

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: ST JOHN'S WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM RE-DESIGNATION

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

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Summary of Decision

That the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning agreed to re-designate the St John's Wood Neighbourhood Forum for a further period of 5 years and a formal designation notice was published under delegated authority of the Director of Policy and Projects.

Section 61F (7) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted into the Act by the Localism Act, Schedule 9) sets out the conditions that a neighbourhood forum must meet, as well as the considerations that a local planning authority must take into account when determining an application for the designation of a neighbourhood forum. These legislative aspects are set out in greater detail in Section 6 of this report.

The legislation states that a local planning authority may designate an organisation or body as a neighbourhood forum if the authority is satisfied that a number of conditions (in the table below) have been met. The existing St John's Wood Neighbourhood Forum meets all of these conditions, and there has been no change in this since the original designation.

Condition	Met?
Established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic or environmental well-being of an area?	Yes
Membership open to individuals who live or work in the area (or are elected members of the City Council);	Yes
Membership includes a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom lives or works (or is an elected member) in the area?	Yes
The neighbourhood forum has a written constitution?	Yes

The City Council is also required to have regard to whether membership is drawn from different places in the neighbourhood area concerned and from different sections of the community in that area. The application submitted by the Forum indicates that membership of the St John's Wood Neighbourhood Forum is at least 40 members, and that the Forum represents the interests of local residents and businesses. The list of members has also been provided by the Forum.

The City Council is also required to assess whether the *purpose* of the neighbourhood forum reflects (in general terms) the character of the area. The application submitted by the Forum for re-designation states that the Forum was established to promote and

improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area. The statement of purpose also outlines that the forum will work on the production of local design codes and pattern books.

Consultation on the re-designation of the St John's Wood Neighbourhood Forum highlighted support for the application, with no objections or competing applications. Further details are provided in section 9 of this report.

Reasons for Decision

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