



City of Westminster

Council Agenda

Title: **Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 22nd September, 2021**

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.**

**In line with legislation and continuing Covid-19 precautions,
Committee members will attend the meeting in person. This
meeting will be live streamed through the Council's website.**

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6.30pm. Please telephone if you are attending the meeting in
a wheelchair or have difficulty walking up steps. There is
wheelchair access via the Sammy Ofer Centre.**

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Committee Officer, Janis Best, Committee and Councillor
Support Manager.**

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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 9 September 2021.

3. LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday September 11th, he attended St Mary le Strand Church Relaunch Community Party.
2. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday September 19th, he attended the battle of Britain Service at Westminster Abbey.
3. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday September 21st, he attended the City of London 'Big Curry' event at Mansion House.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5. 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.

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

7. QUESTIONS

The Lord Mayor will call Members who have indicated that they wish to ask a question after the Leader of the Opposition has asked his questions.

8. COUNCILLOR ISSUES

Councillor Gotz Mohindra – Revitalising St John's Wood High Street in a post-pandemic world

Councillor Richard Elcho – Improving Housing

(Pages 5 - 8)

9. FUTURE POLICY PLAN

(Pages 9 - 14)

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

10. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

(Pages 15 - 16)

To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the following report from the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning which contains a recommendation to the council for approval and adoption.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

To be moved by Councillor Adam Hug and seconded by Councillor Liza Begum:

This Council notes that the cost of the Marble Arch Mound has risen to over £6 million and that the delivery of the Mound project has brought international embarrassment to the City of Westminster.

This Council also notes that the Marble Arch Mound is part of a wider £150m West End District project that contains significant spending including the Strand Aldwych and piazzas at Oxford Circus.

This Council believes that both Council Members and Westminster residents were misled by the political leadership of the Council about the progress of the Marble Arch Mound project. This Council believes that the failure of the Council's project management and the gulf between rhetoric and reality is indicative of a Conservative administration that has been in power for far too long.

This Council further believes that the inability to charge the planned ticket fees and the failure to secure much of the projected sponsorship leaves Westminster taxpayers picking up the £6 million bill for the Mound.

This Council resolves to appoint an independent reviewer to advise and oversee the investigation into the Council's processes, decision making and organisational culture which resulted in this debacle.

The Council resolves not to proceed with further major capital investments within the West End District project until all reviews of Council decision making relating to the Marble Arch Mound

and associated issues are completed and have received full scrutiny by Members, and until proper public consultations on future projects have taken place with local residents.

This Council finally resolves to take steps to dismantle and remove the Marble Arch Mound as soon as is practicable.

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14 September 2021**

Chief Executive