Report of the Deputy Leader and the Cabinet Member for Built Environment

1. Adoption of the Basement Revision and Mixed Use Revision to the Westminster City Plan

(a) The detailed report considered by the Cabinet Member is attached to this report as Appendix D. The Cabinet Member agreed the Draft Basement and Mixed Use Revisions to Westminster’s City Plan including the changes requested by the Inspector and incorporating further minor changes which the Inspector is content with and recommends these for adoption by the full Council as “Westminster’s City Plan, July 2016”.

(b) The Cabinet Member agreed that, subject to the adoption by the Council, “Westminster’s City Plan, July 2016” be used henceforth for development management purposes.

(c) The Council is also recommended by the Cabinet Member to give authority to the Director, Policy, Performance and Communications to undertake all necessary procedural steps in relation to the adoption of the Basement Revision and Mixed Use Revision to Westminster’s City Plan, including the following:-

(i) to take the steps required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, as amended (Regulation 26), including issuing an adoption statement and a notice giving notice of it by local advertisement,

(ii) to send the adopted Westminster’s City Plan (with the Basement and Mixed Use Revisions included) and the adoption statement to the Secretary of State as required by Regulation 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, as amended.

(d) The Cabinet Member also approved the final version of the Integrated Impact Assessment report relating to the Basement Revision and Mixed Use Revision to Westminster’s City Plan. He noted that this fulfils the statutory requirement for a Sustainability Appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment and for an Equalities Assessment. The detailed IIA assessment shows that the identified areas of change in the Revision and Mixed Use Revision to Westminster’s City Plan have a natural and acceptable impact on the sustainability, equalities and health objectives in Westminster’s City Plan.

(e) In considering the report the Cabinet Member noted that the management of basement development and management of commercial development in Westminster’s core commercial areas require adoption of these revisions when determining planning applications as, after adoption, it carries full statutory weight, as part of the development plan for Westminster.

(f) The report considered by the Cabinet Member is attached to this report as Appendix D and the related appendices are circulated to all Members on disk.
The draft “Westminster’s City Plan” will, subject to adoption, henceforth be used or development management purposes.

The Council is recommended:

(i) That the Draft Basement Revision to Westminster’s City Plan and the Draft Mixed Use Revision to Westminster’s City Plan, together with the changes requested by the Inspector be adopted as “Westminster’s City Plan, July 2016” and be used henceforth for development management purposes.

(ii) That the Director, Policy, Performance and Communications, be authorised to undertake all necessary procedural steps in relation to the adoption of the Basement Revision and Mixed Use Revision to Westminster’s City Plan, including the following:

(a) to take the steps required by Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012, including issuing an adoption statement and making it available on the Council’s website.

(b) to send the adoption statement to the Secretary of State as required by Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 together with the adopted “Westminster’s City Plan, July 2016”, and send the adoption statement to all relevant persons.

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Note: If any Member wishes to receive Appendix D and the related appendices in hard copy please contact Mick Steward: 020 7641 3134; msteward@westminster.gov.uk

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