



# Broad Street

## City of London Corporation local elections

At the City of London Corporation local elections in March this year the Broad Street team of Common Councillors, Deputy John Bennett, Chris Hayward CC and John Scott CC were returned unopposed to serve another four years.

The team, together with the Ward's Alderman, Professor Michael Mainelli, is one of the strongest in the City, all, in 2016/17, serving as Chairmen of major City Corporation Committees, John Bennett as Chairman of the Board of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, Chris Hayward

as Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee and John Scott as Chairman of the Markets Committee.

They return to Guildhall with renewed enthusiasm, recognising that there are many challenges ahead on several fronts which will affect the workings of the committees on which they sit.

Below each Member provides an insight into his role in the coming four years.

### DEPUTY JOHN BENNETT

I have now completed 12 years as a Member for Broad Street and have found it to be the best retirement job I could have imagined. In those 12 years I have found that my main interests have become centred around education and culture. I have served on the Board of the City of London Freemen's School for most of my time as a Member, being Chairman of the Board for 4 years from 2009 to 2013, I am also a member of the Education Board, the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee, the Barbican Centre Board and the Gresham Committee. This committee, together with the Mercers' Company, serves to administer the estate of Sir Thomas Gresham, a 17th century merchant and financier, whose wealth founded Gresham College to provide free education for ordinary people. I also serve on the Cultural Hub Working Party which is developing a joined-up strategy to promote and enhance the cultural offerings in the City, including the museums, art galleries, the Barbican Centre and the Guildhall School.

I am now in my final year as Chairman of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. This has been a challenging role. My first task was to recruit a successor to the Principal, Professor Barry Ife who has held

the position for 12 years. In late January this year his replacement, Lynne Williams, took up the post and in her first 100 days has impressed us all with her dynamism and dedication.



The finances of the School are now on a firmer footing, but changes in national government mean nothing is certain, so we must be alert to the challenges that lie ahead. Brexit provides a unique challenge for the School as more than 15% of students come from the EU, as

well as many staff, so the School must prepare itself for the changes ahead, while maintaining its reputation as the top Conservatoire in the UK (Guardian Universities Guide 2017) and one of the top ten in the world (QS World University Rankings 2016).

In the next four years I hope to be involved in the development of a plan for the Centre for Music, the brainchild of Sir Simon Rattle, soon to be Music Director of the London Symphony Orchestra, which is being jointly sponsored by the LSO, the Barbican Centre and the Guildhall School, a truly exciting project which will greatly enhance the City's cultural offer.

### CHRIS HAYWARD CC

I am now beginning my second term as a Member for Broad Street. In the four years since I was elected I have been involved in many of the City's committees. I currently sit on the Policy & Resources, Finance, Police, Licencing, and Standards Committees, and also on the Education Board and the Gresham Committee. My main role is as Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee. This committee

oversees all City developments and the management of the roads and streets in the Square Mile. I am passionate about tackling congestion, road safety, poor air quality and providing the best

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# New network on the way

The City of London Corporation has announced a deal that will deliver a free, public access WiFi network, offering internet access anywhere within the Square Mile.

The multi million pound project is one of the largest investments in wireless infrastructure ever seen in London.

Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) has been awarded a major 15-year contract to roll-out and manage the City of London's new wireless network in conjunction with O2. The new network will deliver wireless services across all mobile networks for City businesses, residents and visitors.

CTIL will build 4G mobile "small cells", which will be housed on City street furniture such as lampposts, street signs, buildings and CCTV columns to provide enhanced mobile coverage at street level, and ensure that the City is best placed to become an early adopter of 5G which is widely expected to become available in 2020.

CTIL will partner with O2 in building the WiFi network which will be free for the public to use. It will be fully operational by Autumn 2017.

The network will be more technically advanced than those found in other leading global financial centres, including New York. State-of-the-art equipment will provide speeds and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video-calling and video on demand over free City WiFi following a one-time only registration.

Residents in the City Corporation's 12 central London housing estates will also benefit from a new high speed internet service after plans to expand fibre optic broadband were given the green light earlier this year.

New state of the art equipment will be installed which will provide speeds of up to one gigabit at affordable prices, and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video on demand.

The new broadband services will be rolled out across the City Corporation's social housing estates, which stretch across seven London boroughs including the City of London, Hackney, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Tower Hamlets housing more than 7,500 residents.

Up to five internet providers per estate will

be invited to bid for the opportunity to connect and will be selected based on affordability and quality of service. The City Corporation has asked potential providers to include reduced payment options for residents on low incomes and benefits.

## Protecting yourself or your firm from cybercrime

After this article was written the NHS was hit with a ransomware cyber attack which reinforced the importance of people or firms taking steps to try to avoid this type of attack:

- Install system and application updates on all devices as soon as they become available.
- Install anti-virus software on all devices and keep it updated.
- Create regular backups of your important files to a device that isn't left connected to your network as any malware infection could spread to that too.

For more detailed help go to: [getsafeonline.org/cityoflondonpolice](https://getsafeonline.org/cityoflondonpolice)



## Upgrade for eShot

And the City's new WiFi network will come in handy for picking up our monthly eShot when you're on the move.

It's design is being refreshed, with a careful eye on mobile use, so it will be even easier to find out what's going on in the Square Mile.

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# Aldgate area improvements

Change to the Aldgate traffic layout are now complete with work on the major uplift to the area as a whole scheduled for completion by December of this year. Highway improvements include pedestrian crossing points and easier navigation of bus services.

There is now two-way traffic on Aldgate High Street, St Botolph Street, a section of Middlesex Street and Minories. A section of Middlesex Street has also been closed to traffic at the junction with St Botolph Street.

The highway changes are also enabling the creation of two new public spaces – Aldgate Square and Eastern public space.

The overall aims of the Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Improvements Project are to:

- enhance safety for road users
- improve cycling routes
- improve pedestrian routes and connections
- introduce more greenery
- create new public space for events, leisure and play
- improve lighting in the area

Sitting within Aldgate Square and complementing the two heritage listed buildings on either side, the Portsoken Pavilion will complete the scheme. A social enterprise operator will run the facilities inside providing a new hub promoting events, leisure and play.



## Designs of the times



The City of London never stands still and nowhere is that more true than in the construction of new buildings.

The City has always been a centre for ground breaking architecture and many of its buildings have become icons not just of London but of the UK as a whole. With this in mind, the City Corporation has updated its Designs of the times self-guided walk leaflet to include the latest additions to the City's architecture.

New entries include London Wall Place, 5 Broadgate, 100 Bishopsgate, the Scalpel and Bloomberg Place. The City walk route has been devised to take you through the Square Mile and from start to finish should take you about 90 minutes at an average walking pace.

Pick up a copy at Guildhall reception, the City Information Centre opposite St Paul's Cathedral or download it from the self-guided section of this page:

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/walks](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/walks)



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

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balance between the needs of motorists, public transport, cyclists and pedestrians on the City roads and pavements.

As Chairman of Planning I have introduced the experimental changes to traffic at Bank Junction. During the trial period, only buses, cyclists and pedestrians will be able to cross Bank Junction. This experiment will determine whether congestion, the incidence of accidents and also air quality at the junction are improved. The restrictions will last through into 2018 and detailed analysis of the findings will take place, together with further public consultation, to determine whether the restrictions should be made permanent.

My vision as Chairman of Planning is to see a measured expansion of the high-rise office development of the Eastern Cluster, which includes the Gherkin, the Cheese-grater and the Walkie-Talkie buildings and a significant improvement to the public realm, which City workers use to commute, shop and relax. A good example of this improvement is the enhancement of the space in Austin Friars, in the Ward, which has been converted from a rather shabby

backstreet to a bright, airy and very pleasant place where workers can enjoy their lunch.

Finally, my membership of the City Corporation's Brexit working party means that the Ward's voice is heard in this very important area as negotiations with Brussels commence.

### JOHN SCOTT CC

I have served the voters of Broad Street for nearly 20 years having been first elected in 1999. For the last seven years I have been privileged to chair successively three Committees of the City of London Corporation. Sadly all good things come to an end and, after three years as Chairman of the Markets Committee, I have reached the end of my allotted term and now I am Deputy Chairman for 2017/18 before I return to the backbenches. However, this does mean that I should still be in post when the Strategic Review of our wholesale markets reports in the Spring of 2018.

In the meantime I continue to serve as the City Corporation's representative on the board of the Museum of London

which is a fascinating and demanding role with the challenges facing the relocation to West Smithfield by 2021 and on the Thames Festival Trust which organises events in all of the London boroughs which border the river Thames. This fits neatly with my membership of the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee which has responsibility for much of the tidal river from Twickenham to Gravesend. My other responsibility is the Council of Gresham College which lays on free lectures throughout the year, both at Barnard's Inn in Holborn and at the Museum of London, many of which are so popular that latecomers have to be turned away on occasion. 2019 marks the 500th anniversary of the College's benefactor, Sir Thomas Gresham, whose foresight in building the Royal Exchange provides much of the income to finance the lecture programme, both live and on the internet.

**Broad Street has three members who are among the most active in promoting the City as a wonderful place to work, rest and play, none of which happens by magic, and we value the trust and support that we receive from the readers of this newsletter.**