



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES

GENERAL PURPOSES URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Purposes Urgency Sub-Committee** held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 7 December 2011 at Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

Present: Councillors Melvyn Caplan (Chairman), David Boothroyd and Tony Devenish

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 It was noted that Councillor Tony Devenish had replaced Councillor Robert Davis.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 The Chairman, with the consent of the Members present, signed the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2011 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

4. **AUTHORITY TO MAKE BYELAWS TO CONTROL THE USE OF TENTS AND SLEEPING EQUIPMENT IN DESIGNATED AREAS SURROUNDING PARLIAMENT SQUARE AND TO AMEND EXISTING BYELAWS TO ENABLE SEIZURE OF NOISE EQUIPMENT (see report of Strategic Director City Management and Head of Legal and Democratic Services)**

The equality impact assessment that had been carried out in relation to the project and had been marked in the report 'to follow' had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Officers tabled revisions to both the draft Byelaws (Appendix 1) and the map of proposed designated area (Appendix 2). The revisions included extending the designated areas to include a number of streets around Marsham Street at the request of the Home Office.

Resolved:

1. That the Strategic Director for City Management and the Head of Legal Services be authorised to carry out the necessary procedures with a view to making new Byelaws as set out in the revised draft Byelaws with a designated area surrounding Parliament Square as set out in the revised plan that had been tabled.

2. That the Strategic Director for City Management be authorised to consult with ward councillors, land owners (including Westminster Abbey), local businesses and other persons who may have an interest in the Byelaws, making any amendments as appropriate, and thereafter to seek provisional approval (if required) from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for the making of those Byelaws.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6.41pm.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____