



City of Westminster

Council Agenda

Title: **Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 22nd September, 2021**

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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Committee members will attend the meeting in person. This
meeting will be live streamed through the Council's website.**

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a wheelchair or have difficulty walking up steps. There is
wheelchair access via the Sammy Ofer Centre.**

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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 9 September 2021.

3. LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday September 11th, he attended St Mary le Strand Church Relaunch Community Party.
2. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday September 19th, he attended the battle of Britain Service at Westminster Abbey.
3. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday September 21st, he attended the City of London 'Big Curry' event at Mansion House.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5. 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.

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

7. QUESTIONS

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

8. COUNCILLOR ISSUES

Councillor Gotz Mohindra – Revitalising St John's Wood High Street in a post-pandemic world

Councillor Richard Elcho – Improving Housing

(Pages 5 - 8)

9. FUTURE POLICY PLAN

(Pages 9 - 14)

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

10. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

(Pages 15 - 16)

To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the following report from the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning which contains a recommendation to the council for approval and adoption.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

To be moved by Councillor Adam Hug and seconded by Councillor Liza Begum:

This Council notes that the cost of the Marble Arch Mound has risen to over £6 million and that the delivery of the Mound project has brought international embarrassment to the City of Westminster.

This Council also notes that the Marble Arch Mound is part of a wider £150m West End District project that contains significant spending including the Strand Aldwych and piazzas at Oxford Circus.

This Council believes that both Council Members and Westminster residents were misled by the political leadership of the Council about the progress of the Marble Arch Mound project. This Council believes that the failure of the Council's project management and the gulf between rhetoric and reality is indicative of a Conservative administration that has been in power for far too long.

This Council further believes that the inability to charge the planned ticket fees and the failure to secure much of the projected sponsorship leaves Westminster taxpayers picking up the £6 million bill for the Mound.

This Council resolves to appoint an independent reviewer to advise and oversee the investigation into the Council's processes, decision making and organisational culture which resulted in this debacle.

The Council resolves not to proceed with further major capital investments within the West End District project until all reviews of Council decision making relating to the Marble Arch Mound

and associated issues are completed and have received full scrutiny by Members, and until proper public consultations on future projects have taken place with local residents.

This Council finally resolves to take steps to dismantle and remove the Marble Arch Mound as soon as is practicable.

**64 Victoria Street
London, SW1E 6QP
14 September 2021**

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 Thursday 9th September, 2021 at Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5PT.

PRESENT

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Jonathan Glanz

COUNCILLORS

Nickie Aiken	David Harvey
Barbara Arzymanow	Elizabeth Hitchcock
Timothy Barnes	Adam Hug
Geoff Barraclough	Louise Hyams
Liza Begum	Aicha Less
Rita Begum	Pancho Lewis
David Boothroyd	Patricia McAllister
Iain Bott	Tim Mitchell
Margot Bright	Gotz Mohindra
Ruth Bush	Eoghain Murphy
Nafsika Butler-Thalassis	Matt Noble
Maggie Carman	Papya Qureshi
Danny Chalkley	Robert Rigby
Antonia Cox	Rachael Robathan
Lorraine Dean	Tim Roca
Tony Devenish	Ian Rowley
Paul Dimoldenberg	Mark Shearer
Richard Elcho	Selina Short
Christabel Flight	Andrew Smith
Peter Freeman	James Spencer
Murad Gassanly	Paul Swaddle
Jonathan Glanz	Shamim Talukder
Jim Glen	Hamza Taouzzale
Matthew Green	Aziz Toki
Lindsey Hall	Jacqui Wilkinson
Angela Harvey	

APOLOGIES: Councillors Heather Acton, Ian Adams, Richard Beddoe, Susie Burbridge, Melvyn Caplan, Emily Payne, Guthrie McKie, Karen Scarborough and Judith Warner

1 ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

- 1.1 Proposed by Councillor Margot Bright and seconded by Councillor Nickie Aiken that Councillor Andrew Smith be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

- 1.2 Upon a show of hands, the Lord Mayor declared that Councillor Andrew Smith had been elected Lord Mayor.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Andrew Smith be elected Lord Mayor of Westminster for the ensuing year.

Councillor Andrew Smith thereupon made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Lord Mayor and of the Office of Deputy High Steward of Westminster. Having done so, he took the Chair and thanked the Council for his election and reported that his wife Salma Shah would be his Consort.

2 MINUTES

- 2.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 June 2021 were, with the assent of the Members present, signed by the Lord Mayor as a true record.

3 COUNCILLOR FOR CHURCHILL WARD

- 3.1 The election of Councillor Liza Begum to the Churchill ward following the by-election on the 6 May 2021 was noted.

4 LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 The Lord Mayor announced that he had appointed the Reverend Marcus Walker as his Chaplain.

5 PRESENTATION OF PAST LORD MAYOR'S BADGE AND VOTE OF THANKS

- 5.1 Councillor Tim Barnes moved the Vote of Thanks to Councillor Jonathan Glanz and his Consort, Ms Manuela Raimondo. Councillor Pancho Lewis spoke to second the motion.
- 5.2 Motion put, and on a show of hands, the Lord Mayor declared the motion **CARRIED** following which Councillor Glanz replied.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Council resolved to record a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Jonathan Glanz for the distinguished service rendered by him as Lord Mayor and to his Consort, Ms Manuela Raimondo for the constant and invaluable help given by her as the Lord Mayor's Consort.
2. We assure them of our gratitude for, and high appreciation of, the dignity and ability with which they have carried out their many duties in

accordance with the highest traditions of the City and this Vote of
Thanks be inscribed under the Common Seal and presented to them.

The Meeting ended at 8.10 pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE _____

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Agenda Item 9

City of Westminster

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Future Policy Plan

No.	Subject	Cabinet Member Portfolios	Lead Officer
1	Addressing Dementia	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
2	Adult Education	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
3	Affordable Business Space	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
4	Affordable Childcare	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
5	Affordable Housing	Communities and Regeneration Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
6	Air Quality	Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry
7	Alternative Education	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
8	Anti-social Behaviour	Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry
9	Apprenticeships	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
10	Assets of Community Value	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
11	Benefits administration	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
12	BIDS	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
13	Business Rates	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
14	Capital Programme	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
15	Care Act	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
16	CCTV	City Management Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry
17	Child poverty	Adult Social Care and Public Health Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman Bernie Flaherty
18	Child Protection	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
19	Childhood Obesity	Adult Social Care and Public Health Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman Bernie Flaherty

20	City for All	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
21	Combating Long Term Unemployment	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
22	COVID-19 response and city renewal	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
23	Clinical Commissioning Groups	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
24	Climate Emergency	Leader of the Council	Raj Mistry
25	Commercial Opportunities	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
26	Community Cohesion	Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry
27	Community Engagement	Communities and Regeneration Business, Licensing and Planning (Neighbourhood Forums/ Amenity Societies)	Pedro Wrobel Debbie Jackson
28	Community Infrastructure Levy	Business, Licensing and Planning	Pedro Wrobel Debbie Jackson
29	Corporate Parenting	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
30	Council Budget & Financial Management	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
31	Council Management	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
32	Council Tax	Finance and Smart City	Stuart Love Gerald Almeroth
33	Counter-terrorism	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love Raj Mistry
34	Crossrail 1 and 2	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
35	Customer Services	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
36	Cycling	City Management	Raj Mistry Debbie Jackson
37	Debt Management	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
38	Devolution	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
39	Encouraging social enterprise	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
40	Equalities	Communities and Regeneration	Stuart Love

			Lee Witham
41	Family Recovery / Troubled Families	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
42	Fostering and Adoption	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
43	Education	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
44	Freedom Pass	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
45	Gangs & Youth Violence	Young People and Learning Communities and Regeneration	Sarah Newman Raj Mistry
46	GP Quality & Performance	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
47	Green Spaces & Parks	City Management	Raj Mistry
48	Growth and Economic Development	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
49	Public Health	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
50	Healthwatch Westminster	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
51	Homelessness / Rough Sleeping	Communities and Regeneration Housing	Raj Mistry Debbie Jackson
52	Housing Revenue Account	Housing Finance and Smart City	Debbie Jackson Gerald Almeroth
53	Housing Strategy & Housing Renewal	Housing	Debbie Jackson
54	Housing Service	Housing	Debbie Jackson
55	Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Stuart Love Bernie Flaherty
56	Digital Strategy	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
57	Information Technology Strategy	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
58	Integrated Business Centre	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
59	Legal Services	Finance and Smart City	Tasnim Shawkat
60	Libraries	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
61	Licensing	Business, Licensing and Planning	Raj Mistry
62	Local Government Finance	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth

63	London Plan	Business, Licensing and Planning	Pedro Wrobel Debbie Jackson
64	Protests & demonstrations	Leader of the Council Communities and Regeneration City Management	Raj Mistry
65	Managing the public realm	Business, Licensing and Planning City Management	Debbie Jackson Raj Mistry
66	Utility Companies	City Management	Raj Mistry
67	Mayor of London & London Governance	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
68	Natural Environment	City Management	Raj Mistry
69	Neighbourhood Forums	Business, Licensing and Planning	Pedro Wrobel
70	Ward budgets	Communities and Regeneration	Richard Cressey
71	Overcrowding (Housing)	Housing	Debbie Jackson
72	Parking services and enforcement	City Management	Raj Mistry
73	Development Planning	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
74	Policing	Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry
75	Policy and Scrutiny	Leader of the Council	Richard Cressey
76	Preventing Re-offending	Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry
77	Procurement	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
78	Corporate Property	Finance and Smart City	Gerald Almeroth
79	Tenancy Agreements (residential)	Housing	Debbie Jackson
80	Public Conveniences	City Management	Raj Mistry
81	Queens Park Community Council	Communities and Regeneration	Pedro Wrobel
82	Royal Parks	Leader of the Council	Raj Mistry Debbie Jackson
83	School Meals	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
84	School Nursing	Adult Social Care and Public Health Young People and Learning	Bernie Flaherty Sarah Newman
85	Sexual Health	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty

86	Short Term Lets	Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry
87	City Promotions, Events and Filming	Leader of the Council	Pedro Wrobel
88	Special Needs Provision	Young People and Learning	Sarah Newman
89	Specialist Housing Strategy for Older People	Adult Social Care and Public Health Housing	Bernie Flaherty Debbie Jackson
90	Sports & leisure services	City Management	Raj Mistry
91	Staffing	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love Lee Witham
92	Street Entertainment	Communities and Regeneration Business, Licensing and Planning	Raj Mistry
93	Street Management	Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry
94	Substance misuse	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Bernie Flaherty
95	Support for small businesses	Business, Licensing and Planning	Debbie Jackson
96	Supporting carers	Adult Social Care and Public Health	Sarah Newman Bernie Flaherty
97	City Plan	Business, Licensing and Planning	Pedro Wrobel Debbie Jackson
98	Transport for London	City Management	Raj Mistry
99	Bi-borough	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
100	Violence Against Women & Girls	Communities and Regeneration Adult Social Care and Public Health	Raj Mistry Bernie Flaherty
101	Voluntary sector and community support, inc Westminster Connects	Communities and Regeneration	Debbie Jackson
102	West End Partnership	Leader of the Council	Stuart Love
103	Oxford Street District	Leader of the Council City Management	Debbie Jackson
104	Emergency Planning	Leader of the Council	Raj Mistry
105	City Management	City Management	Raj Mistry
106	Environment	City Management Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry
107	Refugee Resettlement	Communities and Regeneration	Raj Mistry

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REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS, PLANNING AND LICENSING

1. **Review of the Council's Revised Statement of Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.**

- (a) Full Council is asked to review, consider and adopt the revisions to the Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the Act).
- (b) The Council has published its five-year Statement of Licensing Policy (SLP) with respect to the exercise of its licensing functions. The current SLP has been effective from the 7th January 2021 and the end of the current policy period will be on the 6th January 2026 and is used to determine licensing applications under the framework of the Act. However, the Council as the Licensing Authority is required to keep that policy under review and make such revisions to it as it considers appropriate.
- (c) The increase in the number of premises in Westminster offering delivery services is a development that the Licensing Authority considers justifies a revision to the SLP. This increase has been particularly noticeable since the onset of COVID-19, especially as restrictions ease. Westminster's Licensing Policy does not currently have specific policies for deliveries. These proposals address this specific issue in order to support licensed businesses within Westminster to grow and diversify in a safe, responsible and positive way whilst also addressing residents' concerns and ultimately promote the four licensing objectives.
- (d) Before revising its SLP the Licensing Authority must consult on those proposed revisions. The duty to consult is mandatory and the proposals are to be advertised externally. The responses received are to be properly considered by the Licensing Authority with an explanation given to each of the responses that is fair and balanced. The Licensing Authority has concluded its consultation on its proposed revisions to the SLP and is now required to present it to Full Council for review and consideration so that the revised SLP can be adopted. In accordance with the Licensing Act this has now been approved by the Cabinet Member for adoption by Full Council.
- (e) The Licensing Authority began its statutory consultation on its proposed revisions to the Statement of Licensing Policy on the 14th June 2021. The consultation ran for a period of 6 weeks ending on the 25th July. The Licensing Authority has received 22 responses from a range of different stakeholders.
- (f) The consultation was on the Licensing Authority's proposals to introduce policies relating to ancillary deliveries (policy DEL1), shops (policy SHP1) delivery and distribution centres (DC1) as well as minor amendments necessary for the introduction of these policies.

- (g) The full list of revisions to the SLP consultation document is attached at Appendix 2 of the Cabinet Member Report. In summary the proposed revisions are:
- (a) New Ancillary Delivery of Alcohol and/or Late-Night Refreshment Policy (DEL1)
 - (b) New Shops Policy (SHP1)
 - (c) New Delivery Centre Policy (DC1)
 - (d) Amendments to the Core Hours Policy (HRS1) to reflect the new premises uses
 - (e) Deletion of the Off Sales of Alcohol Policy (replaced by the new Shops Policy)
 - (f) Amendment of the other premises uses policies to refer to ancillary delivery
- (h) The majority of the Licensing Authority's proposals are supported by the consultation respondents. Following an assessment of these responses officers have set out the Licensing Authority's approach to each of the points raised by the respondents. The responses received during the consultation period along with the Licensing Authority's position are set out in Appendix 1 of the Cabinet Member Report.
- (i) The SLP was revised and the Cabinet Member for Business, Planning and Licensing considered and approved this on 13 September 2021. The Cabinet Member Report that was considered is attached as Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION

- (j) That Full Council reviews, considers and approves the revised Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Councillor Matthew Green
Cabinet Member for Business, Planning and Licensing

Local Government Act 1972 (Background Papers)

Appendix 1 – **Cabinet Member Report to the Cabinet Member for Business, Planning and Licensing**, 'Revision of the Licensing Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.

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