

Westminster City Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday 15 July 2024

Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A4</p>	<p>Oxford Street Programme – Oxford Street Scheme Stage 3</p>	<p>Cabinet approved the option to proceed to Stage 3 design on the basis set out in the report in the knowledge that the remaining funding is yet to be formally confirmed.</p> <p>Cabinet also approved spend of £3.845m to progress the Stage 3 design.</p> <p>Reasons for Decision: The Stage 2 design for Oxford Street is complete and the finalisation of design is required in advance of pre-mobilisation and construction. A decision is required on how to progress the Oxford Street project.</p> <p>Implementation Date: 5pm 22/7/24</p>
<p>A5</p>	<p>North Paddington Programme – Years 2-4 Programmes of work</p>	<p>Cabinet approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spend of the remaining North Paddington budget, subject to further feasibility and project scoping (where required), to fund the Years’ 2-4 indicative programme of works, as detailed in Appendix 1 (“Years’ 2-4 Programme of Works”). • Approves the Years’ 2-4 indicative programme of Works (Appendix 1) and notes that some of the indicative Years’ 2-4 programme of works’ projects will, enter a feasibility and pilot stage, if required, before moving to full delivery (subject to due diligence), by drawing on the full North Paddington years’ 2-4 budget. • Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy and Planning, to initiate and deliver projects in the Years’ 2-4 indicative programme of works; conduct any necessary procurement exercises; agree commercial terms and enter into all associated legal agreements and documentation subject to the agreement of the Director of Law.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy, and Planning to amend, reprofile and reallocate any underspend from the year 1 Programme to Years 2-4 Programme of Works and amend, reprofile reallocate and spend funds earmarked for the North Paddington Programme on Years’ 2-4 programme of works, where such changes should not exceed the overall budget envelope, as detailed in Section 7 of the report. • Notes the findings from the Year 1 North Paddington Review (by evaluators RealWorth) and notes its recommended steer for future focus as detailed in Appendix 7 of the report. <p>Reasons for Decision:</p> <p>Approval is required for the delivery of the Years’ 2-4 programme of works.</p> <p>These decisions reflect approvals for the proposed programme of works, delegated authority and spend approvals, which govern the overall Programme.</p> <p>Implementation Date: 5pm 22/7/24</p>
<p>A6</p>	<p>Reshaping of Housing Solutions Service</p>	<p>Cabinet approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implementation of a hybrid delivery model for Housing Solutions Services. • To bring in-house Lot 1: Frontline housing advice and homelessness prevention and Lot 3: Families Pathway, Housing Assessment, Allocations and Nominations Services, to be directly delivered by the Council by April 2025.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To insource back-office functions currently commissioned to support Housing Solutions including, a contact centre, complaint management, and finance functions, to sit within existing services across the Council. • To delegate the new operating model and associated budget for insourced services jointly to the Strategic Director of Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Services and the Executive Director of Finance and Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Council Reform. • Reasons for Decision: Due to unprecedented challenges within the housing market, insourcing the families pathway, assessment, and homelessness decision making, allocations and nominations functions will allow the council to have the ability to provide more person-centred support for those who need it, integrate with wider Council services and have direct control and operational oversight of statutory decision making. • Implementation Date: 5pm 22/7/24
<p>A7</p>	<p>Neighbourhood CIL High Value Allocations: Seymour Centre and Abbey Centre</p>	<p>Cabinet approved:</p> <p>The allocation of £1 million of Neighbourhood CIL funding from the Marylebone Neighbourhood Area pot to the Council to support the transformation of Seymour Leisure Centre.</p> <p>The allocation of £424,435 of Neighbourhood CIL to support the restoration of the Abbey Centre.</p> <p>Reasons for Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for Neighbourhood CIL funding to supplement the project’s capital budget, driven by rising costs from build cost inflation and from changes to the project that reflect community responses to the extensive consultation and engagement

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		<p>exercise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding will support a programme of works that will transform Seymour Leisure Centre into high-quality community infrastructure which will be a flagship project to benefit the local community. • Cabinet approved this decision to ensure robust and effective expenditure and reporting in line with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) and in accordance with the council’s strategic priorities, CIL spending policy statement and its framework for resource allocation and management. <p>Implementation Date: 5pm 22/7/24</p>
A8	2023/24 Fairer Westminster Annual Progress Review	Cabinet noted the 2023/24 Fairer Westminster Annual Progress Overview.
A9	Medium Term Financial Planning 2025/26 - 2027/28	<p>Cabinet noted the Medium Term Financial Planning 2025/26 – 2027/28 report and approved the budget process for the year ahead.</p> <p>Implementation Date: 15/7/24</p>
A10	2023/24 Revenue and Capital Outturn and Statement of Accounts	<p>Cabinet noted the revenue outturn position for 2023/24 and approved the reprofiling from the 2023/24 capital programme into future years as set out in Appendix 1 (GF) and Appendix 2 (HRA).</p> <p>Reasons for Decision:</p> <p>This is an annual reporting setting out an updated position on the Council’s budget.</p>

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