

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: WESTMINSTER'S WALKING STRATEGY

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

Summary of Decision

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Approved the Westminster Walking Strategy (2017-2027) and Action Plan as attached in Appendices 1a and 1b to the Cabinet Member report, and agreed that any minor, non-material changes required, be signed-off by the Director of Policy, Performance and Communications, in agreement with the Cabinet Member for City Highways.
2. Noted the consultation responses received, officer comments and changes to the draft Walking Strategy, as appropriate (Appendix 2) to the report.

Reason for Decision

Westminster has successfully encouraged walking as a main mode of transport to enable more people to walk more often. This is because encouraging more walking can ease traffic congestion which enables the city to grow, has positive health and wellbeing benefits that improves people's quality of life and helps to reduce air pollution (if modal shift occurs). Encouraging more people to walk is a key theme in the Mayor's draft Transport Strategy (June 2017) which aims to encourage 'good growth' in London, whilst reducing traffic congestion and pollution which, if not reduced, will damage the city's economic attractiveness and quality of life. The draft MTS also proposes continued investment in public transport, which will increase the number of passengers and the demand for more public spaces, improved walking routes and crossings. In turn, new walking facilities will need to be safer, with better wayfinding and with greater encouragement from behaviour change programmes.

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