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# MEMBERS' BRIEFING

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# LORD MAYOR

## **Burns Night Supper**

As a follow up to the Late Lord Mayor's visit to Scotland early last year, the Burns Night Supper on 28 January welcomed the First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon, and 230 other guests to the Mansion House in a celebration of all things Scottish. The dinner demonstrated the City of London's support of Edinburgh, as a partner city, and the importance of the Scottish-based financial and business services sector. These links, including the co-promotion of international trade, will be reinforced when the Lord Mayor visits Scotland in early March. The programme will include engagement with key stakeholders in government, business and civic life, in both Glasgow and Edinburgh.

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## **Department for International Trade FinTech Roundtable**

On the 30 January, a roundtable was organised with the Department for International Trade (DIT). The Lord Mayor welcomed 15 successful FinTech firms to discuss their interest in expanding into Hong Kong, moderated by Kaushalya Smasundaram, head of FinTech Partnerships at HSBC. The roundtable facilitated discussion around the progress opportunities and challenges of UK firms entering the Hong Kong market, and identify how government support can support the FinTech Bridge. It also gave the Lord Mayor, in advance of his visit to Hong Kong, insight on issues related to FinTech, as well as an important part of his role as Chair of DIT's Fintech Steering Board which aims to overhaul the five existing Fintech Bridge agreements, one of these being Hong Kong.

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## **City & Guilds 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration event with HRH The Princess Royal**

On 30 January, the Lord Mayor attended the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration event of The City & Guilds Institute with HRH The Princess Royal at Guildhall. For the past 140 years, The City & Guilds have been helping people, organisations and economies develop their skills for growth. The Lord Mayor and The Princess Royal joined around 220 guests, including members of the City & Guilds Group. The night paid tribute to those who founded The City & Guilds institute, who recognised the importance of skills and the difference a skilled workforce makes. During the event, multiple awards were presented by The Princess Royal including the Fellowship Diploma, which is the highest honour bestowed by the City & Guilds' Council in recognition of outstanding professional and personal achievement.

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## **City Giving Day Launch Breakfast**

In its sixth year now, City Giving Day promotes volunteer work and philanthropy throughout the City and allows for companies to showcase their charitable efforts. 200 Guests attended a launch breakfast at Mansion House on 7 February, where the Lord Mayor and three other speakers from the Lord Mayor's Appeal, including the Co-Founder of City A.M. Lawson Muncaster, spoke on the importance of charitable work and philanthropy for the City and for business. 18 Activity Champions also attended for discussions with the businesses, focussing on top tips for increasing their charitable engagement.

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## **International Underwriting Association of London (IUA) Board Lunch**

The IUA are the focal representative for the global insurers who operate in the 50% of the London Market outside the Lloyd's Market. On 7 February the Lord Mayor and Sheriff Vincent Keaveny joined members of the IUA Board for a round-table discussion over lunch, hosted by the IUA Chairman Malcolm Newman at the Baltic Exchange. The lunch assisted discussions around what more can be done to promote London globally as the centre of innovation in speciality insurance. The Lord Mayor reassured the IUA Board that the City Corporation appreciates the contribution international insurers make to the City's unique ecosystem, cementing London's pre-eminent position for global insurance. The impact of a hard Brexit on the IUA Board and Cyber Insurance were also topics of conversation.

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## **Chinese New Year Reception in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal**

On 8 February the Mansion House was the setting for a reception marking the Chinese New Year, organised by the Lord Mayor's Appeal. The Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress and His Excellency the Chinese Ambassador joined around 250 other guests from the City and the Chinese community in London for an immensely enjoyable event, which included musical performances and an auction conducted by Lord (Jeffrey) Archer.

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# CHIEF COMMONER

## Livery Companies and Ward Clubs

Despite being now in the twilight of my year as Chief Commoner I have to confess that one of my greatest disappointments is how little the Livery Companies and Ward Clubs know about the role which makes it more difficult for the Chief to share in some of the massive workload undertaken by the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs. One notable exception is Langbourn Ward who invited me to speak to their Members about the job of Chief Commoner and can I encourage colleagues to spread the word as I am sure that Tom Hoffman would welcome similar opportunities.

## Freedom of the City for Baroness Lawrence

It was a particular privilege to sponsor Baroness Lawrence for the Freedom by special nomination, and both she and Lord Boateng spoke movingly at the lunch in her honour. Baroness Lawrence has campaigned tirelessly for nearly two decades for justice for the victims of racist crimes and promoted positive community relations.



## Trial of the Pyx

The City abounds with remarkable traditions and, as a historian, I was delighted to experience the Trial of the Pyx at Goldsmiths' Hall, a ceremony to test the quality of the coinage which has been happening since 1282. It was a pleasure to see Nick Bensted-Smith sitting as a juror and I am sure that we can be satisfied with his judgement in due course when the Court reconvenes, and the verdict is delivered before the Chancellor of the Exchequer.



## Civic Dinners

One of the privileges of the Chief Commoner is to host six Civic Dinners during their year in the Parlour, one of my favourite, but least well-known rooms in Guildhall. The capacity of 26 diners means that these are not extravagant affairs and the guest list is shared with the City Remembrancer, but it has been my ambition during my year to invite a mixture of charities active in and around the City with business leaders who may have the means and ability to assist those in need. It is always difficult to assess the actual impact of such events, but I am aware of some tangible results so far. The last such Civic Dinner was held in the evocative surroundings of the Roman Amphitheatre and I would urge you to join me in bringing this space to the attention of those looking for that unique place for a special event.



## Guildhall Accessibility Study

With the help of James Lee and Ruby Sayed we conducted an accessibility study of the West and North Wings which brought home to me how difficult it is to open heavy doors and access card readers simultaneously from a wheelchair. Undoubtedly there is much scope for improvement, and we should be setting an example to Londoners as to best practice in this area.

# CHAIR OF POLICY & RESOURCES

## **Roundtable with the Dutch Ambassador**

On 6 February the Policy Chair hosted a Lunch and Roundtable event with the Dutch Ambassador HE, Mr. Simon Smits. Discussions focused on the importance of continued dialogue with the Netherlands beyond the UK's departure from the EU including future relationships, market access and cliff edge issues such as data flows and contract continuity. The Dutch government have assured residency to UK Citizens living in the Netherlands.

## **Visit to Dublin**

The Policy Chair visited Dublin on 12-13 February. In addition to participating in a high-level panel discussion on "The Future of Regulation", she also held a series of bilateral meetings with senior Irish government representatives and industry participants. She encountered a high degree of concern at the prospects of a 'no deal' and frustration at the UK government's handling of the process. However, there was ultimately a general sense that there will be a deal, albeit at the last moment. There was strong opposition to changes to the backstop, but a willingness to look favourably on a request for an extension, if made for a valid reason. She received support for the Financial Services Ireland/City of London dialogue, bilateral City of London engagement in Ireland, as well as our activities in Northern Ireland.

## **Nordic Baltic Ambassadors – round table discussion**

The Policy Chair hosted a round table discussion for Ambassadors and other senior representatives from the Nordic Baltic region, together with City practitioners. The main focus was on the current state of play of the Brexit negotiations and the industry's preparedness for a 'no deal' scenario. Looking beyond Brexit, those Countries expressed strong support for ongoing cooperation with the UK.

## **SNP roundtable meeting**

The Policy Chair co-hosted with Kirsty Blackman MP – SNP Deputy Westminster Leader and Economy Spokesperson – a private roundtable between industry representatives and several SNP MPs. In particular, MPs raised concerns in relation to Scotland's ability to attract and develop talent post-Brexit, capital flight and support for SMEs. The SNP discussed their Brexit position which advocated customs union, single market membership and free movement of people, but emphasised that they are now focused mainly on avoiding a 'no deal' scenario. From the industry side, discussions focused on Brexit cliff-edge issues, outflow of capital and the possible issues in relation to the UK becoming a rule taker post-Brexit.

## **Future engagements:**

6 March: The Policy Chair will meet the First Minister for Wales.

8 March: The Policy Chair will deliver the Welcome Speech at the Freedom to 100 Women event at Guildhall marking International Women's Day.

11-14 March: The Policy Chair will travel to Cannes to attend the annual MIPIM property conference.

22 March: The Policy Chair will travel to Wales.

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# PARLIAMENTARY / GLA

## The UK as a Financial Services Hub

Former City corporate lawyer Bim Afolami MP (Conservative) led a Westminster Hall debate on the UK as a financial services hub. He told MPs that he had called the debate because of his concern that "our world-leading position in financial services is at risk." Afolami outlined "numerous challenges and changes on the horizon," which would require the Government to develop its approach to the sector, including, "first, the digitisation of the economy and the rise of FinTech; secondly, the challenges and tough choices we face as we leave the European Union; and thirdly, the need to increase the penetration of financial services into our most deprived areas."

Justice Select Committee Chair Bob Neill MP (Conservative) highlighted in his opening statement the 2018 'Total tax contribution of UK financial services' report published by the City Corporation - to whom he paid "the highest respect for its work to promote the sector nationally and internationally." He emphasised the importance of leaving the EU "with a deal, and with a transition period." Cliff-edge risks in relation to data flows and contractual continuity were of particular concern for Neill. The Committee chair outlined the work of the City Corporation-sponsored practitioner-led International Regulatory Strategy Group, and praised the City Corporation's work in encouraging responsible business practices.

Closing the debate, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury Robert Jenrick MP noted that there had been "wide agreement" across the Chamber on the subject matter—"the UK's financial services sector is an engine for the economy: it brings prosperity and creates jobs and growth for citizens across the country." However, Jenrick conceded that the sector's strength was not "ours by right", and acknowledged that the industry was operating in "an unprecedentedly competitive global market." In addition to the City's business appeal, the Minister highlighted that London was also "an attractive destination culturally, socially and in terms of diversity," all of which was vital to preserve, he said.

## Centre for Music

Sir Nicholas Kenyon (Managing Director, Barbican Centre) and Kathryn McDowell (Managing Director, London Symphony Orchestra) spoke to a meeting of the Arts and Heritage All-Party Parliamentary Group about the proposals for a new Centre for Music on the current site of the Museum of London. Kenyon and McDowell told attendees about the Culture Mile initiative of which the Centre would be a part, stressed the accessibility of the proposed design for the Centre, and said that technologies facilitating outreach and education would be built into the Centre from the beginning. There was discussion of the financing for the project, the public realm improvements that would accompany it, and its timeframe.

## Financial Services (Implementation of Legislation) Bill

The Financial Services (Implementation of Legislation) Bill has passed its Second Reading in the Commons and at the time of writing is awaiting its Committee Stage. The Bill is intended to provide a temporary solution, in the event of a 'no deal' Brexit, to deal with the dynamic financial services regulatory landscape. Justice Select Committee Chairman Bob Neill (Conservative) asked about the City's concerns about scope and the way specific EU legislation not included in the Bill (such as the Securities Financing Transactions Regulations) would be dealt with. He received reassurances on their intended treatment from Treasury Secretary Mel Stride MP. There is an outstanding issue about stakeholder consultation which is being followed up in correspondence. There have also been several technically important statutory instruments relating to the financial sector including "no deal" provisions on insolvency and contracts where specific drafting on procedural points have been addressed.

## Immigration

Peers debated steps taken to improve UK immigration procedures. Lord Roberts (Liberal Democrat) aired concerns about the government's preparations for immigration applications and contended that the government's telephone application process did not cater for applicants in the self-employed category. Former Lord Mayor Lord Mountevans (Crossbench), speaking on a City Corporation brief, recorded the importance of international labour in London. Lord Mountevans was "greatly concerned to see how little the City and the associated sector's interests appear to have been weighed in the balance during the withdrawal negotiations" and insisted that the future arrangements must be "helpful, efficient and predictable, and ensures that we are the country of choice for applicants and employers—a country that operates the immigration system to which other countries aspire." He pointed to the City Corporation's visa report and called for a less bureaucratic and more digital visa application system. Separately, the Remembrancer's Office has submitted evidence to the Public Bill Committee considering the Government's Immigration Bill.

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### The Lord Mayor's Dragon Awards

The Lord Mayor opened the 32<sup>nd</sup> Lord Mayor's Dragon Awards on 18 February. The Awards celebrate businesses that are achieving excellence in social impact and seek to inspire others by showcasing best practice in how businesses tackle social issues. The 2019 Awards will feature the Lord Mayor's Award for Leadership in Digital Skills. This Award celebrates businesses which are investing in the digital future of the UK by nurturing and developing the digital skills that are critical to both the UK's competitiveness and to building a digitally inclusive society. Applications are free and are open until 16 April.

### Panel debate on Green Finance, Brussels

On 22 February, the City of London Corporation's Brussels office organised a highly successful panel discussion on the topic of green finance. Alderman Alison Gowman delivered the opening remarks and the panel was moderated by Nathan Fabian (Principles for Responsible Investment). Other speakers on the panel included Molly Scott Cato MEP, Philip Owen (European Commission), Monica Scatasta (European Investment Bank) and Michael Sheren (Bank of England). The event was well attended by a range of the City Corporation's EU stakeholders including representatives of the EU Permanent Representations, EU Institutions, EU trade associations, consultancies and third country missions. The event was the first in a series of events to help establish the City Corporation as a thought leader in Brussels at a key time.

### London Living Wage

On 25 February, the City Corporation launched a campaign to encourage City businesses to sign up to pay the London Living Wage. The two-week poster campaign had a reach of thousands of businesses and workers by taking over nine of the capital's busiest London Underground tube stations, including Liverpool Street, Euston, Victoria and Paddington. The campaign was officially launched at an event at the Museum of London, to raise awareness of the benefits of paying the London Living Wage, and celebrate the Financial & Professional services City businesses that are already Living Wage accredited employers. City businesses, councillors and MPs attended the event and speakers included: Chris Hayward (Deputy Policy Chairman, City Corporation), Stuart Wright (Chair of the Living Wage Foundation Advisory and Council Group, Property & Facilities Director at AVIVA Plc), and Sophie Theen (Head of HR and Talent at 11:FS).

### Green Finance Summit - 2 July 2019

The City of London's flagship annual Green Finance Summit will showcase the latest in green financial policy, market developments and thought leadership. This coincides with London Climate Action Week and aims to convene industry experts, policymakers, leading voices and the brightest minds in green finance. We expect to launch the new Green Finance Institute at this event. Registration is free and we encourage members to join us to hear more about the latest developments in this field. Registration will open at the end of the month at [www.greenfinancesummit.org](http://www.greenfinancesummit.org).

## Corporate Website Drop-in Session

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Members are invited to attend a drop-in session which is being held to introduce the team from Zengenti, who were recently appointed to work on the corporate website. The session will take place on Tuesday 26 March, 12 noon – 2.55pm in Chairman's Meeting Room 2. Martin Brady, Senior Experience Designer, and Gareth Lloyd, User Experience Researcher, will be available to field questions and gain an understanding of Member concerns. This will be part of a series of meetings to develop an understanding of key issues for a range of stakeholders. For anyone who is unable to attend, but would still like to participate, Skype meetings can be arranged. Please email [Melissa Richardson](#) - Digital Publishing and Content Strategy Lead - before Tuesday 19 March 2019, who will liaise with Zengenti to arrange these.

## City Bridge Trust

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The City Bridge Trust is currently recruiting for two external individuals to join the City Bridge Trust Committee as Co-opted Members. It is seeking people with knowledge and understanding of London's charitable sector and practical experience of the civil society sector in London. Ideally, one of the appointments will have a sound understanding of how the charitable sector could benefit from digital developments. For more information please visit the [Trust's website](#).

## Street Triage Project

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The Street Triage project - where mental health nurses join City of London Police officers on their night patrols - has been covered by [BBC London's Inside Out](#). Street Triage is a collaborative project between the City Police, East London NHS Foundation trust and the City Corporation. Since its introduction in June 2017, Street Triage has led to a reduction in the use of Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 by police officers - for example between July and October 2018, it is estimated that 38% of Section 136s have been avoided as a result of the Street Triage programme. The full piece on mental health in the City on [BBC London's Inside Out](#) starts at 10.40 (Street Triage coverage at 14.00): and the project is covered in more detail in an online video on the [BBC's website](#). The Street Triage team won "Team of the Year" at East London NHS Foundation Trust's Staff Awards in February 2019.

### Newham Collegiate Sixth Form

The City of London Academies Trust's sixth form centre, [Newham Collegiate Sixth Form \(NCS\)](#), has been named in the top 1% of sixth forms in the country for student progress. The school scored 0.58 on the Progress 8 measure, placing it above some of the best independent schools in the country, including Eton College. NCS's excellent exam results in August 2018 saw 95% of its students go on to study at Russell Group universities. The sixth form centre and its Principal have also been shortlisted in two categories (Sixth Form College of the Year and FE Leader of the Year) in the upcoming [TES Further Education Awards](#), which take place on 22 March.

### City of London School for Girls (CLSG)

The City of London VEX IQ Invitation event was held at CLSG on Monday 4 February. 15 teams from the school were joined by two teams from Sir John Cass Primary School to participate in the regional robotics competition. There were 68 qualifying matches, over 40 robotic skills challenges, and nine final matches spread over six hours of competition. Two winning teams now go on to compete in the national finals in Telford next month. On Monday 11 February, pupils from Years 10 to 13 took part in a STEM speed dating event as part of the CLSG 'Women in STEM' week. The school invited 18 inspiring women working in a variety of careers to give talks to the pupils about their work, the majority of whom were CLSG alumnae.

### City of London Freeman's School (CLFS)

CLFS considers the recruitment of excellent teachers as one of the most important parts of the school's work. CLFS prides itself on employing passionate, committed and knowledgeable teachers, who care about their pupils, their subject and the school. In support of this aim, CLFS are excited to launch [Train Freeman's](#), which will be of interest to those who would love to become a teacher, and do so with the full support of one of the top independent schools in the country. The [Graduate Teacher Programme](#) is an opportunity for recent graduates to work as a salaried teacher, whilst enjoying the support, training and mentorship of the School's resources. The [Career Conversion Programme](#) is a programme aimed at those who have already enjoyed a career in industry and would like to move into education. The [Excellent Teacher Programme](#) takes those who have started their training or had some experience working as an unqualified teacher and continues that training at Freeman's. All the programmes offer a salaried teaching post and fully funded training (at the end of which the trainee should have acquired Qualified Teacher Status) and a wide range of professional skills. Candidates for Train Freeman's should apply as normal to one of the schools' [teacher vacancies](#) which can be found on the School website. They will be enrolled automatically in the most appropriate programme. If Members know of anyone who would make a fantastic addition to the teaching staff at CLFS, please do let them know about the opportunity presented by Train Freeman's.

## City of London Police

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Baljinder Singh has become the first person in the UK to be jailed for computer software fraud. Singh was sentenced to 28 months imprisonment on 25 February following a joint investigation between the North East Regional Special Operations Unit and the City of London Police. Singh was identified as being part of a scam that involved victims being contacted by the fraudsters and told there is a problem with their computer which they could resolve for a fee. They would take the money and instead of fixing anything, would install malicious software to steal more money. Enquiries found that the fraudsters were based in India but they were asking victims to transfer money to a UK bank account. The City of London Police identified Singh as the owner of the account and was transferring cash to Delhi, while taking a cut for himself. Singh helped steal £400,000 from victims and is thought to have pocketed tens of thousands of pounds for himself. City Police Commander Karen Baxter said "As the national lead force for fraud, Action Fraud and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau are responsible for ensuring that the UK can better identify, investigate and detect fraud and cybercrime. This case is a shining example of law enforcement using a joined-up approach to combat fraud and cyber crime. For the financial year ending March 2017, City of London Police's Action Fraud received over 34,500 computer software service fraud reports with losses of more than £20m."

## Open Spaces

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### Afternoon poems: London in verse, Keats House, 10 March

Throughout its long history, poets and other writers have responded to the extraordinary richness and diversity of London, its people and its many stories. Join the Keats House Poetry Ambassadors for a reading in which they explore one of the greatest cities on Earth. For more information and to book your place please visit the [eventbrite website](#).

### Meet the Calves at City Commons

There are gorgeous new calves at City Commons. On 23 March you can meet the calves, children can get involved in craft activities and it'll be a chance to meet the friendly rangers. For more information and to register visit the [eventbrite website](#).

More information on all events being held in our Open Spaces can be found on the [City of London website](#).

### Increased Throughput at the Ports

The City Corporation acts as the London Port Health Authority for a district extending for 94 miles along the River Thames from Teddington to the outer Estuary. The area includes the London Gateway port together with the ports of Tilbury, Purfleet, Thamesport and Sheerness. The City Corporation undertakes controls on all consignments of food and feed imported from outside the EU, including different levels of checks including laboratory analyses. In 2018, 241,149 consignments of food arrived at the ports. 231,437 of these were Products Not of Animal Origin (NAO) with the remaining 9,712 being Products of Animal Origin (POAO). The overall numbers of imported food consignments compared to the previous year have increased by over 30% due to the growth in trade at London Gateway. Despite this significant increase in trade, the Port Health Service has marginally improved its turnaround times (the time from arrival of a consignment in the port until cleared by Port Health) from 3.52days in 2017 to 3.33days in 2018. The trade through the ports fluctuates throughout the year depending on the season, weather and demand. However, it is important to note that for NAO products the throughput plateaued in the second half of 2018; but remains over 30% greater than 2017. This is indicative of the ports attracting new trade in early 2018 and it stabilising as the trade becomes regularised. POAO had a significant increase in throughput at the beginning of 2018 and a similar fall in throughput at the end of the year. Although this results in a stable year overall, the last six months are below the levels experienced in 2017. This fluctuation is mainly due to increased vessel divers from Felixstowe in early 2018, which were the result of bad weather and IT system issues. Uncertainty around Brexit may have also encouraged trade to stockpile and/or import directly into the EU.

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### Operation Broadway

Trading Standards continues to contribute resources to support the work of Operation Broadway which seeks to disrupt investment fraud based in the City of London. Trading Standards meet every two weeks with officers from the City of London Police, the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, HMRC, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Insolvency Service to discuss the latest intelligence

about investment fraud. Visits are then made to suspect premises using Trading Standards powers of entry. One recent deployment to an investment business has been particularly successful. The business was seeking to raise £25m by selling precious metal bonds through a "boiler room" operation. There were aspects of the business model that were highly questionable and disruption by Operation Broadway has led to the business being placed into administration. It appears that UK investors may have lost around £400,000 but early intervention by the team means that investors have been prevented from losing £24.6m. Operation Broadway has also helped secure the recent conviction of an organised crime group who were purporting to sell land in Madeira. A deployment undertaken by Operation Broadway in 2017 assisted in providing evidence to the investigation undertaken by the FCA.

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### Illegal Street Trading

Over the last four years illegal street trading within the City has been successfully tackled by the Licensing Team with several prosecutions brought. Ice cream vans have been seized and peanut trolleys seized and destroyed. However, illegal traders trade on parts of the bridges, predominately the South side of Millennium Bridge and Tower Bridge, where our officers have no jurisdiction. A section 101 agreement was therefore sought under the Local Government Act 1972 with Southwark and Tower Hamlets. This would in effect permit officers from the City Corporation to enforce illegal street trading legislation in specified areas other than within the City boundary. An agreement with the London Borough of Southwark was finalised in June 2018 and additional resources were sought to ensure that illegal trading could now be enforced on all the bridges, including Tower Bridge. With the help of Members, additional resources were secured for a period of two years and a licensing officer was appointed from November 2018. An agreement with Tower Hamlets is imminent. The additional resources have been successful at disrupting other trading particularly illegal gamblers and pickpockets working with them. Future actions include working with HMRC and seeking one further licensing officer to ensure all forms of illegal trading are stopped.

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## Gresham College

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### The Stewardship Role of Investors

Can shareholder activism be beneficial? What policies promote 'good' shareholder engagement? In this lecture by Gresham Professor of Business Alex Edmans he suggests reform must extend to the entire investment industry. The lecture takes place on 6 March 6-7pm, at the Museum of London and will also be live-streamed online.

### Politics and the Legal Profession

Professor Jo Delahunty QC will discuss cuts to legal aid, the concept of online justice, diversity within the legal profession and the impact of the press on fair justice. The lecture will take place on 7 March 6-7pm, at Barnardis Inn Hall and will be live-streamed online.

All lectures are free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. You can view details of all upcoming lectures and videos of previous ones on the [Gresham College website](#).

### Barbican OpenFest: Art 50.

Barbican OpenFest: Art 50 took place on Saturday 23 February – a free day of art, film, music and performance which explored what it means to be British today through the works of artists from around the UK, including brand new work from hip-hop dance group and Barbican Artistic Associate Boy Blue, and Nitin Sawhney with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. The works were created as part of Art 50, a collaboration between Sky Arts, the Barbican, Sage Gateshead and the BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Arts. Highlights will be broadcast on Sky Arts at the end of March.

### Opening of Unclaimed installation

A new free installation entitled Unclaimed opened at the Barbican Centre on 11 February. Commissioned by the Barbican and led by creative public engagement specialists The Liminal Space, Unclaimed blends academic research, personal stories and public engagement to examine what it means to grow old today. The installation is part of the Barbican's 2019 season, Life Rewired, which explores what it means to be human when technology is changing everything.

### Announcement of 2019-20 classical music season

On 21 February the Barbican announced its 2019-20 classical music season. This includes a celebration of Beethoven in his 250th birthday year, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Gustavo Dudamel performing with iconic jazz pianist Herbie Hancock as part of a major residency marking the LA Phil's centenary, as well as residencies with trumpeter Alison Balsom and pianist Yuja Wang. Huw Humphreys, Barbican's Head of Music, said: "We bring to the capital the best international orchestras, conductors and soloists to complement the unrivalled artistic backbone of our resident and associate orchestras: the London Symphony Orchestra, the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Britten Sinfonia and the Academy of Ancient Music".

## Guildhall School of Music & Drama

### Guildhall Studio Orchestra and Jeremy Lubbock

Guildhall School welcomes three-time Grammy Award winner Jeremy Lubbock to its concert celebrating the composer and arranger on Wednesday 27 March, as he relocates back to the UK. Jeremy's younger brother John Lubbock conducts Guildhall Studio Orchestra in a programme including music from Jeremy Lubbock's album *Awakenings*, and well-known songs arranged by him for the likes of Barbra Streisand, Ray Charles and Al Jarreau. Special guests include celebrated jazz singer Liane Carroll and pianist Derek Paravicini.

### Gold Medal Final

The final of Guildhall School's prestigious prize for musicians, the Gold Medal, will be held on 10 May in the Barbican Hall. This year is the turn of the singers, who perform a short programme with piano accompaniment, followed by a second half of arias with Guildhall Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Richard Farnes. This year's finalists are: Ema Nikolovska (mezzo-soprano), William Thomas (bass), Samantha Clarke (soprano), and James Newby (baritone). This year's distinguished judges are: Guildhall School alumnus and previous winner of the Gold Medal (1989) bass-baritone Sir Bryn Terfel; mezzo-soprano Dame Ann Murray; Jonathan Vaughan, Guildhall School's Vice-Principal & Director of Music; Richard Farnes, Gold Medal Final conductor; and Kevin Murphy, Director, Coaching & Music Administration for Indiana University Opera Theatre and Director, Singers' Programme at Ravinia Steans Music Institute.

### Beasts of London Cast Revealed

The Museum of London's new exhibition Beasts of London opens on 5 April, in partnership with Guildhall School of Music & Drama. The Museum of London has revealed some of the cast for the family-friendly show, where audiences come face to face with the animals that helped shape the city we know today. Brian Blessed, Pam Ferris, Nish Kumar, Stephen Mangan, Angellica Bell and Joe Pasquale are voicing some of the animals who once roamed this city. The exhibition will be led by multi award-winning director, designer and audio-visual specialist Dan Shorten, who is the video projection lead at Guildhall School. Beasts of London is part of the Culture Mile programme.

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In November 2018, LMA became one of ten regional hubs across the UK to join the British Library's 'Unlocking our Sound Heritage' project. Funded by a £9.5m grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the aim is to digitally preserve at-risk sound recordings, establish a network of UK-based audio preservation centres and engage new audiences with the value of sound recordings. The project will run for three years at LMA, employing a team of four to digitise and catalogue 5,000 sound recordings from our collections and those of a number of content contributors located in the London region. Working with oral histories, world music and public lectures, the project team will also clear rights for a minimum of 500 sound recordings to share on the British Library website. A number of engagement and learning activities are planned with partners such as St Mungo's homelessness charity, educational workshops with primary and secondary schools and an active volunteer work programme. Our aims are to learn more about the sounds, music and voices recorded over the last 100 years of London's history and inspire a new generation to engage with sound, while also understanding the importance of collecting and preserving sound archives. To date, the project has digitised over 350 sound recordings, prepared catalogue data for over 380 and recruited over 50 volunteers.

## In the News

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- The Policy Chair was quoted in the [Evening Standard](#), [The Daily Telegraph](#) [viewable internally] and [The Independent](#) [viewable internally] welcoming news that the European Securities and Markets Authority granted licences to three UK-based clearing houses to continue doing business with European-based customers over the coming year. Further coverage included in [Bloomberg News](#).
- The Policy Chair was quoted in a [Reuters](#) story that indicates the number of financial services jobs expected to move overseas ahead of Brexit has fallen. Further coverage included in the [Daily Express](#), [City A.M.](#), [New York Times](#) and [The Daily Telegraph](#).
- The Policy Chair's response to the Prime Minister's statement on Brexit in the House of Commons was reported by [City AM](#), [BBC News](#), [Law 360](#) (£) and [City Matters](#).
- A column was published by the Policy Chair in [City A.M.](#) on India-UK relations prior to her trip. During the visit interviews were published by [India Today](#), [The Hindu](#) and [Live Mint](#).
- The Lord Mayor wrote in [City A.M.](#) on opportunities for the UK to collaborate with Asia.
- In Seoul, he was interviewed by [Donga](#), [NewsMK](#), [Yonhap News Agency](#), [Korea Bizwire](#), [eSeoul](#), [PostJoins](#), [Herald Corp](#) and [Newsis](#). An op-ed was also published by [Korea Economic Daily](#).
- During his visit to Tokyo, The Lord Mayor was interviewed by [Nikkei Asian Review](#) about UK-Japan relations post-Brexit. Further coverage appeared on [NHK](#), [MSN](#), [Mainichi](#), [Nippon TV](#) and [Docomo](#). (Japanese). An op-ed was also published in [Mainichi](#) where he discussed the success MoU between the City Corporation and Tokyo Metropolitan Government.
- In Hong Kong the Lord Mayor was interviewed by [Bloomberg TV](#) about the UK's business links with Asia. Op-eds were also placed in [South China Morning Post](#) and [Hong Kong Economic Journal](#).
- In Singapore, the Lord Mayor was interviewed on [BBC Asia Business Report](#).
- The Policy Chair wrote in [People's Daily](#) about the continued opportunities for co-operation between the China and the UK in China's Belt and Road initiative. [in Chinese].
- A column by the Policy Chair was published in [City A.M.](#) ahead of her visit Dublin, in which she argued for continued close financial ties between the UK and Ireland after Brexit. Further coverage in [City A.M.](#) (viewable internally only) and [Politico](#). The Policy Chair was also interviewed about Brexit on [RTE Radio 1's Morning Ireland](#) as part of her visit.
- The Policy Chair wrote in [City A.M.](#) about the initiative run by the City Corporation and backed by the Living Wage Foundation, encouraging City financial and professional services firms to pay the London Living Wage, with posters displayed in some of London's busiest tube stations as reported by [Londonist](#). Further coverage in the [Evening Standard](#), [Financial News](#), [London Loves Business](#), [New York Times](#), [Reuters UK](#), [HR Review](#), [Evening Standard](#), [London Live](#), [OnLondon](#), [Law Society Gazette](#), [Economia](#), [FE News](#), [InFocus London](#), [CNBC](#), Reuters India, Yahoo! UK and Nasdaq.
- The City Corporation's planning team was praised in a [Guardian](#) piece about the Fen Court roof garden, which opened to the public last week. Further coverage in [City Matters](#), [Estates Gazette](#) [£], [The Londonist](#), [Building](#) and [Horticulture Week](#) [£]. Chris Hayward, Chairman of the City Corporation's Planning and Transportation Committee was quoted.
- Coverage of the Burns' Night Supper at The Mansion House, attended by Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, appeared in [The Scotsman](#), [Express & Star](#), [Daily Mail](#), [The National](#) and [Belfast Telegraph](#). Lord Mayor Peter Estlin was quoted. Further coverage of the event also appeared in [AOL UK](#), [Yahoo!](#), [BBC1 Scotland](#) (viewable internally only), [Scottish Financial News](#) and more.

- Coverage of the planned Centre of Music appeared in [The Sunday Times](#), [The Times](#) [viewable internally], [Time Out](#), the [Guardian](#) and [The Times](#) (viewable internally only).
- [Financial News](#) [£] reported on the Planning and Transportation Committee's decision on the next steps for the transformation of Bank junction. Chairman Chris Hayward was quoted. Further coverage in the [Evening Standard](#) and [Building Design](#). [£]
- The Lord Mayor wrote in [City A.M](#) encouraging City firms to apply for the annual Dragon Awards. Further coverage in [City Matters](#) and [FE News](#). The Lord Mayor was quoted.
- Chris Hayward, Chairman of the City Corporation's Planning and Transportation Committee, was interviewed by [Property EU](#) covering the Local Plan, Transport Strategy and property investment opportunities in the City. [subscription only]
- Alison Gowman, Chair of the City Bridge Trust Committee, was quoted in the [Islington Gazette](#), following the award of a £124,000 grant to Islington's Freightliners City Farm to support its education and community projects. Further coverage in [Charity Today News](#).
- City Bridge Trust, the City Corporation's charitable funder, has awarded grants totalling over £4.5m to 35 charities tackling inequality and disadvantage across London [Charity Today News](#) reported. The figure brings the overall total awarded by City Bridge Trust to the £400m mark. Alison Gowman, Chair of the City of London Corporation's City Bridge Trust Committee, was quoted.
- [Charity Today](#) reported on the City of London Corporation's new pilot anti-littering campaign in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy. Jeremy Simons, Chairman of the City Corporation's Environmental Services Committee, was quoted.
- The fourth ([More4](#)) and fifth ([More4](#)) episode of Animal Airport appeared on More4. The series features the work of apprentices at the City Corporation-managed Heathrow Animal Reception Centre. A number of City Corporation officers appeared in the programme.
- Superintendent and Registrar at the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium, Gary Burks, was interviewed in a [Financial Times](#) article (£) on the UK's burial space crisis. The piece uses the City Corporation's grave reuse policy at the site as a solution.
- Statistics released by the Department for Education named Newham Collegiate Sixth Form as one of the best in the country, the [Newham Recorder](#) reported.
- Karina Dostalova, Chairman of the City Corporation's Hampstead Heath Management Committee, was interviewed on the [BBC Radio London](#) Robert Elms Show about the importance of the Heath swimming ponds to the area. [Skip to 11.46]
- Graeme Smith, Chairman of the City Corporation's West Ham Park Committee, wrote in the [Newham Recorder](#) about the benefits of taking regular exercise. [viewable internally]
- Jeremy Simons, the Chairman of the City Corporation's Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, was quoted on [Recycling Today](#) after the 24th annual Clean City Awards were held at The Mansion House. Further coverage in [Lets Recycle](#).