

# **WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL**

## **STATEMENT OF DECISION**

### **SUBJECT: ST JAMES'S NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for the Built Environment, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

#### **Summary of Decision**

1. The Cabinet Member considered the representations received in response to the consultation on the proposed St James's Neighbourhood Forum as summarised in paragraph 4.7 in the report.
2. For the reasons set out in Section 3 (and in more detail in Section 5) of the report the Cabinet Member agreed to:
  - i. Designate the proposed St James's Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the St James's Neighbourhood Area.
3. The Cabinet Member agreed that a formal designation notice is published under the delegated authority of the Director of Communications, Policy and Performance, following the Cabinet Member decision in relation to the St James's Neighbourhood Forum application.

#### **Reasons for Decision**

1. The proposed St James's Neighbourhood Forum is considered to meet the requirements of the neighbourhood planning legislation. The Forum's written constitution clearly states that it has been established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic or environmental well-being of St James's, whilst it also has a membership of more than 21 persons and is open to individuals who live or work in the area. Section 5 of this report sets this out in more detail.
2. The St James's Neighbourhood Forum has a membership that is considered to be appropriate for a designated business neighbourhood area. It is also considered that the purpose of the neighbourhood forum – to be supportive of development that enhances the unique character of the built environment, preserves the architecture and the environment and considers the wellbeing of all, including visitors to the area, throughout the year – appropriately reflects the character of the St James's Neighbourhood Area.
3. The City Council received thirteen responses from across the St James's area; and no objections.

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