



City of Westminster

# Council Agenda

Title: **Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 27th April, 2016**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Porchester Hall, Porchester Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DU**

Members: **All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting for the transaction of the business set out.**



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**1. APPOINTMENT OF RELIEF CHAIRMAN**

To appoint a relief Chairman.

**2. MINUTES**

To sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council meeting held on 2 March 2016.

**3. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR VINCENZO RAMPULLA**

To note that Councillor Vincenzo Rampulla (Church Street Ward) resigned on 11 March 2016. A by-election for the vacancy will be held on Thursday 5 May 2016.

**4. LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

- (a) The Lord Mayor to report that on Tuesday 26 January she attended City Hall as a guest of the Mayor of London to commemorate National Holocaust Memorial Day. This ceremony was followed by a reception.
- (b) The Lord Mayor to report that on Sunday 14 February she and her Consort attended a celebration, organised by the London Chinatown Chinese Association, to mark the Chinese New Year (Year of the Monkey) in Trafalgar Square followed by a buffet lunch.
- (c) The Lord Mayor to report that on Saturday 27 February she attended and addressed the annual dinner of the London Mayor's Association at The Corinthia Hotel
- (d) The Lord Mayor to report that on Monday 7 March she attended a Crown Estate and Exemplar Reception at 1 New Burlington Place W1 to celebrate the launch of 1 New Burlington Place, the latest development to be completed on Regent Street.
- (e) The Lord Mayor reports that on Wednesday 9 March she was entertained to lunch at Southwark Crown Court by His Honour Judge McCreith, Honorary Recorder of Westminster.
- (f) The Lord Mayor reports that on Monday 14 March she attended, along with her Chaplain, The Annual Observance of Commonwealth Day in Westminster Abbey in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. The service was followed by a reception in the Jerusalem Chamber

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- (g) The Lord Mayor reports that on Wednesday 16 March she attended the 2016 (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) LGC Awards ceremony preceded by a reception and dinner at The Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, W1
- (h) The Lord Mayor reports that on Thursday 17 March she hosted, in The Lord Mayor's Reception Rooms, a visit by a group of children and teachers from St Georges Church of England Primary School, Hanover Square. They were given tea a talk by the Lord Mayor and a tour of the silver vaults.
- (i) The Lord Mayor reports that on Thursday 24 March she visited the residents of Athlone House, Woodfield Road, W9 where she distributed Easter Eggs and helped them make Hot Cross buns and Simnel cake.
- (j) The Lord Mayor reports that on Friday 25 March (Good Friday) she was invited to welcome and join The Procession of Witness (a march and demonstration of faith bringing together Christian traditions) starting at Methodist Central Hall, marching to Westminster Cathedral and then culminating in an act of worship at Westminster Abbey.
- (k) The Lord Mayor reports that on Monday 4 April she attended the unveiling ceremony of a statue of Sir Simon Milton outside City Hall
- (l) The Lord Mayor reports that on Friday 8 April she continued the annual tradition of hosting a luncheon in her Reception Rooms in honour of the Lord Mayor of London

## **5. VOTE OF THANKS**

To the Lord Mayor, Councillor The Lady Christabel Flight and the Lord Mayor's Consort, The Lord Howard Flight.

## **6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any Declarations of Interests from Members and Officers of the Council.

## **7. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

## **8. QUESTIONS**

Standing Order 9 limits the questions to matters relevant to the general work or procedure of the Council.

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**9. COUNCILLOR ISSUES**

- (a) Councillor Louise Hyams: St James’s Matters.
- (b) Councillor Richard Beddoe: Planning to Protect: Safeguarding our Communities.

**10. STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS**

With the approval of the Chairman of the meeting, the Leader of the Council may make a statement on an urgent matter and the Leader of the Opposition will have an equivalent right of reply.

**11. FUTURE POLICY PLAN**

To consider items chosen for debate from the attached Future Policy Plan.

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**12. CABINET MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the following reports which contain a recommendation to the Council for decision:

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<b>Cabinet Member/ Committee</b>	<b>Date of Meeting or Decision</b>
General Purposes Committee	24 February
Report of the Cabinet Member for Built Environment: <b>Special Policy Areas and Policies Map Revision to Westminster’s City Plan: Submission versions for submission to the Secretary of State and examination by an Independent Inspector</b>	To follow

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION**

To be moved by Councillor Guthrie McKie and seconded by Councillor Barbara Grahame:

This Council notes with regret, the continuing delays to the Futures Plan for Church Street. Phase 1 of the plan was voted on by residents and is now over 1 year behind schedule. A number of factors have contributed to this delay, including a loss of staff during reorganisation at City Hall, indecision on Cosway Street development. But the most serious impact has been the delay to the rehousing of residents at Penn House. These are elderly residents who need greater urgency in dealing with their housing needs.

The Council has said it will proceed with Phase 2 of the Futures Plan without carrying out a consultation programme. This has caused concern in the community as to the motives of the Council and the developers. Residents and retailers have a vital stake in this development.

We call on the Leader of the Council to give greater urgency to the Futures Plan for Church Street and to implement decisions agreed by residents. We further call on a full consultation programme with residents and retailers on Phase 2 of the plan.

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15 April 2016**

**Chief Executive**