My aims

I intend to continue to work to make the City of London the best place to do business – a City where people can work in a healthy and safe environment and where they are feel valued and are fairly treated, so doors are open all the way up to the top of every business. I will continue to champion the benefits of Green Finance and the steps needed to create a sustainable future – galvanising the City to work to plug the financial gap in the necessary funding required. This is just one aspect of the role the City can play through the use of its capital markets and professional expertise to facilitate funding of the transformation needed. I will continue to promote property as an asset class that is the bedrock of the value of the City's portfolios and work to ensure that our properties are fit for the future, operating sustainably and retaining their value and use for the future generations.

I will continue to represent Dowgate Ward, the businesses and residents and take up issues that are of concern and interest; pushing through ideas that need to be progressed and seeking answers to any difficulties.





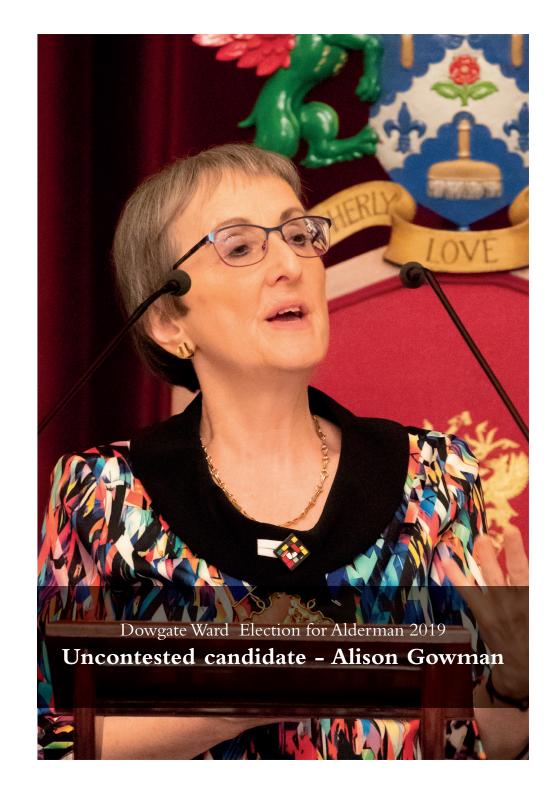






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About me

I have worked in the City of London as a solicitor all my working life and for 10 years was based in Dowgate Hill and now work in Aldersgate Street at DLA Piper. I am a commercial property lawyer and have acted for many property companies and commercial clients in property investment, project finance and insolvency work. I have enjoyed making a career in the heart of the global financial City and adding to the success of this country.

Since 1991 I have been an elected member of the City of London Corporation and since 2002 have served as the Alderman of Dowgate Ward. I have fulfilled many roles on behalf of the City and, most recently, have been the Chair of the City Bridge Trust and am currently a non-executive director of the Green Finance Institute. I also Chair the Active City Network. I serve on the Police Authority Board and on the Property and Social Investment Boards. I am a trustee of the Museum of London and the Museum of London Archaeology. Within the Ward, I have actively taken up issues for residents and businesses, including problems with noisy road works and light pollution, planning issues, begging, anti-social behaviour and rough sleeping.

I am now standing again as Alderman. At the close of nominations I am the only candidate. (My previous two elections have, in fact, both been contested). I look forward to representing you, Dowgate Ward and the City in this role. I would be very pleased to talk to you about my work and my plans. During next year I will stand for election by the Livery to serve as Aldermanic Sheriff for the year commencing September 2020.

The City voting process

ALTHOUGH THE ELECTION IS NOT CONTESTED THERE IS A FORMAL WARD MOTE. THIS IS A MEETING OF VOTERS CHAIRED BY THE LORD MAYOR FOR YOU TO MEET ME AND HEAR WHY I AM STANDING AS ALDERMAN. THIS WILL BE HELD ON 18th DECEMBER AT 11.30am AT TALLOW CHANDLERS' HALL, 6 DOWGATE HILL LONDON EC4. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

The wider City perspective

In my role as Chair of the City Bridge Trust until earlier this year (this is the City's charitable funder that works throughout our capital city), I ensured a wider link across London to provide funding to charities in the most disadvantaged areas and to encourage philanthropy as practised by our many illustrious City forebears and which is still vital to create a fairer society today.

As a property lawyer I have enjoyed a successful career from a standing start in the City. My own background has helped me understand the need to bring a wider and more diverse group of people into our City businesses who may not necessarily feel that the City is open to them. So many businesses are working to widen their recruitment and this is to be applauded.

I have promoted a sustainable City environment for many years and led on early committees within the City Corporation to encourage a carbon neutral footprint. Many businesses share this ambition and the City Corporation set up the Green Finance Initiative and has now a formed the Green Finance Institute, of which I am a non- executive director. The Institute champions Green Finance as a model for meeting the pledged sustainable development goals across the World. The Institute is supported by Government and I have worked closely with various departments to speak about this topic – including visiting Brazil and Argentina with the Chancellor of the Exchequer when the first Economic Finance Dialogue with Brazil was agreed. I will be attending COP25 in Madrid during December as the representative of the City Corporation. There is still a lot of work to do and a wealth of expertise in the City to capitalise on these opportunities.

