

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU

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The Lord Mayor will take the Chair at ONE
of the clock in the afternoon precisely.

This being the occasion
of the Lord Mayor taking
his seat for the first time,
Members are requested to
appear in their Gowns.



COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on
THURSDAY next, the 7th day of December, 2023.

Members of the public can observe the public part of this meeting by visiting the
[City of London Corporation YouTube Channel](#)

IAN THOMAS CBE,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

*Guildhall,
Wednesday 29th November 2023*

Martha Grekos

Tim Hailes

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Aldermen on the Rota

1 **Apologies**

2 **Introduction of Newly-Elected Members**

Name	Ward
Jacqui Webster	Cripplegate
Suzanne Ornsby KC	Farringdon Without

3 **Declarations by Members under the Code of Conduct in respect of any items on the agenda**

4 **Minutes**

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 12 October 2023.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 24)

5 **Mayoral Engagements**

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor to report on his recent engagements.

6 **Policy Statement**

To receive a statement from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee.

For Information

7 **Appointments**

To consider the following appointments:

- (A) One Member on the **Epping Forest & Commons Committee**, for a year term expiring in April 2026.

(No Contest)

Nominations received:-

David Sales

- (B) One Member on the **Licensing Committee**, for a term expiring in April 2026.

(No Contest)

Nominations received:-

Luis Felipe Tilleria

- (C) One Member on the **Education Board**, for a term expiring in April 2026.

(No Contest)

Nominations received:-

Luis Felipe Tilleria

- (D) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School**, for a term expiring in April 2024.

(No Contest)

Nominations received:-

Luis Felipe Tilleria

- (E) One Member on the **Christ's Hospital**, for a term expiring in December 2027.
(No Contest)

Nominations received:-

*Deputy Marianne Fredericks

For Decision

8 **Planning & Transportation Committee**

To consider proposals relating to the approach to modelling of traffic impacts at Bank Junction.

For Decision
(Pages 25 - 74)

9 **Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee**

To consider proposals relating to an application for the provision of hospitality.

For Decision
(Pages 75 - 76)

10 **Policy and Resources Committee**

To consider proposals relating to the appointment of a new Outside Body.

For Decision
(Pages 77 - 78)

11 **Vote of Thanks to the Late Lord Mayor**

To pass the Vote of Thanks, read informally at the October meeting of the Court, to the late Lord Mayor.

For Decision
(Pages 79 - 80)

12 **Motions**

(A) By Deputy Marianne Fredericks

"That the Resolution of Thanks to the late Lord Mayor, passed by Common Hall on 29 September last, be presented in a form agreeable to him?"

(B) By Deputy Brian Mooney

"That the Resolution of Thanks to Alastair John Naisbitt King DL, Alderman and Blacksmith and Andrew Charles Marsden, Citizen and Marketor, the late Sheriffs of the City, passed by Common Hall on 29 September last, be presented in a form agreeable to them?"

(C) By Deputy Elizabeth King

"That Jacqui Webster be appointed the Planning & Transportation Committee in the room of Natasha Lloyd Owen, who has stepped down from the Committee whilst on maternity leave."

(D) By Deputy Elizabeth King

“That Jacqui Webster be appointed to the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee in the room of Natasha Lloyd Owen, who has stepped down from the Committee whilst on maternity leave.”

(E) By Deputy Charles Edward Lord

“That Suzanne Ornsby KC be appointed to the Culture, Heritage, and Libraries Committee for the Ward of Farringdon Without, in the room of Caroline Kordai Addy, who no longer sits on the Court of Common Council.

13 **Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials****For Decision**14 **The Freedom of the City**

To consider a circulated list of applications for the Freedom of the City.

For Decision
(Pages 81 - 88)15 **Questions**16 **Policy and Resources Committee**

To note action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the appointment of an Honorary Water Bailiff.

For Information
(Pages 89 - 90)17 **Legislation**

To receive a report setting out measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation.

For Information
(Pages 91 - 94)18 **Docquets for the Hospital Seal.**19 **Awards and Prizes****MOTION**20 **By the Chief Commoner**

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972, or are otherwise exempt as they relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

For Decision

- 21 **Non-Public Minutes**
To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting of the Court held on 12 October 2023.
For Decision
(Pages 95 - 98)
- 22 **Policy and Resources Committee**
- (A) City of London Corporate Fund**
To consider proposals relating to the description for the City of London Corporation's Corporate Fund.
For Decision
(Pages 99 - 108)
- (B) The Voluntary Hospital of St Bartholomew**
To consider proposals relating to work being undertaken by the Voluntary Hospital of St Bartholomew (Registered Charity Number: 246904).
For Decision
(Pages 109 - 112)
- 23 **Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee**
To consider proposals relating to the provision of hospitality for City of London Corporation's annual events.
For Decision
(Pages 113 - 120)
- 24 **Finance Committee**
- (A) Managed Service Temporary Agency Resource**
To consider proposals relating to a contract.
For Decision
(Pages 121 - 124)
- (B) Museum of London Pay Award**
To consider proposals relating to the 2023 Museum of London Pay Award.
For Decision
(Pages 125 - 128)
- (C) Low Value Spend Strategy**
To consider proposals relating to a contract.
For Decision
(Pages 129 - 132)
- 25 **City of London Policy Authority Board**
To consider to proposals relating to the Provision of Cryptocurrency Storage and Realisation Services.
For Decision
(Pages 133 - 136)

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26 **Barbican Centre Board**

To consider proposals relating to the Barbican Fire Safety Project.

For Decision
(Pages 137 - 140)

27 **Corporate Services Committee**

(A) Market Forces Supplement

To consider proposals relating to a Market Forces Supplement award.

For Decision
(Pages 141 - 142)

(B) Creation of a Grade I Post

To consider proposals relating to the creation of a Grade I Post.

For Decision
(Pages 143 - 150)

28 **Finance Committee**

To note action taken under urgency procedures in relation to the Enterprise Resource Planning Programme.

For Information
(Pages 151 - 152)



LYONS, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

12th October 2023
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Alexander Robertson Martin Barr (Alderman)	Robert Picton Seymour Howard (Alderman)	Bronek Masojada (Alderman & Sheriff)
Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman (Alderman)	Robert Charles Hughes-Penney (Alderman)	Jennette Rachel Newman (Alderwoman)
Professor Emma Edhem (Alderman)	Dame Susan Langley (Alderwoman & Sheriff)	Susan Jane Pearson (Alderwoman)
Sir Peter Estlin (Alderman)	Tim Levene (Alderman)	Sir William Anthony Bowater Russell (Alderman)
Prem Goyal OBE (Alderman)	Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons (Alderman)	Kawsar Zaman (Alderman)
Martha Grekos (Alderwoman)	The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Professor	
Timothy Russell Hailes (Alderman)	Michael Raymond Mainelli (Alderman)	
	Christopher Makin (Alderman)	

COMMONERS

Joanna Tufuo Abeyie	Simon Duckworth, Deputy	Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones	Henrika Johanna Sofia Priest
Munsur Ali	Peter Gerard Dunphy, Deputy	Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi, Deputy	Nighat Qureishi, Deputy
Rehana Banu Ameer, Deputy	Mary Durcan	Florence Keelson-Anfu	David Sales
Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy	John Ernest Edwards	Elizabeth Anne King, Deputy	Ian Christopher Norman Seaton
Shahnan Bakht	Helen Lesley Fentimen	Natasha Maria Cabrera Lloyd-Owen, Deputy	Hugh Selka
Jamel Banda	Anthony David Fitzpatrick	Charles Edward Lord, Deputy	Alethea Silk
Brendan Barns	John William Fletcher, Deputy	Antony Geoffrey Manchester	Paul Singh
Matthew Bell	John Foley	Paul Nicholas Martinelli	Tom Sleigh
The Honourable Emily Sophia Wedgwood Benn	Marianne Bernadette Fredericks, Deputy	Andrew Paul Mayer	Sir Michael Snyder, Deputy
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith	Steve Goodman	Catherine McGuinness	James St John Davis
Ian Bishop-Laggett	John Griffiths	Andrew Stratton McMurtrie	Mandeep Thandi
Christopher Paul Boden, Deputy	Jason Groves	Timothy James McNally	James Michael Douglas
Keith David Forbes Bottomley, Deputy	Madush Gupta, Deputy	Wendy Mead	Thomson, Deputy
Tijs Broeke	Caroline Wilma Haines	Andrien Gereith Dominic Meyers, Deputy	Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umrada
Timothy Richard Butcher	Christopher Michael Hayward, Deputy	Brian Desmond Francis Mooney, Deputy	William Upton
Michael John Cassidy, Deputy	Jaspreet Hodgson	Alastair Michael Moss, Deputy	Mark Raymond Peter Henry Delano Wheatley
Dominic Gerard Christian	Ann Holmes, Deputy	Eamonn James Mullally	Glen David Witney
Henry Nicholas Almroth	Amy Horscroft	Benjamin Daniel Murphy	Philip Woodhouse, Deputy
Colthurst, Deputy	Michael Hudson	Deborah Oliver	Dawn Linsey Wright
Anne Corbett	Wendy Hyde	Judith Pleasance	Irem Yerdelen
Aaron Anthony Jose Hasan		James Henry George Pollard, Deputy	
D'Souza			
Graeme Doshi-Smith, Deputy			

The Lord Mayor offered thoughts and condolences for all those affected in the recent tragic events in the Middle East. The Court proceeded to pause for a moment's silence and reflection.

On behalf of the Common Council, the Chief Commoner welcomed Martha Grekos following her recent election as Alderwoman for the Ward of Castle Baynard.

Alderman Grekos was heard in reply.

1. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.

2. Declarations There were no additional declarations.

3. Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the Court held on 7 September are correctly recorded.

4. Election of Chief Commoner The Court proceeded to elect a Chief Commoner for 2024/25.
Two valid nominations had been received in accordance with Standing Order No. 18; namely, Deputy Peter Dunphy and Deputy Andrien Meyers.

The Court therefore proceeded, in accordance with Standing Order No. 10, to ballot.

The Lord Mayor requested the Chief Commoner and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to be the scrutineers of the ballot.

After the votes had been counted, the results were as follows:_

Dunphy, P.G., Deputy – 53 votes
Meyers, A. G. D., Deputy – 46 votes

There was one spoilt ballot.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Peter Dunphy to be elected to the office of Chief Commoner for 2024/25.

Deputy Dunphy spoke to thank Honourable Members for their support.

5. Draft Vote of Thanks to the Lord Mayor Deputy Marianne Fredericks, for the Ward of Tower, read the draft terms of a vote of thanks to the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, which was intended to be moved formally at the next meeting of the Court.

The Lord Mayor was heard in reply.

6. Letter A letter of the Lord Mayor Elect, declaring his assent to take upon himself the Office of Lord Mayor, was laid before the Court.

7. The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor reported on his recent engagements,

Mayoral
Engagements

including the launch of the Vision for Economic Growth and visits to Monaco, Hong Kong and China, and the Gulf.

8.
Policy
Statement

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee began by acknowledging the tragic events in the Middle East.

The Chairman wished the Lord Mayor all the best at his last Court of Common Council meeting in the role, and reflected on their time working together and the legacy the Lord Mayor would leave.

The Chairman updated the Court on his recent engagements, including his attendance at the party conferences and visits to India and the United States.

In accordance with Standing Order 6(6) a Member raised a question with the Policy Chairman. In doing so, the Member joined the Chairman in his condemnation of the attacks in Israel, and asked if there was a danger that the City Corporation could be accused of hypocrisy in having a selective foreign policy. In reply, the Chairman said that he understood that these issues were deeply polarising, and that he wanted to focus on a lasting peace. It was right that the City Corporation did not lead on foreign, defence or security policy, and he had been expressing a personal view rather than speaking on behalf of Members.

A further Member echoed the sentiments on the City Corporation's involvement in foreign policy issues, and asked the Chairman if he would widen his remarks to include innocent lives being lost in Palestine, and to clarify the City Corporation's approach to foreign policy. In reply, the Chairman said that he condemned the taking of innocent lives anywhere in the world.

A final Member said that he agreed that the City Corporation should stay removed from international politics, but that the current situation was different for two reasons. The government had uniquely asked all local authorities and public bodies to express their revulsion at the terrorist attacks on Israel. There were also City residents who were now fearful for their safety simply because they were Jewish. The Chairman replied to confirm that the City Corporation had a duty to all the communities it served and knew that the City of London Police were also conscious of this responsibility.

9.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider the following appointments to vacancies on various committees and outside bodies:-

(A) One Member on the **Markets Board** for a term expiring in April 2027.

Nomination received:-
Deputy Madush Gupta

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Madush Gupta to be appointed to

the Markets Board.

- (B) One Member on the **Natural Environment Board and West Ham Park Committee** for a term expiring in April 2025.

Nomination received:-

Deputy Alpa Raja

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Alpa Raja to be appointed to the Natural Environment Board and West Ham Park Committee.

- (C) One non-residential Member on the **Barbican Residential Committee** for a term expiring in April 2026

Nomination received:-

Deputy Madush Gupta

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Madush Gupta to be appointed to the Barbican Residential Committee.

- (D) One Member on **Bridewell Royal Hospital** for a term expiring in October 2029.

Nomination received:-

Caroline Haines

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Caroline Haines to be appointed to Bridewell Royal Hospital

10. **Policy and Resources Committee**

(Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward)

21 September 2023

(A) Ward Committee Pairing Arrangements

The Court considered a report concerning considering pairing arrangements for ward committees.

The Chairman introduced the report, stating that the proposed changes to Standing Orders aimed to make ward committees more representative while removing the risk of last-minute confusion. The Committee had recognised that the Community and Children's Services Committee had different requirements, and there would be a follow-up report to specifically address this.

During the debate that ensued, Deputy Randall Anderson spoke to highlight an

amendment he intended to move regarding the Community and Children's Services Committee. He stressed the importance of getting the arrangements for this Committee right. The Committee often had several places not taken up by wards, which were then filled from the Court by Members with an interest in the work. This also allowed these Members to serve on the associated sub-committees, which had important statutory responsibilities. He warned that if the arrangements were not right for this Committee before changes to ward pairing were made, there was a risk that the City Corporation would fail in these responsibilities.

Anderson,
R. Deputy;
Murphy, B.

Amendment – to add at the end of the motion '*However, the ability to withhold ward committee places will not take effect until this Court approves revised arrangements for the Community and Children's Services Committee*'.

During debate on the amendment, several Members agreed that the Community and Children's Services Committee had a distinct role compared to other Ward Committees, especially in relation to its statutory functions. A Member sought assurance from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee that the follow-up report would be carefully drafted, and any changes would allow future membership of the Committee to draw on Members with relevant knowledge.

The Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee accepted the amendment and noted the rationale behind it. He assured Members that the report would be carefully drafted, and written in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee, and senior officers from that department.

Upon the amendment being put, the Lord Mayor declared it to be carried.

Debate then resumed on the substantive report, as amended. Two Members raised concerns that the second recommendation, which proposed removing the requirement for unfilled Ward vacancies to be advertised to the wider Court, might have the effect of limiting wider participation by Members and not necessarily be in the best interests of a Ward.

Closing the debate, the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that it was important to get the widest possible participation on every Ward Committee, but there were specific challenges faced by the Community and Children's Services Committee. Until those challenges were addressed, he agreed the need for the delay of wider changes. The Chairman felt it was right for appointments to remain the Ward's final decision. While the Lisvane Review had encouraged the reduction of the number of Members on several Committees, the Court had felt this risked reducing the options for Members. He felt it was important to consider the unique remit of and challenges faced by the Community and Children's Services Committee, and address the points raised in the follow-up report.

Resolved, that – Members approve changes to Standing Order 23 with the effect of:

1. Adding a strict deadline for pairing decisions to be made; and
2. removing the requirement for unfilled Ward vacancies to be advertised to the wider Court. However, the ability to withhold ward committee places will not

take effect until this Court approves revised arrangements for the Community and Children's Services Committee.

3 October 2023

(B) Appointment of Independent Persons

The Court considered a report of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the appointment of an Independent Person.

Resolved, that – the recommendations of the Appointment Panel are endorsed and the appointments of Mr Andrew Ayre, Ms Karen McArthur and Ms Amina Hossain as Independent Members of the City of London Corporation are approved.

11. Petitions

The Court received a petition submitted by Deputy Marianne Fredericks relative to an officer post at a City Corporation housing estate.

Resolved, that – the petition be referred to the Community and Children's Services Committee for consideration.

The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned persons, who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City by Redemption:-

Daniel Omoniyi Afilaka	an Information Technology Executive	Coventry, Warwickshire
<i>Antony Charles Greene</i>	<i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
<i>Derek Martin Morley</i>	<i>Citizen and Furniture Maker</i>	
Faria Harooj Ali	a Lawyer	Cheadle, Greater Manchester
<i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i>	<i>Citizen and Alderman</i>	
<i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
Christopher John Allen	a Lawyer	Maldon, Essex
<i>Ald. Vincent Thomas Keaveny, CBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
<i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
Kathryn Elise Rebecca Andrews	a Business Consultant	Oakville, Ontario, Canada
<i>Robert Andrews</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
<i>Richard John Bean John</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
Richard William Angell	a Chief Executive Officer of a Charity	Ilford, Essex
<i>CC Thomas Charles Sleigh</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	
<i>CC Benjamin Daniel Murphy</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	
Donato Briamonte	an Event Manager	Cricklewood, London

<i>Calogero Alu</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
<i>Russell Chweidan</i>	<i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
George Steven Butler	a Marine Engineer	Rochester, Kent
<i>CC Wendy Mead, OBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Patricia Agnes Campfield, MBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Wheelwright</i>	
Sarah Davina Clarke, CVO DBE	Lady Usher of the Black Rod	Wandsworth, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	
<i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
Anna Elizabeth Clayton	a Charity Development Manager, retired	Ascot, Berkshire
<i>Andrew John Gillett</i>	<i>Citizen and Founder</i>	
<i>Hugh Christopher Emlyn Harris</i>	<i>Citizen and Turner</i>	
Robert Thomas Ferguson Crothers	a Solicitor	Bow, London
<i>Ald. Kawsar Zaman</i>	<i>Citizen and Alderman</i>	
<i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	<i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	
Thomas Macknight Dawson	a United States Attorney At Law	Wilton, Connecticut, United States of America
<i>Malcolm Alastair Craig</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
<i>Rosemary Beaver</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
Henry Dony	an Insurance Broker and Loss Assessor	Finchley, London
<i>Sir Michael Bear</i>	<i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	
<i>Lady Barbara Anne Bear</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
Michael John Eakins	a Chief Investment Officer	Hammersmith, London
<i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	
<i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	<i>Citizen and Musician</i>	
Dominic Arthur Craig Edwardes	a Charity Communications Director	Norwood, London
<i>CC Thomas Charles Sleigh</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	
<i>CC Benjamin Daniel Murphy</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	
Muneera Yusuf Esat	a Bookkeeper	Iford, Redbridge
<i>Christopher John Robinson</i>	<i>Citizen and Cutler</i>	
<i>Christopher Charles Fisher</i>	<i>Citizen and Cutler</i>	
Alexandra Samantha Fontaine	a Concierge Service Company Director	Pimlico, London
<i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Christopher Charles Hipkins</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
Rosemary Pema Glazebrook	a Commonwealth Enterprise Council Chief Executive	West Kensington, London
<i>Oliver Edward Gadsby</i>	<i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i>	
<i>Wayne Campbell Sime</i>	<i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	

<p>Nicholas James Ross Gordon <i>Andrew John Gillett</i> <i>Hugh Christopher Emlyn Harris</i></p>	<p>a Television Producer and Director <i>Citizen and Founder</i> <i>Citizen and Turner</i></p>	<p>Richmond, Surrey</p>
<p>Timothy John Douglas Gordon <i>Andrew John Gillett</i> <i>Hugh Christopher Emlyn Harris</i></p>	<p>a Publishing Director <i>Citizen and Founder</i> <i>Citizen and Turner</i></p>	<p>East Horsley, Surrey</p>
<p>Karen Ann Green <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Wellbeing Company Director and Adviser <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Chiswick, London</p>
<p>Andrew John Griffith <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>	<p>a Member of Parliament <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Westminster, London</p>
<p>Katherine Mary Hattrell <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Chartered Accountant, retired <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Clapham, London</p>
<p>Martin Edward Michael Hattrell <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Clapham, London</p>
<p>Nicholas Paul Hewlett <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Headteacher <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Catford, London</p>
<p>The Hon. Julia Anne Hoggett <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>CC Florence Keelson-Anfu</i></p>	<p>a Stock Exchange Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen</i></p>	<p>Westminster, London</p>
<p>General Gwyn Jenkins, CB OBE <i>Jeremy Mark Fox</i> <i>Admiral Sir Philip Andrew Jones, GCB DL</i></p>	<p>a Senior Royal Marines Officer <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i></p>	<p>Wareham, Dorset</p>
<p>Lord Johnson of Lainston Dominic Robert Andrew Johnson, CBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>	<p>a Minister of State <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>West Brompton, London</p>
<p>Alexandra Emma Lyons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Felicity Ruth Lyons</i></p>	<p>a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i> <i>Citizen and Musician</i></p>	<p>Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire</p>

Catriona Mary Lyons <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	A Teacher <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Musician</i>	Upper Holloway, London
Inderpal Singh Kalsi <i>Christopher Paul Grant Russell Chweidan</i>	a Construction Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Baker Citizen and Baker</i>	Rochester, Kent
Rupert Kaye <i>Andrew Yarrow Neil Hendriksen</i>	a Chaplain <i>Citizen and Educator Citizen and Educator</i>	Bathampton, Somerset
Jamal Ahmed Khan <i>CC Shahnna Bakth Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	a Public Relations Company Director <i>Citizen Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Hackney, London
Dr Nicole Klyman <i>CC Mary Durcan, JP Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i>	a Doctor and Director of Public Health <i>Citizen Citizen and Baker</i>	Muswell Hill, London
Ian Kenneth Lazarus <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Recruitment Consultancy Company Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Musician</i>	St John's Wood, London
Hannah Emily Doris Lea <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Musician</i>	Hammersmith, London
Fiona Luck <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	an Insurance Company Non- Executive Director <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Musician</i>	Smiths, Bermuda
Stephen May <i>James Anthony Drabble Alan Roy Willis</i>	a Construction Company Director <i>Citizen and Art Scholar Citizen and Baker</i>	Hornchurch, Essex
Sarah Kristen McLeod, CBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Musician</i>	Wimbledon, London
Ajit Mishra <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward Deputy Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker Citizen and Fueller</i>	Belgravia, London
Andrew Joseph Neilands <i>Bryan Rosslyn Spearman Simon Victor Langton</i>	a Building and Security Company Director <i>Citizen and Firefighter Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Worthing, West Sussex

Finbar Anthony O'Dwyer <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	an Insurance Company Chief Executive <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Musician</i>	Ascot, Berkshire
Franck Robert Petitgas, Chevalier de la légion d'honneur <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	The Prime Minister's Special Adviser <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Chelsea, London
Aliyu Abayomi Salawu <i>Howard Andre Beber Adewale Oladele-Ajose</i>	a Bus Driver <i>Citizen and Poulter Citizen and Poulter</i>	Wimbledon, London
Mark Anthony Santos <i>CC Thomas Charles Sleigh CC Benjamin Daniel Murphy</i>	a Charity Executive Director <i>Citizen Citizen</i>	Chigwell, Essex
Dr Colin Anthony Sell <i>Fiona Josephine Adler Peter Rook, KC</i>	a Musician <i>Citizen and Tobacco Pipe Maker Citizen and Makers of Playing Cards</i>	Stoke Newington, London
Colin Henry Stears <i>Simon Phillip Bannister Paul Nigel Thomas Smith</i>	a National Health Service Managing Partner <i>Citizen and Blacksmith Citizen and Insurer</i>	Carshalton, Surrey
Adam Carl Stiles <i>Anthony Francis Drewitt Christopher James Drewitt, RVM</i>	a Mortgage Brokerage Managing Director <i>Citizen and Firefighter Citizen and Firefighter</i>	Epping, Essex
Bruer William Tidman <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	an Artist <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Musician</i>	Great Yarmouth, Norfolk
Barbara Adedayo Tinubu <i>CC Thomas Charles Sleigh CC Benjamin Daniel Murphy</i>	a National Advice Supervisor <i>Citizen Citizen</i>	Carshalton, Surrey
Christy Edward Benjamin White-Spunner <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor Felicity Ruth Lyons</i>	a Writer <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor Citizen and Musician</i>	Highbury, London
Carl Vivian Woodall <i>Vincent Dignam John Paul Tobin</i>	a Director of Facilities, retired <i>Citizen and Carman Citizen and Carman</i>	Hanwell, London
Yesika Maritza Yopez Villegas <i>Deputy John William Fletcher Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	a Local Community Group Volunteer <i>Citizen Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Wembley, Brent

13. Motions There were no motions.

14. Questions

Griffiths, J. to
the Chairman
of Community
and Children's
Services
Committee

Homelessness

John Griffiths noted that there had recently been an increase in the incidence of rough sleeping in the City, noticeably around St Paul's Cathedral and the alleys to the north of Fleet Street, and asked the Chair of the Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee what steps had been taken to address the problem since the cessation of the temporary use of the YHA building in Carter Lane, and to provide some guidance as to the current number of rough sleeper numbers across the Square Mile, and what action was being taken to improve the situation.

In reply, the Chairman advised that Carter Lane Service had provided an emergency provision for rough sleepers during the Covid-19 pandemic but had closed in March 2022. Several new services had been launched to ensure that the City Corporation's commissioned outreach services retained a vital 'route off the street' offer for rough sleepers, and a new Rough Sleeping Assessment Centre was due to open in January 2024. The service, based within the Square Mile, would offer 14 spaces for newly encountered rough sleepers. The Chair regretted that the City had seen a 29.5% increase in rough sleeping during 2022/23. This reflected a trend seen across most London authorities, with all of the City Corporation's neighbouring boroughs seeing an increasing in rough sleeping, and Greater London recording a 21% increase. The Chairman also noted that the Chair of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub Committee had carried out local visits around the Fleet Street Business Improvement District (BID) to listen to local concerns. These concerns had been shared with officers, and as a result of this proactive action, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee has been invited to visit several other BIDs.

Mr Griffiths, noting that a new organisation 'Home Connections' would be taking over the national public-facing Streetlink service, asked as a supplementary question for some background on this change, and for assurance that officers would be fully prepared to work effectively with the new provider.

In reply, the Chairman said the Streetlink was commissioned nationally by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, alongside the Greater London Authority (GLA) in London. The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Committee in April 2023 consulted with the GLA and Home Connections on these changes, and Members had highlighted several key areas that they felt should be retained. The City Corporation had been part of a 'soft launch' in September, allowing the testing of the new systems and processes.

Goodman, S to
the Chairman of
Policy and
Resources
Committee

Artificial Intelligence

Steve Goodman asked the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee if he could comment on the extent to which the Corporate Plan and the recently published 'Vision for Economic Growth' fully covered the opportunities and threats created by the rapid advances being made in the field of artificial intelligence (AI), and if there was more that could be done to mitigate the changes.

In reply, the Chairman advised that the Corporate Plan was considering several of the long-term external trends that would affect the City Corporation over the coming five years, including the pace of technological change. A draft AI policy was due to be considered by the Digital Services Committee before end of this year, and a wider renewal of the City Corporation's Digital Strategy was under way to consider responses to opportunities and threats. 'Vision for Economic Growth' set out how the City Corporation could be a leader in digital adoption, partly by enabling regulators to drive competitiveness and growth through smart regulation. The Chairman also announced that, subject to the approval of the Policy and Resources Committee, the City Corporation would on 30 October host a major one-day conference and dinner as part of pre-summit engagement ahead of the Prime Ministers AI Summit. It was considered an excellent opportunity for the City Corporation to be at the forefront of this area.

John Foley asked a supplementary question, asking how ready the City Corporation was to deal with the threats posed by AI through its 'harvesting' of printed material and its ability to mimic 'voiceprints', which he felt potentially posed a serious danger to the City Corporation.

The Chairman replied, agreeing that this was the fastest moving area of technology that had been encountered in Members' lifetimes and that the developments could lead to reputational risks. He assured Members that strategies and policies were being developed, at a pace which ensured issues were being properly considered.

Grekos, M.,
Alderwoman, to
the Chairman of
Planning and
Transportation

Development delays

Alderman Martha Grekos asked a question of the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee in relation to the cessation of work on a development in her Ward of Castle Baynard. She felt that the pause in development had caused issues for the area in terms of access, shop closures, the accumulation of rubbish and reports of squatters. She therefore asked the Chairman what could be done to stop sites being sterilised by developers who delay or cease construction in order for the communities not to be left with vacant shops, and for tenants to have certainty of tenure.

In reply, the Chairman said that the eastern end of Fleet Street area was subject to unprecedented change, which he felt pointed to a positive transformation for the area. He acknowledged that the transitional stage of development would hold short term challenges for the local community. The majority of consented schemes in the area were progressing at pace, but there were unfortunately some sites which were not proceeding. The planning system was unable to enforce the implementation of a scheme on a development or ensure retail units remained open. The issue and importance of encouraging 'meanwhile use' to maintain vibrancy was being addressed in the Local Plan review, and the Chairman cited several successful examples of 'meanwhile use' in the City. Section 106 agreements were also currently being negotiated to ensure the delivery of a 'meanwhile use' strategy of sites. Officers were liaising closely with building owners to address the unkempt nature of sites, particularly the accumulation of rubbish. In relation to the specific site referenced in the question, the Chairman said that the leaseholder was in discussion with the Fleet Street BID and the St Bride's Institute

with the intention of creating a 'meanwhile use' in the coming months. The Chairman believed that a combination of a clear expectation set out in the City Corporation's policies determining applications and creative engagement with building owners was the best way to deliver meanwhile uses and maintain vibrancy on vacant sites.

Alderwoman Grekos asked a supplementary question. She appreciated that 'meanwhile uses' would become part of the Local Plan, but this would not be place for a couple of years. She asked if the Chairman could use CPO powers for developments, or issue a completion notice threatening to revoke planning permission.

In reply, the Chairman said that the City Corporation would work with developers in a constructive way to achieve meanwhile uses until the Local Plan was adopted. The development of the Local Plan timeframe had been clearly laid out for the Court, including an explanation on why the timeframe had been extended to ensure consultation. It was important to work in conjunction with developers rather than using the force of law, and especially for meanwhile use to consider the views of BIDs, local communities and local businesses to ensure success.

Michael Hudson asked a supplementary question, noting that the City Corporation included as a standard provision that planning permission would lapse after a period, usually three years. Mr Hudson asked if it would be feasible for the City Corporation to include a provision that the permission would be timed as being three years from the date of the Planning and Transportation Committee's resolution to ensure prompt implementation.

In reply, the Chairman undertook to consult with officers to see what could be done in this area.

Housing and Almshouses Sub-Committee

Alderwoman Susan Pearson asked a question of the Chairman of the Children and Community Services Committee, asking why the Housing Management and Almshouses Sub-Committee had not met since April 2023.

In reply, the Chair confirmed that the Sub-Committee's meeting in June had been cancelled as a result of a lack of items for decision. After discussions with officers, she felt that having a meeting without decision items would be a good use of time or public funds. The October meeting had been cancelled as the Chairman and Deputy Chairman had been unable to attend, with concerns that several other Members would also be affected. Both decisions had been made in accordance with Standing Orders and the Chairman had personally written to all Sub-Committee Members to explain the circumstances in which the decision had been taken. She had committed to ensure that meeting dates for 2024 were fixed in good time. Members had been consulted on a provisional new date of 24 October.

The Chairman added that despite the Sub-Committee's rescheduled meetings, the issues affecting the various housing estates were still being addressed. The Community and Children's Services Committee had considered 18 reports concerning housing since March 2023. Furthermore, the Chairman had recently

Pearson, S.,
Alderwoman to
the Chairman of
Community and
Children's
Services
Committee

received an update from officers from a 'walkabout' on the Middlesex Street Estate conducted in early October, providing their findings of issues needing addressing. She thanked Deputy John Fletcher, the allocated Member for the Middlesex Street Estate, for his diligence in also bringing these matters to the Committee's attention, and to all the allocated Members who oversee the housing estates.

The Chairman confirmed that she remained personally committed to helping address live issues arising on the estates and had recently worked to ensure that urgent health and safety works were undertaken following concerns raised for a vulnerable resident at Golden Lane.

The Chairman concluded by acknowledging the frustrations caused by the cancellation and scheduling of Sub-Committee meetings but did not feel it was fair to suggest that these actions had resulted in issues within the housing estates being left unaddressed.

Alderwoman Pearson asked a supplementary question, noting the range of issues affecting the housing estates and asking the Chairman to confirm that housing issues were her first priority and to commit to bimonthly meetings of the Sub-Committee.

In reply, the Chairman assured Alderwoman Pearson that all of the issues raised were at foremost of her consideration, and of Members of the Community and Children's Services Committee and its sub-committees.

Deputy John Fletcher asked a supplementary question, noting that more regular meetings of the Sub-Committee would have meant his report on Middlesex Street Estate could have been addressed there rather than the parent Committee. He asked the Chair for assurance that she was understood that those who cared for the City Corporation's social housing were terribly concerned that the issues affecting Middlesex Street were replicated everywhere else, and if she agreed that the Sub-Committee was the best place to address these. He also asked if the Chair agreed that the lack of progress on the recommendation to establish a Housing Committee was unhelpful.

In reply, the Chairman informed the Court that reports from allocated Members always came to the grand Committee rather than the Sub-Committee. The funding requirements to mitigate the historical failure to provide for the housing estates would hopefully address many of these issues. The Chair reiterated that meetings for 2024 would be fixed in good time. She also warned that Members had to be careful in not becoming too involved in operational matters.

Deputy Marianne Fredericks asked a supplementary question, noting that while a Committee may not have decision items on its agenda, non-decision items were often discussion, especially for sub-committees. She asked the Chairman when the new Housing Committee would be established.

Pursuant to Standing Order 13 (9) and (10), the Town Clerk informed the Court that the 40-minute limit for questions had been reached. All unanswered questions would consequently be deferred until the next Court meeting or may, in consultation

with the consent of the questioner, be answered in writing within two working days and a copy placed in the Member's Reading Room.

15. **Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee**

(Tom Sleigh)

1 September 2023

The Court considered a report of the Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee concerning action taken under urgency procedures in relation to hospitality provision.

Resolved, that – the report be received.

16.
Legislation

The Court received a report on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows:-

Bills

Date of Royal Assent

The Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) Act 2023

18 September 2023

This Act amends provisions in the Pensions Act 2008 to give regulation making powers which will enable the Secretary of State to make regulations to reduce the lower age limit at which otherwise eligible workers must be automatically enrolled and re-enrolled into a pension scheme by their employers, and to make regulations to remove the Lower Earnings Limit (LEL) from the qualifying earnings band so that contributions are calculated from the first pound earned and to make regulations modifying the requirements of the annual review of the qualifying earnings band. The Government has stated its intention to implement these changes by the mid-2020s and so it is anticipated that Regulations will be brought forward under the powers in the Act in the next 12-18 months if that timetable is to be adhered to. This is of interest to the Lord Mayor and the Corporation as regards wider work on pensions and pensions provision.

Statutory Instruments

Date in Force

The Data Protection (Adequacy) (United States of America) Regulations 2023

12 October 2023

Identifies the United States of America as a country which provides an adequate level of protection of personal data for transfers under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR (also under the 2018 Act). This means that personal data which will be in the scope of the EU-US Data Privacy Framework Principles can be transferred to persons in the United States of America who participate in the UK Extension to the EU-US Data

Privacy Framework without the need for any specific authorisation.

The Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023 1 October 2023

These Regulations apply in relation to England only. They prohibit persons from supplying or offering to supply certain plastic or polystyrene items in the course of a business: they also prohibit the supply of single-use plastic plates, trays or bowls, balloon sticks and cutlery and the supply of single-use polystyrene food or drink containers and cups. This is of interest to the Corporation as an catered events venue.

The Alcohol Licensing (Coronavirus) (Regulatory Easements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 28 September 2023

Prolongs an existing extension of permissions for automatic extensions of premises licences that only permit sales of alcohol for consumption on the premises (“on-sales”) to allow sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises (“off-sales”). This easement will continue to 31 March 2025.

The Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2023 20 September 2023

Brings into force provisions relating to the Regulator of Social Housing’s new powers to set standards and requiring providers to comply with future arrangements for remedying hazards. Also brings into force a power for the Secretary of State’s to give a direction about providing information to tenants.

The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer’s Office.

17. Ballot
Results

The Town Clerk reported the results of the several ballots taken at the last Court, as follows:-

* denotes a Member standing for re-appointment;

★ denotes appointed.

(A) ONE Member to the **City of London Police Authority Board**.

	Votes
Jason Groves	52 ★
James Tumbridge	35

(B) ONE Member to the **Natural Environment Board** and **West Ham Park Committee**.

Votes

Eamonn Mullally	57 ★
Alpa Raja	35

(C) TWO Member to the **Board of Governors of the Museum of London.**

	Votes
Matthew Bell	47 ★
*Tijs Broeke	47
John Foley	50
Deputy Charles Edward Lord	33

18. There were no resolutions.
Resolutions

19. Awards and Prizes **2024 Guardian University Guide – Music League Table**

(Deputy Graham Packham)

18 September 2023

“I wish to draw Members’ attention to the following achievement of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama.

2024 Guardian University Guide – Music League Table

I am delighted to announce that Guildhall School is the number one higher education for Music in the 2024 Guardian University Guide music league table, the only institution scoring 100/100 in the Guardian’s rating for excellence for music and the second year in a row it has topped the table.

In the Drama and Dance league table, the School was placed 8th, receiving an excellence score of 92.7 for Production Arts and Acting programmes. Ranked number one in Arts, Drama & Music by the Complete University Guide 2024, and one of the top ten performing arts institutions in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2023, the School delivers world-class professional training in partnership with distinguished artists, companies and ensembles.

The table, together with further information, can be found at the following website: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2023/sep/09/the-guardian-university-guide-2024-the-rankings>

I commend this achievement to the Court.”

Read.

20. Hospital Seal There were no docquets for the Seal.

21. Exclusion of the Public In addition to the items listed, the Lord Mayor advised Members of two further matters, one of which was to be treated in confidence at the request of His

Majesty's Government and the related to a staffing matter.

Resolved – That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business below on the grounds that they either involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972; relate to functions of the Court of Common Council which are not subject to the provisions of Part VA and Schedule 12A of that Act; or relate to matters treated in confidence at the request of His Majesty's Government.

Summary of exempt items considered whilst the public were excluded:-

22. *Resolved* – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
Non-public minutes
23. **City Bridge Foundation Board**
- (A) Appointment of Co-Opted Members**
The Court considered a report of the City Bridge Foundation Board relating to the appointment of Co-opted Members.
- (B) Events Management Contract at Tower Bridge**
The Court considered a report of the City Bridge Foundation Board relating to the award of an events management contract at Tower Bridge.
24. **Policy and Resources Committee**
The Court considered a report of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the creation of a Grade I post.
25. **Barbican Centre Board**
The Court considered a report of the Barbican Centre Board concerning the creation of two Grade I posts.
26. **Investment Committee**
The Court received a report of the Investment Committee relating to action taken under urgency procedures.
27. **Civic Affairs Sub-Committee**
The Court approved proposals relative to the provision of hospitality associated with a visiting Head of State.
28. **City of London Police Authority Board**
The Chair of the City of London Police Authority Board Chair provided Members with a staffing update.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 3.04pm

THOMAS.

Report – Planning and Transportation Committee

Bank Junction Improvements (All Change at Bank): Traffic mix and timing review update

To be presented on Thursday 7th December 2023

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

SUMMARY

The All Change at Bank project is currently in construction and due to be completed in Spring 2024. Following a Court of Common Council Motion in April 2022, the planned review of traffic and timing restrictions at Bank has been brought forward.

Early data collection from this review shows daytime taxi volumes in 2022 were 35% lower in the Bank area and 27% lower for the City than in 2017. This is in line with the reduction in taxi volumes in the West End and the congestion charge area as a whole.

The latest position was considered in detail by your Planning and Transportation Committee at its meeting on 21 November 2023, and [the full report is available online](#).

Following this consideration, your Committee took the view that it would endorse the officer recommendation to immediately restart the modelling of the traffic impacts, running this work in parallel with the data collection and analysis to identify and evidence the need for change. This has the potential to compress the timetable to implementation by up to four months (spring 2025). There is, however, a risk of abortive work and costs of approximately £110,000 to £170,000, (depending on additional data required to progress the traffic modelling work) with this approach.

Any change to the traffic mix and timings of the restrictions at Bank requires a decision by TfL via a Traffic Management Application (TMAN), supported by evidence, including traffic modelling. Members must also be satisfied that the evidence for making a change is robust.

The Court is not being requested this day to make any determination as to whether to allow additional motor vehicles through Bank Junction; this decision would be for Members to make at a later date (by June 2024), once further evidence is collated and relevant modelling has been undertaken. Instead, the Court is asked today to endorse proposals in relation to the process of getting to the point of decision-making.

RECOMMENDATION

It is **recommended** that this Honourable Court approves the restarting of the modelling of the traffic impacts at Bank junction, running this work in parallel with the data collection and analysis.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. The All Change at Bank project, currently in construction following approval in December 2021, is intended to reduce casualties and pedestrian crowding, whilst improving air quality and public perception of the space. The junction's layout is being altered, narrowing the carriageway and increasing the space available for people walking. Threadneedle Street and Queen Victoria Street on the approaches to the junction have been closed to motor vehicles, providing a safer and more pleasant environment for people walking and cycling and opportunities for seating and greening. The operation of Princes Street is also modified retaining two-way working for buses and cycles only and providing a route for vehicles requiring access to Cornhill. Construction is due to be completed in spring 2024.
2. The 7am – 7pm, buses and cycles only restriction remains in place for vehicles crossing the junction (except for access to Cornhill from Princes Street). When it was decided to proceed with the All Change at Bank design, it was acknowledged that there was still a need to review the traffic mix and timing of the altered junction. The Streets & Walkways Sub Committee and the Projects Sub Committee agreed in September 2021 that the review would begin 12 months after the completion of construction, i.e., spring 2025.
3. A motion was subsequently approved at the Court of Common Council in April 2022 which included the following requirement in relation to Bank junction: *“That the Planning & Transportation Committee be requested immediately to begin a review of the nature and timing of current motor traffic timing restrictions at Bank Junction, to include all options. This review will include full engagement with Transport for London and other relevant stakeholders, data collection, analysis and traffic modelling. The Planning & Transportation Committee should then present its recommendation to this Honourable Court as soon as practicable.”*
4. Any changes to the traffic mix and timings of the restrictions at Bank, whether in the form of a standard traffic order or an experimental one, will require a Traffic Management Application (TMAN) to TfL. This is because Poultry and Cornhill form part of the Strategic Road Network and because changes are likely to have implications for other streets and junctions in the surrounding area, particularly regarding traffic signal timings, including streets that form part of the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) for which TfL is the Highway Authority.
5. The TMAN process requires traffic modelling to establish the likely journey time impacts across the area so that these can be assessed holistically. In order for TfL to agree to any proposed changes they would need to be satisfied that the evidence submitted in the application, including evidence of the need for change, is robust and meets their traffic management duty under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
6. Members must also be satisfied that the evidence for making a change is robust. The statutory regime puts the consideration of any traffic implications (which would result from a change to any traffic orders) at the forefront of decision making when discharging the City Corporation's duty set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic

Regulation Act 1984.

7. In February 2023, it was agreed that no further work on the option to reintroduce general traffic into Bank would be undertaken. This was based on the likely impacts to bus journey times. The review is now focused on assessing the need for changes to the restrictions to allow access for taxis and/or powered two wheelers.
8. Traffic reviews of this type are usually informed by an identification of an issue or issues that needs addressing, for example traffic collisions and casualties, volumes of people travelling, equality concerns and/or air quality, the development of mitigating measures to address the issue(s) and an assessment of the benefits and disbenefits of making a change.
9. To date, analysis of various data sets has found that the most likely potential reason for a change to the mix of traffic at Bank is equality impacts around accessibility for people who rely on taxis. The potential benefits of this change, if required, will need to be balanced against potential disbenefits for protected characteristic groups of any changes. Further work is needed before a conclusion can be drawn.
10. In July 2023, the Court of Common Council agreed to pause further work on the traffic modelling exercise and focus on identifying and evidencing the need for change and how this can be best addressed. Further work is also needed to understand how many taxis are likely to travel through the junction, if allowed. This is needed to inform the next stage of traffic modelling work and this approach will need to be agreed with TfL. The report also set out the timetable for delivering change on that basis, which would likely be summer 2025.

Current Position

11. One of the key pieces of analysis to inform the decision on whether to make any changes to the traffic restrictions at Bank will be the Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA). This will consider the benefits and disbenefits for different protected characteristic groups of the potential changes to allow taxis and/or powered two wheelers through the junction during restricted hours.
12. Data collection and analysis of taxi availability and journey lengths and costs for people who rely on taxis for door-to-door transport is ongoing. This is expected to be completed in early December 2023. This analysis will help inform the assessment of the equalities benefits and disbenefits.
13. The following studies, surveys and analyses have been commissioned:
 - a) On-street taxi availability (light on vs light off) surveys on the approaches to and in the vicinity of Bank and at control locations elsewhere in the City, including comparison with surveys undertaken in 2006 and 2016.
 - b) Taxi availability via ride hailing apps (e.g. Gett, Free Now and Addison Lee) on the approaches to and in the vicinity of Bank and at control locations elsewhere in the City.

- c) Comparison of pre- (2017) and post- (2022) pandemic taxi volumes in the City of London against data for Oxford Street and Regent Street, central London trends and the numbers of licensed taxis and taxi drivers.
 - d) City-wide taxi rank occupancy and availability survey.
 - e) Journey time surveys.
14. The interim report summarising the methodology and headline results from the data collected and analysed so far is provided in Appendix 1. Data for on-street availability, journey times and taxi rank occupancy is still being analysed and is not included at this time. Findings to date include:
- a) The average wait times for a taxi hailed via a ride hailing app are between three and five minutes with little variation between approaches to Bank junction and elsewhere in the City. Average wait times for private hire vehicles (e.g. Uber) are longer, between four and 14 minutes, with more variation through the day.
 - b) In 2022, peak hour (8-10, 12-14, 17-19) average taxi volumes on Oxford Street and Regent Street were 26% and 46% below 2017 volumes. By comparison, for the same times average volumes were 35% lower in the Bank area and 27% lower for the rest of the City.
 - c) The volume of taxis entering the congestion charge zone during charging hours was 43% lower in the first quarter of 2022 compared with quarter one of 2017.
 - d) Between 2017/18 – 2021/22 time period, the number of taxi drivers holding an All London licence has fallen by 16% and licensed taxi vehicles by 30%. On 22 October 2023 the number of taxi drivers holding an All London licence was 23% below 2017/18 numbers.
15. Taxi Card and Oyster Card data from TfL and London Councils have been requested to help inform the EqIA. This includes looking at the type of Oyster card used on bus services that pass through Bank and at local London underground stations to help inform the use of public transport by particular groups, e.g. Freedom Pass Holders, Disabled Oyster users or Young Persons Oyster users.
16. Other ongoing workstreams to inform the review include:
- a) Meetings with TfL and the traffic modelling consultant to agree an approach to the future modelling requirements of any proposed change to the restrictions. This includes discussion to agree a methodology for the likely increase in taxi numbers that would travel through the junction if permitted.
 - b) Engagement with the taxi trade. Officers have met with the London Taxi Drivers Association (LTDA) and are arranging meetings with the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers and TfL Taxi and Private Hire.
 - c) Offering a briefing for the City branch of the London Chamber of Commerce (City branch) to discuss Bank and any business concerns related to this. At the time of writing, we are awaiting dates from the Chamber of Commerce.

17. All Change at Bank is significantly changing the layout of the junction. There have also recently been significant changes to streets in the wider Bank area, particularly the 7am – 7pm restrictions on through motor traffic using Bishopsgate. These may, in combination with the Bank restrictions, lead to further increases in journey times that exacerbate the negative impacts of the Bank restrictions on people who rely on a taxi, car or private hire vehicles for their transport. This balance of benefits and disbenefits is due to be assessed through the EqlA which forms part of the ongoing review.

Proposal

18. As can be seen above, there are many aspects that need to be considered as part of this review to make an informed decision as to whether to progress with a change to the permanent traffic orders at Bank. Further data collection, together with stakeholder engagement, is needed before a conclusion could be drawn in respect of any equalities implications. Crucially, there is an imperative to justify either a transport or equalities need, in order to inform a case for change to the traffic orders.
19. There will be a focus on identifying and evidencing the need for change and how this can best be addressed. If this is undertaken alongside work to inform the modelling by identifying the likely number of taxis that would use the junction is permitted, this will be completed in time to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee in May 2024 and then your Court in June 2024.
20. Your Committee has considered various options as to the optimal route forward. Under Option A, if a decision was made to pursue a change to the restrictions, traffic modelling to assess the traffic impacts would resume at that time. Option B was to immediately restart the modelling of the traffic impacts, running this work in parallel with the data collection and analysis. Option C was to stop the review and leave the 7am-7pm, bus and cycle only restriction in place. This option would allow unspent funds to be returned to the On Street Parking Reserve. The current data collection exercise would be completed under this option with the results being used to inform other transport planning initiatives and projects.
21. Ultimately, your Committee endorsed the office recommendation (Option B) to immediately restart the modelling of the traffic impacts, running this work in parallel with the data collection and analysis as this would have the potential to reduce the overall programme for the review by up to four months. This will be dependent on TfL being able to resource the modelling audit at this stage and on agreeing taxi numbers that will travel through the junction if permitted. There is also a risk of abortive work and costs (approximately £110,000 to £170,000 depending on additional data required to progress the traffic modelling work) if the decision at the next report is to not make any changes to the current restrictions.

Improving access to taxis

22. At the July 2023 Court of Common Council, a Member asked Officers to identify short-term measures to improve access to taxis.

23. Engagement with the taxi trade is ongoing but the following short-term measures to improve access have been identified:
- a) Working with BIDs, venues and businesses to raise awareness of taxi hailing apps as an alternative to hailing a taxi on-street. As noted above and in Appendix 1 average wait times for taxis hailed via an app are between three and five minutes.
 - b) Providing event venues in the City with details of social media accounts, etc that inform drivers of events that are likely to have a high demand for taxis. This will allow them to alert drivers when there will be higher demand for taxis as events finish.
 - c) Sharing details of recent traffic management changes with drivers.
 - d) Continuing to share details of temporary traffic management, with drivers for example for restrictions associated with street works or construction.
 - e) Continuing to review taxi rank provision and explore the potential for new ranks in areas that may have a higher demand for taxis, particularly at night.
 - f) Exploring the potential for rank marshalling to improve late night availability and safety at taxi ranks. The City of London Crime Prevention Association are currently piloting taxi marshalling at the Liverpool Street rank with Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) funding. Through the Safer City Partnership, Officers will monitor the results and assess the resources required for ongoing provision of a marshalling service.
24. In addition to the above, recent changes in the Bank area are expected to increase access to taxis. The Cheapside bus gate opened to taxis (on an experimental basis) on 6 November and a new taxi rank to serve the Ned hotel has been installed.

Conclusion and Next Steps

25. Data collection and analysis for the review of the traffic mix and timing of restrictions at Bank junction is ongoing. This is focussed on taxi availability and journey lengths and costs for people who rely on taxis for door-to-door transport is ongoing. This analysis will help inform the assessment of the equalities benefits and disbenefits.
26. Work is also underway on determining the likely increase in taxi numbers that would travel through the junction if permitted. This is necessary to inform the traffic modelling and any assumptions will need to be agreed with TfL as part the modelling process.
27. It is recommended to immediately restart the modelling of the traffic impacts, running this work in parallel with the data collection and analysis to identify and evidence the need for change and how this can be best addressed. This has the potential to compress the timetable to implementation by up to four months (spring 2025). A decision on whether to pursue a change would still be required in May/June 2024.

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- Appendix 2 – Implications Report

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 21st day of November 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Shравan Joshi MBE
Chairman, Planning and Transportation Committee

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

Since 2017, a bus and cycle only restriction has been in effect at Bank junction from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday to Friday. This was implemented as an experimental traffic order to predominately address the poor safety record at the junction. This was made permanent in 2018 and complementary interim footway widening was implemented shortly after. The City of London is now midway through completion on the All Change at Bank scheme. This will restrict traffic on three of the six arms of the junction and create a larger area of public realm space at the centre of the junction. The works are due for completion in Spring 2024. The current proposals retain the ‘bus and cycle restriction’ as it is on the remaining three arms, but there has been an ongoing commitment to review the traffic mix and timings.

A review is now being undertaken and the primary consideration for change is whether altering the traffic mix would address concerns about equality and accessibility for people who rely on taxis over those disbenefits for those that use public transport or who walk and cycle.

WSP have been commissioned by the City to undertake a comprehensive analysis around the availability of taxis, and to ascertain if Bank and the wider TfL Bishopsgate restrictions are negatively impacting the level of taxi provision in the City. Part of this work includes a comparison with taxi availability in the West End.

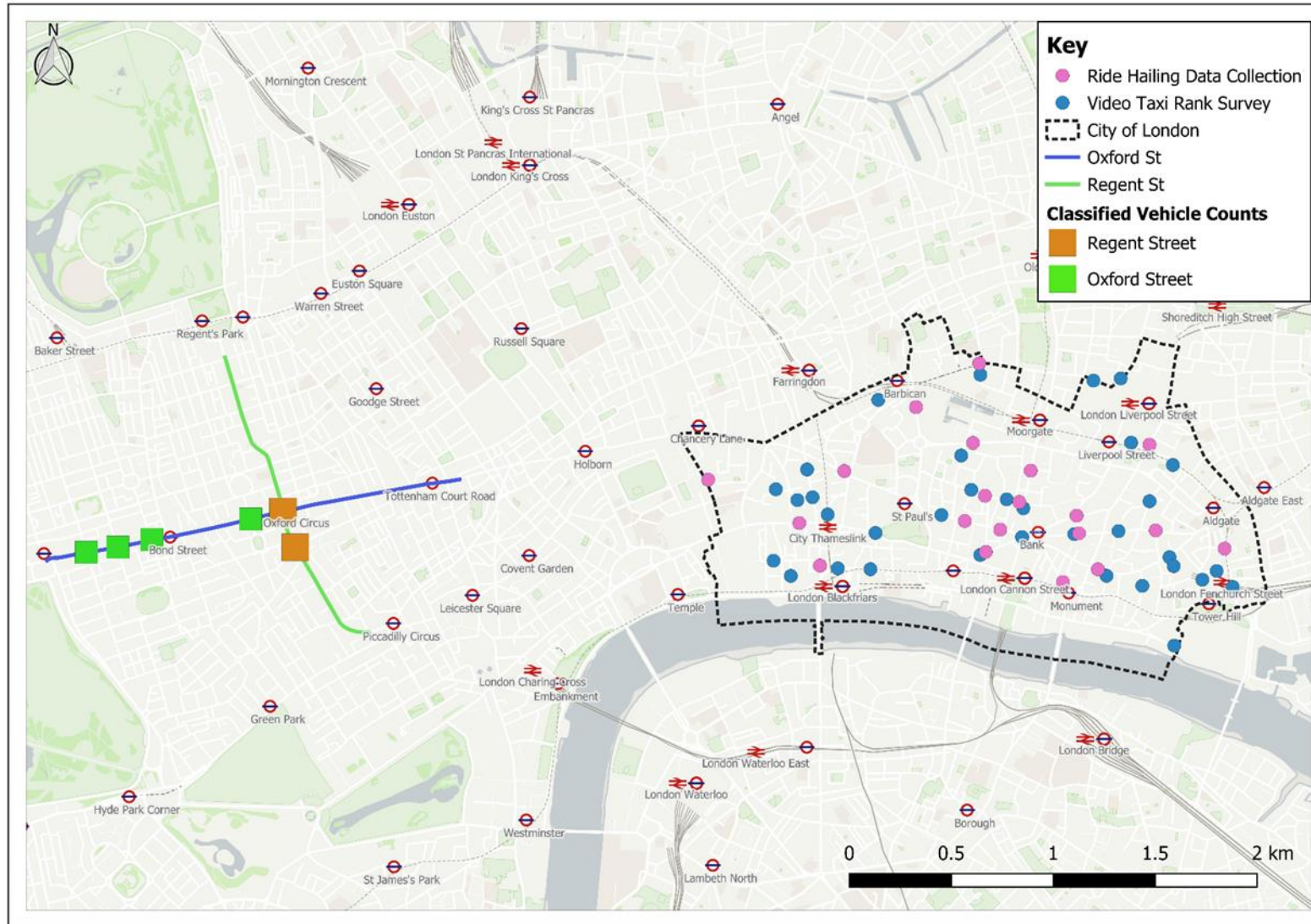
This interim report includes initial analysis of the availability of taxis in terms of:

- Ride Hailing Apps – determining wait time for private hire and black cab services over a 14 hrs period at a number of locations in the City
- Taxi Rank usage – surveys at nearly 30 sites in the City to assess how frequently these are used by taxis, and frequency of rides being hailed from a rank
- And a comparison with traffic classification count survey from Westminster, assessing trends in taxi volumes over the past five years and proportions of taxis in the traffic mix.

Human behaviour and decision-making play a significant role in taxi operations. Data alone cannot fully account for the unpredictability of passenger demand on a particular day, breaks had by taxi drivers, or the impact of special events we aren’t aware of on taxi usage. These human-driven factors introduce a level of complexity that may not be fully represented in our dataset.

This report includes analysis of only part of the data set being collected for this commission. The report will be updated with more information on taxi rank surveys, manual taxi availability surveys and information on journey times comparisons in the full report expected to be completed in December.

Figure 1-1 - Data collection locations for data within the Interim Report



2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 TAXI RANK SURVEY

34 taxi ranks in the City were identified to be surveyed to see how well they are used (Figure 2-1).

Of the 34 locations, 28 had complete successful surveys, three had no data, three had incomplete data. Site by site break down is available in Appendix A

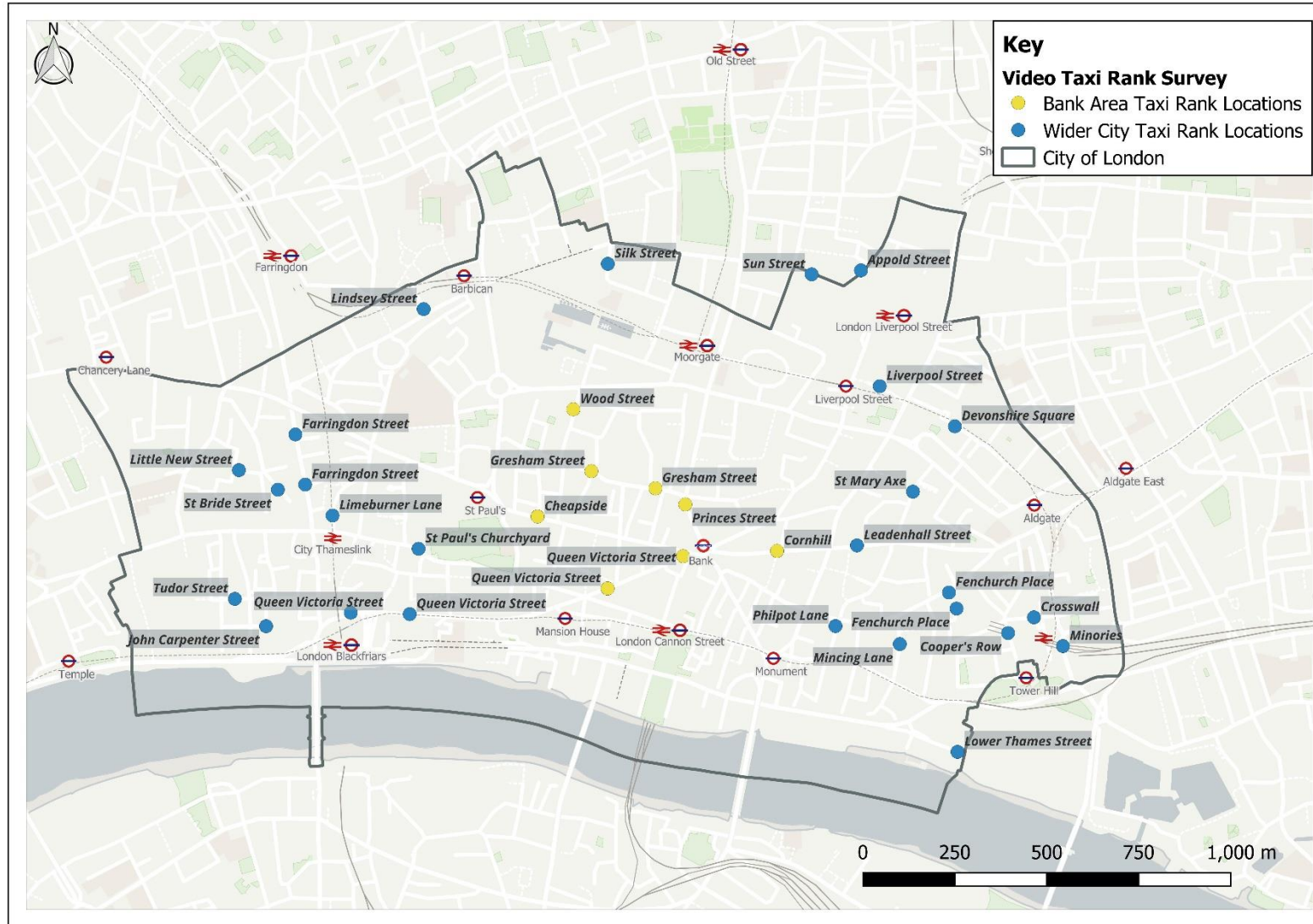
The survey recorded:

- The time when each taxi enters the rank
- Recorded when each taxi leaves the rank
- The length of time each taxi spends at the rank
- Whether each taxi picks up a passenger before leaving the rank

Ranks were surveyed Wednesday 11 October 2023 for 24hrs.

Early analysis has been included in this Interim Report, with more detailed analysis to be included in the Final Report, due in December.

Figure 2-1 - Taxi Rank Survey Locations



2.2 RIDE HAILING APPS

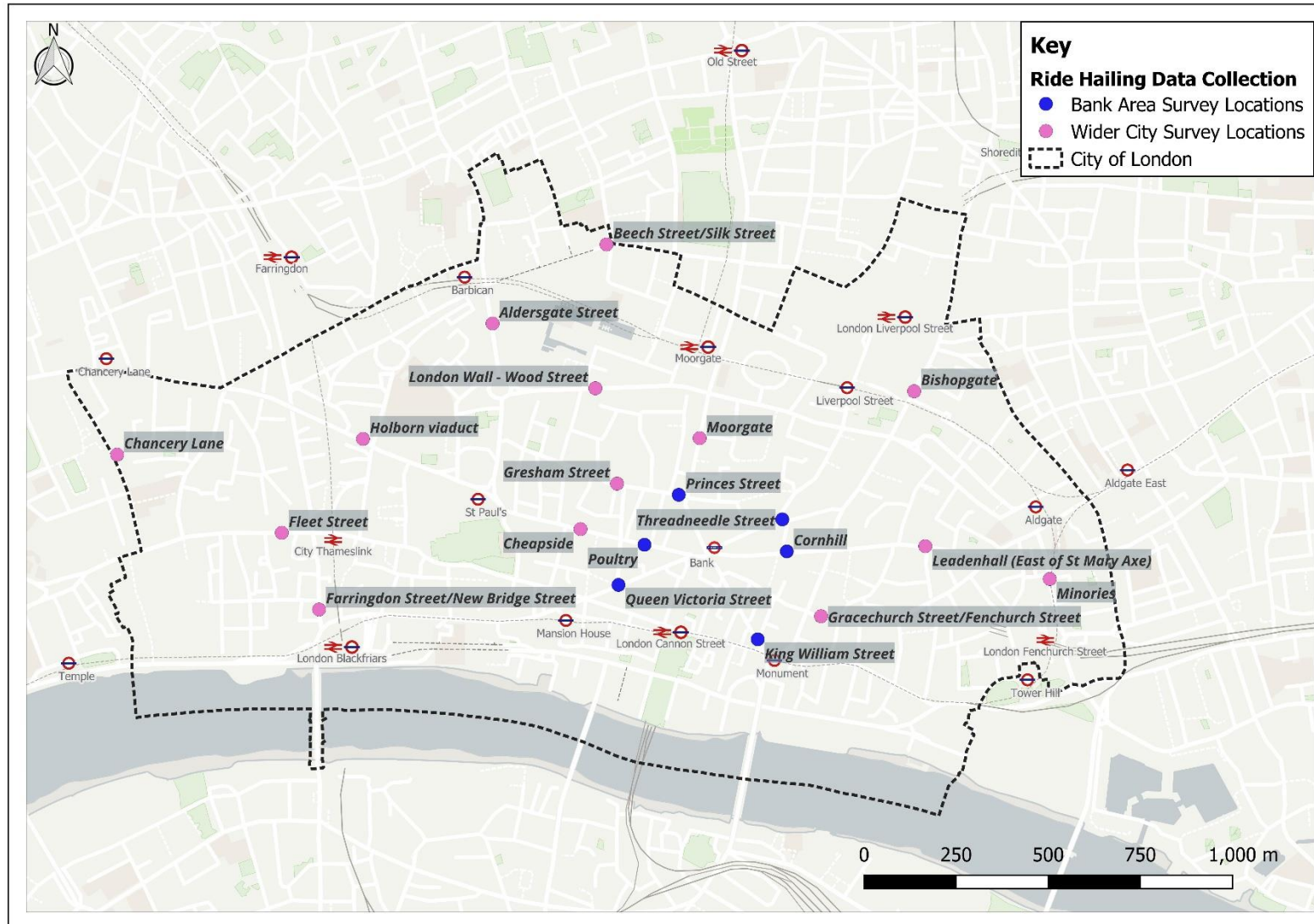
Waiting time for a taxi and private hire vehicle via ride hailing apps were captured for each survey site in Figure 2-2. This was captured once every 15 minutes between 7am and 1am, occurring on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th of October 2023 for one neutral day using the following apps and services:

- Free Now
- Gett
- Uber
- Bolt
- Addison Lee

Surveys took place at the locations as shown on Figure 2-2. The data analysis has been divided into the Bank area (King William Street, Cornhill, Threadneedle Street, Princes Street, Poultry, Queen Victoria Street) and those ranks located in other locations in the City.

The dates they took place are included in Appendix B. These locations correspond to the sites for the manual taxi availability surveys.

Figure 2-2 - Ride Hailing Data Collection Locations



2.3 WESTMINSTER DATA

The evolution of taxi volumes in Westminster before and after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic was investigated by considering several metrics including the proportion of taxis within the overall traffic, the absolute number of taxis by day, and data segmented by hourly intervals.

The classified traffic count data from Westminster covered Oxford Street Pre Covid on 04/05/2017, Oxford Street Post Covid on 21/09/2022, Regent Street Pre covid on 26/05/2017 and Regent Street Post covid on 20/05/2022.

These locations were selected from numerous available location counts plotted on a map, and those with nearby pre and post covid data selected as pairs.

Oxford Street counts (Figure 2-3)

- 1- A40 Oxford Street / Portman Street / Park Street
- 2- A40 Oxford Street / Orchard Street
- 4- Oxford Street / Duke Street
- 5- Oxford Street / Holles Street

Regent Street counts (Figure 2-4):

Figure 2-3 - Oxford Street Classified Count Locations

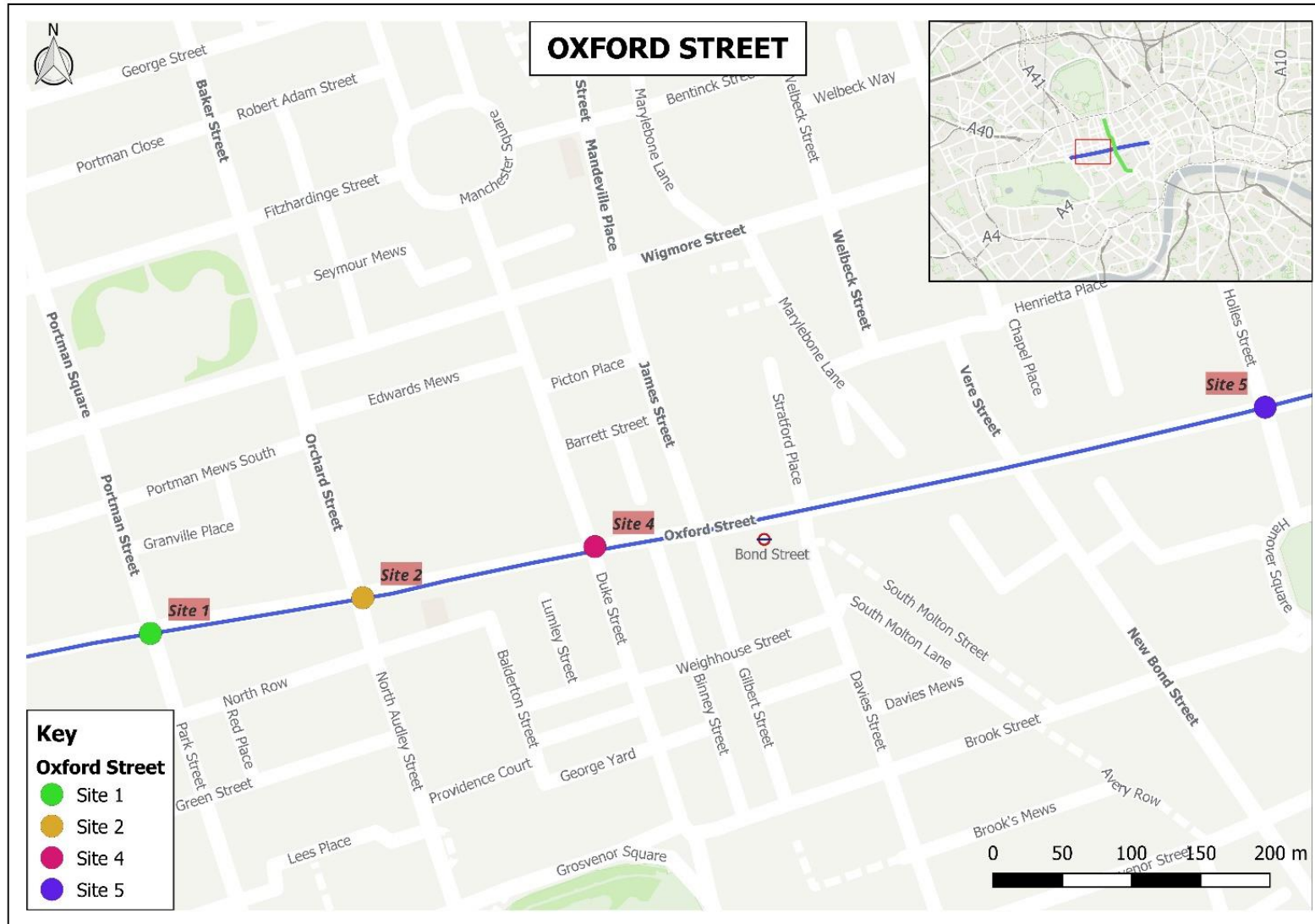


Figure 2-4 – Regent Street Classified Count Locations



3 ANALYSIS

3.1 TAXI RANK SURVEY (CAMERAS)

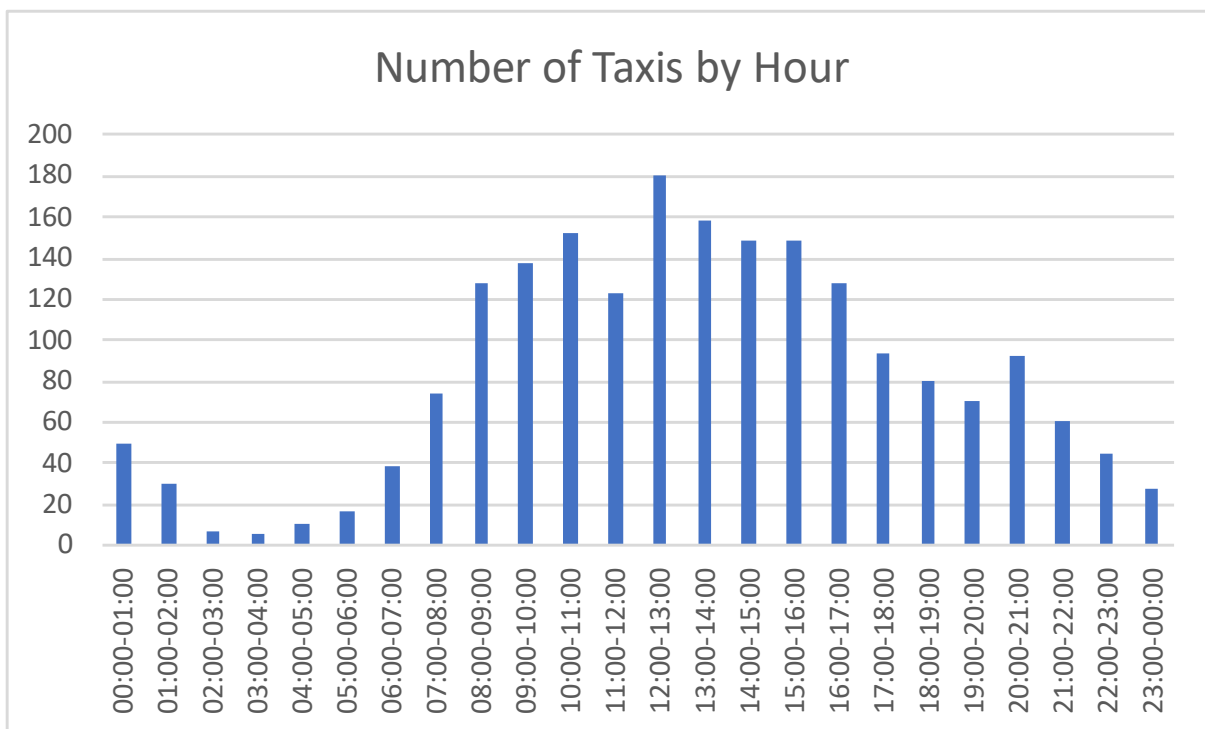
Over the survey period 2002 taxis were recorded at the ranks.

70% (1402) of the taxis picked up passengers at the taxi ranks, compared to 30% (600) taxis leaving without a passenger.

Early analysis shows that the ranks close to Bank appear to have been very lightly used in the survey period.

The number of taxi's arriving at any rank peaked at 12:00 to 13:00 and was lowest between 02:00 and 04:00.

Figure 3-1 - Number of taxis arriving at all location by hour



Further analysis will be included in the final report.

3.2 RIDE HAILING APPS

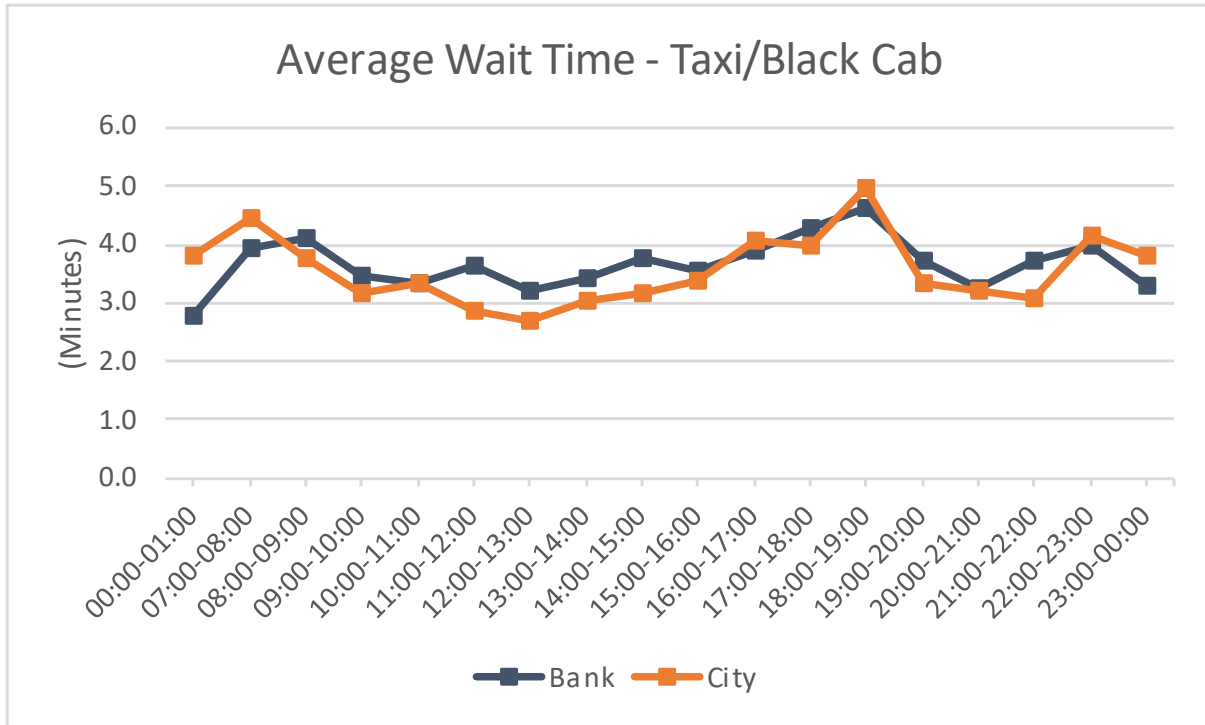
For this data set the analysis has been divided between the Bank area, and the wider City of London sites. Overall, there was very little variation in the wait time for a taxi or private hire vehicle at any of the locations surveyed within the City.

The data has been divided into the Bank area (King William Street, Cornhill, Threadneedle Street, Princes Street, Poultry, Queen Victoria Street) and those ranks located in other locations in the City.

The shortest waiting time for a black cab in the Bank area was 2 minutes and 48 seconds, occurring between 00:00 and 01:00. During the same time frame, the average wait for a black cab at the broader City of London (City of London) locations was 3 minutes and 48 seconds.

The longest average waiting time for a black cab in the Bank area was observed between 18:00 and 19:00, with a wait time of 4 minutes and 36 seconds. For the wider City of London locations, the average wait time during this period was 5 minutes.

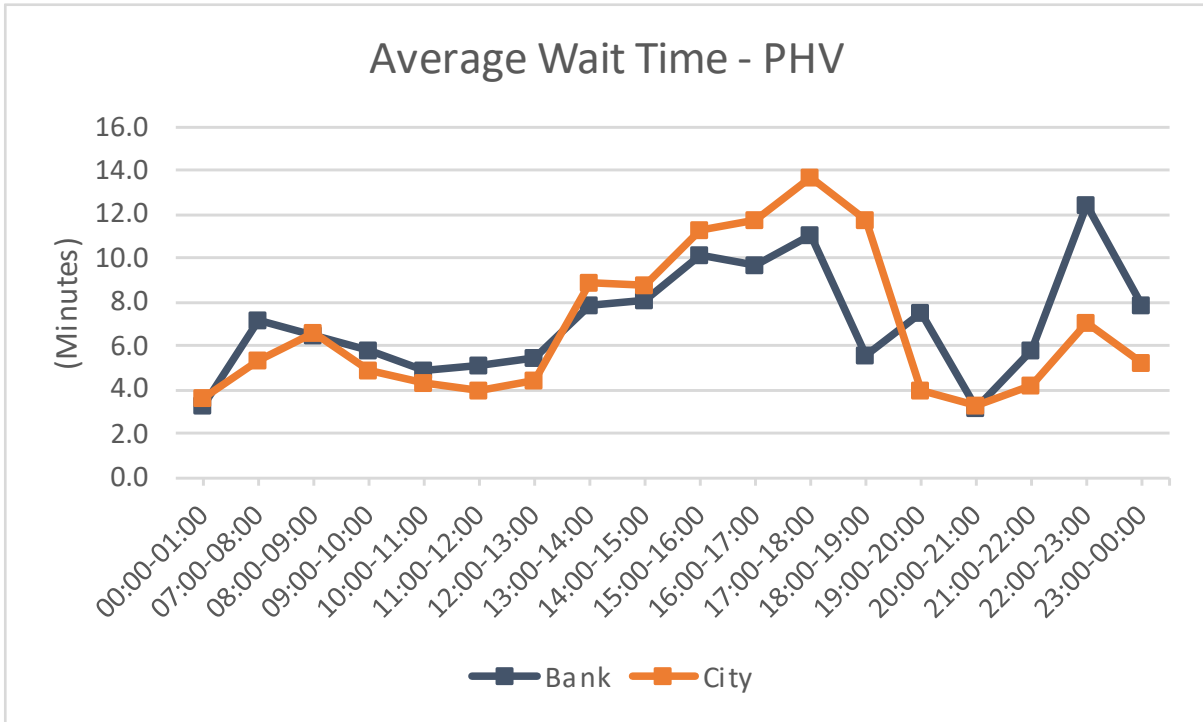
Figure 3-2 – Average wait time for taxi/black cabs



For PHVs, the shortest average wait time in the Bank area was 3 minutes and 12 seconds, taking place between 20:00 and 21:00. Concurrently, the average wait for a PHV in the broader City of London locations was 3 minutes and 18 seconds.

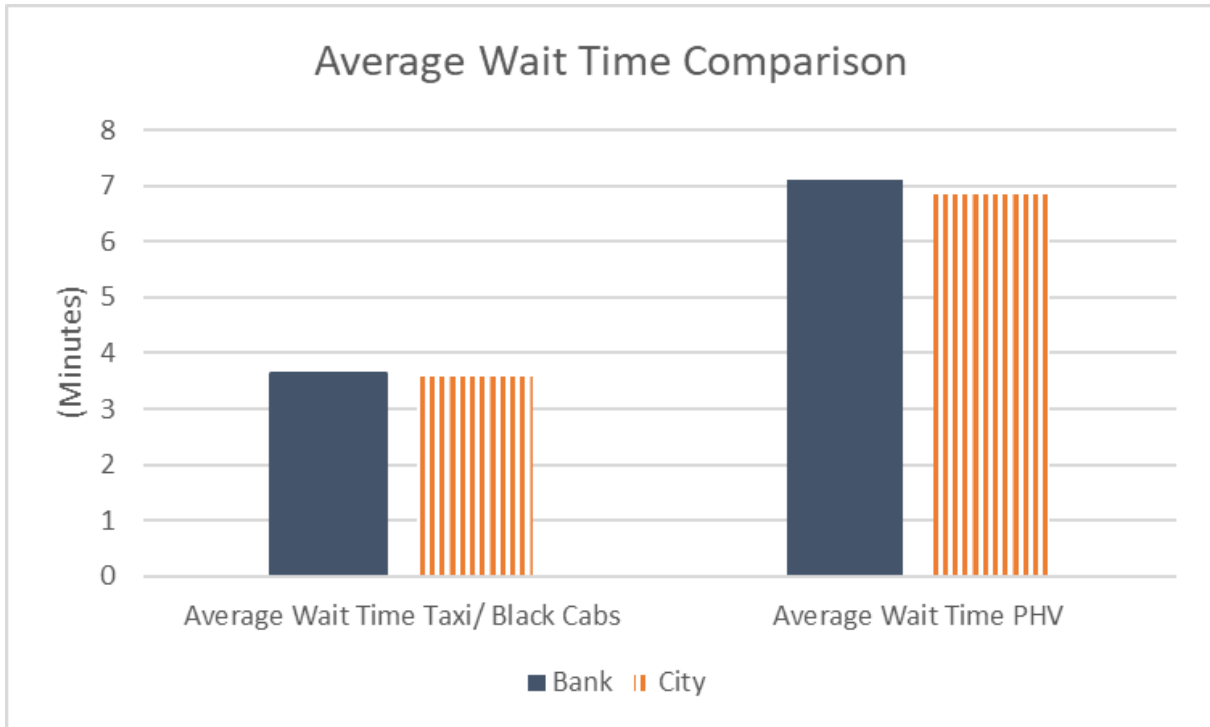
In contrast, the longest average wait time for a PHV in the Bank area was 12 minutes and 24 seconds, recorded between 22:00 and 23:00. During this same time frame, the average wait for a PHV in the wider City of London locations was 7 minutes.

Figure 3-3 – Average wait time for PHV



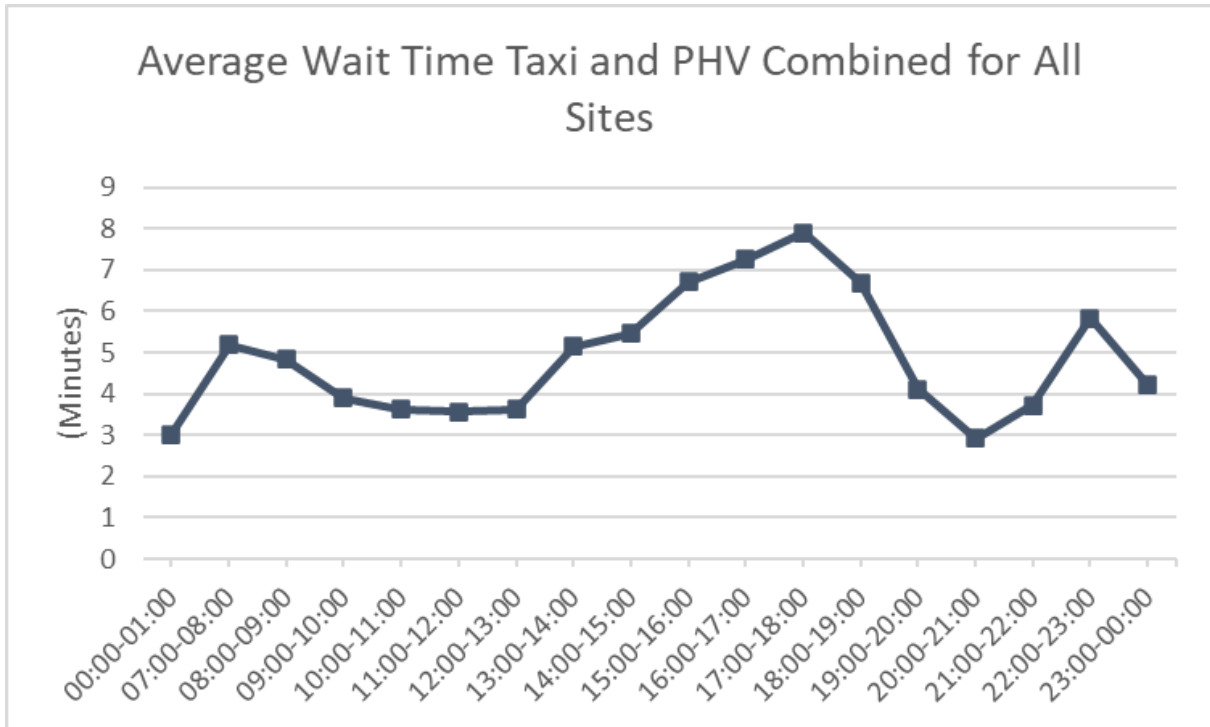
In summary, the average wait time across the surveyed period for taxis in Bank was 3 minutes and 36 seconds, mirroring the average wait time in the wider City of London locations. However, the average wait time for a PHV in Bank was 7 minutes and 6 seconds, slightly exceeding the wait time of 6 minutes and 54 seconds in the wider City of London area.

Figure 3-4 - Average wait time for taxis and PHV in Bank compared to the City



The average time to wait for either a private hire vehicle (PHV) or taxi at any location in the City was 4 minutes and 54 seconds. Combined taxi/ black cab wait times shows that wait time is longer at end of the working day (17:00-18:00) and peaks again around 22:00-23:00 when it is likely there are less vehicles in the area compared to demand.

Figure 3-5 – Combined average wait time for taxi/black cabs and PHV

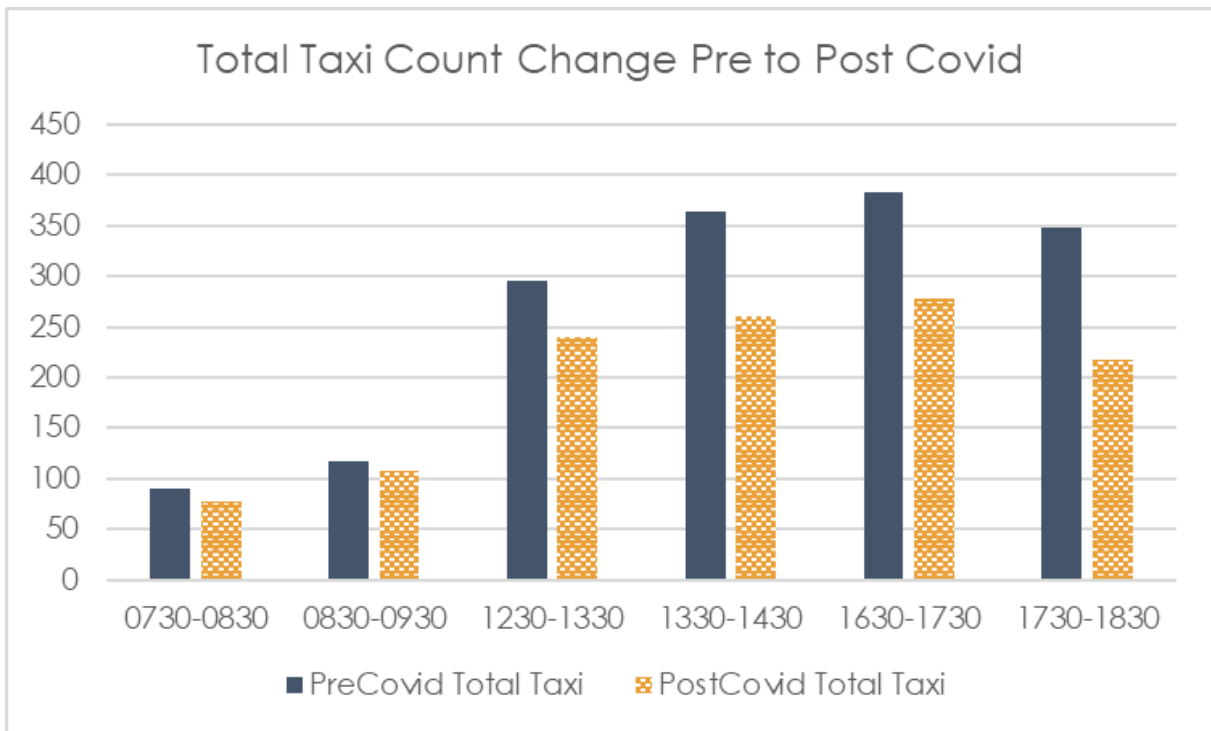


3.3 WESTMINSTER DATA

3.3.1 OXFORD STREET

Oxford Street in Westminster has experienced a substantial decline in the overall number of taxis after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The most significant drop in the number of taxis occurred between 17:30 and 18:30, resulting in a 37% decrease. In contrast, the period from 08:30 to 09:30 witnessed the least decline in taxi numbers, with only an 8% reduction (Figure 3-6). On average, across all time intervals, there was a 26% decrease in taxi availability. Oxford Street data is represented hour by hour in the graph below, for the two hour AM and PM peaks and the lunchtime two hour peaks.

Figure 3-6 - Oxford Street Taxi Numbers Pre to Post Covid



The broader traffic trends in Westminster show an average 36% decrease in traffic volume from pre-COVID to post-COVID across all time slots. The most significant drop in the number of vehicles occurred between 07:30 and 08:30 where a 42% drop was observed. Between 12:30 and 13:00 saw the least reduction in vehicles, at a 29% reduction (Figure 3-9)

Figure 3-7 - Oxford Street Vehicle Numbers Pre to Post Covid

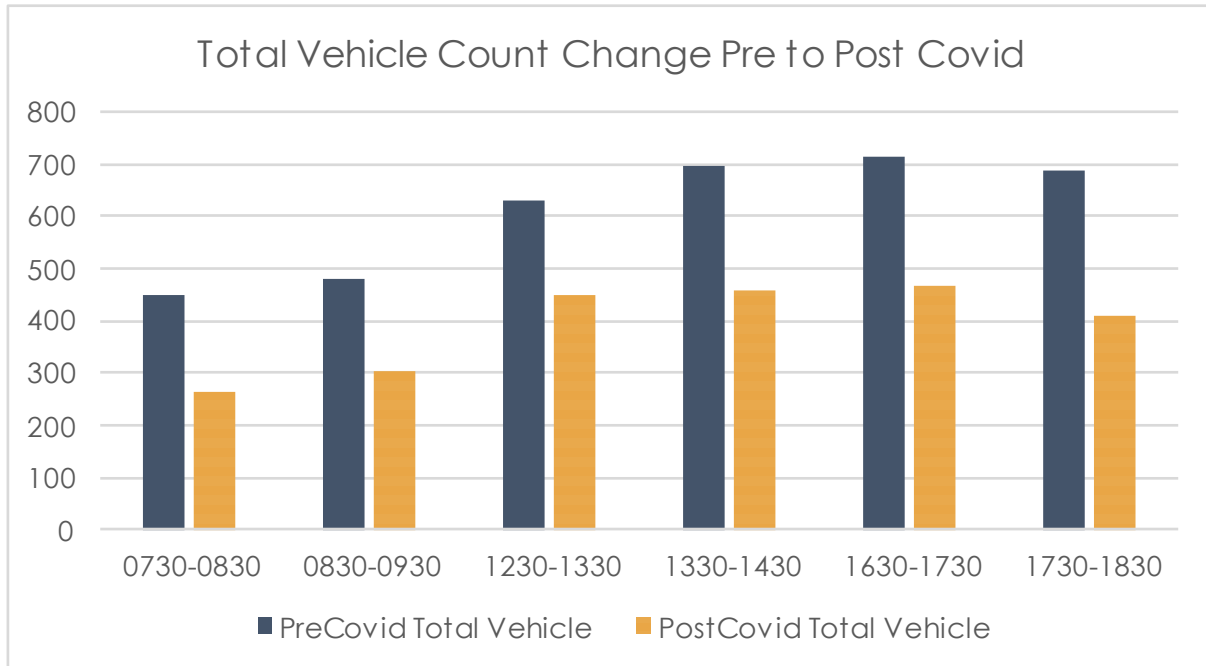
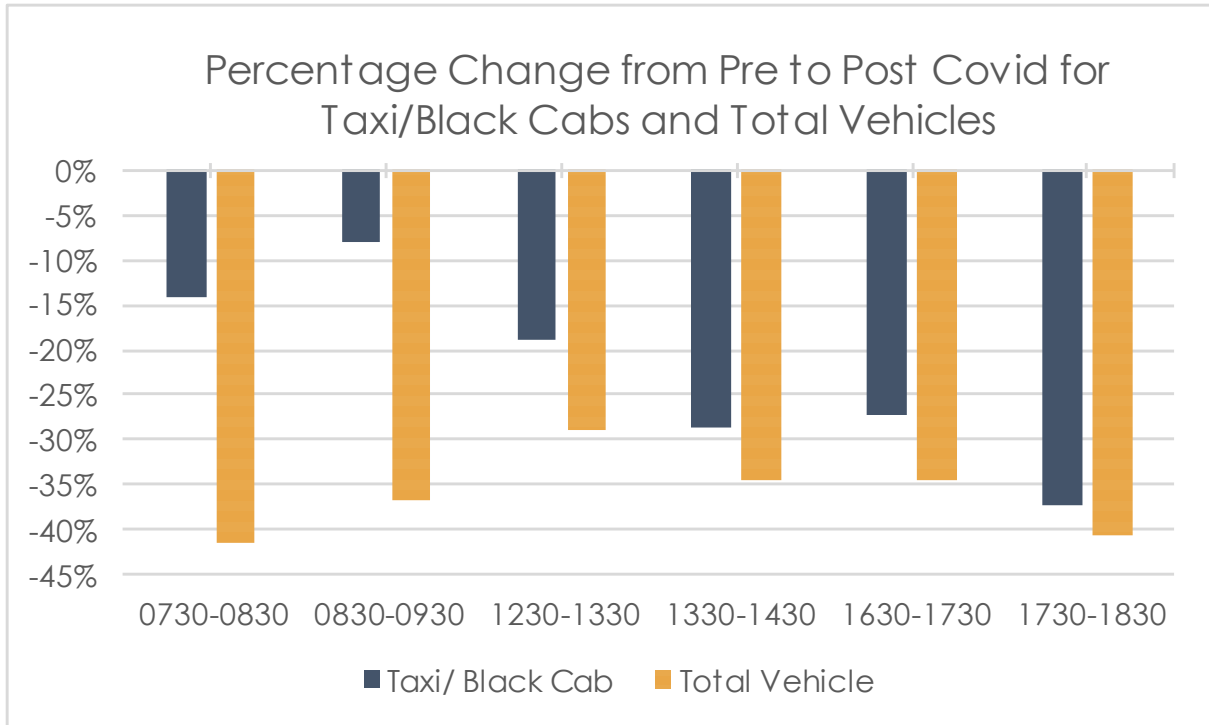


Figure 3-8 shows that taxi/ black cab numbers have fallen less than total vehicle counts across all timeframes.

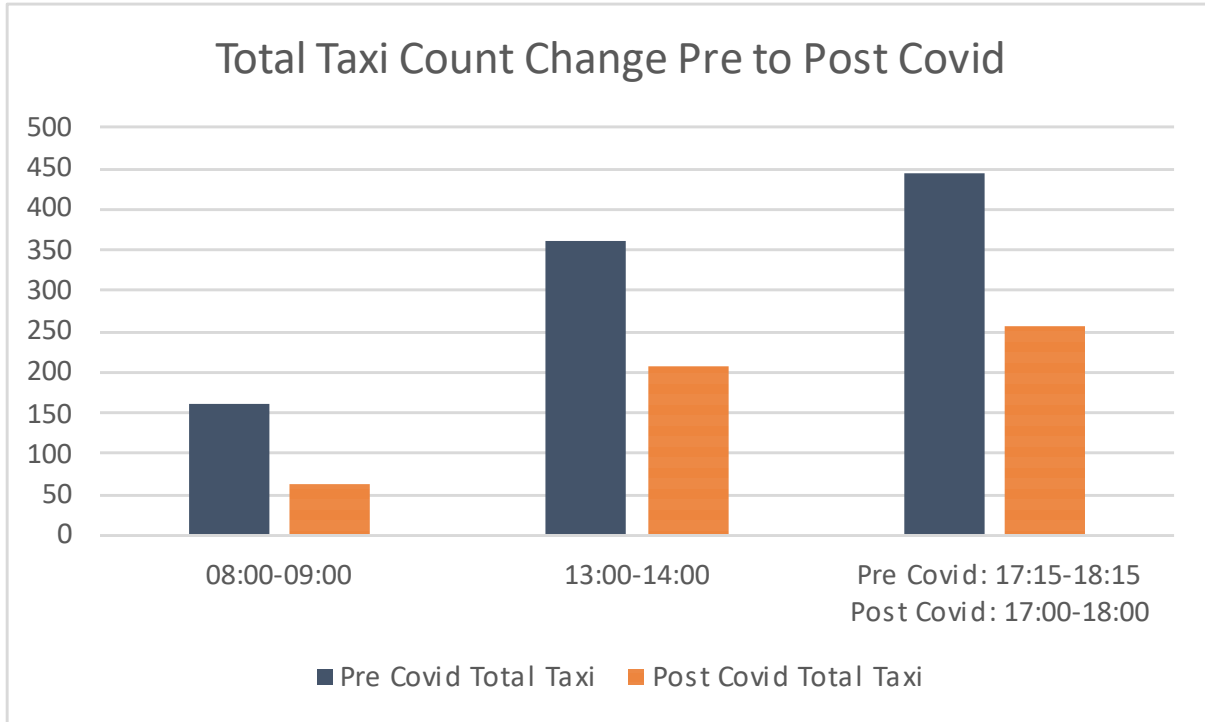
Figure 3-8 - Percentage Change from Pre to Post Covid for Taxi/Black Cabs and Total Vehicles



3.3.2 REGENT STREET

Taxi numbers on Regent Street in Westminster has experienced a 46% decrease after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic compared to pre pandemic. The most significant drop in the number of taxis occurred between 08:00 and 09:00, resulting in a 61% decrease, there was a 43% decrease in taxis between 13:00 and 14:00, and a 42% reduction between 17:15 and 18:15 (Post Covid: 17:00 and 18:00).

Figure 3-9 – Total Taxi Count Change Pre to Post Covid



The broader traffic trends on Regent Street show an average 18% decrease in traffic volume from pre-COVID to post-COVID across all time slots. There was a 13% decrease in traffic between 08:00 and 09:00, a 27% decrease in traffic between 13:00 and 14:00, and a 15% decrease between 17:15 and 18:15 (Post Covid: 17:00-18:00) (Figure 3-10).

Figure 3-10 – Total Vehicle Count Change Pre to Post Covid

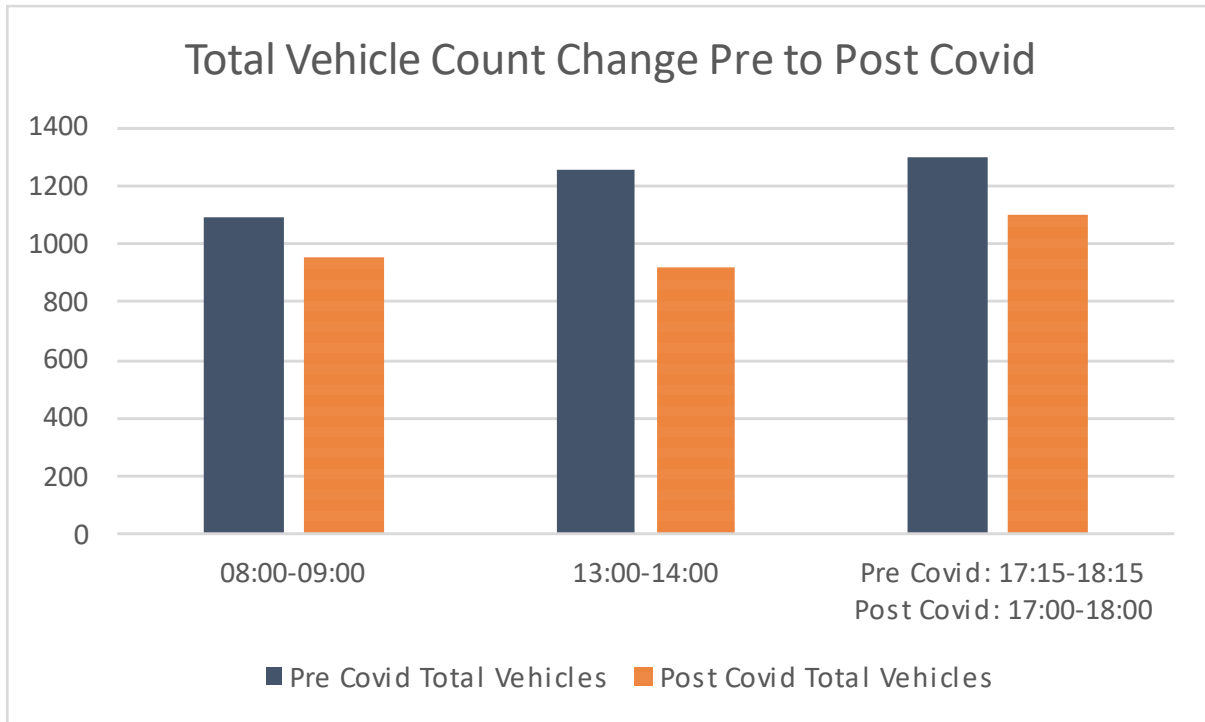


Figure 3-11 shows that taxi/ black cab numbers have fallen more than total vehicle counts across all timeframes. This is particularly evident between 08:00 and 09:00 where taxi/ black cab availability has fallen over 60%, but vehicle counts only 13%

Figure 3-11 - Percentage Change from Pre to Post Covid for Taxi/Black Cabs and Total Vehicles

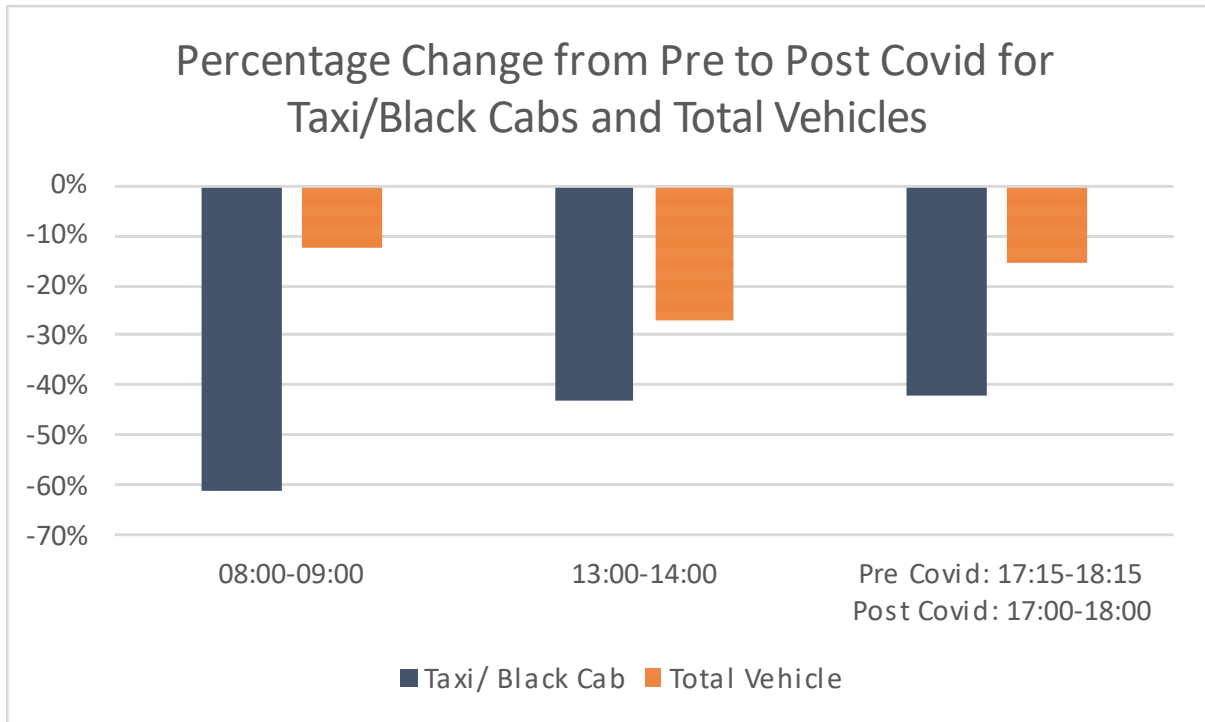


Table 3-1 – Taxi number comparison between 2017 and 2022/23, for peak hours (approx. 08:00-10:00, 12:00-14:00, 17:00-19:00)* across multiple sites

	Pre-COVID (2017) taxi volumes	Post-COVID (2022/23) taxi volumes	Absolute change	% change
Oxford Street	6389	4729	-2660	-26%
Regent Street*	965	525	-440	-46%
Bank area	4846	2840	-2006	-41%
Rest of City	5457	3999	-1458	-27%

*Regent Street sites peak hour counts were for one hour only

4 NEXT STEPS

4.1 TAXI RANK SURVEY (CAMERAS)

For the final report, further analysis will be undertaken looking at individual taxi rank sites and those in and around Bank.

4.2 MANUAL TAXI AVAILABILITY SURVEYS

Surveys were undertaken to record the number of taxis passing the survey location in both directions, whether they have their lights on or off and how many passengers they are carrying.

Data was collected between 7am and 1am in 15 minute slots on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th of October, and 2nd November 2023.

Surveys took place at the following locations (see):

17th October:

1. Cheapside
2. Moorgate
6. Gresham Street
7. Gracechurch Street/Fenchurch Street

18th October: On this day, a high security event took place at Mansion House.

12. King William Street
13. Cornhill
14. Threadneedle Street
15. Princes Street
16. Poultry
17. Queen Victoria Street

19th October:

4. Holborn viaduct
5. Aldersgate Street
8. Fleet Street
9. Farringdon Street/New Bridge Street
20. Chancery Lane

2nd November:

3. Bishopsgate
10. Beech Street/Silk Street
11. London Wall – Wood Street

18. Leadenhall (East of St Mary Axe)

19. Minorities

Analysis is not yet complete for this data collection but will be available in the final report.

4.3 JOURNEY TIME DATA

A series of journey time surveys between the four origin-destination pairs listed below will be undertaken in November. Journeys will be made three times per pair and route option (explained further below) in each direction between 4pm and 7pm for a total of 66 journeys.

The origin destination pairs are as follows:

1. London Bridge to Silk Street (Barbican entrance) (routes one, two and three)
2. Aldgate Underground to Blackfriars Station (routes one and two)
3. Fenchurch Street Station to Barts Hospital Main Entrance (routes one, two and three)
4. Liverpool Street to Queen Victoria Street (Bloomberg) (routes one, two and three)

The routes are as follows:

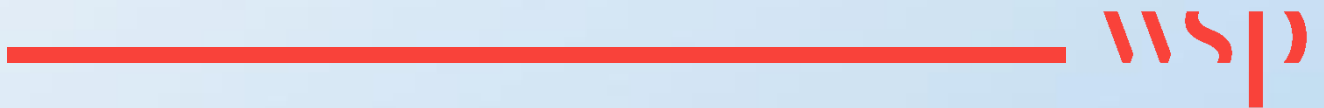
Route one - Take the vehicle through Bank junction

Route two - Take the vehicle along the fastest route that observes all relevant traffic restrictions in place between 7am and 7pm

Route three - To be taken along Bishopsgate

Appendix A

TAXI RANK NUMBER, LOCATION AND COMMENTS



Site Number	Taxi Rank Number	Location	Comments
1	01-TR	Lindsey Street (east of Smithfield Market)	No Issues To Report
2	02-TR	Silk Street (adj Linklaters)	No Issues To Report
3	03-TR	Sun Street	Taxi Rank Not Surveyed Due To Roadworks From Building Site
4	04-TR	Appold Street	No Issues To Report
5	5&6-TR	Liverpool Street (East)	No Issues To Report
6	07-TR	Devonshire Square	No Issues To Report
7	08-TR	St Mary Axe	No Issues To Report
8	09-TR	Leadenhall Street	Taxi Rank Closed Off From 08:09 Until End of Survey
9	10-TR	Philpot Lane	No Issues To Report
10	11-TR	Mincing Lane	No Issues To Report
11	14-TR	Fenchurch Place	No Issues To Report
12	13-TR	Trinity Square	No Issues To Report
13	15-TR	Cooper's Row	No Issues To Report
14 -	16-TR	Minories	No Issues To Report
15	17-TR	Lower Thames Street	No Issues To Report
16	18-TR	Cornhill	No Issues To Report
17	19-TR	Queen Victoria Street	Taxi Rank Not Surveyed As Road Was Closed
18	20-TR	Queen Victoria Street (Bloomberg)	No Issues To Report
19	21-TR	Princes Street	No Issues To Report
20	22-TR	Gresham Street (west junc with Old Jewry)	Approximately Half of Taxi Rank Closed Off By Cones With Digger Parked In Taxi Rank
21	23-TR	Gresham Street (west Milk Street)	No Issues To Report
22	24-TR	Cheapside (One New Change)	No Issues To Report
23	25-TR	St. Paul's Churchyard	No Issues To Report
24	26-TR	Queen Victoria Street (Church of Scientology)	No Issues To Report

25	27-TR	Queen Victoria Street (Blackfriars Station)	No Issues To Report
26	28-TR	John Carpenter Street	Taxi Rank Surveyed From 00:00 -10:22 Only Due To Camera Malfunction
27	29-TR	Tudor Street	No Issues To Report
28	30-TR	Limeburner Lane	No Issues To Report
29	31-TR	Farringdon Street (opp Goldman Sachs)	No Issues To Report
30	32-TR	St Bride Street	Taxi Rank Not Surveyed As Road Was Closed
31	33-TR	Little New Street	No Issues To Report
32	34-TR	Farringdon Street (Old Fleet Lane)	No Issues To Report
33	35-TR	Wood Street	No Issues To Report
34	36-TR	Crosswall	No Issues To Report

Appendix B

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION





RIDE HAILING APPS

17th October:

1. Cheapside
2. Moorgate
6. Gresham Street
7. Gracechurch Street/Fenchurch Street

18th October: On this day, a high security event took place at Mansion House.

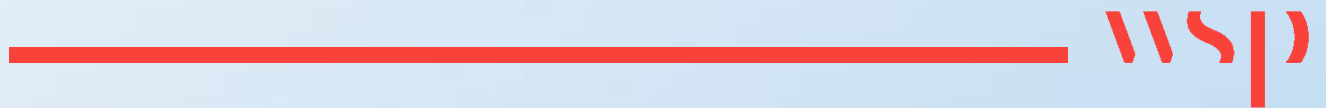
12. King William Street
13. Cornhill
14. Threadneedle Street
15. Princes Street
16. Poultry
17. Queen Victoria Street

19th October:

3. Bishopsgate
4. Holborn viaduct
5. Aldersgate Street
8. Fleet Street
9. Farringdon Street/New Bridge Street
10. Beech Street/Silk Street
11. London Wall – Wood Street
18. Leadenhall (East of St Mary Axe)
19. Minorities
20. Chancery Lane

Appendix C

CONGESTION CHARGE ZONE DATA

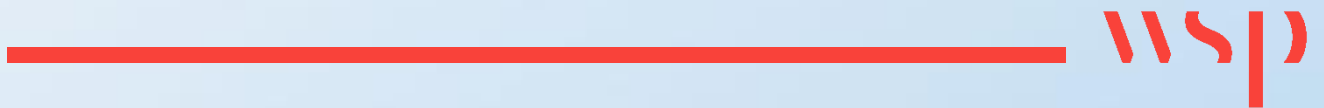


Congestion Charge and Low Emissions Zone factsheets			
Date	from	to	Average number of Licensed Taxis detected (during charging hours and on charging days)
	01-Apr	30-Jun	
Q1	2016		11396
Q1	2017		11409
Q1	2018		9796
Q1	2019		9405
Q1	2021		5310
Q1	2022		6585
Q1	2023		6344
Q1	2020		n/a

Source: [Congestion Charge - Transport for London \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://tfl.gov.uk)

Appendix D

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING FIGURES BY YEAR



Taxis				
Year	Vehicles	Drivers: All London	Drivers: Suburban	Drivers: Total
09/10	22,445	21,334	3,580	24,914
10/11	22,558	21,499	3,571	25,070
11/12	23,099	21,690	3,646	25,336
12/13	22,168	21,733	3,727	25,460
13/14	22,810	21,876	3,662	25,538
14/15	22,500	21,724	3,508	25,232
15/16	21,759	21,500	3,370	24,870
16/17	21,300	21,274	3,213	24,487
17/18	21,026	20,803	3,023	23,826
18/19	20,136	20,301	2,858	23,159
19/20	18,504	19,642	2,695	22,337
20/21	13,461	18,341	2,445	20,786
21/22	14,695	17,361	2,184	19,486
* 22 October 2023	14,611	15,948	1,879	17,827

Private Hire			
Year	Operators	Drivers	Vehicles
09/10	2,882	59,191	49,355
10/11	3,111	61,200	50,663
11/12	3,164	64,063	53,960
12/13	3,159	66,975	49,854
13/14	3,038	65,656	52,811
14/15	3,006	78,690	62,724
15/16	2,814	101,434	78,139
16/17	2,430	117,712	87,409
17/18	2,373	113,645	87,921
18/19	2,206	106,777	88,113
19/20	2,113	111,766	94,712
20/21	1,955	105,329	77,726
21/22	1,710	99,937	80,857
* 22 October 2023	1,670	106,355	90,916



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Implications Report

Strategic implications

1. The extent to which any potential changes contribute to the delivery of the Corporate Plan, Transport Strategy and Destination City are being considered as the review progresses.

Financial implications

2. The total cost of the review and taking forward a proposal to approval to implement a change is estimated to be in the region of £643,000 excluding costed risk (this includes the £143,000 estimated to have been spent on the review to reach the July 2023 Court of Common Council decision).
3. Table 1 details the estimated profile of expenditure under Option A to reach the next set of decision reports based on the current agreed programme. This would see any proposal for permanent change through the approvals process within the City and within TfL. Depending on the need for further data collection, there could be funding left towards the implementation of any recommended changes.
4. If it is decided to use an experimental traffic order, there will be other costs required after approvals to implement the changes including monitoring, reporting and consultation on the experimental scheme.
5. The traffic modelling exercise needed for either a permanent or experimental order is expensive and lengthy because the modelling area for changes at Bank is large and covers a high number of signalised junctions.
6. Other aspects of the estimate include some Officer time, TfL costs for reviewing the traffic models, further data collection, consultancy support, stakeholder engagement, a public consultation exercise and further reviews of the equalities assessment as proposals are developed. The estimated costs are based on previous experiences of progressing the Bank model through the TfL audit and approval process.

Table 1

Option A - estimate to Gateway 5			
	Budget	July 2023 - June 2024 decision report	To gateway 5
	£	£	£
Staff	55,000	12,000	43,000
Fees	445,000	125,000	320,000
Total	500,000	137,000	363,000

7. If Option B is approved and the traffic modelling work is restarted earlier than currently programmed, the total amount of money required is not likely to change, but the profile of spend would. The estimate for this is shown in Table 2.

Table 2

Option B - estimate to Gateway 5			
	Budget	July 2023 - June 2024 decision report	To gateway 5
	£	£	£
Staff	55,000	18,000	37,000
Fees	445,000	290,000	155,000
Total	500,000	308,000	192,000

8. Under Option C the only remaining costs would be the completion of the current data collection and analysis which are already committed (approximately £104,000 including officer time of the £137,000 in Table 1).
9. An additional £650,000 of On-Street Parking Reserve has been secured to fund the review up to the point that a final decision on whether to change the restrictions is made. This includes £150,000 of costed risk given the potential for legal challenge of the decision.

Resource implications

10. Depending upon the chosen option there is the possibility of requiring more internal resource than is currently available. Consideration as to how this is managed, for example by reprioritising other work or through additional consultancy support, will be required following the decision on how to proceed.
11. It should also be noted that progressing the traffic modelling work with TfL requires them to have sufficient staff resource to undertake their assessment and audits. This may be a particular issue if we are to immediately restart the modelling process. The capacity of the traffic modelling consultant would also be required.

Legal implications

12. In exercising the City Corporation's functions as traffic authority and taking a decision on the review, the City are required to comply with the duty in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act which requires the traffic authority, in exercising its traffic authority functions, to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), so far as practicable having regard to:
 - (a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
 - (b) the effect of amenities of any locality.
 - (bb) national air quality strategy.
 - (c) public service vehicles.
 - (d) any other relevant matters.
13. Under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 the public sector equality duty requires public authorities to have due regard to the need to:
 - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
 - Advance equality of opportunity and
 - Foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic (i.e., race, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership and gender reassignment) and those who do not.
14. As part of the duty to have "due regard" where there is disproportionate impact on a group who share a protected characteristic, the City Corporation should consider what steps might be taken to mitigate the impact, on the basis that it is a proportionate means which has been adopted towards achieving a legitimate aim.

Risk implications

15. There are several key risks associated with this review including reputational risk and the potential for a legal challenge under all three options. £150,000 of costed risk has been allocated to cover potential costs associated with a legal challenge.

Programme risks

16. The review is currently on programme to meet the time frame set out in the July 2023 report to the Court of Common Council. The next decision point, on whether to pursue a change to the restrictions, will be the May and June 2024 meetings of the Planning & Transportation Committee and Court of Common Council.
17. If it is decided to change the restrictions at this point then, under the current approach (Option A), then changes to the restrictions are likely to be implemented in Summer 2025 – if successful in gaining TMAN approval and depending on whether it is promoted as an experiment or a permanent change. This timetable is largely driven by the time required for the traffic model audit process which is likely to take at least 12 months, assuming TfL have the capacity to undertake the work.
18. This timetable could potentially be compressed by three to four months under alternative option of immediately beginning the traffic modelling and running this in parallel with the remaining data and collection and analysis (Option B). This time frame would be subject to TfL resourcing and there is a risk of abortive work and costs if it is decided to not pursue any change to the restrictions at Bank.
19. The timeframes above are similar to the original timeframe for the review that was agreed in 2021 before the Court of Common Council motion to begin an immediate review. They are 8 – 12 months longer than originally anticipated when the review was initiated, when implementation was expected in summer 2024. It is recognised that these extended timeframes carry a degree of both political and reputational risk.

Equalities implications

20. Further equalities analysis will be undertaken as the review progresses.

Climate implications

21. The extent to which any potential changes contribute to the delivery of the Climate Action Strategy will be considered as the review progresses.

Security implications – N/A

Report – Civic Affairs Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee

Application for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 7th December 2023

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

SUMMARY

This report sets out proposals for, and seeks agreement to, the provision of hospitality by the City of London Corporation at various forthcoming events, namely the Early evening reception to mark the 100th anniversary of the Buddhist Society.

Recommendation

That the Court of Common Council approve that hospitality application within this report be granted, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

MAIN REPORT

Early evening reception to mark the 100th anniversary of the Buddhist Society

1. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on Thursday 23rd May 2024 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Buddhist Society.
2. The Buddhist Society was founded in 1924 by Christmas Humphreys QC, a distinguished Buddhist Scholar, author and lawyer. Based in London, it is one of the oldest Buddhist societies in Europe, and in 1961 the Dalai Lama became its patron.
3. The 100th anniversary of the society will be celebrated on Buddha Day (Vesak), which in the UK in 2024 will take place on 23rd May. Buddha Day celebrates the birth, enlightenment, teachings and death of the Buddha.
4. Guests at the event would include representatives from the Buddhist Society and other Buddhist organisations, the City's faith communities, City businesses and faith networks, diplomats from countries with major Buddhist populations, and representatives of national and local government.
5. The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 3a); provide access to world-class heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); and bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a).

6. It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 25th day of October 2023

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Tom Sleigh
Chair, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee

Report – Policy and Resources Committee

New Outside Body: Thames Estuary Growth Board

To be presented on Thursday 7th December 2023

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

SUMMARY

The Thames Estuary Growth Board (TEGB) is a newly convened partnership between private and public sector organisations. It seeks to drive green economic growth across the Thames Estuary with a particular focus on delivering and increasing private sector investment in the region.

TEGB has asked that a Member of the City of London Corporation sit on their newly convened Board as a formal Corporate Member and have further requested that the Member be the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, or a nominated Deputy thereof. Any such appointment will require the TEGB to be formally recognised as an Outside Body to which the City Corporation appoints. This report therefore seeks approval for this proposed arrangement.

The City Corporation has a strong and well-established interest in the Thames Estuary, both through its activities in the area and through other extant Outside Bodies to which it appoints. It is considered to be in the City's interests to accept the invitation from TEGB.

Recommendation(s)

- Agree to the City of London Corporation becoming a Corporate Member of the TEGB, and for that organisation to be deemed an Outside Body.
- Agree to the Member to sit on the Outside Body to be the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, or nominated Deputy thereof, as requested by TEGB.

MAIN REPORT

1. TEGB is a newly convened body, the precursor to which was established by the UK Government in 2019, through the Secretary of State's response to the Thames Estuary 2050 Growth Commission, chaired by Sir John Armitt. The TEGB was formally incorporated in February 2023.
2. TEGB's Trustee Board includes, alongside senior business leaders, the Leaders of five local authorities: Essex County Council, Kent County Council, Dartford Borough Council, the London Borough of Bexley and the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham.
3. The Board's vision is to create a "Green Blue" economy that harnesses the potential of the river, the land and the people to create jobs, improve productivity and ensure sustainability.

4. The work of TEGB, therefore, strongly aligns with the City of London Corporation's interests. Including, but not limited to, distinct corporate responsibilities in Port Health and Environmental Services, existing relationships with Outside Bodies who support economic growth in and surrounding the Thames Estuary, and the Markets Co-Location Programme.
5. Prior to TEGB's formal incorporation, the City Corporation previously attended meetings organised by the group and an Officer from the City Corporation's Markets Team stood as the official substitute, which it is proposed be retained. The City Corporation was represented by the Deputy Policy Chairman at the request of the organisation. For purposes of continuity the TEGB has asked that the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee, or nominated Deputy thereof, sit on the TEGB as a Corporate Member.
6. The Board will meet approximately five times a year. In addition to attending meetings, Board Members will be expected to take an active interest in projects, initiatives and campaigns across the Estuary as well as potentially working with one or more of the Board Committees. TEGB anticipate that the time commitment to be around two days per month for an initial three-year term.
7. There are no financial implications or expectations for the City Corporation to have a Member to sit on the Board. This appointment is unremunerated; reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed by the TEGB. Any appointee to TEGB will need to sign the Board's Code of Conduct.
8. The City Corporation values its links with these bodies and appreciates the time and service Members devote to the wider community by participating in their work.
9. This proposal was considered and supported by your Civic Affairs Sub-Committee at its meeting of 25 October 2023. It was considered by your Policy and Resources Committee under urgency.

RECOMMENDATION

It is **recommended** that the Court:-

- Agree to recognise the Thames Estuary Growth Board as an Outside Body of the City of London Corporation;
- Agree that for the Member who sits on the Outside Body to be the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, or nominated Deputy thereof, as requested by the Thames Estuary Growth Board.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 29th Day of November 2023

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward
Chairman, Policy & Resources Committee

Resolution of Thanks to the Late Lord Mayor – *by Deputy Marianne Fredericks*

To be presented on Thursday, 7th December 2023

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Motion:-

“That the Members of this Court take great pleasure in expressing to

Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons

their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the distinguished manner in which he has carried out the role of Lord Mayor of the City of London during the past year.

Nicholas has served as the 694th Lord Mayor and did so immediately after having served the Office of Sheriff in 2021-2022. Despite having no respite between the two, Nicholas moved seamlessly from one role to the other and we highly commend the commitment, energy and enthusiasm that both he and his Lady Mayoress Felicity have brought to this Mayoral year.

Nicholas has championed the theme ‘Financing our Future’, promoting a resilient, resourceful and responsible City, deploying capital and expertise to supercharge economic growth nationwide and grow our global competitiveness. The theme has focused on driving growth and investment especially in the areas of long-term infrastructure lending, green and sustainable finance, boosting the early-stage growth economy by mobilising private savings and pension funds and attracting international asset owners to have more of their money managed by asset managers in the UK. All of which has been underpinned by a commitment to financial inclusion and promoting financial literacy for all.

A highlight of Nicholas’ Mayoralty was the signing of the ‘Mansion House Compact’. Having worked closely with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, he was able to convene at the Mansion House nine major U.K. companies who committed to a key target which, once achieved, will unlock over £50 billion of capital by 2030, in turn helping high-growth UK companies in fintech, life sciences, biotech and clean energy to scale-up domestically.

Nicholas was fortunate in that his Mayoralty was the first in a number of years not to face any travel restrictions and he took full advantage of this in undertaking many not only domestic but also international visits including to the US, China, India, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Gulf. A little closer to home, he also took the opportunity to indulge his Anglo-Irish origins and visited Dublin for bilateral talks with the Irish Government in March of this year.

Finally, it would be remiss of me to comment on Nicholas’ year in office without recognising the role he was called upon to play in the Coronation of His Majesty

King Charles III, attired in the Lord Mayor's Coronation robes and carrying the historic Crystal Sceptre as he proudly represented the City Corporation on the world's stage.

Throughout this historic year, in all of his work, the Lord Mayor has received enthusiastic support from Felicity, the Lady Mayoress, and, as we move to the close of what we hope has been a memorable and special period for them both, this Honourable Court thanks Nicholas for all that he has done. In taking their leave of Nicholas, their 694th Lord Mayor, Honourable Members send to him, Felicity, their children and grandchildren our very best wishes for their future good health and happiness."



List of Applications for the Freedom

To be presented on Thursday, 7th December, 2023

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and
Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Set out below is the Chamberlain's list of applicants for the Freedom of the City together with the names, etc. of those nominating them.

Kazi Mohammed Jamal Ahmed <i>CC Shahnaz Bakth Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	a Global Privacy Consultant <i>Citizen and Common Councillor Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Romford, Essex
Gareth Andrew Bacon <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward Deputy Patricia Ann Holmes</i>	a Member of Parliament <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker Citizen and Cordwainer</i>	Sidcup, Kent
Ghanshyam Priya Berry <i>CC Shailendra Kumar Kantilal Umradia CC Timothy James McNally</i>	an Accountant <i>Citizen and Information Technologist Citizen and Glazier</i>	Edmonton, London
Christine Nana Akosua Afi Bimpeh <i>CC Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith CC Jamel Banda</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Loriner Citizen and Poulter</i>	Upper Edmonton, London
Patrick Joseph Boyle <i>Simon Barnett Tyndall Jatinder Singh Wasu</i>	an Accountant <i>Citizen and Butcher Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Bromley, Kent
Priya Kaur Boyle <i>Simon Barnett Tyndall Jatinder Singh Wasu</i>	an Accountant <i>Citizen and Butcher Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Bromley, Kent
Dr Megan Jane Campbell <i>John Alexander Smail Stephen James Osborne</i>	an Academic <i>Citizen and Distiller Citizen and Chartered Secretary and Administrator</i>	Woodend, Victoria, Australia

Arbind Kumar Choudhary <i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	a Banker <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Putney, London
Robin Joseph Clifford <i>Kevin Malcolm Everett</i> <i>Richard Evans</i>	an Engineering Services Company Managing Director <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Kings Hill, Kent
Samuel William Collins <i>CC Dawn Linsey Wright</i> <i>Deputy Randall Keith Anderson</i>	a Digital Services Assistant Director <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	Sevenoaks, Kent
Andrew Paul Coney <i>David Michael Bole</i> <i>Christopher John Birch</i>	a Technology Company Director <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	Kingston upon Thames, Surrey
William John Coombs <i>Edward Gradosielski, BEM</i> <i>Richard George Turk</i>	a Pilot Launch Captain <i>Citizen and Wax Chandler</i> <i>Citizen and Shipwright</i>	Harwich, Essex
Giorgio Cuneo <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Business Consultant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Portoferraio, Livorno, Italy
Chantal Sarah De Gaston-Cooper <i>Nicholas Julian Goddard</i> <i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i>	a Teacher <i>Citizen and Barber</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Reigate, Surrey
Professor Bikha Ram Devrajani <i>Frederick Joseph Trowman</i> <i>Donald Mostyn Morris</i>	a University Professor and Consultant Physician <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	Hyderabad, Sindh, Pakistan
Keith John William Donnelly <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>CC Shailendra Kumar</i> <i>Kantilal Umrada</i>	an NHS Head of Emergency Preparedness <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Chingford, London
Ahmet Ibrahim Dourmouh <i>Dominic Charles Huw Price</i> <i>Geoffrey John Griggs</i>	a Meat and Poultry Company Operations Director <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Chislehurst, Kent
Elmaziye Dourmouh <i>Dominic Charles Huw Price</i> <i>Geoffrey John Griggs</i>	a Housewife <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Chartered Accountant</i>	Chislehurst, Kent
Paul Robert Eden <i>Ald. Timothy Charles Levene</i> <i>Ald. Alexander Robertson</i> <i>Martin Barr</i>	a Property Development Company Founder <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i>	East Finchley, London

David Edward Ellis	a Paper Merchant, retired	Kingston upon Thames, Surrey
<i>David Michael Bole</i> <i>Christopher John Birch</i>	<i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i> <i>Citizen and Maker of Playing Cards</i>	
Paul Ellis	a Communications Consultancy Managing Director	Alresford, Hampshire
<i>Ald. Emma Edhem</i> <i>CC James St John Davis</i>	<i>Citizen and Woolman</i> <i>Citizen and Gardener</i>	
Patricia Hazel Fisher	a Property Consultant	Barnet, London
<i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
Alessandro Giannelli	an Entrepreneur	Sansepolcro, Arezzo, Italy
<i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
Gary Gould	an Environmental Health Officer	Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire
<i>CC Mary Durcan</i> <i>Jonathan Martin Averbs</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	
Binay Kumar Gupta	a Bank Chief Executive Officer	Poplar, London
<i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	
Manish Gupta	a Banker	St. John's Wood, London
<i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Merchant Taylor</i>	
Jehangir Haque	a Restaurant Company Director and Local Councillor	Leatherhead, Surrey
<i>CC Shahnan Bakth</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
Edmund William Hastie	a Financial Adviser	Wandsworth, London
<i>Sir Anthony Stuart Jolliffe, GBE</i> <i>Richard McLeod Ellis</i>	<i>Citizen and Painter Stainer</i> <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	
Sean Patrick Hastilow	a Delivery Driver	Hornchurch, Essex
<i>CC Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, KC</i> <i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	
Christopher Asuaquarm Heman-Ackah	a Urological Surgeon	Potters Bar, Hertfordshire
<i>Howard Andre Beber</i> <i>Kevin George Howard</i>	<i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	
Felipe Anthony Hillard	a Banking Client and Product Officer	Hackney, London
<i>CC Thomas Sleigh</i> <i>CC Sophie Anne Fernandes</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	

David William Holdsworth <i>Richard John Francis Conneely</i> <i>Clive Albert Francis Lambert</i>	a Senior Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Liverpool, Merseyside
Argentina Garmann Hung <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>CC Shailendra Kumar</i> <i>Kantilal Umradia</i>	a Logistics Company Director <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Harlow, Essex
Efraim Fernandes Gomes le <i>Revd. Christopher John Damp</i> <i>Dhruv Patel</i>	a System Application Analyst <i>Citizen and Stationer & Newspaper Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Basingstoke, Hampshire
Michael Basil Johnston <i>Deputy Brian David Francis Mooney</i> <i>Ald. Alastair John Naisbitt King, DL</i>	an Underwriter <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Blacksmith</i>	Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire
John Christopher Kerr <i>Richard Bowyer</i> <i>James Harry Albert Tayler</i>	a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Bowyer</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Basildon, Essex
Shahanoor Khan <i>CC Shahnaz Bakh</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i>	a Restaurateur <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Harrow, Middlesex
Madhur Kumar <i>Deputy Rehana Banu Ameer</i> <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i>	a Bank Chief Executive Officer <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and World Trader</i>	Golders Green, London
Richard John Lindsey <i>Cdr Philip Norman Charles Gibbs</i> <i>David Alan Pugsley</i>	a Security Officer <i>Citizen and Furniture Maker</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Woolton, Liverpool
Julie Ann Linsdell <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Management Consultant <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Kensington, London
Peter George Lisley <i>CC Catherine Sidony McGuinness, CBE</i> <i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew</i>	an Assistant Town Clerk, retired <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Loriner</i>	Bromley, London
Sarah Jane Lockwood <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>CC Shailendra Kumar</i> <i>Kantilal Umradia</i>	a Solicitor <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i>	Islington, London

Charles Robert Cosby Lucas-Clements <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>CC David James Sales</i>	a Consultant Company Director <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	East Horsley, Surrey
Frank Martin <i>CC Shailendra Kumar</i> <i>Kantilal Umradia</i> <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Information Technologist</i> <i>Citizen and Glazier</i>	Edgware, Greater London
Katherine Carey Mayhew <i>CC Jamel Banda</i> <i>Deputy Philip Woodhouse</i>	a Recruitment Researcher <i>Citizen and Poulter</i> <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Islington, London
Seamus McGarry <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i>	a Charity Director, retired <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Stevenage, Hertfordshire
Gavin Marcus McKinnon <i>Jurgita Zilinskiene</i> <i>Michael Barley</i>	a Special Constabulary Chief Officer <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Tonbridge, Kent
Andrew Edward Graham McLaughlin <i>Neville John Watson</i> <i>Peter Francis Clark</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i>	Holloway, London
James Michael Stephen McSparron-Edwards <i>Ronald Antony Collins</i> <i>Alexander Harben James</i>	a Film Production Manager <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Cook</i>	New Denham, Buckinghamshire
Matab Miah <i>CC Shahnna Bakht</i> <i>Deputy Christopher</i> <i>Michael Hayward</i>	a Restaurateur <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	Gosforth, Newcastle Upon Tyne
Major Bruce Miller <i>Christian Oliver Lewis</i> <i>Wragg</i> <i>Charles Verriour Marment</i>	a Musician <i>Citizen and Cutler</i> <i>Citizen and Draper</i>	Wellingborough, Northamptonshire
Robin Daniel Moore <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Airline Pilot <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Reigate, Surrey
Tangy Cathleen Morgan <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord</i> <i>Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Prem Babu Goyal, OBE</i>	a Senior Banking Adviser <i>Citizen and World Trader</i> <i>Citizen and Goldsmith</i>	Kensington, London
Jamie Francis Muirhead <i>Richard John Francis</i> <i>Conneely</i> <i>Clive Albert Francis</i> <i>Lambert</i>	a Civil Servant <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Liverpool, Merseyside

<p>Trevor Edward Parvin <i>Michael Timothy Holland</i> <i>Peter Christopher Brockbank</i></p>	<p>a Fire Safety Sales Director, retired <i>Citizen and Air Pilot</i> <i>Citizen and Pavior</i></p>	<p>Dukinfield, Cheshire</p>
<p>Lieutenant Colonel Terence Julian David Pemberton-Pigott <i>Christine Rigden</i> <i>Claire Jane Wallbridge</i></p>	<p>an Army Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Constructor</i> <i>Citizen and Mason</i></p>	<p>Pewsey, Wiltshire</p>
<p>Mario Petrov Petrov-Pokrovski <i>CC Timothy James McNally</i> <i>Deputy Marianne Bernadette Fredericks</i></p>	<p>a Student <i>Citizen and Glazier</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i></p>	<p>Poplar, London</p>
<p>Peter Joseph Power-Hynes <i>Vincent Dignam</i> <i>John Paul Tobin</i></p>	<p>an Accountant and Charity Trustee <i>Citizen and Carman</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i></p>	<p>Battersea, London</p>
<p>Carol Ann Joan Pracownik <i>CC Alethea Melody Silk</i> <i>CC Nighat Qureshi</i></p>	<p>an Officer Manager, retired <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i></p>	<p>Bridgwater, Somerset</p>
<p>Aurora Davis Prehn <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman</i> <i>Lady Samantha Jane Bowman</i></p>	<p>an Ethnobotanist <i>Citizen and Grocer</i> <i>Citizen and Woolman</i></p>	<p>Hampstead, London</p>
<p>Mohammed Mizanur Rahman <i>CC Shahnaz Bakht</i> <i>Deputy Christopher Michael Hayward</i></p>	<p>a Restaurateur <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i></p>	<p>Dukinfield, Greater Manchester</p>
<p>Grace Ellen Rawnsley <i>Deputy Keith David Forbes Bottomley</i> <i>CC Shравan Jashvantraі Joshi</i></p>	<p>a Sustainability Director <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Fueller</i></p>	<p>Bromley, Kent</p>
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<i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	<i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	
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<i>Levene</i>		
<i>Ald. Alexander Robertson</i>	<i>Citizen and Ironmonger</i>	
<i>Martin Barr</i>		
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<i>Terry Folkman</i>	<i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	
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Report – Policy and Resources Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Appointment of Honorary Water Bailiff

*To be presented on Thursday, 7th December 2023
To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons*

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

At its meeting on 19 October 2023, Policy and Resources Committee considered a report of the Remembrancer relating to the Lord Mayor Elect's Mayoral theme for the year: "Connect to Prosper", and a proposal to appoint an Honorary Water Bailiff for his year in office.

Policy and Resources Committee agreed to the appointment of an Honorary Water Bailiff in support of the Lord Mayor's Mayoral Theme and to put forward a recommendation to Court of Common Council thereon.

MAIN REPORT

From the 12th century until the passage of the Thames Conservancy Act in 1857, the City of London Corporation was responsible for the conservation of the River Thames from Staines in the west to Yantlet Creek in the east, including the control and regulation of fishing and, later, improvements to navigation.

While the responsibility for the Thames conservancy was officially vested in the Lord Mayor, from the 14th century he was given the power to appoint a sub conservator to assist in these duties.

From the role of sub conservator developed the post of Water Bailiff, which was essentially a law enforcement officer in respect of the river (policing fishing; seeking out nuisances; inspecting locks; removing sunk boats and barges; collecting fines imposed by the Lord Mayor and supervising the sale of fish within the City etc). The postholder ranked as one of the Lord Mayor's esquires and was elected by the Court of Common Council. The Office became defunct when the Conservancy over the Thames was transferred to the Thames Conservancy by the 1857 Act. However, provisions governing the Office including regulations approved by the Court of Common Council in 1824 are still extant along with provision of a salary to be paid that forbade the appointee from holding any other office or employment.

As part of his Mayoral theme "Connect to Prosper", the Lord Mayor Elect will be undertaking a number of initiatives relating to the River Thames, long the main connection between the City and the rest of the World. Current proposals include a visit to the London Stone in Staines-Upon-Thames in June 2024, Sheriffs Ahoy and

an event supporting the Wetwheels Foundation, a charity that gives sailing opportunities to people with disabilities on their fleet of specially adapted boats.

To support him in these initiatives in a ceremonial capacity the Lord Mayor Elect wishes to appoint an individual with strong maritime links to the position of Honorary Water Bailiff for his year in office.

During Policy and Resources Committee's consideration of the item, it was noted that certain provisions governing the Office of Water Bailiff and the duties/functions of the Office were now performed by other regulatory bodies. Policy and Resources Committee were invited to agree that none of the extant provisions should apply to the appointment of a Water Bailiff in an honorary capacity.

Policy and Resources Committee endorsed the appointment of an Honorary Water Bailiff to work in support of the Lord Mayor Elect's Mayoral Theme "Connect to Prosper", whilst further agreeing that none of the extant provisions governing the now defunct office of Water Bailiff should apply in respect of such an appointment and with a recommendation being made to Court of Common Council accordingly.

The next formal Court of Common Council meeting was not due to be held until Thursday 7 December 2023, at which point the Mayoral year would have begun.

Accordingly, a decision of Court of Common Council was sought and obtained under urgency procedure to allow time for arrangements to be put in place and for an appointment to be made to coincide with the Admission of Lord Mayor being held on Friday 10 November 2023 and the start of the Mayoral Year, approving as follows:

- The Lord Mayor may appoint an honorary Water Bailiff and that none of the extant provisions governing the now defunct office of Water Bailiff should apply in respect of such an appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

- We **recommend** that the action taken be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 3rd day of November 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Christopher Hayward
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee

Report – City Remembrancer

Measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the work and services provided by the City Corporation

To be presented on 7th December 2023

To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

Acts

Date of Royal Assent

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023

The Act builds on the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022, which received Royal Assent on 15 March 2022. The Act has four key objectives:

- to prevent organised criminals, fraudsters, kleptocrats and terrorists from using companies and other corporate entities to abuse the UK economy;
- reform the powers of the Registrar of Companies
- to give law enforcement bodies new powers to seize cryptoassets and enabling businesses in the financial sector to share information more effectively to prevent and detect economic crime
- to give Companies House greater flexibility about the way it lists companies and uses its data.

26 October 2023

Reported to Communications and Corporate Affairs Committee.

Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

Establishes a new statutory requirement for ministers to set levelling up missions with completion targeted for 2030 (for example relating, nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, improving the standard in reading, writing and maths across the UK, improving wellbeing in every area). Changes to aspects of planning, environmental and heritage protection are included in the Act.

Reported to Open Spaces, West Ham Park, Culture Heritage and Libraries, Planning, and Communications and Corporate Affairs committees.

26 October 2023

Procurement Act 2023	26 October 2023
<p>The Act is designed to create a simpler public procurement system not based on EU Directives. The Act mandates the creation of a central digital platform for suppliers to the public sector, which captures the Corporation in the exercise of its public functions, to register and store their details so that they can be used for multiple bids, and see all opportunities in one place.</p> <p>Reported to Finance Committee.</p>	

Non-Domestic Rating Act 2023	26 October 2023
<p>Shortens the business rates revaluation cycle in England from five years to three years. Reported to service department.</p>	

Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act	26 October 2023
<p>Creates employers' liability for harassment of their employees by third parties and introduces a duty on employers to take all reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment of their employees. Reported to service department.</p>	

Statutory Instruments

Date In Force

Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations	7 November 2023
<p>Creates a framework under which specified summary only offences (minor offences dealt with in magistrates' courts) may be dealt with online and termed "automatic online conviction and penalty summary offences".</p>	

The Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (England and Wales) Order	14 November 2023
<p>XL Bully breed type will be prohibited from 31st January 2024. Establishes a compensation scheme for dogs which are arranged to be euthanised before 31st January 2024. Owners of an XL Bully may apply for an exemption that would permit possession of such a dog.</p>	

Public Charge Point Regulations	24 November 2023
<p>Requires a charge point operator to ensure that a person is able to pay to charge an electric vehicle by contactless payment without entering into a pre-existing contract with the operator. This requirement applies to new public charge points, rapid charge points and existing charge points.</p>	

Charge point operators must ensure that, by November 2025, a person is able to pay to charge an electric vehicle using a payment service provided by a third party roaming provider.

Within one year of the date that these Regulations come into force, operators must ensure that their network of rapid charge points is, on average, 99% reliable.

Charge point operators must provide a staffed telephone helpline that is available 24 hours per day.

The Parliamentary Constituencies Order

29 November 2023

Gives effect to new constituency boundaries at the next election. The City's boundary remains unchanged.

Council Tax (Chargeable Dwellings and Liability for Owners) (Amendment) (England) Regulations

1 December 2023

Provides that a house in multiple occupation is always treated as a single dwelling for the purposes of council tax.

Local Government and Greater London Authority Elections (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations

Dates between 31
October 2023 – 31
January 2024

The Regulations make provision in relation to local elections and Greater London Assembly and London mayoral elections to enable a returning officer to hold a nomination paper invalid if the person submitting that nomination paper is subject to a disqualification order, and introduce the new forms of nomination paper, candidate's consent to nomination, and elector and proxy poll cards.

The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer's Office.

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