

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: A NEW WESTMINSTER KERBSIDE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY

Notice is hereby given that Councillor Tim Mitchell, Cabinet Member for Environment and City Management, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

To take account of the need to ensure that the kerbside of the Westminster Highway network is better managed to suit the 21st Century demands of residents, businesses and visitors a new kerbside management hierarchy is recommended for future adoption in respect to all future parking, loading and waiting, traffic management and public realm schemes implemented on the street. The emphasis will be on the creation of calmer residential streets where residents find it easier to walk and cycle around their neighbourhoods, the redesign of our High Streets to ensure that deliveries are easier made and shoppers can better access such areas on foot, by cycle, by bus and by car and then there is the need to ensure that certain strategic corridor routes are better managed for the through and safe passage of vehicles that need to travel through Westminster.

Summary of Decision

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Deputy Leader (Delivery) and Cabinet Member for Environment and City Management approved the four Street Types and that they are incorporated within the design and implementation stages of all Highways, Public Realm and Parking schemes on the street from 2019/20 onwards.
- 2.2 The Deputy Leader (Delivery) and Cabinet Member for Environment and City Management noted that the proposed Street Types should be regarded as flexible to the circumstances of each scheme or project during their design stage and that the criteria is reviewed regularly to ensure they reflect any changing council priorities.
- 2.3 The Deputy Leader (Delivery) and Cabinet Member for Environment and City Management approved the delivery of an annual monitoring/intelligence plan and Annual Traffic Forum, as set out in Section 9 of the report.

3. Reasons for Decision

- 3.1 Over the past 10-20 years, there had been substantial changes in the travel patterns and behaviours of residents, workers and visitors in Westminster and across central London at large. From an already low base-line, many of central London's residents no longer use their private vehicle to commute to work and instead more are walking, cycling, using private hire vehicles or working from home. However, at

the same time there has been a rise in the number of people shopping online and therefore receiving more deliveries to their home address leading to an increase in small delivery vehicles. Londoners are also increasingly more aware of their own responsibilities, with respect to how they travel and the impact that their behaviours have on: air quality, noise pollution, pedestrian safety, and health and wellbeing.

- 3.2 It is therefore important that the City Council reviews how the already congested kerbside and road space will be managed into the future, particularly in line with changing residents, businesses and visitors travel and shopping behaviours, to ensure effective operation of the city.

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