

Westminster City Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday 15 May 2023

Part A – Items considered in public.

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
3.	Minutes	Cabinet agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 th March 2023 were a true and correct record of the proceedings.
4.	Dissolution of Westminster Procurement Services	<p>Cabinet approved the following recommendations:</p> <p>Recommendations That Cabinet approve that Westminster Procurement Services Limited be dissolved with any share capital remaining after legal and professional fees being returned to the Council.</p> <p>That Cabinet pass a resolution on behalf of the Council as sole shareholder, to formally close Westminster Procurement Services Limited by way of an application to strike off the company from the Companies Register.</p> <p>Reasons for Decision To be able to dissolve the Company, approval is needed from the company’s shareholder, Westminster Council.</p> <p>You can view the full Shareholder Committee Report here.</p>
5.	Westminster Builds Registered Provider Status	<p>Cabinet approved the following recommendation(s):</p> <p>Recommendation(s) That Cabinet approves the incorporation of new company within Westminster Builds structure which will apply to become a Registered Provider and, subject to approval of the Regulator of Social Housing, hold Westminster Builds’ affordable housing.</p> <p>Reasons for Decision The Council has secured grant from the Greater London Assembly’s (GLA) Affordable Homes</p>

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		<p>programme across several development projects. This grant supports the funding required for the construction of social and intermediate rent homes.</p> <p>The grant is conditional on funded homes being held by a Registered Provider which the Council qualifies as but Westminster Builds does not. As the Council’s current approach is for social homes to be retained within the HRA and intermediate homes to be transferred to Westminster Builds, the Council cannot currently comply with the GLA’s funding requirements and fully access the GLA grant.</p> <p>While this has not prevented drawing down grant on homes under construction by the Council, a solution will need to be in place prior to the disposal and purchase of completed intermediate homes to Westminster Builds.</p> <p>You can view the report to Shareholder Committee here</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Council Response to Future of Westminster Commission Housing Review</p>	<p>Cabinet approved the recommendations below.</p> <p>Recommendation(s) Cabinet is asked to approve the proposed responses to the Commission’s Housing Review headline recommendations (Appendix 1) and instruct officers to integrate the resulting actions within the Housing Service and other relevant services’ work programmes.</p> <p>Reasons for the Decision The Council commissioned a review of Housing Management, Housing Supply and Housing Homelessness & Need through the Future of Westminster Commission. Upon review of the Commission’s report, each of the headline recommendations have been considered individually (as outlined in Appendix 1), with a view to accepting, rejecting, modifying or otherwise considering each. The proposed responses are put forward on the basis that they align with the strategic ambitions of the Council.</p>
<p>A7</p>	<p>Any other business</p>	