

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: Reorganisation of the Planning & Licensing, Transport & Infrastructure and Environment & Leisure Departments

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Standing Order 38, the Chief Executive has taken the following executive decisions following the circulation of a report on the above mentioned subject to the Urgency Committee of the Cabinet.

Summary of Decisions:

- (a) That the changes in departmental responsibilities set out in the report be adopted with immediate effect.
- (b) That the senior management structure for the Planning and Transportation Department set out in Appendix A be deleted and replaced with the management structure set out in Appendix B with grades to be determined by the Head of Personnel where appropriate.
- (c) That the senior management structure for the Environment and Leisure Department set out in Appendix C be deleted and replaced with the management structure set out in Appendix D with grades to be determined by the Head of Personnel where appropriate.
- (d) That 61 posts in City Standards & Licensing be transferred to the Community Protection Department as indicated in Appendix E and the new structure for the licensing client and process teams set in Appendices F and G be approved.
- (e) That detailed officer structures be presented to Cabinet Members for approval at the earliest opportunity.
- (f) That revisions to schedules of functions delegated to the Directors of Environment and Leisure, Planning and Transportation and Community Protection be dealt with in a separate report.

Reasons for Decisions:

The proposed changes will align officer responsibilities more closely with Cabinet Members and Overview and Scrutiny Committees responsibilities and allow the Director of Planning and Transportation to concentrate on services within the City Development and Transport and Infrastructure portfolios. The Director of Environment and Leisure and Director of Technical Services will, in turn, concentrate more closely on issues within the City Management and Street Environment portfolios. The changes will also strengthen contract monitoring and thereby service delivery.

There will be no requirement for a Director of Transportation & Infrastructure, as this role, with the exception of Highways Management, is retained by the Director of Planning & Transportation.

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