

LIVERY BRIEFING

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Message from the Chair, Deputy Philip Woodhouse

Dear Liverymen,

I know that many of you were present at last month's Common Hall: Election of the Lord Mayor, which saw Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli elected to be the 695th Lord Mayor of the City of London for 2023-2024. The Lord Mayor-Elect's speech is available on the Livery Committee website and for those of you unable to be present I know you will find it an interesting read.

The Lord Mayor-Elect will take office on 10 November at the Silent Ceremony at Guildhall followed, as ever, by the Lord Mayor's Show on 11 November, marking the outset of another busy and productive Mayoral year. Further details on the Lord Mayor's Show will be available on the Livery Committee website shortly.

A further list of dates, including the popular City Briefings and the Warden and Court Assistants' course, may be found below. As always, please check the Livery Committee website for the most up-to-date information, at <https://www.liverycommittee.org>

With very best wishes,

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Dates of importance

City Briefings

2 November 2023, at 5.30pm

Clerks' Forum

17 January 2024.

Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff Weekend

2024 – date to be confirmed

Help Prioritise How Local Funding is Spent - Seeking City Workers and Residents' Views

Have your say on how funding should be spent to improve your local area and the activities on offer. By completing the [Neighbourhood Fund Survey](#) you can share your views and help shape the priorities of local grant funding across the City of London.

Each year the City of London's Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund distributes over two million pounds in grants across the Square Mile. The fund's primary focus is to provide neighbourhood infrastructure and community benefit for those who live and work within the City of London. The Neighbourhood Fund supports an extremely broad range of capital projects and community activities. From providing children's workshops during school holidays, to improving the City's green spaces for users and wildlife. From adapting buildings to reduce noise pollution, to animating public spaces through art designed for and with young residents.

The Central Grants Unit is undertaking a public consultation with City residents and workers from 6 September to 25 October to hear their thoughts and ideas on how to shape the Neighbourhood Fund and its priorities. Please can you cascade the [Neighbourhood Fund Survey](#) to your networks and share with those within your Livery. The survey can also be accessed by typing bit.ly/47wakXw in to a browser or by scanning the QR code below:



Please tell us your thoughts and ideas on how to shape the Neighbourhood Fund and share the survey with your neighbours. The City Corporation would like to hear your views.

Lord Mayor's Programme

Monte Carlo Visit

In September the Lord Mayor attended the Rendez Vous de Septembre, the annual gathering in Monaco of the global insurance industry, where he met the chief executives of some of the world's major insurers and reinsurers. It was the first time a Lord Mayor has participated in the Rendez Vous. This reflects the City of London Corporation's renewed focus on the insurance sector as part of a new pilot project intended to promote internationally the London Market, especially its specialisms of cyber and climate.

Cambridge Crime Symposium

On 3 and 4 September, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended the 40th International Symposium on Crime at Jesus College in Cambridge. The Symposium began with a dinner featuring welcoming addresses from the Member of Parliament for Cambridge (Daniel Zeichner MP) and the Mayor of Cambridge (Cllr Jenny Gawthorpe Wood). This was followed by speeches from the Lord Mayor, Don Fort (Director of Investigations at Kostelanetz LLP) and Saul Froomkin OBE KC (Chairman of the Symposium). The following morning, the Lord Mayor joined the Solicitor General (Rt Hon Michael Tomlinson KC) and Baroness Penn in formally opening the Symposium. In his speech, the Lord Mayor highlighted the work of the City of London Police and their role as the national lead force for tackling fraud, as well as the City Corporation's £350m investment in a new court complex in the City, which will boost the wider criminal justice response to economic crime.

Chancellor of the Exchequer's Business Breakfast on Financial Services

On 6 September the Lord Mayor attended a Business Breakfast on Financial Services at No. 11 Downing Street, hosted by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Discussions focused on how the Mansion House reforms, announced in July, will boost UK pensions, boost returns for savers and provide more capital for the UK's fastest growing companies.

Vision for Economic Growth

The City Corporation launched its new report Vision for Economic Growth – a roadmap to prosperity on 7 September, with an event at The Lookout at 8 Bishopsgate. The Lord Mayor and Policy Chairman opened the event by setting out the roadmap and outlining the industry shaped vision for what the financial and professional services sector could look like by 2030. The report, co-authored by eight leading industry experts, identifies five key objectives to help drive and unlock growth for British businesses and the wider UK economy.

Launch of GreenCity Collaborative

On 14 September the Lord Mayor spoke at the launch of the Green City London Collaborative (GCLC) - allowing entrepreneurs and subject matter experts to congregate to accelerate the successful development of early-stage climate technology ventures into successful firms bringing to market-affordable solutions to address climate change. GCLC began earlier this year and aims to setup an office/lab space by the start of the fourth quarter of 2023.

Their Majesties the King and Queen

The Lord Mayor welcomed the King and Queen to Mansion House on 18 October. We hope to provide the speeches of the King and the Lord Mayor for you to enjoy on the website as soon as available. The evening was one of great celebration of the relationship between the Royal family and the City. The canopy (Anointing Screen) provided by the Livery for the most important part of the coronation was on display for an evening of great festivity with many from the City and Livery present.

Anointing Screen on display in Mansion House

