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Monday 25th June 2018

## Election of Sheriffs for the City of London

### Candidature of Alderman Vincent Keaveny

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To the Liverymen of the City of London

May 2018

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

My colleagues on the Court of Aldermen support my nomination as a candidate for the ancient office of Sheriff of the City London for 2018/19. It is therefore with a sense of privilege and enthusiasm that I offer myself to the Livery at the election to be held at **Common Hall in Guildhall on Monday 25th June 2018 at 12 noon**. If a poll is demanded, I ask you for your further support by voting in my favour at the ballot on **Monday 9 July 2018**, also at **Guildhall**.

I was born in Dublin on 1st July 1965 and was educated at St Michael's College, Dublin, then I graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Civil Law in 1986 and from Trinity College, Dublin with a Master in Letters in 1989. I was called to the Irish Bar in 1988.

I have lived and worked in London since 1989. Since my admission as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales in 1992 I have been a banking and finance lawyer in private practice. I am a partner in international law firm, DLA Piper, where I am the international co-chair of the financial services sector. My clients are a mix of corporate and financial institutions in the UK and Europe for whom I work on debt finance and complex capital markets transactions. I am recognised as a leading practitioner in my area by the principal legal directories. I was a member of the Committee of the City of London Law Society from 2006 to 2013 and served as President of the City of London Law Society in 2014/15.

Elected as Alderman for the Ward of Farringdon Within in 2013, I am Senior Patron of the Farringdon Ward Club. I have been a member of a number of committees of the City of London Corporation, including Finance, Planning & Transportation and City Bridge Trust. I currently serve as a member of the Freedom Applications Committee. I have travelled with the Lord Mayor on two overseas visits in the past year. I am a member of the Court of The Honourable The Irish Society, a Governor of the City of London School and am chairman of the Samuel Wilson's Loan Trust, where we are inviting the Livery to encourage disadvantaged young people to apply for loans for their new businesses. I am the Court of Aldermen's representative trustee on the board of the Sir John Soane's Museum, where I chair the Audit and Risk Committee, and a trustee of The Lord Mayor's Appeal.

I am a passionate supporter of the Livery. I had the privilege of serving as Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company in 2014/15 and am Under Warden of the Woolmen's Company, a Liveryman of the Distillers' Company and also of the Spectacle Makers' Company. I am a member of the City Livery Club.

Amanda and I married in 1993. She worked as an intensive care/high dependency nursing sister in two London hospitals for a number of years. She now volunteers two/three days per week with the west London charity for the homeless, Glass Door, where she cooks in the day shelter at the Chelsea Methodist Church. She is a Liveryman of the Fletchers' Company and a member of the Guild of Nurses. Subject to my election, she is looking forward to supporting me as Sheriff.

My interests include the theatre, opera and music, tennis and riding. I chair the board of the contemporary vocal ensemble, Exaudi, and am a director of Actors Touring Company.

My interest in a career in the City of London was fired in the mid-1980's, a time of change for the City. I have experienced and benefited from the wonderful opportunities provided by the City. As it again faces a period of change I am certain that the City of London can and will remain the pre-eminent global centre for financial and related services. If elected I will do my utmost to uphold the fine traditions of the Shrieval office. It would be a privilege to use my professional experience to support the Lord Mayor's and City of London Corporation's programme of promoting the City in all its aspects and the UK's financial and related business and professional services sector.

I have the honour to be, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent Keaveny". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Vincent Keaveny**  
Alderman and Solicitor

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## Candidature of The Hon Elizabeth Green Shire Lane Farmhouse, Cholesbury, Tring, HERTS HP23 6NA

### To The Liverymen of the City of London

My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen

Encouraged by my many friends in the Livery and the City and with the full support of The Master, Wardens and Court of the Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters, I offer myself as a candidate for the High Office of Sheriff of the City of London at the Election to be held in Common Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon. I invite you to use one of your two votes in support of me and the other for Alderman Vincent Keaveny.

My career to date has been in PR & Marketing with Next and then Tie Rack, where I progressed to Head of Marketing, reporting to the Chairman. Since 2012, I have managed our family investments and I am responsible for our 800-acre farm in Suffolk, which includes residential and agricultural properties. Our children are now both working, enabling me to devote more time to charitable organisations. I care deeply about this important part of my life.

Born in Leicester in 1965 and educated at Cheltenham Ladies' College, I became a Liveryman in 1992 and have been involved in the Livery for most of my adult life. I was consort to my mother when she was Master Farmer in 2013 and had the privilege to serve as a third generation Master Framework Knitter in 2016; we are the first 'mother and daughter' to be Masters of a Livery Company. My wider family has also served as Master or Prime Warden of the Bakers, Blacksmiths and Gardeners.

My experience with the Livery and the City has inspired me to deepen my involvement. I am a member of Walbrook, Coleman Street and Broad Street Ward Clubs, the Lady Masters' Association, the City Livery Club, the Farmers' Club and a Governor and Steward of the Sons & Friends of the Clergy. I am an active participant in inter-livery golf and swimming, the Livery Schools Link and the Pan Livery initiative, a committee member of the both the Phoenix Past Masters Association and the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch, and organised the Framework Knitters' entries for the Lord Mayor's Show in 2013 and 2016.

My husband Peter, a Freeman of the International Bankers', and our children Stephanie (24) and Edward (22), enthusiastically support my candidacy. Peter has displayed his total commitment by his attendance at over 55 City events since October. Having worked for Citibank in London and New York for 21 years, Peter set up his own international training and consultancy practice. We share many common interests including sport, travel and bridge.

Since announcing my candidacy I have worked tirelessly to meet as many Liverymen as possible. I have attended over 170 events across more than 50 Livery Companies, Ward Clubs and charities. For further information about me, please visit [www.lizgreen.co.uk](http://www.lizgreen.co.uk).

My background in PR and marketing, management and commerce would complement the accountancy, banking and legal strengths of the likely Civic Team, creating a well-rounded group with a broad range of skills. Together as a team we would be highly effective in promoting the City and engaging with Livery Companies, charities and military affiliations. If elected as Sheriff, you can be assured of my absolute commitment and energy in vigorously supporting the Lord Mayor and the Livery.

I have the honour to be, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient servant.

Liz Green

Citizen and Framework Knitter

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## Candidature of GWEN RHYS

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May 2018

Fellow Liverymen

Encouraged by many friends in the Livery and business people across the City, I offer myself for the High Office of Sheriff at the election to be held in Common Hall at Guildhall on MONDAY 25 JUNE 2018 at TWELVE NOON. Please attend and cast one of your two votes in support of me and the other for Alderman Vincent Keaveny.

Born in Milford Haven I was educated at Neath Grammar School for Girls where my extra-curricular activities included participating in local and regional orchestras and choirs.

After gaining a business qualification in Hull, I moved to London in the early 70s and began my career in publishing, later starting my own word processing bureau which I sold in the late 80s. I made a career change and spent nearly a decade designing innovative initiatives to raise the aspirations and educational attainment of young people living in some of the UK's most culturally diverse and economically deprived areas. Building public-private sector partnerships was essential for successful outcomes and I served on many steering committees and working parties. My background in entrepreneurship led to my appointment as CEO of Westminster Enterprise Agency where I set up a network for London's women-led businesses.

In 2003 I founded Women in the City (WiC). An award-winning organisation championing diversity and supporting the progress of women in the financial and wider professional services sector, its awards programme, delivered with sponsorship from international companies, has shone a spotlight on the global female talent working in the City. WiC has supported The Lord Mayor's Appeal for several years, widening awareness of the Civic City.

I was introduced to my mother company, the Glass Sellers, in the 1980s by my now husband, Peter Rawlinson, a third generation Glass Seller and, like his father and grandfather, a Past Master. He is also a member of the Tobacco Pipe Makers.

In 1993 I became one of the first female members of the Glass Sellers and was proud to become its second female Master in December 2014. I am also a member of the Needlemakers and Spectacle Makers companies and the Livery Company of Wales. I've been a member of Queenhithe and Aldgate Ward Clubs for 10 years and, more recently, the Ward of Cheap.

My husband, Peter, was educated at Merchant Taylors and Exeter College, Oxford and spent over 20 years working for British Airways. We have both travelled extensively and enjoy experiencing different countries and cultures. Following retirement, he became involved in local politics and I was delighted to be his consort when he was Mayor of Brackley and later Chairman of South Northamptonshire Council where he now serves as the Cabinet Member for Finance.

As a result of my ability to build relationships and to connect people I am frequently approached by organisations seeking to access the diverse network I have created. Most recently, I've helped ABF The Soldiers' Charity and the newly formed Guild of Investment Managers to access a female audience. Social mobility is important to me and I apply this in a practical way by mentoring students and young professionals. In particular, I always encourage them to discover the Livery and the important role it plays in the City and in wider society.

**Those who know me speak of my honesty and integrity; my energy, enthusiasm, inspiration and passion. They also recognise my commitment to my values and my ability to articulate and communicate key issues. As Sheriff, I would bring all of this and more to the Civic Team in support of the Lord Mayor as he promotes British business at home and overseas.**

I am, my fellow Liverymen

**GWENLLIAN RHYS**  
Citizen and Glass Seller

**To vote, take your seat in Guildhall on 25 June before 11.45am**

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## To the Liverymen of the City of London

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing to offer myself for election to represent you and the Livery as one of the Sheriffs of the City of London. I do so with the full support of my family and the encouragement of many friends in the Livery and the City.

**Livery** - As Liverymen, we are all proud of our Companies, the values they represent and all that they have achieved, often over hundreds of years. We all share a commitment to the three obligations of the Livery - to support our trade or profession, the Lord Mayor and City of London and charitable causes.

I have been a Liveryman and Tallow Chandler for almost 40 years and I served as Master last year. For the future, I remain absolutely committed to the Livery and to working to maintain its relevance to the City and the wider community.

**Charity** - Charity is a driving force of Livery activity in which the Mayoralty and Shrievalty play an integral part. My charitable focus has included the Adventure Playground movement providing young people with 'somewhere to go and something to do', and serving as its Chairman for over 20 years. I am committed to initiatives that promote employability; I am a governor of a Malaysian school educating children from 40 countries for life in a global world.

**The City** - The Livery, the Mayoralty and the City have always been interdependent and mutually supportive - and that support has never been more important than now - when the City faces challenging but exciting times. Challenging because, for decades to come, the destiny of our country will depend on the vigour and determination of the City's response to the country's decision to leave the European Union. Exciting because the Lord Mayor and the business community have a duty to help shape a prosperous future for the City and the nation's financial and business services sector.

**This is not 'business as usual'**. The ability of the Sheriffs to support the Lord Mayor and to act as aides and ambassadors for the Mayoralty at home and abroad will be more important than ever.

**What can I contribute?** I may be a lawyer by profession, but for more than 20 years, my international work has been much wider, encompassing policy and practice in corporate governance, ethical standards, financial reporting and competition and regulation. At the same time, I led the international expansion of my law firm from the UK to 20 other countries, including in the Middle East, USA, Japan and Russia.

Against that background, I would relish the opportunity, working as part of the civic team, to draw on this experience and to convince others that the City continues to offer that unique combination of expertise, integrity, innovation and resilience on which its success has been built over many centuries.

In a changing world, I believe it is important that the two Sheriffs have the capacity and experience to support the Lord Mayor, to act as ambassadors for the City when required and to be a safe pair of hands to undertake any task, project or initiative that may be delegated to them.

Our right to elect our own public officers is a precious privilege. Contested elections and the active involvement of the Livery underline the vitality of our electoral process and our franchise.

**I am standing because** I believe strongly in the Livery, its traditions of service and philanthropy and its commitment to support the Mayoralty - and I would welcome the opportunity to represent the Livery as part of the Civic team at this very important time.

I urge you to come to Guildhall on 25th June at 12 noon and to cast your first vote for the Aldermanic candidate, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, and your second vote for me.

I have the honour to be, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

**Richard Fleck CBE**

For further information, together with comments from others, please see the reverse of this page (or scroll down). If you have not yet had a chance to meet me and my wife, Mary, you can see short video clips at [www.richardfleck.com](http://www.richardfleck.com).

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## Highlights of Richard Fleck's life and career

- Married to Mary for 35 years with adult children, Sara and Peter.
- Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers, Liveryman 1980, Master 2016-17. Liveryman of City of London Solicitors' Company; member of City Livery Club and of Vintry & Dowgate Ward Clubs. Committee member for Big Curry Lunch. Actively involved in Pan-Livery Initiative.
- Solicitor since 1973, partner for 29 years and now consultant with Herbert Smith Freehills LLP. Managed a £300million turnover business. Global Relationship Partner 2005-9.
- Director, Financial Reporting Council. Investigated causes of 2007-8 financial crisis. Led development of subsequent UK and EU legislation.
- Chaired Financial Reporting Review Panel.
- Director - National Audit Office, Natural Capital Coalition, Incorporated Council of Law Reporting.
- Inspector under the Banking Act, Bank of England.
- Deputy Chair, International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.
- Chaired London Adventure Playground Association for 20 years. Governor of Marlborough College, overseeing foundation of Marlborough College, Malaysia. Chair of Holburne Museum, Bath. Council member of Salisbury Cathedral.
- Represented England at several levels in squash; won sailing world championships.
- Received the CBE for services to business and the law in 2009.

## What others say about Richard Fleck:

"Given the importance of the role of professional services and the changes likely to arise from Brexit, I believe strongly that Richard as Sheriff would be a significant contributor and of valuable assistance to the City and the Lord Mayor. His civic sense is well-documented and diverse, and he would be an excellent ambassador for the City of London."

**SIR WIN BISCHOFF - CHAIRMAN, FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL.**

"A few months ago I was concerned about who would be sheriff in 2018/19 in this critical year for the City and the UK. I felt that the Lord Mayor would need particularly heavyweight support. Within 10 minutes of meeting Richard Fleck for the first time I was certain that he had exactly the sort of experience on the international scene needed. Coupled with his experience of the livery and his hands-on charitable work with young people, Richard will be invaluable as a member of the Mayoral team."

**NIGEL BRANSON, SHERIFF 2000**

"Richard has a deep personal commitment to the philanthropic role of the Livery. He has a real sense of how the Mayoralty, Shrievalty, Livery and the wider City can come together as a powerful force for good in our society. With his experience he will be an excellent ambassador in the UK and overseas for the City of London."

**ROD KENT, FORMER TRUSTEE ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION, MASTER PEWTERER 2016/17**

"As the partner responsible for leading our international strategy over many years, Richard has the experience to make a valuable contribution to any initiative that involves building relationships at the most senior level, whether in business or government."

**JAMES PALMER - SENIOR PARTNER, HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS LLP**

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