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Labour wins first ever seat on City of London Common Council

London, 20 March 2014 – The Labour Party’s William Campbell-Taylor tonight won a decisive victory in the City of London Portsoken Ward by-election – the first time ever an official Labour councillor will have entered the Guildhall.

Portsoken Ward is one of the poorest wards in the country. It is one of four predominantly residential City electoral districts dominated by two housing estates managed by the City of London, itself, and the Guinness Trust.

William Campbell-Taylor said: “We want to use the ancient institutions of the City for the Common Good.”

Campbell Taylor surveyed residents and found high levels of dissatisfaction with security and housing maintenance. The Labour Party petitioned voters and secured electoral victory offering a fresh approach underpinned by Labour values.

The results are as follows: turnout 379 (43.26%)

William Campbell-Taylor (Labour) 137
Marie Brockington 98
Evan Millner 47
Syed Mahmood 44
Roger Jones 26
Andre Walker 11
Muhammad al-Hussaini 9

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Notes for editors:

The Corporation of London is the local authority for the City of London. The Common Council consists of 100 elected members, representing 25 wards.

The Common Council was until tonight “non-party political”, with all members elected as “independents”.

For details about William Campbell-Taylor go to www.portsokenlabour.wordpress.com

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