



City of Westminster

Council Agenda

Title: **Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 24th January, 2018**

Time: **7.00 pm**

Venue: **Westminster Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road,
London, NW1 5PT**

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 meetings held on 8 November 2017.

3. LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 2nd October, he attended a dinner hosted by The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of London.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 14th October, he attended Eucharist at Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the Abbey's patronal festival, the Feast of St. Edward.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 15th October, he attended the annual London Mayors' Association Civic Service and Reception at Westminster Abbey.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 15th October, he attended the launch of National Hate Crime Awareness Week at St. Paul's Cathedral.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 16th October, he attended the annual WellChild Awards and Dinner at The Royal Lancaster Hotel in the presence of HRH Prince Henry of Wales.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 17th October, he attended a service and reception at Westminster Abbey to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Westminster Guide Lecturers' Association.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 19th October, he attended a Review of The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery by Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of the Troop's 70th anniversary.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 19th October, he attended a dinner hosted by the Dean of Westminster Abbey.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 22nd October, he attended the Sea Cadets' annual Trafalgar Day Parade at Trafalgar Square and afterwards attended a reception at

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Wellington Barracks.

- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 31st October, he attended a service at Westminster Abbey, in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, to mark the 500th anniversary of the 95 Theses and the start of the Reformation.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 4th November, he visited the Regent Street Motoring Festival and afterwards attended a lunch hosted by the Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, Sunday 5th November, he attended the premiere of the movie 'Paddington 2'.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 6th November, he attended a reception hosted by the Northbank Business Improvement District.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 7th November, he attended the Annual Dinner of the Past Overseers' Society.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Wednesday 8th November, he attended a lunch at The Goring Hotel in the presence of HRH The Duke of Cambridge.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 9th November, he visited the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 11th November, he attended The Lord Mayor's Show in the City of London.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 11th November, he attended the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 12th November, he laid a wreath and attended the Service of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 12th November, he attended a Service of Remembrance at Lancaster Gate.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 13th November, he attended a Banquet hosted by the Lord Mayor of London at Mansion House.

- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 21st November, he participated in the annual tree-felling ceremony in Oslo, Norway, and afterwards attended a lunch hosted by the Mayor of Oslo.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 23rd November, he unveiled a commemorative stone in honour of Neville Bowes Elliott-Cooper VC.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Wednesday 29th November, he hosted a reception at City Hall for Westminster Business Council.
- The Lord Mayor to report that on Friday 1st December, he presented Long Service Awards to members of staff.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 5th December, he attended the annual Diplomatic Reception hosted by Her Majesty the Queen.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 7th December, he hosted the switching-on ceremony for the Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 10th December, he attended the annual Westminster Tea Dance for Senior Citizens.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Wednesday 13th December, he attended the annual Story of Christmas Appeal service and reception.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 17th December, he attended a Service of Nine Lessons and Carols hosted by the Lord Mayor's Chaplain at St. John's Hyde Park.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 18th December, he attended the Mayor of London's Christmas Carol Service and Reception at Southwark Cathedral.
- The Lord Mayor to report that, on Christmas Day, he visited the 'Crisis at Christmas' centre at City of Westminster College.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

6. QUESTIONS

Note by the Head of Committee and Governance Services

With the consent of the Chief Whips of both the Majority Party and the Minority Party it is intended that rather than produce an order of questions by draw these will be sought by the Lord Mayor from Members indicating at the meeting that they have a question. The Leader of the Opposition will be entitled to ask up to 3 questions during the 45 minutes set aside for questions.

7. COUNCILLOR ISSUES

- (a) Councillor Got Mohindra – Technology in Westminster
- (b) Councillor Shamim Talukder – Arts and Culture in Westminster

8. 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.

9. FUTURE POLICY PLAN

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

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10. COMMITTEE AND CABINET REPORTS

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

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Cabinet/Committee	Date of Meeting or Decision
Cabinet meeting (Council Tax Base)	4 December 2017
General Purposes (Council Meeting – 7 March)	10 January 2018
Appointments Sub (Appointment of Chief Executive) (to follow)	16 January 2018

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

To be moved by Councillor Hug and seconded by Councillor Less.

"The Council notes the recent Church Street Master Plan consultation exercise. It notes a number of positive aspects of the current proposals, including ideas to improve the local public realm and support the future development of the market. It however notes resident concern over the current housing proposals and the need to improve the Council's offer to local people on this critical issue before any scheme proceeds.

The Council believes that the regeneration of Church Street is a strategic priority for Westminster and an important opportunity to improve the lives of our residents. It believes the regeneration must prioritise the needs of existing local residents, while also focusing on providing new opportunities for Westminster residents in housing need and for local people and families on or below average incomes as desired by a majority of respondents to the Masterplan consultation.

It further believes that if the Council is to deliver the number of social and genuinely affordable homes that Westminster needs it is essential that the council maximises the proportion of public housing built on public land.

The Council resolves to ask the Cabinet to urgently revise the masterplan in-order to move swiftly forward with a plan that commands wider public support. The council resolves to:

- Redraft the proposals to better take into account concerns raised by the Church Street Ward Neighbourhood Forum and other residents during the initial consultation phase.
- Look at ways to limit the amount of demolition being proposed to levels more in-line with residents wishes.
- Review the current assumptions on the potential height of the proposed new blocks.
- Amend the housing mix in the development sites identified in the 2012 Futures Plan that are being brought to planning in 2018 in-order to increase the amount of social housing in these schemes thereby expanding the amount of local decant opportunities to assist with the delivery of these new proposals.

- Enshrine a commitment to replace not only existing council homes but where possible any Westminster owned temporary accommodation units with a like for like replacement.
- Ensure that the plan requires at least 50% of the additional units built are social or genuinely affordable homes, at least 60% of which should be social units in-line with Westminster's existing policy framework.
- Develop an effective local lettings strategy that gives priority to Church Street residents.
- Ballot residents impacted by the scheme before the masterplan is implemented. "

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