# WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

## STATEMENT OF DECISION

## SUBJECT: KNIGHTSBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for 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 Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum as summarised in paragraph 4.7 and Appendix C to 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 Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Area.

### **Reasons for Decision**

- 1. The proposed Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum is considered to exceed 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 Knightsbridge, whilst it also has a membership of more than 21 persons and is actively open to individuals who live or work in the area. Section 5 of this report sets this out in more detail.
- 2. The Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum is considered to be representative of the designated Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Area. Membership is drawn from different parts of Knightsbridge and from different sections of the community, including residents, businesses and cultural institutions. It is considered that purpose of the neighbourhood forum reflects the character of the Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Area: the written constitution states that the forum will have the purpose of promoting and improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Knightsbridge, its residents and its businesses; and shall address issues such as the protection and enhancement of the area's unique character.
- 3. The proposed Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum received support during its respective period for representations. The City Council received a total of twelve responses from across the Knightsbridge area; of which seven were supportive of the forum. No objections were received.

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