



# Walbrook

## Welcome

**Deputy James Thomson, Common Councilman**

### Welcome to the City of London Ward News for the Ward of Walbrook

Inside this edition you will find details of the City of London's consultation on the City's Transport Strategy due to be published in Spring of 2019. Also inside are details of the consultation on the new Local Plan, called City Plan 2036, will set out the City Corporation's vision, strategy and objectives for planning for the next 20 years, together with policies that will guide future decisions on planning applications. Once adopted, the new Plan will replace the current

City of London Local Plan adopted in January 2015. This is your opportunity for you to let the City know what you think about these important matters and I would ask you to encourage as many City residents and workers to take part in these consultations.

Bank on Safety has now become permanent and further details are also set out in this newsletter. Overall the trial was considered a success in

significantly improving safety and the environment, but there does remain some issues for businesses and users near Bank Junction or in the vicinity. We would welcome any feedback on this so that can be passed to the relevant teams at the City of London to see how these might be mitigated.

Finally, it is important that as many businesses and individuals are registered to vote in City elections and there are details inside on how to do this as part of the finalisation of voter lists for 2018/19.

**Do please contact any one of your elected members if you wish to discuss any of these matters or have questions or issues relating to the City of London or the Ward of Walbrook. Our contact details are on the back page.**

## Bank Station Upgrade

**James Thomson & Peter Bennett**

Those of you that use Bank station should be looking forward to the improvements that are currently being made below ground. Your two Common Councilmen recently visited the new Walbrook station entrance opposite the Walbrook Building to look at the ongoing construction. This station entrance is due to open in December and will provide better access to the Waterloo and City Line.

During the morning peak, 31 per cent of all passengers exiting Bank station

arrive via the Waterloo and City line. The lack of a dedicated entrance/exit for this line currently leads to severe overcrowding at platform level. This entrance will increase the capacity at Bank and reduce the severe overcrowding that is experienced in the morning peak at platform level. Four new escalators and two passageways connect the entrance to the existing station, as well as two lifts for step-free access.

The new entrance has been greatly facilitated by the construction by Bloomberg Corporation of their new European headquarters and the entrance was an integral part of the construction of the new Bloomberg building.

Construction challenges have included the watercourse of Walbrook itself. The River Walbrook, from which the Ward of Walbrook gets its name, is one of the City's "lost rivers" and is formed from two tributaries. The first originating in Shoreditch and one from the Barbican. They merge near Finsbury Circus and flow underneath what is now the Bank of England, then running down Walbrook itself underneath the new station entrance to a sewer outlet on the banks of the Thames.



**Construction work at the station**

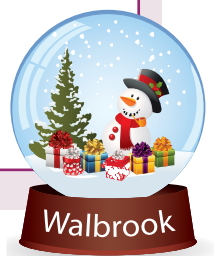


**James Thomson and Peter Bennett at the Walbrook entrance at Bank station**

### Transport for London City of London Residents' Transport Forum

Transport for London are hosting their first City of London Residents' Transport Forum on Thursday 29th November at Guildhall from 6:15pm to 8:00pm. The forum will be an opportunity for residents and other key stakeholders from across the City to discuss key transport issues relating to Transport for London.

**If you would like to attend, then please email Ciaran McCartan at [ciaranmccartan@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:ciaranmccartan@tfl.gov.uk) or Abbas Raza at [abbasraza@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:abbasraza@tfl.gov.uk).**



# Meet your representatives



Annual ward meetings known as Wardmotes will be taking place in each of the City's 25 Wards early next year. Electors are invited to attend the meeting in their ward, which provides an opportunity for them to meet their elected representatives (Alderman and Common Councilmen) and raise any issues they have with them. Details of the meetings are shown below and are also on the City of London website. The wardmotes below were confirmed at the time of writing but as arrangements for others are confirmed these will be added to the web link below. If the arrangements for any of the meetings change, updated information will appear on the website.

Invitations to the meetings will also be sent to all electors.

If you have any queries regarding the meeting in your Ward please contact the Electoral Services Office on 0800 587 5537, [electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or [cityoflondon.gov.uk/voting](http://cityoflondon.gov.uk/voting).

**Aldgate 18 March, Noon**

Church Hall, St Katharine Cree,  
86 Leadenhall Street EC3A 3DH

**Castle Baynard 20 March, 6pm**

Shoe Lane Library, Hill House, 1 New Little  
Street EC4A 3JR

**Cripplegate 20 March, 7 for 7.30pm start**

Barber-Surgeons Hall, Monkwell Square  
EC2Y 5BL

**Bread Street 27 March, Noon**

Fidelity International, 25 Cannon Street  
EC4M 5TA

**Cheap 21 March, Noon**

Drawing Room, Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster  
Lane EC2V 6BN

**Farringdon Within 20 March, 12.30pm**

Court Room, Cutlers' Hall, Warwick Lane  
EC4M 7BR

**Broad Street 20 March, Noon**

David Burbidge Room, Furniture Makers'  
Hall, 12 Austin Friars EC2N 2HE

**Coleman Street 26 March, 5.30pm for  
5.45pm start**

Drawing Room, Armourers' Hall, 81  
Coleman Street EC2R 5BJ

**Lime Street 11 March, Noon**

Old Library, Lloyd's Building, 1 Lime Street  
EC3M 7HA

**Candlewick 20 March, Noon**

Church of St Clement Eastcheap,  
Clement's Lane EC4N 7HB

**Cordwainer 20 March, Noon**

St Mary Aldermary, Watling Street EC4M  
9BW

**Portsoken 20 March, 6pm**

Learning Centre, Artizan Street Library and  
Community Centre, 1 Artizan Street E1 7AF

## Wage boost for workers

A major increase in the number of workers entitled to the London Living Wage was agreed by the City Corporation in October. It will also encourage other firms to follow suit.

The move was unanimously endorsed by the Policy & Resources Committee. The City Corporation decided to strengthen its own Living Wage policy by paying its own staff and its suppliers' staff the new rate, with immediate effect, when the updated London Living Wage is announced in November each year. This is opposed to paying staff the new rate from April the following year, which is the most common approach taken by employers.

The organisation already ensures its own staff, apprentices and suppliers' staff are paid in line with the Living Wage Foundation's (LWF) accreditation terms and conditions.

And the City Corporation has now agreed that all contract

workers delivering two or more hours work for the organisation will be paid at least the Living Wage – which in London is currently £10.20 per hour.

The City Corporation will also look into sponsoring the LWF to help promote the Living Wage across the Square Mile and wider UK, encouraging more firms to adopt the Living Wage policy.

The move means that the City Corporation has committed to going above and beyond its obligations of being an accredited Living Wage employer to ensure all its workers get fair pay.

The City of London Corporation's charitable funder, City Bridge Trust, was awarded the London Living Wage accreditation by the Living Wage Foundation in recognition of its implementation of the London Living Wage policy across its funding relationships with voluntary organisations.



# Have your say on the new Transport Strategy...

*For the first time in its almost 1000-year history, the City of London Corporation has developed a long-term Transport Strategy that will set the framework for future investment in the Square Mile's streets.*

Under these proposals, the next 25-years of transport investment in the City would see:

#### **Pedestrians as priority:**

Planning, infrastructure and safety changes will be developed by first prioritising the needs of people walking, while seeking to minimise any impact on essential traffic.

#### **A congestion charge that's fit for purpose:**

We aim to support and champion the next generation in road user charging for Central London as part of a range of measures to proactively seek to reduce motor traffic by 25% by 2030 and 50% by 2044.

#### **Fewer vehicles on City streets:**

A street hierarchy is proposed to encourage drivers to use the right street for the right journey. Vehicles that do not have a final destination in the City will be directed away from pedestrian priority areas.

#### **The City as UK pioneers for a zero emission future:**

The City of London Corporation would champion Britain's first large scale Zero Emission Zone to cover central London and, in the interim, introduce local zero emission zones covering the Eastern City Cluster and Barbican and Golden Lane.



#### **Vision Zero achieved at 15mph:**

The introduction of a City-wide 15mph speed limit, subject to approval by the Department for Transport, aims to reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions as we strive to eliminate death and serious injury from our streets.

#### **Consolidation is key:**

Deliveries make up a quarter of vehicles on City streets. The aim is to reduce this by 15% by 2030 with off-site consolidation, timed access and loading restrictions.

*The Strategy includes further proposals which address accessibility issues for those with mobility needs, on street security, improving the cycling experience, transformative public realm principles, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and emerging technology.*

**For background on the Strategy and find out about drop-in sessions, visit [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/transportstrategy](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/transportstrategy) To view the proposals and provide your comments, visit [www.citystreets.london](http://www.citystreets.london) before 13 January.**

## ...and on the new Local Plan for the City

The City Corporation is consulting on its draft Local Plan which sets out the future development of the Square Mile.

It looks forward to 2036 and provides guidance on what types of development

and activities are likely to take place and where.

The draft City Plan 2036 can be viewed in City libraries and the Planning Reception Area at Guildhall.

There will also be several events and drop-in sessions with display material and officers in attendance to answer questions.

**More information:**  
[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityplan2036](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityplan2036)  
or call 020 7332 1846

## Get on the register – final call!

Whether you're a resident or a worker, there's still time to get on our electoral register.

If you're receiving this ward newsletter you're already on the register but you have to re-register each year to stay on. 16 December is the absolute deadline and if you have received registration forms but have not yet registered, they need completing and returning to vote in any elections that might take place in your ward.

More information is available from the Electoral Registration Office (see details opposite).

**HAVE  
YOUR  
SAY!**

## Bank experiment made permanent

The 16-month experimental safety scheme at the Bank junction is now permanent.

The Court of Common Council, the City Corporation's most senior decision-making body, made the final decision in September on the Bank on Safety scheme after months of rigorous scrutiny and consideration by a range of City Corporation committees.

With over 4,200 responses to the consultation, the wide-ranging needs of local road users and other stakeholders were considered along with the operational needs of the Square Mile.

The scheme, first implemented in May 2017 on an experimental basis, restricts vehicle access to Bank junction to buses and cyclists only, Monday to Friday, 7am to 7pm.

The Bank on Safety experimental scheme is part of All Change at Bank, an improvements programme which describes the City Corporation's broader aspirations and long-term proposals for Bank junction.





# Walbrook

## Who We Are



**Alderman John Garbutt**

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**Committee Appointments:**

Court of Aldermen  
Court of Common Council  
Audit and Risk Management Committee  
Community & Children's Services Committee  
Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee



**Deputy James Thomson**

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**Committee Appointments:**

Court of Common Council  
Police Committee (Deputy Chairman)  
Performance and Resource Management Sub (Police) Committee (Chairman)  
Economic Crime Board of the Police Committee  
Professional Standards and Integrity Sub (Police) Committee  
Board of Governors of the City of London School (Chairman)  
Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls  
Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School  
Finance Committee  
Capital Buildings Committee  
Housing Delivery Programme Working Group



**Peter Bennett,  
Common Councilman**

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**Committee Appointments:**

Court of Common Council  
Planning and Transportation Committee  
Port Health & Environmental Services Committee  
Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee  
Community & Children's Services Committee  
Markets Committee  
Capital Buildings Committee  
Epping Forest & Commons Committee  
Committee of Aldermanic Almoners, Common Council  
Governors and Donation Governors of Christ's Hospital

## CONTACT US

To write to any of your Members, to let us know if you wish to receive this newsletter by email in future, or to inform us if you wish to be taken off the distribution list write c/o

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

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

### Cheapside (and Walbrook Ward!) Business Alliance

#### Peter Bennett Common Councilman

The Cheapside Business Alliance (CBA) was established in 2015 as a Business Improvement District\* – bringing together the business community to work in partnership with the City Corporation, building a sustainable and dynamic destination in the heart of the City of London. The CBA spans a number of Wards but incorporates the whole of Walbrook Ward at its eastern extremity.

Over the last decade we have seen the whole area re-emerge as a premier retail and cultural quarter, becoming one of the City of London's leading shopping districts. The challenge is to help define this prestigious location and build on the area's unique charm, positioning it as a seven-day destination.

The CBA working in partnership with the City of London Corporation has developed The Cheapside Privilege Card. The Privilege Card offers a range of discounts and promotional offers in and around Cheapside to city workers. Please see the CBA website for further details.

As a partnership, the Cheapside Business Alliance demonstrates a strong track record of delivery, working in partnership with a range of stakeholders, across five strategic themes – identified as priority areas for investment by the local business community;

- Employment, Enterprise and Training
- Environment, Signage and Way finding
- Tourism and Culture
- Business Awareness and Networking
- Marketing and Promotion

There has been a focus on delivering a number of core social values through employment and business engagement activities. Since 2015, 200 people have been placed into employment. The Cheapside Privilege Card has been implemented and distributed to over 22,000 individuals with access to over 65 promotional offers and discounts across the area.

In 2019/2020, the CBA will celebrate completion of its first five year term. Through working together with the City Corporation, the CBA has successfully delivered on key issues such as air quality, consolidation of services, waste collection and investment in green infrastructure.

**For more information on CBA please email:  
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\*A Business Improvement District (BID) is a geographical area in which the local businesses have voted to invest collectively to improve their environment. BIDs are business-led organisations funded by a mandatory levy on all eligible businesses following a successful ballot. Once voted by businesses, a BID term operates for a maximum of five years, before undertaking a renewal ballot.