

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: ROYAL ALBERT HALL SECURITY AND HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS

Notice is hereby given that **Councillor Andrew Smith**, Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That this report is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A Part 1, paragraph 14 (as amended), in that it contains information relating to action to be taken in connection with the prevention investigation or prosecution of a crime.
- 2.2 The Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways granted approval to commit to capital expenditure to deliver the scheme and to enter into an Agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980, in order to progress to detailed design stage and implement a security and highways scheme.
- 2.3 Delegated authority was given to the Acting Executive Director of City Management and Communities to allow minor modifications as necessary to the approved scheme, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways.

3. Reasons for Decision

- 3.1 The proposed public realm improvements identified in this report, will reduce the vulnerability of the Royal Albert Hall and immediate surroundings to a terrorist attack utilising a vehicle as a weapon attack methodology or a penetrative vehicle borne improvised explosive device attack methodology.
- 3.2 Implementation of a series of highways improvements to provide added pedestrian safety and comfort, increase accessibility, enhance the experience of visitors to the area and encourage active travel.
- 3.2 To address a potentially unsafe crossing by implementing a new wider upgraded pedestrian crossing.

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