

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: MARBLE ARCH MOUND - UPDATE ON DESIGN, COMMISSION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHOWCASE EVENT (MAY 2021)

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

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This report provides an update on the sourcing and financial approach for delivering the showcase event of the Marble Arch Mound (“the Mound”), a temporary 24m-high hill structure located at Marble Arch, with a viewing platform at the summit. The Mound will have a green aesthetic incorporating a foliage overlay, encompassing grass, trees and associated greenery.

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Summary of Decision

- 1.1. That the appendices to this report be exempt from disclosure by virtue of s100A and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- 1.2. That the Cabinet Member for City Management:
 - a) Approved the Mound to progress to site construction to enable its delivery according to the required timeframes.
 - b) Approved the overall design development approach and means to reduce overall net costs through legacy planning and income generation activities.
 - c) Approved expenditure of £1.99m for the construction works on the understanding that the project team will work to refine and reduce this figure where possible through design development, legacy planning and income generation. In the event it transpires that the project budget is at risk of being exceeded, a further report will be submitted setting out the risks and quantum of exceeding the project budget and seeking further approval.

2. Reasons for Decision

- 2.1. The Mound is intended to be a showcase attraction, expected to bring 280,000 ticketed visitors with millions passing by. It is expected to create a renewed excitement about the area, attract more people to it, support local businesses through increasing dwell time and help resurrect the West End’s economic recovery.

Reasons for Decision

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