



Livery Briefing

Quarterly briefing from the City of London Corporation

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Message from the Chairman of the Livery Committee

Welcome to the first edition of Livery Briefing which is to be a quarterly publication specifically for Livery Companies. Previously all Livery Companies received a copy of Members Briefing but that newsheet was aimed principally for members of Common Council and it is now thought that Livery Companies would benefit from their own dedicated newsheet.

The Livery Briefing should not be confused with Livery Committee Briefing which is, and will continue to be, circulated to all Livery Companies following each meeting of the Livery Committee.

I hope all Livery Company Clerks and Liverymen will find this Briefing useful and informative. As with the former Members Briefing it is compiled by the Public Relations Department in Guildhall and I am sure [Sophie Galasinski](#), in The Guildhall PR Department, would be pleased to receive comments on this edition as well as suggestions for future issues.

*Bill Fraser
Chairman, The Livery Committee*

Below are key highlights and activities from the City of London Corporation over the past few months.

Lord Mayor Alderman Roger Gifford

November 2012 was dominated by the events surrounding the installation of the new Lord Mayor, Alderman Roger Gifford. The Lord Mayor's Show featured some of the Lord Mayor's particular interests and associations, notably his connections with Sweden and Scotland. The Show was watched by around half a million people in the City and approximately 2 million on TV. At the Lord Mayor's Banquet, the Lord Mayor set out his vision for his year in office, focusing on his own background in banking and its importance in supporting the wider economy; in philanthropy and social investment and on his Charity Appeal, with the main beneficiary a new charity, The City Music Foundation. The speech was praised by the Prime Minister. Click [here](#) to download a copy of the Lord Mayor's speech

[World Economic Forum Global Risks Report 2013](#)

The Policy Chairman, Mark Boleat, welcomed Guests to the launch of the World Economic Forum's *Global Risks 2013* report on 9 January 2013 at Guildhall. The

report identifies and reviews the major risks relating to the global economy, energy, climate, population and geopolitics. The results fed into an analysis of three major risk cases: Testing Economic and Environmental Resilience, Digital Wildfires in a Hyperconnected World and The Dangers of Hubris on Human Health. The report provides the corporate sector with extensive insights into these major risks and makes an important contribution to the agenda of the World Economic Forum in Davos.

London Government Dinner

On 17 January the Lord Mayor hosted and spoke at the annual London Government Dinner at Mansion House, alongside Boris Johnson and Jules Pipe, the Head of London Councils. In a well-received speech the Lord Mayor spoke of London's honourable tradition of tolerance and diversity – which was part of its attractiveness to business and investors and made a huge contribution to the quality of life to be found in London. The full text of the speech can be found [here](#). The London Government Dinner was covered in the [Financial Times](#), [City AM](#) and [The Guardian](#).

Economic Crime Conference

On 21 January, the Policy Chairman hosted a conference on Economic Crime – *Economic Crime – Threats and responses* that was organised by the key public policy organisation Cityforum. The conference featured a keynote address by the Attorney General Dominic Grieve and high level panel discussions entitled *The way ahead, Perspectives on some aspects of economic crime, Increasing the effectiveness of the British response* and *Reinforcing the reputation of the City*. The Chairman welcomed guests and spoke on the importance of effectively tackling economic crime.

Inward and overseas visits and activities

- **Visit to New York**

As part of his regular engagement with key stakeholders in the US, the Policy Chairman visited New York at the end of November. Key issues discussed were extraterritorial actions by regulators, problems caused by multiple regulators, some operating politically, in the US, the prospects for averting the “fiscal cliff” at the end of December and UK relations with the EU. A common theme was the need for the US and UK to work together, and the UK's position in Europe was seen as crucial to ongoing relations between the two countries.

- **Visit to Oman**

The Lord Mayor led the first of his overseas visits, to Oman on 13 to 15 January. He found huge and historic goodwill towards the City and the UK, and plans for £20 billion worth of projects in infrastructure alone. The opportunities for British companies were clear – in infrastructure, but also in education and training and supporting Omani plans to develop their creative industries.

- **Visit to Paris**

The Policy Chairman led a visit to Paris on 14 and 15 January to relay the City's positions on the Banking Union, FTT, third country access issues and other regulatory issues of concern, and to find out from the French institutions what their thinking is on these issues. The Chairman also took the opportunity to promote the IRSG's Wholesale Financial Markets initiative which has been undertaken in conjunction with the CBI. After a briefing session with the British Ambassador, he met with various business leaders, including the Governor of the Banque de France. The Chairman also attended the regular Anglo-

French Committee meeting in Paris, which brings together senior industry representatives to work on joint positions on key issues.

- **China**

The City has a substantial programme of China-related work including developing London as a western hub for RMB trading. On 3 December the Policy Chairman hosted a dinner at which the guest speaker was Treasury minister Lord Sassoon. On 4 December the City's China Advisory Council met; this was followed by a meeting with China's central bank, the PBoC, and an open forum for City stakeholders.

- **Liverpool and Leeds, Edinburgh and Glasgow visits**

The Lord Mayor paid visits to Liverpool and Leeds, Edinburgh and Glasgow, during January. These were valuable opportunities to highlight the variety and quality of the UK's financial and professional services industry, and also to investigate ways in which the City and the Lord Mayor can work more closely with them, especially on his overseas business visits. In Liverpool, for example, the Lord Mayor was able to engage with the city's maritime services industry, while in Leeds the focus was more upon legal services.

- **State Banquets**

At the request of the UK Government the Lord Mayor and City Corporation hosted two State Banquets in November for the President of Indonesia and the Amir of Kuwait, with a view to building long term political and trade partnerships.

Court of Common Council elections

City of London Common Council elections will take place on 20/21 March 2013. Details of the elections and key dates can be found at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/cityvote2013.

Prof Tony Travers of the LSE delivered a lecture at Gresham College on [The governance and voting system of the City of London](#).

City Briefings

These are aimed particularly at new Liverymen and Freemen; partners are also welcome, as are Court Assistants and Liverymen of longer standing, who have not previously been to a Briefing.

City Briefings give a short introduction to the work of the City Corporation, especially the relationship with the livery companies. The presentation is given by an Assistant Town Clerk and a member of the Livery Committee. There is an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and the Briefing is followed by a light finger buffet, which provides the chance to mix with other Liverymen and Freemen.

2013 Livery Briefing dates

- Wednesday 20 February 2013
- Wednesday 1 May 2013
- Monday 14 October 2013
- Monday 4 November 2013

Time: 5pm-5.30pm – Registration, and tea/coffee served

Location: Livery Hall, 71 Basinghall Street, Guildhall, London EC2V 5DH.

Cost: £10 per person (non-refundable)

Booking: Briefings can be booked at the link

<http://www.liverycommitteecourses.org/city-briefings.php>

Recent announcements

- The City of London's response to the Prime Minister's speech on Europe can be found [here](#).
- [Artizan Street Library and Community Centre](#) is a new library, serving residents, City workers and students on the eastern fringes of the Square Mile. It has an extensive range of books, DVDs and CDs for loan. Computers and printing facilities are available for all users and a dedicated children's section will hold activities, including 'Stay and Play' and 'Rhyme Time'.
- A new [employability initiative](#) has been launched. Developed by Central London Forward (a sub-regional organisation representing the interests of 6 central London Boroughs and the City Corporation) in consultation with the City Corporation, it involves the use of a range of activities (pre-employment training, 14-16 year old employability passport and mentoring) to address youth unemployment in the City and its surrounding areas. It will complement the pan-London "[Get Young People Working – The Youth Offer](#)" scheme (which the City Corporation developed with London Councils) and will be supported by a £2.1m allocation from the Bridge House Estates Fund, £2m of which will be used to leverage additional funding from other organisations.
- The City Corporation's Women Entrepreneurs Support Initiative is calling out for entrepreneurs and experts to get involved on a voluntary basis in the latest element of the initiative, a Mastermind Group which will meet on a regular basis, beginning in March. The aim of the project is to help 8-10 female entrepreneurs based in the City and its fringe boroughs, in building high growth enterprises by offering a combination of brainstorming, education, peer accountability and support in a group setting to sharpen business and personal skills. If you are interested in becoming a facilitator for this group or would like to find out more at the launch event on 14 March please contact Catriona Mahoney via email catriona.mahoney@cityoflondon.gov.uk.
- As part of the City Corporation's support for women entrepreneurs, the Guildhall played host to the launch of 'Code First: Girls', an initiative to teach women basic coding/programming skills led by [Entrepreneur First](#), of which we are a core sponsor. 30 high performing female graduates are currently being recruited to take part in a 10 week training
- The City Corporation, in partnership with The Cloud, now provides unrestricted [free wifi](#) on-street within the Square Mile.
- Following the retirement of Lt Col Richard Martin MBE at the start of 2013, James North, Senior Programme Manager at Mansion House, has taken over the role of Swordbearer to the Lord Mayor.
- Her Majesty the Queen has approved the appointment of His Honour Judge Brian John Barker QC as the Recorder of London - from Wednesday 12 February. Called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1969, Judge Barker took silk in 1990 and was appointed as a Senior Circuit Judge in 2000 and Common Serjeant to the City of London in 2005. Judge Barker will take over the role from His

Honour Judge Peter Beaumont QC, who will retire in February after serving as Recorder of London since December 2004.

Publications

- [City's cash and City Fund summary statement publications](#)
These publications provide a summary statement of the activities paid for by each fund.
- The City Corporation's [Statement of Licensing Policy](#), which introduces a Code of Practice and Risk Assessment Scheme, has now been published.
- [New forecasts for London's economic growth published](#)
The City of London has published new economic forecasts for London's output growth, produced by Oxford Economics.
- [London's Air Connectivity](#)
Two research reports, by York Aviation, explore London's Air Connectivity and are prepared as a contribution to the on-going debate on how to meet London's airport capacity needs and the importance of retaining hub status.
- [BRIC currencies trading in London](#)
This research report, by the London School of Economics, explores the trading of four BRIC currencies in the London FX market: the Brazilian real, the Russian Ruble, the Indian rupee and the Chinese Renminbi.

Consultations

- Workers, businesses and residents have an opportunity to give their views on the City Corporation's Draft Local Plan, which will build on the Core Strategy adopted in 2011. It will set out policies that will be used when making decisions on planning applications. The Local Plan's policies will maintain the City's principal role as an international finance and business hub by guiding where offices, shops, housing and open spaces are provided, and aim to protect the environment and the City's heritage.

You can view the Draft Local Plan at the Guildhall, in all City libraries and on the City's website: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/localplan. We are also holding two public meetings at the Guildhall, where you can ask questions about the draft plan, talk to City planners and give us your views on Monday 18 February, 12.00 – 2.00pm, or on Tuesday 26 February, 6.00 – 8.00pm.

All comments on the Draft Local Plan are very welcome and should be sent by 5pm on 11 March 2013 to: The City Planning Officer, Department of the Built Environment, City of London, P.O. Box 270, Guildhall, EC2P 2EJ, or alternatively, to the following email address: localplan@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

- From 14 January, for a period of three months, the City is trialling new arrangements for responding to noise complaints outside 'office hours'. The City has entered into a Service Level Agreement with Westminster City Council Noise Team whose Environmental Health Officers will respond to noise complaints made 'out of hours', including at weekends and public holidays. They will be assisted by City of London Street Enforcement Officers who will focus on responding to complaints about noise from construction sites and

street works.

Where necessary, the service is being monitored and fine-tuned during the trial period with an evaluation at the end of the three months. Any feedback on experiences with the new arrangements, should be sent to **Tony Bride, Pollution Team Manager ext. 3518**, tony.bride@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Contact details for the service will remain as they are now: telephone 020 7606 3030.

Information about the Square Mile

- The Post Office have informed the City Corporation that they will be closing the Post Office at 35 Broadgate Circle in May 2013 due to large scale redevelopment of the area which has led them to being given notice to vacate the premises. They are further proposing that the branch closure should be permanent as they are satisfied that the Houndsditch Crown Office (at White Kennet Street next to the new Artizan Street Library and Community Centre) has sufficient capacity to cope with the expected additional increase in customers. If the decision to close the Broadgate branch permanently goes ahead they would refurbish the Houndsditch Post Office to include extra customer facilities such as additional Post and Go machines and dedicated mails and travel money counters. The Post Office's 12-week consultation period on permanent closure runs until 9 April during which period comments can be sent directly to the Post Office Ltd at consultation@postoffice.co.uk.
- The [City of London Police](#) is responsible for penalty enforcement for littering within the City of London. Anyone seen littering (which includes urination & being sick) faces an on-the spot Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 or a summons to a Magistrates Court where, if convicted, they can receive a fine up to £2,500 and a criminal record.

Things to do

- Thursday 14 February 10.00am-3.30pm. The City of London's new [Health and Wellbeing Board](#) invites you to drop in to the Livery Hall, to find out about health in the City, see interactive displays from our providers and partners, and take part in electronic voting on health priorities. To attend email pro.events@cityoflondon.gov.uk.
- [Barbican Music Library](#) is currently hosting an exhibition, which runs until 28 February, to celebrate the Royal Philharmonic Society's 200th anniversary. Items on display include: a selection of musicians' letters; an autograph manuscript of an RPS Commission; and a copy of a Beethoven life-mask.
- [Doctors, Dissection and Resurrection Men](#) reveals the extraordinary and unexpected discoveries of a 2006 archaeological dig at the Royal London Hospital carried out by Museum of London Archaeology.
- This autumn the Barbican unveiled two brand new [cinema screens](#) - the first addition to the venue since the arts centre opened in 1982. With architecturally designed exteriors by Allford Hall Monaghan Morris, Barbican Cinemas 2&3, situated at street-level on Beech Street have 153 seats each and will soon be accompanied with a restaurant and café.

- Download the latest Winter in the City booklet [here](#).
- [Golden Lane Sport & Fitness](#) is the City of London Corporation's newly refurbished fitness facility located in the heart of the City's square mile. Members of the centre can enjoy a state of the art gym, group exercise classes, a sports hall, outdoor tennis courts, a swimming pool and much more. Fusion Lifestyle is currently offering a free trial session - to arrange an appointment please contact Robert Maw at Golden Lane on **020 7250 1464**.

Licence applications

If you have any queries relating to licence applications or wish to view current applications please visit the website www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/licensing, call **020 7332 3406** or email licensing@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

The Honourable The Irish Society – Cutts House, Coleraine, Northern Ireland

Cutts House is available as a place to stay or entertain guests to persons or organisations known to the Society. If you require further information please refer to the Society's Secretary, Edward Motgomery theirishsociety@btconnect.com.

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