

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: MAIDA HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM RE-DESIGNATION

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

That the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning agreed to re-designate the Maida Hill Neighbourhood Forum for a further period of 5 years and a formal designation notice is published under delegated authority of the Director of Policy and Projects.

Reasons for Decision

Section 61F (7) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted into the Act by the Localism Act, Schedule 9) sets out the conditions that a neighbourhood forum must meet, as well as the considerations that a local planning authority must take into account when determining an application for the designation of a neighbourhood forum. These legislative aspects are set out in greater detail in Section 6 of the report.

The legislation states that a local planning authority may designate an organisation or body as a neighbourhood forum if the authority is satisfied that a number of conditions (in the table below) have been met. The existing Maida Hill Neighbourhood Forum meets all of these conditions, and there has been no change in this since the original designation.

Condition	Met?
Established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social economic or environmental well-being of an area?	Yes
Membership open to individuals who live or work in the area (or are elected members of the City Council);	Yes
Membership includes a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom lives or works (or is an elected member) in the area?	Yes
The neighbourhood forum has a written constitution?	Yes

The City Council is also required to have regard to whether membership is drawn from different places in the neighbourhood area concerned and from different sections of the community in that area. The application submitted by the Forum indicates that membership of the Maida Hill Neighbourhood Forum is at least 25 members, and that the Forum represents the interests of local residents and businesses. The list of members has also been provided by the Forum. The application also mentions that the Forum have an emailing list of 500 local people and 30 local community organisations.

The City Council is also required to assess whether the purpose of the neighbourhood forum reflects (in general terms) the character of the area. The application submitted by the Forum for re-designation states that the Forum was established to promote: A good mix of facilities and amenities, an attractive character and identity, a healthier environment, a good quality physical environment, a low carbon footprint and local employment and enterprise. The statement of purpose also outlines that the forum will improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area using its planning influence.

Consultation on the re-designation of the Maida Hill Neighbourhood Forum highlighted support for the application, no objections, or competing applications. Further details are provided in section 9 of the report.

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