* by BA Performance & Creative Enterprise students; as well as a year-long series exploring the history of Big Band from the Jazz department. Full listings are available on the [GSMD website](#).

Guildhall School Highest Ranked UK Conservatoire in Guardian Music & Drama League Tables

Guildhall School has risen to fourth place of all higher education institutions in the UK for Music (94.2/100) in the 2021 Guardian University Guide music league table, the highest ranked conservatoire, and was ranked second of all higher education institutions for Drama (94.4/100) in the drama league table, the highest ranked drama school. In Music, student satisfaction with courses has gone up by 10% from last year, and in Drama, student satisfaction and satisfaction with teaching ratings have risen by 4.7% and 4.2%, respectively.

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London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)

LMA opened for pre-booked access to original archives on 7 September. This was the culmination of a long period of planning, learning from other archives and research institutions, and consultation with researchers. Feedback has been positive with users both commending the friendly atmosphere and expressing confidence that they are safe. Further information is on the [LMA website](#). While working from home, LMA has been undertaking a large-scale online project to upgrade the descriptions of a major series of London County Council photographs on Collage – The London Picture Archive. The project was set up in days at the start of lockdown and considerable progress has been made: to date 224 boxes from a total of 695 have been completed with 27,488 entries re-published into Collage. See an upgraded entry on the [City of London website](#). LMA is pleased to be working with Coram, the UK's oldest children's charity which has received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant for Voices Through Time: The Story of Care to digitise a major portion of its Foundling Hospital archive at LMA. Since early August two project conservators have been preparing fragile and vulnerable items for digitisation by a project digital assistant. The digitised documents will be transcribed through an online community and support work with care experienced young people to deliver ten creative projects encouraging them to engage directly with the archive and enrich the ongoing story of care by adding their own voices. Find out more on the [Coram website](#). [Subscribe to the LMA newsletter](#) to keep up to date with all our activities.

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Museum of London

Dub London: Bassline of a City to open 2 October

In late August the Museum of London announced that its display [Dub London: Bassline of a City](#), delayed due to COVID-19, will now open 2 October 2020. The exclusive free exhibit will celebrate dub reggae music and culture in the capital, from its roots in Jamaican reggae to how it has shaped communities and culture over the last 50 years. BBC News had the exclusive on this exciting news ahead of this year's digital Notting Hill Carnival [in an interview with Mikey Dread of Channel One Sound System whose](#) iconic speaker stack will star as one of the key objects in the display when it opens. Find out more about Dub London: Bassline of City and book your timed entry ticket on the [Dub London exhibition page](#) on the Museum of London website.

On 11 September the largest ever Bronze Age hoard to be discovered in London went on display for the very first time as the focal point of the Museum of London Dockland's newest major exhibition, [Havering Hoard: A Bronze Age Mystery](#). Press surrounding its opening was widespread with a broadcast feature on BBC London Lunchtime and Evening News and the [Daily Telegraph](#), [Times](#) and [Londonist](#) all awarding it four stars. See why it's being heralded as 'an eerie marvel' (Daily Telegraph) and why you will 'find yourself lured into the world of an unfurling mystery' (The Times) by sharing in the mystery of the hoard and discovering what life was like in London during the Bronze Age by booking your free timed entry ticket [Havering Hoard exhibition page](#) on the Museum of London website.

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City Business Library (CBL)

Is your supply chain ready for future EU relations?

CBL hosted Tony Leach of James Cargo Solutions who took delegates through practical steps to ensure that they are ready to trade with the EU after 1 January 2021. Delegates were taken through a detailed checklist including checking terms, understanding new customs tariffs and VAT rules, and whether to consider taking on a customs partner. Tony also discussed the opportunities that new international trade deals will open for UK business, including the new Japan trade deal and ongoing conversations with the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, which includes New Zealand, Australia and Canada. Delegates were appreciative of the advice and detail Tony was able to offer - furthermore Tony has agreed to conduct the session again in the future to ensure we are providing as much practical advice to UK business as we can.

Black History Month: Hear from London's Black Business Founders

CBL will be undertaking a project with some of London's Black Business Founders to hear their voice on running businesses in London, what makes London unique and enticing as a business owner, and how, as Black Business Owners, they see London growing into a stronger, accessible and equal society. We will hear from a career and success coach who runs her business as a side hustle, the founder of a business advisory company, a Fintech lead at PwC who has also founded her own Black women in business network. We're thrilled to have these inspiring founders taking part. The articles will be published weekly via the CBL blog platform and shared on CBL social media.

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In the News

- Widespread coverage of Policy Chairs' comments on the return to workplace and EU trade negotiations at a media roundtable. Coverage was included in [Reuters](#), [Financial Times](#), [City AM](#), [City AM \(ii\)](#), [Financial News \(£\)](#), [The i](#) [viewable internally only], [FT \(£\)](#), [The National](#) and the [Telegraph](#) [viewable internally only]. International coverage in [The National UAE](#), [Australian Financial Review](#), [New York Times](#), [New York Times \(ii\)](#), [New York Times \(iii\)](#) and [Swiss Info](#), and syndicated to more than 30 other outlets and featured in a *Politico* bulletin.
- The Policy Chair was also interviewed on BBC Radio 4's [Today Programme](#) (06:25-06:28) to discuss a call from the City Corporation encouraging businesses in the Square Mile to start bringing their employees safely back to the office. Further coverage in [City A.M.](#).
- The Policy Chair wrote in [City AM](#) about a new COVID-19 pilot accreditation scheme for pubs, cafes, restaurants and shops. The scheme is designed to boost consumer confidence in coronavirus safety measures. Further coverage in [City Matters](#), [SE1](#), [My London](#) and [Hospitality & Catering News](#), quoting the Chairman of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.
- [City AM](#) reported on comments by the Policy Chair highlighting the importance of the rule of law in the context of the UK-EU future relationship negotiations. Further coverage in [Daily Mail](#), [This Is Local London](#) and over 140 other outlets via PA.
- The Lord Mayor wrote in [City AM](#), about how the City's key international partnerships will help drive the COVID-19 recovery.
- [Building Construction Design](#) reported on approval being granted by Lewisham Council for a new City Corporation social housing scheme in the borough. Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee, was quoted. Further coverage in [Building Projects](#), [Housing Management & Maintenance](#), [Housebuilder & Developer](#) and [Architects' Datafile](#).
- [City AM](#) covered the release of the Lord Lisvane report into the City Corporation's governance arrangements. Further coverage in [City Matters](#) and [BBC Radio London](#) [listenable internally only].
- [London Post](#) reported on applications opening for the City Corporation's new £5m Neighbourhood Fund for community projects in the Square Mile. The Policy Chair was quoted. Further coverage in [UK](#)

[Fundraising, UK Construction Online](#) on and [Charity Today](#). James Lee, City Corporation Neighbourhood Fund Project Manager, was also interviewed on [BBC Radio London](#) about applications opening for the fund and the work of City Bridge Trust during the pandemic [listenable internally or via [BBC Sounds](#) – 1h:35:42 to 1:40:32].

- [City Matters](#) published an article about City of London local elections potentially being postponed from next year until 2022 due to COVID-19. The Policy Chair and a number of elected Members were quoted. Further coverage in [KCW](#) and [MyLondon](#).
- [Ilford Recorder](#) featured news that cattle are returning to Wanstead Park for the first time in 150 years – tracked by satellite technology. Chairman of the Epping Forest & Commons Committee, was quoted. Further coverage in [The Telegraph](#), [Mail Online](#), [Metro News](#), [Yahoo News](#), [MSN News](#), [Southwest Farmer](#), [Somerset County Gazette Wanstead Village Directory](#), [East London & West Essex Guardian](#), [City Matters](#), [Horticulture Week \(£\)](#), while [Epping Forest Guardian](#) carries a comment piece on the issue.
- [Ham & High](#) carried a write-up of a 'lively debate' held virtually in which City Corporation representatives including the Chair of the Hampstead Heath Management Committee, answered questions about the Heath's swimming ponds. Further coverage in [Ham & High](#) [viewable internally only].
- [City Matters](#) ran a story about young Londoners enjoying free swimming at Hampstead Heath this summer. Chair of the Hampstead Heath Management Committee, was quoted. Further coverage in [Outdoor Swimmer](#).
- [City Matters](#) reported on John Chapman being elected as the new Chairman of the City Corporation's Markets Committee. Further coverage in [Estates Gazette](#).
- [City Matters](#) covered the results of a survey which reveal Square Mile workers, visitors and residents think cycling and renewable energy are the best ways for the City Corporation to tackle climate change. The Policy Chair was quoted.
- [Property Week \(£\)](#) published an opinion piece by Planning and Transportation Committee Chair on the City's adaptability and resilience during COVID-19.
- [Docklands & East London Advertiser](#) featured a story about a City Bridge Trust grant to theatre company Cardboard Citizens to improve the mental health of the homeless. Chairman of the City Bridge Trust Committee, was quoted. Further coverage in [City Matters](#), [London Post](#) [Charity Times](#) and [Charity Today](#).
- [Ham & High](#) reported on the success of the learning programme at Hampstead Heath,

which is helping improve the mental health of vulnerable children. Abi Tinkler, head of learning in the City Corporation's Open Spaces department, was quoted. Further coverage of the initiative was included in the [Epping Forest Guardian](#). [Viewable internally]

- [Evening Standard](#) reported on news London Bridge has reopened after six months following a £5m repair programme by the City Corporation, but cars are still banned from daytime crossings. Further coverage in [MyLondon](#) and [London SE1](#).
- Policy Chair wrote in [City Matters](#) about GCSEs, A-Levels, and the learning gap.
- [City AM](#) published an opinion piece by the Policy Chair in which she discusses the importance of education for young people.
- [City Matters](#) included a piece about City Bridge Trust's £250k grant to a youth charity to boost young people's post-COVID wellbeing. Chair of the City Bridge Trust Committee, was quoted. Further coverage in [Charity Today](#).
- [City Matters](#) ran an article about the City Corporation's call for firms to enter the Clean City Awards. Chairman of the City of London Corporation's Environmental Services Committee, was quoted.
- [BBC London News](#) [viewable internally only], [Evening Standard](#), [The Times](#) [viewable internally only], [Daily Mirror](#) [viewable internally only], [LBC News](#), [BBC News](#), [Daily Mail](#), [CNN](#), [The Independent](#), [The i](#), [Financial News](#), [Londonist](#), [City Matters](#), [MyLondon](#), [The Voice](#), [New York Times](#), [Reuters](#), [City AM](#), [City Matters](#), and many more media outlets reported that the City Corporation is launching a three-month consultative exercise on cultural landmarks with historic links to racism and slavery. Co-Chairs of the City Corporation's Tackling Racism Taskforce, were quoted.
- [The Times](#) [internally viewable only], [BBC News](#), [Daily Mail](#), [MSN](#) and [FE News](#) reported that the Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School, the City of London Corporation's maintained school, changing its name to The Aldgate School. Caroline Addy, Co-Chair of the Tackling Racism Taskforce, was quoted.
- [China Daily](#) reported on a new programme funded by a grant from City Bridge Trust, the City Corporation's charitable arm, to tackle racism towards older Chinese people. Chairman of the City Corporation's City Bridge Trust Committee, was quoted. Further coverage in [CCTV](#) [in Chinese].

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