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# MEMBERS' BRIEFING

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# LORD MAYOR

As the mayoralty of Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley came to a close, the Late Lord Mayor hosted a series of follow-up events connected to the overseas visits he had undertaken earlier in the year. Following his visit to Algeria in April, the Lord Mayor convened and hosted, with the Department for International Trade, a major investment conference at Mansion House in October, to bring to the attention of UK investors the market opportunities available in Algeria, principally in green finance and PPP. The event was attended by the Algerian Minister of Finance, the Algerian Ambassador, and the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy, Lord Risby, as well as over 100 delegates. A few days later, the Lord Mayor chaired a roundtable meeting with a visiting delegation from Georgia, headed by the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary of Georgia, to introduce the delegation to key contacts and potential partners in London.

## UK-Kazakhstan Investment Forum

The Late Lord Mayor hosted the UK-Kazakhstan Investment Forum at Mansion House on 8 November. The conference was a follow-up to the successful Lord Mayoral visit to Kazakhstan earlier in the year, and was intended to position the City as a key player in facilitating closer trade and investment links between the UK and Kazakhstan. Over 150 delegates from the UK and Kazakhstan business and financial communities heard keynote speeches from the Late Lord Mayor, the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan's Ambassador to the UK, the Deputy Chairman of Kazakh Invest, and the Governor of the Astana International Financial Centre. These speeches were followed by panel discussions on investment opportunities in Kazakhstan and strengthening the links between the City and Astana's financial centre. The key deliverable from the conference was helping to position the London Stock Exchange as the go-to venue for future initial public offerings of Kazakh companies, including large state-owned enterprises, across a diverse range of sectors.

## Change in Mayoralty

With the change of the Mayoralty, the new Lord Mayor, Alderman Charles Bowman, spoke alongside the Prime Minister, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Chancellor at the Lord Mayor's Banquet at Guildhall. The event was a powerful opportunity for the Lord Mayor to raise critical issues with the Prime Minister, not least the requirements of the financial services sector from a Brexit deal. The Lord Mayor is grateful to all Members and officers who helped make the event such an enjoyable success. A similar conversation about the City of London Corporation's contribution to the promotion of trade and investment was had with the International Trade Secretary, Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP, whom the Lord Mayor met in his second week in office. The Secretary of State is keen to strengthen further the relationship with the City Corporation, whom he regards as key partner. On the same day, the Lord Mayor welcomed guests to the Mansion House for an event with the Lord Mayor of Belfast and Belfast City Council, articulating the City's strong connections with Northern Ireland. The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, also spoke.

In November, the Lord Mayor welcomed a visiting Green Finance delegation to London, reflecting the City's leadership role in this field, to be followed up by the Lord Mayor's own visit to Mexico in 2018.

## The Business of Trust

The Lord Mayor has launched [The Business of Trust](#), a new City of London Corporation initiative designed to make a positive difference to public levels of trust in the financial and professional services. This programme of work which is based on the views of the public and new guiding principles for business, aims for a lasting legacy of better business trusted by society. The programme will be focused around five strands including; inspiring business to operate with integrity and grow their positive impact, supporting businesses and their leaders to meet tomorrow's challenges, and working with others at home and abroad to build trust in business.

The Lord Mayor [announced](#) 'The Business of Trust' as one of the priority themes for his mayoralty at the Lord Mayor's Banquet, before [formally launching](#) the programme on 16 November, where the Lord Mayor was joined by the Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Minister the Rt Hon Lord Henley and 200 business leaders from across the financial and professional services sector. We have received high levels of support for the programme from City businesses and CEOs, and good media coverage including [City AM](#), [the Times](#), and on Radio 4's [Today](#). To get involved or find out more please contact [responsible.city@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:responsible.city@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

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# CHIEF COMMONER

## Lighting Up Ceremony

The Chief Commoner chaired the Lighting Up Deputation on 31 October where she and the Deputation considered the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Committee's request to use the Guildhall for the Lord Mayor's Banquet. The Chief sought assurances regarding the proposed event through asking general knowledge, pub-quiz type questions regarding sound and light. Following the correct answers, the Chief was pleased to place the Guildhall complex at the Committee's disposal for the Lord Mayor's Banquet on 13 November.

## Presentation to the Lady Mayoress

On 2 November, the Chief Commoner made a presentation to the outgoing Lady Mayoress, Wendy Parmley, at the Lady Mayoress at Home event at Mansion House. The Chief Commoner paid tribute to the Lady Mayoress's fundraising for the Lord Mayor's Appeal, including leading her own team in the City Dip swimming competition at Golden Lane Sports Centre. She also highlighted the Lady Mayoress's emphasis on music, such as hosting the Midsummer Evening of Music with the London Symphony Orchestra and supporting the London Symphony Orchestra's work with children's choirs at St Luke's Church Old Street. The Chief Commoner thanked the Lady Mayoress for her work hosting a student leadership conference and speaking at the City International Women's Day breakfast.

## CIWM Sustainability and Resource Awards

The Chief Commoner attended the Chartered Institute of Waste Management's Sustainability & Resource Awards Ceremony on 2 November.



The City of London Corporation was presented with the Most Effective Communications Campaign Award for the Square Mile Challenge, which promoted the recycling of coffee cups in special recycling bins around the City.

## Remembrance Service & Wreath Laying

On 5 November, the Chief Commoner lay a wreath on behalf of the City of London Corporation at the Submariners' Association Remembrance Service. The inscription was as follows: "In grateful remembrance of those who served Her Majesty's Royal Navy Submarine Service in conflicts past. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

## Informal Meeting of the Court of Common Council

On 9 November, the Chief Commoner chaired the Informal Private Members Meeting or Informal Court of Common Council, where Members discussed remuneration, timing of meetings and Committee vacancies.

## Police Protection Officers Certificate Presentation

On 10 November, the Chief Commoner attended the Graduation Ceremony for the City of London Police Protection Officers Course at Guildhall where HRH Duke of York presented certificates.

## Freedom Ceremony for Twiggy

On 27 November, the Chief Commoner attended the Freedom for Twiggy (model, actress and singer). Here is a picture of the Chief with Twiggy and her husband Alan Leigh Lawson (actor).



# CHAIRMAN OF POLICY & RESOURCES

## Value of Fintech

On 12 October the Policy Chairman launched our Value of [Fintech report](#), produced by KPMG. The report's major recommendation is to secure a sector deal for fintech that reinforces the UK as the leading global hub for the industry. This will ensure a single and consistent policy position backing fintech supports the sector through clarity in regulation, access to capital, the right infrastructure for tech and access to talent by co-ordinating open standards, enhancing regional engagement and developing a talent pipeline. The research also identified ways in which fintech can transform the lives and economic prospects of individuals, businesses and governments. The final report provides an up-to-date set of statistics, framed as case studies, which demonstrate the full scale and reach of the UK's fintech services and suggests ways in which fintech can foster financial and social inclusion, both in the UK and internationally.

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## City of London Highgate Hill opening

On 20 October, the Policy Chairman attended the official opening of the City of London Academy Highgate Hill, where she met with Jeremy Corbyn. [Islington Gazette](#) and [Islington Tribune](#) ran stories on the opening of Academy.

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## Visit to Israel

The Policy Chairman and a delegation from the City of London Corporation visited Tel Aviv from 29 to 31 October to understand the cyber security ecosystem that thrives here. The delegation included members of Economic Development Office, the Built Environment and the City of London Police. The group visited Tel Aviv University and its centre of Academic Excellence in cyber security, as well as research and development centres and accelerators that specialise in cyber developments. They also visited the Municipality of Tel Aviv to understand how an organisation like the City Corporation can help support the cyber security capabilities of organisations and promote the commercialisation of start-ups. All that was learnt on the visit will go on to inform the City Corporation's cyber security strategy, and what we can do to help mirror Tel Aviv as a global leader in cyber research and development.

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## Visit to New York and Washington

The Chairman of Policy & Resources visited New York and Washington DC for a series of meetings with senior policymakers and business representatives from 1-3 November. In political spheres, we found growing fears of a disorderly Brexit impacting US jobs and growth. Businesses are beginning to implement contingency plans although there remains a strong sense that London will stay as a global financial centre. Financial regulators are shifting their focus away from post-crisis implementation towards designing 'smarter regulation'. Moves will impact foreign-domiciled firms in the States and we will be paying close attention. Although we found strong political will for a UK-US free trade agreement, realities suggest that we are unlikely to see quick progress. Not least among these factors is the UK's attractiveness to US firms as a base from which to trade with the EU. Reporting from the trip received widespread coverage, including the front-page of the Financial Times and Sunday Times Business section.

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## Bank of China Private Bank opening ceremony

On 14 November the Policy Chairman Catherine McGuinness spoke at the Bank of China private bank service launch ceremony alongside the Chinese Ambassador, Charles Roxburgh and Bank of China Executive Vice President, Qingsong Zhang. The Chairman welcomed the new service launched by the bank and their long-term commitment to London. The private banking service is intended to provide additional convenience to the bank's high-net-worth Chinese clients in the UK. It will provide high-level relationship support in both accessing the bank's existing products in the UK, and a network of London based professional service firms.

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## Total Tax Report

The Policy Chairman was widely quoted in media discussing the launch of the City Corporation's tenth [Total Tax Contribution of UK Financial Services](#) report, which was published on 27 November. This year saw the highest contribution from the sector to the Exchequer in the ten years since the survey began: £72.1bn, which equates to 11% of the Government's total tax receipts from all sources. Employment in financial services remained stable at 1.1m, and employment taxes drive the most stable component of the total at £31.4bn. The research also highlights the role of geographical location of firms' operations and employees in where tax is generated – underlining the importance of retaining firms in the UK.

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# PARLIAMENTARY / GLA

## **Brexit—European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**

The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill entered its Commons committee stage. Over two days of debate, the Government avoided the threat of back-bench rebellion. Its attempt to write the date of Brexit into the legislation was criticised, however. Former Attorney-General Dominic Grieve claimed it would needlessly tie the Government's hands were an extension to the Article 50 negotiations needed, though Ministers insisted that they had no intention of seeking an extension. Another contest likely to escalate in future concerns the nature of the vote Parliament is to be given on the final arrangements. It is unclear whether Conservative rebels will try to insert a mechanism which could prevent Brexit if no deal is struck. Bob Neill (Con, Bromley and Chislehurst), Chairman of the Justice Select Committee, spoke to a City Corporation brief at points, including amendments based on work by the International Regulatory Strategy Group and the Financial Markets Law Committee. Endorsing comments by the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Neill stressed the importance of an "orderly Brexit" for financial and legal firms. He cited derivative contracts and Euro clearing as important examples where business could be disrupted by a "disorderly" withdrawal. Complemented by Stephen Hammond (Con, Wimbledon), Neill put forward amendments designed to promote legal certainty by putting important technical modifications to EU-derived law onto the face of the Bill, making clear that such law would be interpreted consistently, and providing a streamlined procedure for implementing laws agreed prior to Brexit but only taking full effect afterwards. The responses from Justice Minister Dominic Raab and Solicitor General Robert Buckland open the way for discussions which will aim to reach an agreed approach before the Bill leaves the Commons. Further amendments have also been tabled for discussion in Committee.

## **Policing in London**

The London Assembly's Police and Crime Committee held their monthly Q&A with Sophie Linden, the Deputy Mayor for Policing, and Met Assistant Commissioner Martin Hewitt. The opening set of questions focused on the Mayor's implementation of recommendations made in Lord Harris' review of London's terror preparedness. Linden and Hewitt were asked for their comments on the Mayor's decision not to pursue an assessment of the benefits of merging the Met with the City of London Police (COLP). Linden replied that interoperability was at the heart of the recommendation, and that the Mayor was satisfied that the interoperability of the Met and COLP was "proven", citing the work of COLP in responding to the terrorist incident at London Bridge. This was echoed by AC Hewitt, who told the Committee that the MPS and COLP worked "very closely" on counter-terrorism.

## **Brexit—Financial Services Regulation and Supervision**

The Lords EU Financial Affairs Sub Committee took evidence from City practitioners as it continued its inquiry into financial services regulation post-Brexit. JP Morgan's International Head of Regulatory Affairs, Sally Dewar, said that the equivalence framework in its current form was not a long-term solution for the UK, and that a free trade agreement would be better. If a mutual recognition FTA could not be achieved, an enhanced equivalence arrangement that addressed products and services and the issue of EU-UK asymmetry would be the next best solution and preferable to the current equivalence regime. Prudential's Julian Adams contended that agreeing an FTA would be difficult, suggesting there was more chance of a bespoke mutual recognition agreement as this could be supported by existing legal frameworks and regulatory competencies. In his view it would be possible to reach such an arrangement by March 2019. The inquiry is considering the impact of Brexit on London's FinTech sector. Innovate Finance's Charlotte Crosswell said that FinTech was fundamentally changing financial services and it was getting easier for new firms to enter the market. The Financial Conduct Authority's Project Innovate and regulatory sandbox had been copied globally and were a key driver of FinTech innovation. When asked about regulatory risks for FinTech and financial stability, Crosswell said cyber security was a threat. Passporting was another area of significant concern, Crosswell said, with over 5,000 firms currently using these rights.

## **Mayor's Question Time**

Questions to the Mayor focused on his work to address gender inequality at City Hall and more widely. While noting the practical limitations of his office in addressing this issue, he said that City Hall could serve to lead by example, and that best practice could be shared through his forthcoming 'Good Work Standard' (to the consultation on which the City Corporation submitted evidence). Asked about London's preparedness for the introduction of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone in 2019, Khan called for the Government to introduce a targeted scrappage fund to help take polluting vehicles off London's streets and for a new tax system to encourage cleaner vehicles. To encourage the take up of electric vehicles, he said that City Hall would be leading a "major expansion" of London's electric charging infrastructure. Asked about Uber, he revealed that the company could continue to operate in London for "several years" while its appeal against Transport for London's decision to remove its operating licence worked its way through the system.

## Rough Sleeping and Homelessness

Contact [Rachel Morrison](#) on ext 1722.

The Department of Community and Children's Services (DCCS) has a longstanding commitment taking preventative measures to address rough sleeping and homelessness in the City and to support those it affects throughout the year. In July, the City of London Corporation committed to increase funding by an additional £427,000 to reduce long term rough sleeping and ensure that more of those who arrive new to the streets spend no more than one night out.

### Service delivery

- A range of new services will help the City Corporation's outreach team, delivered by St Mungo's, to deal with rough sleepers who require specialist professional intervention. Plans include the commissioning of new specialist beds for rough sleepers struggling with drug use and mental health issues, a specialist mental health worker focusing on longer term triggers based on psychologically informed practice, an outreach welfare specialist and expanded access to detox and rehabilitation treatment programmes.
- The Park Guard pilot works alongside St Mungo's outreach team to improve identification and mapping of begging activity, meaning better targeting of outreach services to help vulnerable rough sleepers and support enforcement where outreach and engagement have been refused
- For several years, the City Corporation has led the way in providing innovative accommodation schemes, through the Lodge (running since 2010) and the City Lodge (launched in October 2017),

which have been designed to meet the needs of some of London's most entrenched rough sleepers.

- Through the No First Night Out project, a predictive model has been developed to help identify those who are most likely to sleep rough and assist individuals into emergency accommodation as a preventative measure and others into longer term, settled accommodation. We remain committed to our City pop-up hubs programme and will be running them, in partnership with St Mungo's, City of London Police and local faith figures, at additional City sites over the forthcoming year.

### Raising awareness

Following our December 2016 campaign, the DCCS is running another poster campaign from November to the end of January in high footfall areas across the Square Mile to highlight how people can make referrals and donations to support services. Working with partners, we will be targeting businesses, residents, Members and City Corporation staff to spread the word. We will be contributing to an independent review that Crisis will shortly be undertaking into how effective StreetLink, the national referral service, is. Referrals to StreetLink can be made by:

- visiting the [StreetLink website](#)
- downloading the Streetlink app
- 24 hour national helpline: 0300 500 0914

## City Bridge Trust

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### November Grants Awarded

At the Trust's recent Committee meeting, it awarded grants totalling £2.5m to charities across London. These included a Strategic Initiative grant of £38,450 to [Sutton Centre for Voluntary Service](#) towards the development of [Sutton Giving](#). This follows similar awards to help establish giving initiatives in a number of Boroughs including Barnet, Camden, Hammersmith & Fulham and Lewisham, using the model first established by [Islington Giving](#) and developed by [London's Giving](#). A full list of grants awarded can be found [here](#).

### Stepping Stones

The Trust recently completed the fourth round of its Stepping Stones programme which provides grants to not-for-profit organisations seeking to move into the social investment market. The programme, which is delivered in partnership with UBS, made 16 grants totalling £617,000. These included project and organisations tackling a range of social issues from social care, housing/homelessness, fuel poverty and domestic violence/abuse to name but a few. A full list of Stepping Stones grants can be found [here](#).

### Bridging Divides Implementation

The Trust is continuing to work towards the implementation of its new funding strategy, [Bridging Divides](#), which was agreed at Court of Common Council in July this year. A paper outlining possible new programmes was brought to City Bridge Trust committee meeting in November and further details will be announced in due course. In addition, on 20 November Officers from the Trust attended the [London Councils Summit](#) at the Guildhall where they discussed the new funding strategy with Councillors from London's boroughs, as well as promoting the work the Trust already does to tackle inequality across London.

## Dockless Cycle Scheme

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Several new 'dockless' cycle hire schemes have launched in London, providing a low-cost alternative to TFL's Santander Cycle Hire scheme. Users of the schemes can locate and unlock a hire bike using a mobile app, and at the end of their journey can lock and leave the bike anywhere within an agreed hire area. Two of the leading operators have now launched in inner London boroughs, "ofo" in Hackney and Islington, and "Mobike" in Islington. Other boroughs are expected to launch schemes soon. Following the decision of the Planning and Transportation Committee, a policy of permitting operators to extend their hire area to the Square Mile on a trial basis has been agreed. This scheme has great potential to cater for short trips within the City and inner London, encouraging people to switch from short taxi, private hire, tube or bus trips to cycling.

## Corporate Plan

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Following two months of staff consultation, some targeted external consultation and a Members' breakfast briefing in early November, a new six-page draft of the Corporate Plan 2018-23 has been produced. It will be presented to Resource Allocation Sub Committee (for information) and Policy and Resources Committee (for decision) in January 2018, before proceeding to the Court of Common Council for final approval, alongside the Budget, in March. If you would be interested in attending a briefing on the purpose, content and uses of the Corporate Plan, or if you have any queries, please contact [Corporate.Plan@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Corporate.Plan@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

## Mansion House and the Central Criminal Court

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Earlier in the year, proposals were approved to reorganise Mansion House and the management of the Central Criminal Court. Staff and other key stakeholders were consulted on the transfer of the functions of the Shrievalty to Mansion House and the subsequent integration of the remaining areas of the Central Criminal Court. The aim of the reorganisation is to drive forward a more effective Mayoral Strategy and to enhance the Lord Mayor 'brand' in the UK and overseas. It will deploy the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs as one fully integrated team. In doing so, the Mayoralty will promote even more effectively financial and professional services, the City, London and the UK as a place of trade and investment, the rule of law and social justice. As part of the reorganisation, changes were proposed to the structure of the senior management team and other roles within the two operations. Many of these changes have been implemented to produce a more streamlined approach towards supporting the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs. Most of the duties of the Secondary, Under Sheriff and High Bailiff of Southwark will be reassigned between new and amended posts. The new structure was implemented on 1 November and staff have taken up new posts; it is anticipated that all roles will be filled by 31 March.

## City of London Police

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This week sees the launch of the national annual fraud awareness Christmas campaign. The campaign, with the strapline 'it's the thought that counts' will run alongside local activity and will follow the same theme of encouraging audiences to take time to think carefully about their actions, as getting caught up in the Christmas rush can lead to becoming a victim of crime. Two videos have been developed exploring two behavioural errors made over Christmas that can be easily overlooked until the footage is rewound showing the mistake. These will be supported by social and traditional media. The fraud campaign is timed to coincide with Black Friday and Cyber Monday. New figures from Action Fraud show that last year, victims reported losing nearly £16m to Christmas shopping fraudsters, increasing from £10m lost the previous year. Analysis of last year's crime reports shows that 65% of crimes at Christmas were linked to online auctions sites, with the average loss for these reports coming in at £727. To support the campaign Pauline Smith, Head of Action Fraud, undertook interviews with Sky News and BBC Breakfast while Commander Dave Clark will feature in an ITV Tonight one hour special on fraud at Christmas due to be aired on the 7 December. Inspector Chris Felton will undertake radio interviews with the BBC and LBC on the same topic.

## Safer City Partnership

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This December the City of London Corporation is working with the Mayor of London to help Londoner's enjoy the Christmas party season but also get home safe and well. Launching on 30 November, "Three Wise Things - Eat, Pace, Plan" is a London-wide alcohol-related Christmas campaign aimed at ensuring Londoners enjoy the Christmas festivities, while staying safe. Responsible drinking during the festive season can massively reduce the burden placed on emergency services at this critical time of year and we all have a role to play in supporting this. Every year, London's emergency services are called to help more and more people who have become unwell through drinking too much, especially in December (5,932 alcohol incidents during December 2016). The campaign will be completely digital and aims to help employers in providing advice to their staff in the Christmas period in terms of sensible drinking and planning advice (via an electronic toolkit). The campaign will also be supported by digital messaging aimed at the public (with a specific focus on central London "hot spots") and will be providing supporting materials and messages to London Boroughs, NHS bodies and other relevant partners to further spread the message.

## London Drug and Alcohol Forum

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On 16 November the Policy Adviser of the LDAPF was invited to speak at a Westminster Briefing event looking at the new national drug strategy. With historically high levels of drug-related deaths and concern over the impact of synthetic cannabinoids such as "Spice", there is a need to reinvigorate action to reduce the damage caused to individuals and communities. The new national strategy provides much to be welcomed but leaves the resourcing and implementation very much to local authorities and other agencies.

## Community and Children Services

Contact [Rachel Morrison](#) on ext 1722.

On 31 October, the Department for Community and Children's Services (DCCS) launched its revised Local Offer at Sir John Cass's Primary School. This Local Offer provides online information, advice and guidance about services, activities and events available in and around the City for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Families will be able to register for a Max Card which offers great discounts to activities in the Square Mile.

### West Ham Park

Cast your vote for West Ham Park who have been shortlisted to receive funding for more gym equipment from the 'Tesco Bags of Help' initiative. Voting takes place during November and December in Tesco stores postcodes E6 to E16. Customers can cast their vote, choosing between the three finalists, using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop. If the park is successful, a new bench leg press will be installed in spring.

### Burnham Beeches

The team at Burnham Beeches were recently joined by volunteers from the local Hindu Swayamsevak group on a 'SEWA' day. Sewa is about performing acts of kindness with no expectation of reward and the 25 volunteers did a fantastic job clearing young birch from our heath and mire. It was such a success that they have expressed an interest to return next year. During the recent half term our trail and events were

very popular with over 500 people participating in the trail, building bird feeders or the craft activities.

### Hampstead Heath

The Hampstead Heath Ponds Project, completed over a year ago, has been the recipient of five awards, to date including: engineering, construction, design, biodiversity and landscaping. It has been shortlisted for a further award in planning which will be announced next year.

### Queen's Park

Queen's Park annual Christmas celebration takes place on 9 December from 2.30pm – 5.30pm, outside the café. A brass band will be playing Christmas carols, there'll be a free fun-fair for small children and mulled wine and mince pies served at the cafe. The Christmas tree lights will be switched on and there'll be a special visit from Santa.

We are now looking forward to the annual Christmas carol event on 17 December.

## City of London Academies and Schools

### City Schools Prefects Social Mobility Dinner

The City Corporation hosted 150 prefects and teachers from all the City's secondary schools on 20 November for the annual Prefects Dinner. Catherine McGuinness, Chairman of Policy & Resources, opened the evening, speaking about the importance of social mobility, and the role schools can play. The other speaker for the evening was Onyinye Udokporo, who attended Christ's College through a full bursary and is currently in her second year at university. She spoke of the importance of opportunities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to reach their full potential. There was an opportunity to network and meet people from different backgrounds. Students were very positive about the evening and noted they would like more opportunities to meet with students from the different City schools.

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### City of London Academy Islington

#### Lord Mayor's Show

Five Year 7 students from the academy walked alongside representatives of the Cheapside Alliance enthusiastically waving their flags and engaging with spectators. A further four students were selected to represent students from the City of London Schools. Orkan Or, a Year 8 student, commented 'It was a privilege to participate in the event, I felt like I was part of something bigger than myself and the academy that I attend.' The City of London Academy Islington's Honourable Artillery Company CCF contingent also attended the show. They also sent two groups of cadets to march as part of the procession. The Corps of Drums were asked to lead the City of London Schools float. They enjoyed the opportunity to perform to such enormous audiences. The senior cadets marched with the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC). Commanding Officer of the HAC addressed all those on parade, and noted how wonderful it was to have representation from all active parts of the Regiment, including the Cadets.

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### City of London School for Girls

#### National Youth Orchestra

We are delighted to announce that Year 10 student Eloise Ramchandani has gained a place in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain (NYO). This is an extraordinary accomplishment as over 720 musicians from across the UK applied, all playing at Grade 8 Distinction standard. Only 164 applicants were offered a place. NYO was founded in 1948 and is known today as the world's greatest orchestra for teenagers.

#### Robotics Documentary

Earlier this year, a Dutch film crew visited the school to film an episode of the documentary series Robo Sapiens. The episode aired in the Netherlands this month and received good reviews. [Click here - If you would like to watch the episode, and brush up on your Dutch.](#) (Password: RoboSapiens3)

#### National Cross Country Final Winners

On 25 November, the Inter Cross Country Team won the English School Athletic Association National Cross-Country Cup Final in Kent. The final saw the top 27 teams from across the country compete for a place on the podium. The team of Year 9 and 10 students won the race with a total of 98 points, beating Millfield School by one point. The team is now the number one team in England, having beaten a total of 415 teams since the competition began in October.

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### City of London School

#### CLS Schoolboys win gold at iGEM

A team of 17-year old boys have won gold and four prizes at the iGEM finals in the USA, working on a novel technique to diagnose cancer easily, cheaply and at a curable stage. The CLS team travelled to Boston for the second time after a year's hard work. The project involved detecting lung cancer early with a genetic circuit that they created. The team designed their own genetic parts, mathematically modelled their project to improve their design, spoke

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with leading doctors and other experts to create a clinical implementation strategy (integrated human practices) as well as creating software and hardware tools. These included a synthetic biology voice assistant that works on Amazon Alexa and Google assistant, an app to speed up the design process and a £4 portable fluorometer to measure the output of their test. They worked throughout the holidays, and spent many long nights on the project, balancing the massive amount of work with their university applications and exams. The fact that university teams including Stanford, MIT, Harvard and Warwick won bronze, puts the School's gold achievement into perspective. You can find out more details on their IGEM page, where their project summary has been published [here](#).

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### City of London Academy Southwark Maths Hub SE London

City of London Academy Southwark led the '[power of six](#)' Mathematics conference before the October half term. Over 450 delegates from early years education to University attended this Maths Hub event at City of London Boys School. The Keynote addresses were given by Sir Kevan Collins, Chief Executive of the Educational Endowment Fund, and Jane Jones, Ofsted's Lead HMI for Mathematics. Furthermore, we had over 30 breakout sessions which focussed on best practice in Mathematics teaching and learning.

#### Basketball

On 22 November Southwark hosted the annual City of London Basketball Tournament. City of London School, City of London Islington and City of London Highbury Grove Year seven and eight students attended the event. Following intense competition, City of London Academy (Southwark) won the competition. Mr Richard Bannister, Executive Principal presented the prizes to the boys and thanked the PE staff for putting on an excellent competition. The news from the USA is that the school's alumni USA continue to impress on the courts. Toyosi Abiola made her debut on Fri 10 November against the Arizona Wildcats in their state of the art 14,000 person stadium in Tucson, Arizona. Toyosi broke the Iona school record with 20 points in her first ever college game. She is studying business at Iona College (NY).

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### City of London Academy Highbury Grove

We were delighted to receive an invitation for some of our students to attend the Lord Mayor's Show. This would be the first time our students had participated in the parade. The students who represented Highbury Grove were Poyraz Macit Year seven, Rachael Youngs Year eight and Hannah Trevelyan-Shipp Year nine. Another first was our participation in a City Schools Athletics Meet. Four of our athletes took part in the 27 September Meet with some considerable success. Tyreece Rankin Year nine, London Schools' Champion, dominated the 100m and 200m sprint coming first place in both races. COLAHG came second in the boys' 4x100m relay with a team of three boys and one girl. Hayley Innes, Deputy Subject Leader PE, accompanied the students to the meet.

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### Freeman's Pupil Parade in Lord Mayor's Show

*Written by Freeman's pupil, Marcus Stuart (age 12).*

Whenever we have a big celebration in my family my Grandpa always says, "This is like the Lord Mayor's Show". Well, on Saturday 11 November, it was the Lord Mayor's Parade and the new Lord Mayor invited children from each of the schools connected to the City of London Corporation to take part. No room for my Grandpa unfortunately. It was a cold, grey and drizzly morning when we arrived in the City, so we went for a hot chocolate to warm up. The coffee shop was full of people in full military dress. I saw members of the Air Force, Navy and Army. There were also veterans in smart blazers with lots of medals and a lady in a very fancy Victorian costume. We formed up with students from all the other City schools and we marched behind a huge Wind Band. Behind us were representatives from some of the Guilds including the Environmental Cleaners and the World Traders - both donated prizes to our school. Their robes were like the ones the teachers wear on Prize Day. We took turns carrying the Freeman's School banner as we marched along the route. The streets were full of cheering, clapping people. Lots of people recognised our school and called out to us as we went past. It was a fantastic day I'll always remember being in the Lord Mayor's Parade.

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## London Symphony Orchestra (LSO)

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November began with a brand-new concert format with the LSO at the Barbican, offering a different take on our standard evening performances whilst still getting to hear the full Orchestra perform symphonic works. Half Six Fix is a series of concerts that are just an hour long, with an introduction by the conductor on stage, digital programme notes for your Apple or Android device and screens in the hall allowing cameras to show highlights from different sections of the Orchestra. This first one saw LSO Principal Guest Conductor Gianandrea Noseda conduct Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony; the series continues on 21 December with Sir Simon Rattle conducting Bernstein's *Wonderful Town*. Bernstein himself is a focus of our season as we began the celebrations of his centenary year. Marin Alsop began by conducting a Family Concert in the style of the former LSO President's *Young People's Concerts* tradition, which was followed by performances of his flute concerto *Halil* (played by LSO Principal Flute Adam Walker) and his 'Kaddish' and 'Jeremiah' symphonies. Concerts on 17 and 18 November in Kuwait added a first for LSO tour destinations – indeed the LSO became the first international orchestra to perform in the city's recently opened Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Centre. The month continued with an all-Liszt concert conducted by Sir Antonio Pappano, a concert marking the end of India@UK 2017 Year of Culture, and a performance of the film music of Tan Dun.

## Guildhall School of Music & Drama

### Graduation 2017

On 3 November, the Class of 2017 were presented with their degrees by the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall School's annual Graduation Day in the Great Hall at Guildhall. Chairman of the Board of Governors, Deputy John Bennett, welcomed more than 800 participants in his final graduation as Chairman. Amongst those made Fellows of the School were alumnus and composer Dario Marianelli, co-chairman of Working Title films Eric Fellner and Professor of Piano Noriko Ogawa. The new Honorary Fellows include soprano Barbara Hannigan and Sir Brian McMaster, with BBC Symphony Orchestra Chief Conductor Sakari Oramo receiving his in front of the orchestra on 27 October.

### Guildhall School Professor of Composition awarded a Paul Hamlyn Foundation Award for Artists 2017

Laurence Crane, a Professor of Composition at the Guildhall School, has been awarded one of the UK's largest awards for composers: the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Awards for Artists 2017. The awards provide recipients with significant support and the time and freedom to develop their creative ideas

with no strings attached at a timely moment in their careers.

### The Nutcracker and I, by Alexandra Dariescu

Pianist and Creative Entrepreneurs alumna Alexandra Dariescu wants to challenge the traditional concert format with her new multi-media project for pianist, ballerina and digital animation: The Nutcracker and I, by Alexandra Dariescu receives its world premiere on 19 December at Milton Court. She has created her own personal take on the Christmas story which sees herself re-imagined as Clara: from little girl dreaming to concert pianist. On stage will be a grand piano, played by Dariescu and a ballerina behind a see-through gauze screen. Hand drawn animations by Yeast Culture are projected onto the gauze and 'dance' across the screen, engaging live with the other performers. Tchaikovsky's music features in 15 virtuosic arrangements, including three brand new ones by Gavin Sutherland.

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## Barbican Centre

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### EFG London Jazz Festival

The EFG London Jazz Festival celebrated its 25th anniversary with a programme including a series of critically acclaimed concerts at the Barbican. [The Telegraph](#) and [FI](#) ran 5\* reviews of *Chucho Valdés + Gonzalo Rubalcaba*, [The Times](#) ran a 5\* review of *Pharoah Sanders'* concert, and the tribute concerts to Alice and John Coltrane (*The Ecstatic Music of Alice Coltrane* at LSO St Luke's and *Pharoah Sanders Quartet* in the Barbican Hall) were called "musical bliss" in the [Guardian](#), with the paper also running a corresponding [feature](#) on Alice Coltrane's legacy.

### Supporting new work in The Pit

Touretteshero hosted a takeover of The Pit at the start of the month that celebrated the UK's thriving disability arts scene through a series of inclusive activities and performances. [The Guardian](#) described the event as "a participatory, fully inclusive, always relaxed celebration of difference...It was a salutary moment for the Barbican, but also for any big arts institution genuinely committed to diversity and inclusivity... Funny, utterly joyous, artful and political too". This was followed by the world premiere of the winner of this year's Oxford Samuel Beckett Theatre Trust Award, *ROLLER* by Mars.tarrab. Performed by an all-female cast, the Barbican co-production investigates themes of inclusivity, competition, and feminism.

### Filming and photography shoots at the Barbican

The Barbican provided the setting for several high profile media opportunities that were broadcast and published in November. The Sculpture Court was featured on Channel 4's [Random Acts](#) programme as part of the Big Dance India series commissioned by the British Council and supported by the Mayor of London; Edward Enninful's first edition of *Vogue* included a Juergen Teller photoshoot with actress Gwendoline Christie shot on the Lakeside Terrace and in the Conservatory; and [i-D Magazine](#) interviewed Sam Smith in the Barbican Cinema and Members Lounge.

## London Metropolitan Archives

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LMA is delighted to report that a new ten-year contract has been signed between the City of London and Ancestry, LMA's commercial partner for the digitisation of family history sources. This will enable LMA to make even more of its name rich sources accessible online. [LMA's online catalogue](#) was relaunched in November. This is the first stage of ongoing development to make the catalogue more accessible. There is a new home page offering a range of pathways into the collections, not only through the usual search box, but via subject-based searchable research guides and with direct access to digital documents, images and film, and online exhibitions. The functionality has been improved and users are supported with tutorials and guidance.

This year, in connection with the 950th anniversary of record keeping in the City of London, 950 'Digital Documents' (around 12,000 digital images) have been made available via the catalogue including the 950 year old [William Charter](#) which started it all. The Royal College of Surgeons of England and LMA are pleased to announce an exciting new three-year partnership to allow access to the RCS archives and library books at LMA while the College are redeveloping their London home in Lincoln's Inn Fields, Holborn. The archives include not only the College's institutional records, but over 600 collections of deposited papers. Public access at LMA began on 2 October and is by appointment only.

- Lord Mayor Charles Bowman made his inaugural speech at the Lord Mayor's Banquet calling on the City of London to re-earn public trust. Extracts from the speech appeared in [City AM](#), [The Times](#), [Daily Express](#), [Financial News](#) and [City A.M.](#) The Prime Minister's speech was also broadcast live on [BBC News](#), [Sky News](#), [Channel 4 News](#) [links unavailable] and on [ITV News](#) at Ten. There was extensive media coverage including [The Guardian](#), [Evening Standard](#), [The Sun](#), [City A.M.](#), [The i.](#), [Daily Express](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Daily Mirror](#), [Metro](#), [Daily Telegraph](#) among others of the Prime Minister's speech.
- [City AM's](#) [editorial](#) commented on the Lord Mayor's mayoral priorities of the 'Business of Trust' and changing the perception of City firms and the financial services sector. The Lord Mayor was also interviewed for German TV station [ARD](#) [i], [ii] [in German].
- Lord Mayor Charles Bowman was quoted in the [BBC](#), [City AM](#), [The Times](#) (£), [City Matters](#) and [Economia](#) about the priorities for his mayoralty following the Lord Mayor's Show which was covered [live on BBC 1](#).
- Additional coverage of the Lord Mayor's Show was in the [Daily Telegraph](#), [Daily Mail](#), [AOL](#), [Northern Echo](#), [Chinese Global Times](#) and [Singa News](#) [in Taiwanese] among other various national and international outlets.
- The Show's Early Morning Rehearsal was pictured in the [Times](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [Independent](#), [Evening Standard](#) and [City AM](#). The rehearsal also featured on [ITV News London](#) and [London Live](#), which included an interview with Dominic Reid, the Show's Pageant master.
- [BBC Radio London's](#) Simon Lederman was invited to ride around Guildhall Yard in the Lord Mayor's State Coach, before it was put on temporary display at Guildhall for the Lord Mayor's Show. Simon's report concludes with an interview with Pageantmaster Dominic Reid on Show day [skip to 1':42"40"].
- Former Lord Mayor Andrew Parmley conducted his valedictory interview with [BBC London News](#) on his role as ambassador for the financial and professional services and year in office [skip to 17:15].
- [Reuters](#) interviewed Lord Mayor Charles Bowman about Brexit, his urge to the government to increase its financial offer to Brussels and break the deadlock in negotiations over a new trade deal. Further coverage was in [Mail Online](#), [Daily Express](#) and [Delano](#).
- [The Times](#) (£) reported on financial services firms generating a record £72.1 billion in tax over the past year according to research published by the City of London Corporation and PwC. The Total Tax Contribution Report also appeared on the front page of [City AM](#), with further coverage in [The Telegraph](#) (£), [the Daily Mail](#), [the Independent](#), [Daily Express](#), [Politico](#), [Reuters](#), [ITV](#), [STV News](#), [AOL News](#), [CityWire](#), [The Express and Star](#), [The Belfast Telegraph](#), and [The Northern Echo](#).
- Policy Chairman Catherine McGuinness's comments on her recent US visit and the need for urgent clarity on transition were on the front page of the [FT](#). She also wrote in [City AM](#), with further coverage in the [Times](#), [Guardian](#), [Financial News](#), [Evening Standard](#), [City AM](#), [Politico's](#) Morning Exchange among others.
- Policy Chairman Catherine McGuinness' letter to the Chancellor was referenced on the front page of the [Sunday Times](#) (£) Business section.
- Policy Chairman Catherine McGuinness wrote about the City of London Corporation's commitment to apprenticeships and the support available for SMEs in [SME Magazine](#).
- Policy Chairman Catherine McGuinness was quoted in the [Evening Standard](#) after the City of London Corporation backed the newspaper's campaign against modern slavery.
- [The Times](#) (£) and [Evening Standard](#) ran pieces on a 17<sup>th</sup> century piece of art which hung in the Mansion House for almost 30 years. The artwork, *The Oyster Meal*, was handed back to its original owners at an event at The Mansion House, after it was discovered to have been looted by German forces during World War Two. Further coverage was in [ITV News at Ten](#), [Channel 4 News](#), [BBC London News](#) [skip to 07:20], [Artifix Daily](#), [Artforum](#), [TimeOut](#), [LondonTown](#), [NFU online](#), [ArtNetNews](#), [The Times](#) [£], [City A.M.](#), [Daily Mail Online](#), [Antique Trades Gazette](#), [The Art Newspaper](#) and [Apollo Magazine](#).
- BBC Radio 4's [The World at One](#), (skip to 38:47) interviewed Paul Thomson the City of London Corporation's Superintendent at Epping Forest, about the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Forest Charter, which paved the way for the protection of Epping Forest. Paul was also interviewed by [London Live TV](#) and BBC Radio London's [Robert Elms Show](#) (skip to 39:30) about the Charter.
- Lord Mayor Charles Bowman was interviewed by [London Live](#) after the Lord Mayor's Appeal launched its new strategy at The Mansion House
- The Lord Mayor and Caroline Wright, Lord Mayor's Appeal Director, were also quoted in [Charity Today](#), [City AM](#), [FE News](#) and [London Bulletin](#) and the Lord Mayor in [UK Fundraising](#). Further coverage of the Appeal was also in [Children & Young People Now](#) and Lord Mayor Charles Bowman, Alderman Peter Estlin and Alderman William Russel were referenced and pictured in the [City AM](#) paper.

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