City of Westminster

Council Agenda

Title:	**Council Meeting**
Meeting Date:	**Wednesday 23rd January, 2019**
Time:	**7.00 pm**
Venue:	**Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT**
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

(Pages 7 - 18)

To sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council meeting held on 7 November 2018.

3. COUNCILLOR FOR LANCASTER GATE WARD

To note that Councillor Margot Bright was elected at a by election on 22 November 2018 to fill the Lancaster Gate ward vacancy.

4. 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.

5. LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 8 November, she attended a service to mark the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht Westminster Abbey.

2. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 11 November, she attended a service to Remembrance Sunday at Westminster Abbey.

3. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 12 November, she attended a banquet to mark the installation of the Lord Mayor of the City of London at Guildhall.

4. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 19 and 20 November, she visited Oslo to cut down the Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree with the Mayor of Oslo.

5. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 21 November, she attended the official opening of London's Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park.

6. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 27 November, she hosted a reception for the Heartstone charity at Westminster City Hall.

7. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 28 November, she attended the Community Champions Conference, at Porchester Hall.

8. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 30 November, she hosted a reception and awards ceremony for Westminster City Council's Long Service Awards.

9. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 4 December, she attended a reception at Buckingham Palace for the diplomatic community in London.

10. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 7 December, she attended an awards ceremony for the Active Westminster Awards at Lord's Cricket Ground.

11. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 9 December, she attended the Westminster Tea Dance at the Grosvenor House Hotel.

12. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 12 December, she attended the Story of Christmas Annual Fundraising event at St George's Church.

13. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 17 December, she attended a carol service for Hospice UK, held at St Luke's Church.

14. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 18 December, she attended a carol service for Christians in the Civil Service, held at Westminster Abbey

15. The Lord Mayor to report that, on 1 December, she attended the London New Year's Day Parade in Westminster.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

7. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

(a) Councillor Karen Scarborough to present a petition to call on the Council to not proceed with any proposal to build on the Luxborough Tower playground, immediately adjacent to Luxborough Street W1, because it is listed as a Protected Open Space in the Council's City Plan.

(b) Any other Petitions or Deputations.

8. QUESTIONS

The Lord Mayor will call Members who indicate that they wish to ask a question after the Leader of the Opposition has asked his questions.

9. COUNCILLOR ISSUES

(a) Councillor Lorraine Dean: Using the expertise of local partners to grow employment pathways with local employers for Westminster adults with learning disabilities.

(b) Councillor Maggie Carman: The Proposed relocation of Victoria Coach Station to Royal Oak.

10. FUTURE POLICY PLAN (Pages 19 - 24)

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

11. CABINET/CABINET MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS (Pages 25 - 30)

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

Cabinet/Cabinet Member/ Committees	**Date of Meeting or Decision**
Report of the Cabinet meeting	**10 December 2018**

Council Tax Discounts and Council Tax Base

Appendix 1 - https://committees.westminster.gov.uk/documents/s30183/Cabinet%20Report%20Council%20Tax%20Base%202019-2020.pdf

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and City Management	**18 December 2018**

London Local Authority and Transport for London Act 2013 – Lighting Attachments and Street Signs.

Appendix 2 https://committees.westminster.gov.uk/documents/s30340/181210%20CMR%20LLA%20TfL%20Act%202013%20Final.pdf

Report of the General Purposes Committee 16 January 2019
(To follow)

Programme of Meetings 2019-2020
Appendix 3 –
https://committees.westminster.gov.uk/documents/s30456/Rpt%20Re%20Programme%20of%20Meetings%202019-2020.pdf

Members Allowances Scheme
Appendix 4 –
https://committees.westminster.gov.uk/documents/s30458/Rpt%20Re%20Members%20Allowances%20Scheme.pdf

Establishment of an Additional P&S Committee
Appendix 5 –
https://committees.westminster.gov.uk/documents/s30459/General%20Purposes%20Committee%20Re%20Constitutional%20Issues%20New%20PS%20Cttee.pdf

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

To be moved by Councillor Butler Thalassis and seconded by Councillor Matt Noble:

"This Council notes the gridlock in Parliament over Britain's future relationship with the European Union.

This Council also notes the rise in extremist political intimidation in Westminster, notably around Parliament, that has been fuelled by the Brexit debate.

This Council believes that a No Deal Brexit would be hugely damaging to Westminster and the country as a whole.

The Council believes that the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration negotiated by the Government fails to deliver on the political promises made by the Leave Campaign in 2016.

The Council also believes that the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration fail to ensure a strong and collaborative future relationship with the EU; they fail to deliver the exact same benefits as membership of the Single Market and Customs Union; they fail to ensure a fair future approach to migration; they do not fully defend rights and protections (including for Westminster's EU citizens); they limit the scope for collaboration to protect national security and cross-border crime and will cause significant problems for the regions and nations of the UK.

The council resolves to call on Parliament to take further urgent steps to prevent a No-Deal Brexit.

The council resolves to call for Parliament to trigger a General Election to attempt to break the deadlock in Parliament and help deliver a government with a mandate to tackle both the Brexit issue and the economic, social and political challenges facing the country.

The council resolves to argue that this future Government, or the current Government if an election cannot be achieved, should put any Brexit deal to a public vote through a second referendum, with an option to remain in the EU. It also believes that given the wide range of Westminster communities whose futures will be shaped by Brexit that, if achievable, such a vote would be open to 16-18 year olds and to residents who are EU citizens."

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11 January 2019

Chief Executive