



City of Westminster

Council Agenda

Title: **Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 20th January, 2016**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Porchester Hall, Porchester Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DU**

Members: **All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting for the transaction of the business set out.**



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1. APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN

To appoint a relief Chairman.

2. MINUTES

To sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council meeting held on 11 November 2015.

3. LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) The Lord Mayor to report that on Monday 16th November she attended a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of Councillor Audrey Lewis at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, along with Councillors, Honorary Alderman, Council Staff and members of the local community.
- (b) The Lord Mayor to report that on Tuesday 17th November she departed for a Civic Visit to Oslo for the annual cutting down ceremony of the Oslo Christmas Tree to London.
- (c) The Lord Mayor to report that on Thursday 19th November she attended, as guest of honour, the Westminster Property Association Annual Luncheon at Grosvenor House; Magna Carta 800 Citizenship Ceremony at the House of Lords and the Annual Marylebone Civic Service at St Marylebone Parish Church.
- (d) The Lord Mayor to report that on Thursday 26th November she attended the Unveiling Ceremony of the 'Angela Hooper Place' memorial plaque on Victoria Street.
- (e) The Lord Mayor to report that on Friday 27th November she attended the ActiveWestminster Annual Awards Ceremony at Lord's Cricket Ground.
- (f) The Lord Mayor to report that on Sunday 29th November she hosted the City of Westminster Tea Dance for Older Residents in Westminster at Grosvenor House.
- (g) The Lord Mayor to report that on Thursday 3rd December she hosted a reception, in the presence of Her Highness Princess Astrid of Norway and the Mayor of Oslo, prior to the official Lighting-Up Ceremony of the Oslo Christmas Tree in Trafalgar Square.

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- (h) The Lord Mayor to report that on Tuesday 8th December she attended HM The Queen's Evening Reception for the Diplomatic Corps at Buckingham Palace.
- (i) The Lord Mayor to report that during December she attended a number of Ward and Community based festive lights switch-on ceremonies.
- (j) The Lord Mayor to report that on Friday 1st January she attended the New Year's Day Parade.
- (k) The Lord Mayor to report that visits by Year 6 primary school pupils to City Hall will resume on Tuesday 12th January.
- (l) The Lord Mayor to report that on Tuesday 12th January she hosted a Reception at City Hall for the Volunteers who work in Westminster's Libraries and the Archives Centre.
- (m) The Lord Mayor to report that on Thursday 14th January she attended the London Government Dinner at Mansion House.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

6. QUESTIONS

Standing Order 9 limits the questions to matters relevant to the general work or procedure of the Council.

A list setting out the order of questions is attached.

7. COUNCILLOR ISSUES

- (a) Councillor Richard Holloway – Changing Communities – Looking Ahead to a future Westminster.
- (b) Councillor Patricia McAllister – Children's Services

8. STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS

With the approval of the Chairman of the meeting, the Leader of the Council may make a statement on an urgent matter and the Leader of the Opposition will have an equivalent right of reply.

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9. FUTURE POLICY PLAN

(Pages 9 - 14)

To consider item chosen for debate from the attached Future Policy Plan.

10. CABINET MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORT

(Pages 15 - 18)

To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the following reports which contain a recommendation to the Council for decision:

| Cabinet/Cabinet Member Report | Date of Meeting or Decision | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------|
| Cabinet (Council Tax Base/Treasury Management) | 14 December 2015 | Attached |

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

To be moved by Councillor Adam Hug and seconded by Councillor Vincenzo Rampulla:

“The council notes that as of December 2014 the number of families in temporary accommodation was 2390, by December 2015 this number had risen to 2450. In March 2014 the number of homelessness acceptances was 705 and in March 2015 the figure remained at a high level with 617 acceptances.

In 2016 decisions will be made about the future of a number of major development sites in Westminster. These include the major private developments at West End Green on Edgware Road and the so called ‘Paddington Shard’ at 31 London Street, alongside significant new council schemes such as the Phase 2 of the Church Street Regeneration.

As stated in the Draft Westminster Housing Strategy “Very few developments are started by affordable housing providers in Westminster, as they cannot compete with the private sector for development sites. The bulk of new affordable housing is delivered as a result of private developments, through agreements linked to their planning consent. We have a target in our planning policy that aims to exceed 30% of all new housing developed in the city to

be affordable housing". Large scale developments and developments on council land provide the greatest opportunities to deliver significant numbers of new social and genuinely affordable homes in Westminster, therefore West End Green, the Paddington Shard and Church Street Phase 2 are central to the Council's efforts in this area.

The council notes the proposed Dudley House development at Paddington Green. It welcomes the principle of the proposed addition of 197 'affordable homes' as part of the development, although noting that earlier options for the site could have achieved a higher number of new affordable homes. However given the proposals are currently for intermediate rent only, it seeks firm assurances that all new units will be affordable to households earning under £40,000 per year and requests that the proposals include new social housing units.

The council notes that this 30% affordable planning target is lower than many other inner London boroughs and yet Westminster has consistently failed to meet this target. It also notes that Cabinet Members often cite a 'lack of land' as being behind Westminster's failure to provide enough affordable housing. However it further notes that, given such a planning target is a proportion of the total new homes built on land in Westminster, the failure to enforce this currently modest target is at the root of the Council's comparatively weak performance in affordable house building.

The council believes it is clear that there needs to be a major increase in the number of new genuinely affordable and social housing units to deal with the persistent and critical problem of the lack of housing for families on low and middle incomes. Some of this need was identified in the Council's Draft Housing Strategy and direction of travel paper but that proposals to fully meet this need have not been provided.

Furthermore the council believes that officers and Cabinet Members must ensure that each developer is made aware of the Council's determination to deal with our serious housing problem and that the developers will be expected to play their part in serving this need by ensuring that at minimum their proposed schemes are compliant with the council's planning target for affordable housing. This is of particular relevance to the major schemes listed above.

The council resolves to comply with its planning target for affordable housing, reporting annually on progress to council members, setting out in detail the reasons for any failure. It also resolves that compliance with the annual affordable housing targets should form a major component of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) used to monitor and remunerate senior staff in the planning and housing teams. The council further resolves to review the current 30% level at which the planning target is set, with a view to moving to an increased target in line with other inner London boroughs.

The council resolves to follow the lead of boroughs including the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Islington and Southwark to develop proposals that would require developers to open their viability assessments to the public before applications are decided upon if they claim they cannot meet the affordable house building requirements set out in council planning policy.

**Westminster City Hall
64 Victoria Street
London SW1
8 January 2016**

Chief Executive

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the Meeting of the Council of the City of Westminster held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 11th November, 2015 at Porchester Hall, Porchester Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DU.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Christabel Flight

COUNCILLORS

Heather Acton
Ian Adams
Nickie Aiken
Julia Alexander
Barbara Arzymanow
Daniel Astaire
Richard Beddoe
Rita Begum
David Boothroyd
Iain Bott
Susie Burbridge
Melvyn Caplan
Danny Chalkley
Paul Church
Brian Connell
Antonia Cox
Thomas Crockett
Peter Cuthbertson
Robert Davis
Paul Dimoldenberg
Nick Evans
Jean Paul Floru
Peter Freeman
Murad Gassanly
Jonthan Glanz
Barbara Grahame
Lindsey Hall
Angela Harvey

David Harvey
Richard Holloway
Adam Hug
Louise Hyams
Patricia McAllister
Guthrie McKie
Tim Mitchell
Adnan Mohammed
Jan Prendergast
Papya Qureshi
Suhail Rahuja
Vincenzo Rampulla
Robert Rigby
Rachael Robathan
Glenys Roberts
Tim Roca
Philippa Roe
Ian Rowley
Karen Scarborough
Andrew Smith
Steve Summers
Shamim Talukder
Barrie Taylor
Aziz Toki
Judith Warner
Jacqui Wilkinson
Jason Williams

1 APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN

It was moved by the Lord Mayor and seconded by Councillor Tim Mitchell that Councillor Louise Hyams be elected as Relief Chairman and resolved accordingly.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 8 July 2015 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record of the proceedings.

3 COUNCILLORS FOR BRYANSTON AND DORSET SQUARE AND HARROW ROAD WARD

3.1 The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Julia Alexander and Councillor Tim Roca, newly elected Councillors for Bryanston and Dorset Square Ward and Harrow Road Ward respectively to their first meeting.

4 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 The Lord Mayor referred to her communications as set out on the agenda.

4.2 The Lord Mayor advised that a Thanksgiving Service for former Councillor Audrey Lewis would be held on Monday 16 November 2015 at St Margaret's Church. The Leader of the Council and Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg spoke in tribute of the work of Councillor Lewis. Councillors Robert Davis and Guthrie McKie also spoke in tribute of the work of former Councillor Illyted Harrington. The Council then stood in memory of former Councillors Audrey Lewis, Illyted Harrington and also Iain Walker who had all died recently.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Nick Evans and Murad Gassanly declared interests as the Council questions they intended to ask related more closely to their property even though the questions were ward related.

Councillor David Boothroyd declared in respect of Item 11 that he is the Head of Research and Psephology for Thorncliffe, whose clients are companies applying for planning permission from various local authorities. If any clients applied for premises relating to Westminster he would be precluded from working on them under the company's Code of Conduct.

6 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

6.1 Councillor Adnan Mohammed presented a petition from local residents objecting to the proposed Baker Street Two-way Traffic Scheme. The petition was referred to the relevant Chief Officer for reporting to the Cabinet Member for Built Environment.

- 6.2 Councillor Angela Harvey presented a petition objecting to the Nine Elms Bridge. The petition was referred to the relevant Chief Officer for reporting to the Cabinet Member for Built Environment.

7 QUESTIONS

The questions, supplementary questions and replies will be included on the Council's website.

8 COUNCILLOR ISSUES

- 8.1 Regeneration in Maida Vale

Councillor Prendergast spoke and Councillor Roe replied.

- 8.2 No to the Nine Elms Bridge

Councillor Angela Harvey spoke and Councillor Roe replied.

9 STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS

- 9.1 There were no urgent matters.

10 FUTURE POLICY PLAN

No matters were selected for debate from the Future Policy Plan.

11 CABINET MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORT

- 11.1 The Majority Party had selected the report of the Cabinet Member for Built Environment – Revisions to the Mixed Use Policies – City Plan and Revisions to the Basement Policies. Following debate, the Lord Mayor put the recommendations in the report to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with Regulation 19, approval be given to the following documents:
 - The Basements Revision Submission Draft.
 - The consultation statement prepared in accordance with Regulation 22(1)(c) including a non-statutory Schedule of Minor Modifications as set out in Annex B for the convenience of the Inspector and other interested parties and showing the changes made between the Regulation 19 draft and the Revision submitted to the Secretary of State.
 - An Integrated Impact Assessment, prepared in accordance with Regulation 22(1)(a).

2. That in accordance with Regulation 19, to approve the following documents:
 - The Mixed Use Revision Submission Draft.
 - The consultation statement prepared in accordance with Regulation 22(1)(c) including a non-statutory Schedule of Minor Modifications as set out in Annex A for the convenience of the Inspector and other interested parties and showing the changes made between the Regulation 19 draft and the Revision submitted to the Secretary of State.
 - An Integrated Impact Assessment, prepared in accordance with Regulation 22(1)(a).

12 NOTICE OF MOTION

- 12.1 The Minority Party had selected for debate the Notice of Motion – Youth Service as set out on the agenda. The Notice of Motion was moved by Councillor Tim Roca and seconded by Councillor Rita Begum.

Councillor Danny Chalkley moved and it was seconded by Councillor Paul Church that the Notice of Motion be amended, as follows:

Delete from second paragraph and substitute:

“The Council recognises the excellent work undertaken by the Children, Sports and Customer Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee on 26th January 2015 in carefully considering Westminster’s Early Help Strategy (including youth provision) and making recommendations prior to implementation, effective 1st April 2015.

The Council also acknowledges the outcome of the extensive public consultation and elected member briefing undertaken in developing the Early Help Strategy (including youth provision) and is grateful for the many submissions and contributions from youth providers, service users, statutory and non statutory partners including but not limited to Children’s Trust, Local Safeguarding Children’s Board, Corporate Parenting Board and Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Council agrees that Early Help Services (including youth provision) should be targeted to meet Westminster’s most needy young people.

Furthermore, the current contract arrangements for youth provision are long overdue for renewal and do not currently best serve Westminster’s young people”.

After debate, the Lord Mayor put the amendment moved by Councillor Danny Chalkley and seconded by Councillor Paul Church to the vote and on a show of hands declared the amendment **ADOPTED**.

The Lord Mayor then put the substantive motion to the vote and on a show of hands declared the substantive motion **ADOPTED**.

Resolved:

The Council notes the contracts for commissioned youth services are due for renewal in 2016.

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13 TERMINATION OF MEETING

The Lord Mayor, at the conclusion of the time for items selected for debate, put the remaining business to the vote in accordance with Standing Order 18.

Statement of Gambling Policy: The Lord Mayor put the recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Public Protection to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations adopted.

Resolved: That the draft Statement of Licensing Principles for Gambling attached to the report (Appendix B) as Appendix 1 for publication on 1 December 2015 and effective from 31 January 2016 be approved and adopted.

Final Agreement to the Revised Statement of Licensing Policy: The Lord Mayor put the recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Public Protection to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendations adopted.

Resolved: That the Statement of Licensing Policy attached to the report outlined in detail in Appendix C and attached as Annex 1 be adopted.

Programme of Council Meetings 2016-17: The Lord Mayor put the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation adopted.

Resolved: That meetings of the Council be held as follows:

18 May 2016 (Annual), 13 July 2016, 9 November 2016, 25 January 2017, 1 March 2017, 3 May 2017 and 17 May 2017 (Annual).

Constitutional Issues – Policy and Scrutiny Committees: The Lord Mayor put the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation adopted.

Resolved: That approval be given to the name change and revised terms of reference set out in the report attached as Appendix D.

Appointment of Independent Persons: The Lord Mayor put the recommendation of the General Purposes Urgency Sub-Committee to the vote and on a show of hands declared the recommendation adopted.

Resolved: That Baroness Julia Neuberger and Mr Gerard McEvilly be appointed as Independent Persons for the purposes of the Localism Act 2011.

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2016

AGENDA ITEM 6: ORDER OF QUESTIONS (STANDING ORDER 9 (A))

(There is 45 minutes for Questions)

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| 1. | Councillor Adam Hug | } May ask up to three questions at any time during questions at the discretion of the Lord Mayor |
| 2. | Councillor Adam Hug | |
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| 4. | Councillor Gotz Mohindra | |
| 5. | Councillor Barbara Grahame | |
| 6. | Councillor Paul Church | |
| 7. | Councillor Louise Hyams | |
| 8. | Councillor Ruth Bush | |
| 9. | Councillor Brian Connell | |
| 10. | Councillor Angela Harvey | |
| 11. | Councillor Vincenzo Rampulla | |
| 12. | Councillor Peter Freeman | |
| 13. | Councillor Cameron Thomson | |
| 14. | Councillor Guthrie McKie | |
| 15. | Councillor Rita Begum | |
| 16. | Councillor Antonia Cox | |
| 17. | Councillor Jonathan Glanz | |
| 18. | Councillor Adnan Mohammed | |
| 19. | Councillor Aziz Toki | |
| 20. | Councillor David Harvey | |
| 21. | Councillor Barrie Taylor | |
| 22. | Councillor Ian Rowley | |
| 23. | Councillor Julia Alexander | |
| 24. | Councillor J P Floru | |
| 25. | Councillor Jason Williams | |
| 26. | Councillor Papya Qureshi | |
| 27. | Councillor Peter Cuthbertson | |
| 28. | Councillor Tony Devenish | |
| 29. | Councillor David Boothroyd | |
| 30. | Councillor Judith Warner | |
| 31. | Councillor Andrew Smith | |
| 32. | Councillor Thomas Crockett | |
| 33. | Councillor Robert Rigby | |
| 34. | Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg | |
| 35. | Councillor Patricia McAllister | |
| 36. | Councillor Jacqui Wilkinson | |
| 37. | Councillor Barbara Arzymanow | |
| 38. | Councillor Richard Beddoe | |
| 39. | Councillor Glenys Roberts | |

40. Councillor Tim Roca
41. Councillor Shamim Talukder
42. Councillor Richard Holloway
43. Councillor Nick Evans
44. Councillor Susie Burbridge
45. Councillor Murad Gassanly
46. Councillor Suhail Rahuja
47. Councillor Lindsey Hall
48. Councillor Karen Scarborough
49. Councillor Iain Bott
50. Councillor Ian Adams

Charlie Parker
Chief Executive
8 January 2015

Agenda Item 9

City of Westminster

Council Meeting – Agenda Item 9

Wednesday 20 January 2016

Future Policy Plan

| No. | Subject | Cabinet Member Portfolio | Lead Officer |
|-----|---------------------------|---|---|
| 1 | Addressing dementia | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 2 | Adult Education | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Ed Watson |
| 3 | Affordable business space | Built Environment Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Ed Watson |
| 4 | Affordable childcare | Children & Young People | Andrew Christie |
| 5 | Affordable Housing | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development Built Environment | Ed Watson |
| 6 | Air Quality | Sustainability & Parking | Julia Corkey |
| 7 | Alternative Education | Children & Young People | Andrew Christie |
| 8 | Anti-social behaviour | Public Protection | Stuart Love |
| 9 | Apprenticeships | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Greg Ward Ed Watson |
| 10 | Assets of Community Value | Built Environment | Julia Corkey |
| 11 | Benefits administration | Finance and Corporate Services | Steve Mair |
| 12 | BIDS | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Julia Corkey Ed Watson Stuart Love |
| 13 | Business Rates | Leader of the Council Finance and Corporate Services Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Charlie Parker Steve Mair Ed Watson |
| 14 | Businesses in Westminster | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development Built Environment | Ed Watson |
| 15 | Capital Programme | Finance and Corporate Services | Steve Mair |

| No. | Subject | Cabinet Member Portfolio | Lead Officer |
|------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| 16 | Care Act | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 17 | CCTV | Public Protection | Stuart Love |
| 18 | Child poverty | Children & Young People Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development Adults & Public Health | Andrew Christie Liz Bruce |
| 19 | Child Protection | Children & Young People | Andrew Christie |
| 20 | Childhood Obesity | Children & Young People Adults & Public Health | Andrew Christie Liz Bruce |
| 21 | City for All | Leader of the Council | Julia Corkey Charlie Parker |
| 22 | City Inspectors | Public Protection | Stuart Love |
| 23 | CityWest Homes | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Ed Watson |
| 24 | Clinical Commissioning Groups | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 25 | Commercial Opportunities | Finance and Corporate Services | Julia Corkey |
| 26 | Community Engagement | Sports and Leisure | Julia Corkey |
| 27 | Community Infrastructure Levy | Built Environment | Julia Corkey Ed Watson |
| 28 | Corporate Parenting | Children & Young People | Andrew Christie |
| 29 | Corporate Services | Finance and Corporate Services | Charlie Parker |
| 30 | Council Budget & Financial Management | Finance and Corporate Services | Charlie Parker Steve Mair |
| 31 | Council Management | Leader of the Council | Charlie Parker |
| 32 | Council Tax | Finance and Corporate Services | Charlie Parker Steve Mair |
| 33 | Counter-terrorism | Public Protection | Stuart Love |
| 34 | Crossrail 1 and 2 | Built Environment | Ed Watson |
| 35 | Customer Services | City Management and Customer Services | Julia Corkey |

| No. | Subject | Cabinet Member Portfolio | Lead Officer |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 36 | Cycling | Sustainability & Parking | Julia Corkey Ed Watson |
| 37 | Debt Management | Finance and Corporate Services | Steve Mair |
| 38 | Devolution | Leader of the Council | Charlie Parker |
| 39 | Encouraging social enterprise | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development Built Environment | Ed Watson |
| 40 | Equalities | Leader of the Council | Julia Corkey |
| 41 | Family Recovery / Troubled Families | Children & Young People | Andrew Christie |
| 42 | Fire Station Reforms | Public Protection | Stuart Love |
| 43 | Fostering and Adoption | Children & Young People | Andrew Christie |
| 44 | Education | Children & Young People | Andrew Christie |
| 45 | Freedom Pass | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 46 | Gangs & Youth Violence | Public Protection | Stuart Love |
| 47 | GP Quality & Performance | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 48 | Green Spaces & Parks | Sports and Leisure | Stuart Love |
| 49 | Greener City Action Plan | Sustainability and Parking Built Environment | Julia Corkey Ed Watson |
| 50 | Growth and Economic Development | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development Built Environment | Ed Watson |
| 51 | Public Health | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 52 | Healthwatch Westminster | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 53 | High Speed 2 | Built Environment | Ed Watson |
| 54 | Home Meals Services | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 55 | Homelessness / Rough Sleeping | Adults & Public Health Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Liz Bruce Ed Watson |
| 56 | Housing Revenue Account | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Ed Watson |
| 57 | Housing Strategy & Housing Renewal | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Ed Watson |

| No. | Subject | Cabinet Member Portfolio | Lead Officer |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 58 | Digital Strategy | Finance and Corporate Services City Management and Customer Services | Steve Mair Julia Corkey |
| 59 | Information Technology Strategy | Finance and Corporate Services | Nick Dawe |
| 60 | Legal Services | Finance and Corporate Services | Nick Dawe |
| 61 | Libraries | Sports and Leisure | Stuart Love |
| 62 | Licensing | Public Protection | Stuart Love |
| 63 | Local Government Finance | Finance and Corporate Services | Steve Mair |
| 64 | London Plan | Built Environment | Julia Corkey |
| 65 | Managed Services Programme | Finance and Corporate Services | Charlie Parker |
| 66 | Protests & demonstrations | City Management and Customer Services | Stuart Love |
| 67 | Managing the public realm | Built Environment City Management and Customer Services | Ed Watson Stuart Love |
| 68 | Utility Companies | City Management and Customer Services | Stuart Love |
| 69 | Mayor of London & London Governance | Leader of the Council | Charlie Parker |
| 70 | Military Covenant | Adults & Public Health | Julia Corkey |
| 71 | Natural Environment | Sustainability & Parking | Stuart Love Ed Watson Julia Corkey |
| 72 | Neighbourhood Forums | Built Environment | Julia Corkey |
| 73 | Ward budgets | Sports and Leisure | Julia Corkey |
| 75 | Overcrowding (Housing) | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Ed Watson |
| 76 | Parenting | Children & Young People Adults & Public Health | Andrew Christie Liz Bruce |
| 77 | Parking services and enforcement | Sustainability and Parking | Stuart Love |
| 78 | Pedicabs | City Management and Customer Services Public Protection | Stuart Love Ed Watson |
| 79 | Development Planning services | Built Environment | Ed Watson |
| 80 | Policing | Public Protection | Stuart Love |

| No. | Subject | Cabinet Member Portfolio | Lead Officer |
|------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 81 | Policy and Scrutiny | Leader of the Council | Julia Corkey |
| 82 | Preventing Re-offending | Public Protection | Stuart Love |
| 83 | Procurement | Finance and Corporate Services | Nick Dawe |
| 84 | Corporate Property | Finance and Corporate Services | Steve Mair |
| 85 | Property Tenancy Agreements | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Ed Watson |
| 86 | Public Conveniences | City Management and Customer Services | Stuart Love |
| 87 | Public Service Reform | Leader of the Council | Charlie Parker |
| 88 | Queens Park Community Council | Sports and Leisure | Charlie Parker Julia Corkey |
| 89 | Royal Parks | City Management and Customer Services | Stuart Love Ed Watson |
| 90 | School Meals | Children & Young People | Andrew Christie |
| 91 | School Nursing | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 92 | Sexual Health | Adults & Public Health | Liz Bruce |
| 93 | Special Events | Public Protection City Management and Customer Services Built Environment | Julia Corkey |
| 94 | Special Needs Provision | Children & Young People | Andrew Christie |
| 95 | Specialist Housing Strategy | Adults & Public Health Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Liz Bruce Ed Watson |
| 96 | Sports & leisure services | Sports and Leisure | Stuart Love |
| 97 | Staffing | Finance and Corporate Services | Charlie Parker |
| 98 | Street entertainment | City Management and Customer Services Public Protection | Stuart Love Ed Watson |
| 99 | Street Management | City Management and Customer Services | Stuart Love |
| 100 | Substance misuse | Adults & Public Health Public Protection | Liz Bruce Stuart Love |
| 101 | Support for small businesses | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development Built Environment | Ed Watson |

| No. | Subject | Cabinet Member Portfolio | Lead Officer |
|------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| 102 | Supporting carers | Children & Young People Adults & Public Health | Andrew Christie Liz Bruce |
| 103 | The City Plan | Built Environment | Julia Corkey |
| 104 | Transport for London | City Management and Customer Services Built Environment | Ed Watson |
| 105 | Tri-borough | Leader of the Council | Charlie Parker |
| 106 | Violence Against Women & Girls | Public Protection Children & Young People | Stuart Love Andrew Christie |
| 107 | Voluntary sector and community support | Sports and Leisure | Julia Corkey |
| 108 | Walking Strategy | Sustainability & Parking | Julia Corkey |
| 109 | Waste and recycling | City Management and Customer Services | Stuart Love |
| 110 | Welfare Reform & Universal Credit | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Julia Corkey |
| 111 | West End Partnership | Leader of the Council | Charlie Parker |
| 112 | Worklessness | Housing, Regeneration, Business and Economic Development | Ed Watson |
| 113 | World War I Centenary Commemorations | Adults & Public Health | Julia Corkey |

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2015

Present: Councillors Philippa Roe (Chairman), Heather Acton, Melvyn Caplan, Danny Chalkley, Tim Mitchell, Steve Summers and Rachael Robathan

1. COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS (INCLUDING COUNCIL TAX LOCAL REDUCTION SCHEME) AND COUNCIL TAX BASE REPORT

- (a) The Local Government 2003 provides local authorities with discretion in relation to the level of Council Tax discount for specific categories of Council Tax properties, namely second homes and long term empty properties. It also makes provision for a local authority to set its own “local” Council Tax discount categories.
- (b) The Local Government Finance Act 2012, with effect from 2013/14, removed several Council Tax exemptions and replaced them with local determined discounts. The Act also enables local authorities to remove the previous statutory minimum 10% discount for second homes and to set a local long term empty premium. We are recommending that the Council Tax discount for empty and second homes remains at 0% and that an Empty Property Premium is not implemented.
- (c) The Welfare Reform Act 2012 and Local Government Finance Act 2012 replaced the previous Council Tax Benefit scheme with a locally determined Council Tax Reduction Scheme (also referred to as Council Tax Support scheme), which is effectively a new type of Council Tax discount. We also agreed that the current Council Tax Reduction scheme should continue in its current form in 2016/17. The scheme effectively mirrors the previous Council Tax Benefit scheme and will not result in the Government’s 10% benefit funding cut being passed onto the borough’s working age claimants. We are recommending that as previously introduced the Council agree a Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2016/17 based on the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) Regulations. We are also recommending again that War Disabled pensions, War Widows pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payments are disregarded in full when calculating a claimant’s income.
- (d) The Council Tax Base is calculated in accordance with a nationally prescribed formula and represents the equivalent number of Band D properties within the area. The formula takes account of the number of properties in each band, the number of discounts given for single occupiers, empty dwellings, second homes and other eligible criteria, the prescribed proportions to convert numbers to Band D equivalents and the estimated collection rate. The relevant regulations were changed for 2013/14 so that the tax base calculation includes a deduction for the equivalent number of Band D properties relating to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. The Council Tax Base must be determined and be notified to the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the levying bodies. As in the past, these notifications must be made by 31 January.

- (e) The calculations as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report were considered which confirm a figure of 125,181.13 equivalent Band D properties for the whole city, 3,269.17 Band D equivalent properties for Queens Park and 95.04 Band D equivalent properties for Montpelier Square. The tax base calculation is based on the assumption that the recommendations in the report in relation to the level of Council Tax discounts and in relation to the Council Tax Resolution Scheme are adopted.
- (f) The parish of Queen's Park was created on 1 April 2014 under the Council's Reorganisation of Community Governance Order 2013. The Queen's Park Community Council was elected on 22 May 2014 and consequently became a new precepting authority for the purposes of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The calculations in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report considered by us confirm a tax base for Queen's Park Parish Council of 3269.17 Band D equivalent properties.
- (g) The full report we considered is attached as Appendix A.

We recommend:

1. That the Council approve for the financial year 2016/17:
 - (i) that the Council Tax discount for second homes remains at 0%.
 - (ii) that the Council tax discounts for empty properties, including the discounts that replaced the previous Class A and C Council Tax exemptions remains at 0%.
 - (iii) that a long term empty property premium is not introduced.
 - (iv) that no new "local" discounts be introduced at this stage.
 - (v) that the Head of Revenues and Benefits determines any individual local discount applications from vulnerable Council Taxpayers received during the course of the 2016/17 financial year.
2. That the Council approve the same Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2016/17 as operated in 2015/16 which is based on the Default Scheme Regulations and that War Disabled Pensions, War Widow, Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payments are disregarded in full when calculating a claimant's income.
3. That the Council resolve that the Council Tax Base for 2016/17 for the whole city is 125,181.13 equivalent Band D properties, for Montpelier Square alone 95.04 equivalent Band D properties and for Queen's Park 3,269.17 equivalent Band D properties.

4. That the Council resolve that the figures set out in Recommendation 3 above for the Council Tax Base for 2016/17 be used by the Council to make a determination pursuant to the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

2. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY MID-YEAR REVIEW

- (a) We have considered a report setting out the Council's half year Treasury report for 2015/16 in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management practices. As required by regulations we are reporting this information to the Council.
- (b) We noted two aspects of Treasury Performance – Debt Management and Cash Investments. Debt Management related to the Council's borrowing and cash investments to the investment of surplus cash balances. The report we considered, which is attached as Appendix B, covers:
- the treasury position as at 30 September 2015;
 - the UK economy and interest rates;
 - investment strategy and outturn for 2015/16;
 - the borrowing strategy and outturn for 2015/16; and
 - compliance with treasury limits and prudential indicators.
- (c) As part of the mid-year review we are recommending the inclusion of Bonds within the category of UK deposits and Certificates of Deposits as part of the Treasury Management Strategy.

We recommend:

- (i) That the report (Appendix B) be noted.
- (ii) That the change to the Treasury Management Strategy set out in paragraph (c) be approved.

Philippa Roe, Leader of the Council

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