WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: CHURCH STREET WARD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Built Environment has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

(Report enables the designation of the Church Street Ward Neighbourhood Forum.

Summary of Decision

1. The Cabinet Member considered the representations received in response to consultation on the proposed Church Street Neighbourhood Forum as summarised in paragraph 4.8 of the report.

2. For the reasons set out in Section 3 (and in more detail in Section 5) of the report the Cabinet Member agreed to:
   i. Designate the proposed Church Street Ward Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the Church Street Neighbourhood Area.

3. That a formal designation notice be published under delegated authority of the Strategic Director Built Environment, following the Cabinet Member decision in relation to the Church Street Ward Neighbourhood Forum application.

Reasons for Decision

1. The proposed Church Street Ward Neighbourhood Forum is considered to meet the requirements of the neighbourhood planning legislation. The forum’s written constitution clearly states that it has been established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic or environmental well-being of Church Street ward, whilst it also has a membership of more than 21 persons and is open to individuals who live or work (or are elected members) within the area.

2. Furthermore, the Church Street Ward Neighbourhood Forum is considered to be representative of the designated Church Street Neighbourhood Area. The membership drawn from different parts of Church Street Ward and from different sections of the community. It is considered that purpose of the neighbourhood forum – to improve the physical environment, improve commercial vitality and employment opportunities, and ensure improved housing conditions – reflects the general existing character of the area.

3. The proposed Church Street Ward Neighbourhood Forum was supported during its respective period for representations.