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

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**A tribute made in Guildhall by The Alderman of Aldgate,
Lord Levene at Common Council on 10th May 2007**

My Lord Mayor

I was first elected as a Common Councilman some three years after Bruce, and grew to respect him as a man of wisdom and high principles.

I got to know him much better during his Chairmanship of the Board of Governors of the City of London School, an appointment which he filled with great distinction at a time of considerable change for that School.

During my Mayoralty he left me in no doubt as to the passion with which he worked for the promotion of the Maritime Services Industry, a passion which filled much of what he did and a subject on which he had an encyclopaedic recollection.

His commitment to the City of London and to this Court was absolute. Indeed only a couple of days before his very untimely and unexpected death, he phoned me to say that he wanted me to know that he was going to stand in the election for Chief Commoner. I told him that I was delighted to wish him every success and subsequently, as members of this honourable Court will know, he acquitted himself very well indeed.

My Lord Mayor, this Court has long benefited from the presence of men of the stature of Bruce Farthing – he will be greatly missed.



**There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for former Maritime London President
Bruce Farthing at St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street on Thursday 5 July 2007 at 11:30 and
afterwards at Guildhall. All are welcome.**



*"The unknown girl from Roman London lies buried here" is the translation of a Latin inscription on the pavement in Bury Street, near to the Swiss Re building, which saw her remains reinterred during April. The Service was conducted by the Revd. Dr Brian Lee (pictured right with Common Councilmen Sylvia Moys, the late Bruce Farthing and Dr Peter Hardwick). The Lady Mayoress accompanied by the Group Development Director of Minerva unveiled the pavement slab. The young Roman had lain in this spot sometime between AD350 and AD400 but was unearthed during the excavation of the Spitalfields area in 1999. **Sylvia Moys***



Bob Benton of the East India Arms in Fenchurch Street recently became a Freeman of the City in a ceremony in Guildhall. Bob is pictured with the Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, Murray Craig.



keeping the City moving

Improving the environment for pedestrians, promoting cycling for City workers and championing rail link upgrades – these are just some of the reasons why the City of London Corporation has been named Transport Borough of the Year.

Judges at the London Transport Awards were unanimous in their choice of the City which also won the Cycling Award and a commendation in the Transport Partnership Project category.

The London Transport Awards recognise and reward transport planners and providers who have made a real difference to the transport system and the people that use it.

Commenting on the awards, the City's Policy & Resources Chairman Michael Snyder said: "Although not directly responsible for transport, the City of London does have a responsibility to provide the highest quality local government services and to support the business city. As part of this we manage

the highway network and improve road safety and the environment. We also support and promote schemes that would improve the transport infrastructure – especially the Crossrail project which we believe is vital to the Square Mile's position as the destination of choice for business. Receiving these awards is extremely gratifying and means we are moving in the right direction!"

The judges were particularly impressed by the targeted investment in improving the environment for pedestrians and



the big question

A major exercise to judge how well the City of London Corporation is performing is about to take place.

This year, the City Corporation's annual Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), which assesses how well local service providers are performing, will include a Corporate Assessment. This looks at how the City Corporation as a whole performs, rather than at specific services. Though it is an integral part of CPA, a Corporate Assessment is only carried out periodically - the City's last such assessment was in 2002.

Within the assessment residents, workers, businesses and City partners will be asked how well they believe the City Corporation performs in all areas – from support and promotion of the business city, to high quality local government services and extra services for the benefit of London and the nation as a whole. It is due to take place in September and the Audit Commission will publish the results by year end.

City Policy & Resources Chairman Michael Snyder said: "This is important to the City Corporation because it's



another indication of how well we serve the City and the quality of services we provide. It also reaches all of our many stakeholders so will give a broader picture of how we are seen."

resident results

cyclists. There has been a large take up of cycling among City workers, with cycles now accounting for 10% of vehicles in the Square Mile. And up to October 2006, some 44 Street Scene Challenge schemes have been completed at a cost of £10.7m, with a further 25 either under construction or approved.

More information
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/transport



are you registered?

It's almost that time of year again when the City of London contacts all residents and businesses in the Square Mile and asks them to register to take part in City elections.

It is important that the forms which are sent out are returned to the Electoral Registration Office for an accurate register to be compiled and so that you do not

The results of the latest resident satisfaction survey are in and show very positive results for the City of London Corporation.

Almost 80% of residents are satisfied with the City's performance and a third believes that things have improved since the last survey was carried out in 2003.

More than 1,300 residents responded to the survey, carried out by independent researchers Ipsos MORI last year. It is a statutory survey for all local authorities to assess service delivery. Among London authorities the City Corporation was ranked first and satisfaction, in most cases, is increasing and is higher than the London average. In particular, environmental services, such as waste collection and cleanliness, and cultural services, including museums and galleries, libraries (pictured below), and theatres/concert halls were rated highly.



However, the survey did highlight areas in which the City Corporation needs to improve further - sports and leisure facilities and parks and open spaces satisfaction levels were 49% and 64% respectively. Also 44% of residents feel that the City Corporation is remote and impersonal, around half do not feel well informed about whether it is delivering on its promises, and about two-thirds do not feel well informed about what it is doing to tackle anti-social behaviour.

City Policy Chairman Michael Snyder commented: "Obviously we are very pleased with the overall findings of the survey but the results also highlight where we need to improve so we will be focusing our efforts in those areas in the future."

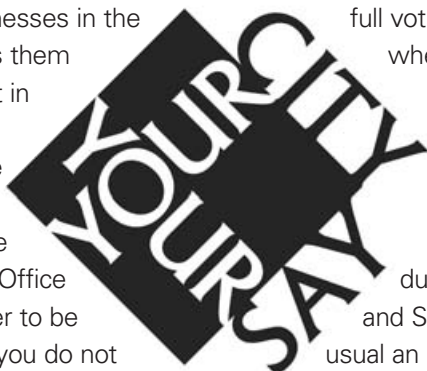
More information 020 7332 1428
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/consultation

lose your right to vote. Businesses are also encouraged to use their full voting entitlement wherever possible.

Registration forms and leaflets reminding people of the procedures are due to go out in August and September, and as usual an early reply is

appreciated so the City Corporation doesn't have to keep bothering you!

More information
0800 587 5537
electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk
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Alderman Lord Levene of Portsoken KBE, Chairman of Lloyd's



Left to right: Dr Peter Hardwick (Retired Consultant Anaesthetist), John Holland (Ward Deputy and a Chartered Accountant), Syliva Moys (Chartered Secretary) and David Thompson (Chartered Accountant)



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Aldgate Ward A No Smoking Zone?

As you are all probably aware, from the national press, Sunday 1st July 2007 will see the introduction of a smoking ban from the work place and public premises. What does this mean to the residents and workers in the ward?



NO SMOKING.

It is against the law to smoke in these premises

Well for most people it is fair to say the biggest single change will be that smoking will be banned from pubs, bars and restaurants. So winding down with a smoke and a drink will become an out side past time. In the work place the 'smoking room' will also be a thing of the past. As a resident/worker in the ward you will notice an increase in seating areas outside licensed premises. 'No Smoking' signs will be appearing in the entranceways to licensed premises and work places.

Where in the past this was a decision for individual premises or companies it will now become law. To back up this new law, a system of fines will be introduced ranging from £50 on the spot fine for those who do not comply with the ban to a £2,500 for the premises managers who fail to stop people smoking. Staff will be required by law to enforce the ban on their premises, failure to comply with their instructions will result in a fine or police action.

The City Police are working closely with the City of London Environmental Services Department and Central Government to ensure the change in law is implemented with the minimum of disruption to business.

For information on compliance and signage visit smokefreeengland.co.uk

Or call 0800169 1697.

For information on outside smoking areas for Licensed premises call the Licensing Team on 020 7332 3406.

For information on external shelters call the Planning Department on 020 7332 1710.

For issues relating to smoke related litter call the Cleansing Department on 020 7606 3110 ext 2212.

By-election

Following the death of Bruce Farthing, a vacancy for a Common Councilman has occurred in the Ward. A Wardmote for a by-election will therefore be held on 11 July 2007 and if the election is contested (i.e. if there is more than one candidate) a poll will take place on 12 July. All electors in the Ward will have been written to with further information but if you have any questions please contact the Electoral Services Office at any time on 0800 587 5537 or electoralservices@cityoflondon.gov.uk

News in brief

We also regret to report the deaths of two former Aldgate Members **Philip Creswell**, a Solicitor, who was Chairman of the Gresham Committee (City-Side) and also a Past Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers

Colin David, a Chartered Accountant and Partner in Spicer and Pegler and later Spicer and Oppenheim. In addition he made a significant contribution to St Lawrence Jewry as Treasurer.