

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: **UPDATING CITY PLAN PROGRAMME AND PROCEDURES**

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Realm, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

That the Cabinet Member approved:

1. The arrangements to commence the Westminster City Plan Full Revision, incorporating changes that reflect the renewed City for All strategy, and commitments to ensure a much greater focus on the delivery of housing, particularly affordable housing. The Revision will build on draft policies published as part of a series of informal consultation booklets, previously intended to be progressed as separate waste and energy revisions, and then those on other policy areas such as housing, town centre and retail, commercial and West End.
2. The Local Development Scheme (at Appendix A of the report) for the purposes of section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), and to have effect from 16th June 2017.
3. Publication for public consultation of a notice of the Council's intention to prepare a local plan in accordance with regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (at Appendix B of the report) to notify and seek comments on the City Council's intention to undertake the Full City Plan Revision.

Reasons for Decision

The timely development of sound policies is crucial for robust decision-making and to ensure sustainable development in accordance with the NPPF and in ways that help deliver the Council's strategic objectives. A full revision will result in a comprehensive, up-to-date Westminster City Plan containing all the councils' planning policies, providing a sound basis for decision-making and ending the need for reliance on 'saved' UDP policies which currently provide the detailed development management policy framework.

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