

NOTICE OF WARD ELECTION

CITY OF LONDON WARD OF BISHOPSGATE

ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCILMEN

To the Electors of the Ward of Bishopsgate

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that by virtue of a Precept from the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, a Wardmote will be held on Wednesday 19th March 2025, at 12:30pm at Parish Hall, Parish and Ward Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 3TL to elect 6 Common Councilmen on the ordinary election to that Office.
2. **Nomination papers** can be obtained from the Ward Clerk, Electoral Services Office, 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ between 9.15am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday or downloaded from www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-us/voting-elections/forthcoming-elections/nomination-papers. Completed nomination papers must be received in the Electoral Services Office by noon on Tuesday 25th February 2025.
3. **Applications –**
 - for a new postal vote;
 - to change an existing postal vote to a proxy vote;
 - to cancel a postal vote;
 - to change a ballot paper address; or
 - to cancel or change the appointment of proxiesmust be received in the Electoral Services Office by 5.00pm on Wednesday 5th March 2025.
4. **New applications for proxy votes** must be received in the Electoral Services Office by 5.00pm on Wednesday 12th March 2025. If after 5.00pm on Wednesday 12th March 2025 you are unable to vote in person because you:
 - have a medical emergency; or
 - learn you cannot go to the polling station because of work/service reasonsyou can apply to vote by emergency proxy. Completed applications, suitably witnessed, must be made before 5.00pm on polling day, 20th March 2025.
5. **If the election is contested**, a poll will take place at Parish Hall, Parish and Ward Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 3TL on Thursday 20th March 2025 between the hours of 8.00 am and 8.00 pm. After the votes have been counted, the Wardmote will resume at Parish Hall, Parish and Ward Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate, Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 3TL and the result of the poll will be declared. Notice of such poll will be published on the Ward Notice Board at Church of St Botolph without Bishopsgate.

Dated this 18th February 2025

Ian Thomas CBE
Ward Clerk

NOTE 1. The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the provisions relating to the completion of nomination papers, the times and place for delivery thereof and the other provisions relating thereto contained in Acts of Common Council – further information can be obtained from Electoral Services. **NOTE 2.** Every person guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice will, on conviction, be liable to the penalties imposed by the Representation of the People Act 1983. **NOTE 3.** Qualifications of candidates for the office of Common Councilman. A person shall unless disqualified by virtue of any enactment be qualified for election to the Common Council as a Common Councilman if at the date of nomination and at the date of election he is a Freeman of the City and is aged 18 or over and a British subject, or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or otherwise a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights, and (a) is registered in the list of persons entitled to vote at any Ward election; OR (b) owns freehold or leasehold land in the City (*If the land is transferred, conveyed or leased (as appropriate) to more than four persons, the maximum number of owners who can qualify under this provision is limited to the first four named in the transfer, conveyance or lease*); OR (c) has during the whole of the twelve months preceding the date of the nomination, and has until the date of election, resided in the City. (City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 (as amended)).