

## **Report of the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning (Councillor Matthew Green)**

### **Adoption of Westminster's City Plan 2019 - 2040**

- (a) The Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning has considered a report which is Appendix 1 to this report.
- (b) The council's strategy, City for All, sets an ambition for Westminster as a city where people live in a healthy, sustainable and safe environment, can grow and learn throughout their lives, build fantastic careers in world-leading industries, have access to high quality, affordable homes and retire into the community with dignity and pride.
- (c) The City Plan is the spatial interpretation of this strategy, providing a framework for all future development in the city. It provides a robust and up to date policy framework for the taking of planning decisions across the city and is supported by a Policies Map which is the illustration of boundaries for policy designations.
- (d) The council has undertaken a full revision to the City Plan pursuant to Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- (e) Following a formal public examination, the appointed Inspectors set out a schedule of modifications they considered necessary to make the Plan sound before adoption. The main modifications public consultation was undertaken between 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Inspectors' final report, closing the public examination was received on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The Inspectors considered the responses to all stages of public consultation on the Plan and oral representations made during the public hearings. They have endorsed the Plan to be sound, with main modifications are set out in their report (Appendix 1 to the Cabinet Member Report referred to in paragraph a).
- (f) An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) which includes a Sustainability Appraisal, Health and Wellbeing, Crime, Safety and Community Assessments; and a Habitats Impact Assessment were published alongside the submission City Plan. A further Sustainability Appraisal was undertaken on the modifications the Inspectors considered necessary for the Plan to be found sound ahead of public consultation on those modifications. These assessments show that overall, the policies in the Plan, will be beneficial for the environment and health and wellbeing in Westminster.
- (g) Under the Equalities Act 2010 the council has a "public sector equality duty". This means that in taking decisions and carrying out its functions it must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the 2010 Act.
- (h) The equalities implications of the policies in the adopted City Plan have been assessed as part of the IIA and demonstrates that none of the proposed

policies are expected to have a negative impact on any of the groups with protected characteristics under the 2010 Act and the Public Sector Equalities Duty has been met.

- (i) Once adopted, the City Plan will be the Local Plan for the city and together with the London Plan (as the Spatial Strategy for London) and any 'made' Neighbourhood Plans will make up the statutory development plan for Westminster.

**The Council is recommended:**

- (i) Pursuant to Regulation 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 to adopt the City Plan 2019 - 2040 and supporting Policies Map.

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Licensing and Planning

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**Local Government Act 1972 – Background Papers**

Report considered by the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning

Appendix 1 – Adoption of Westminster's City Plan 2019-2040

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