



City of Westminster

Council Agenda

Title: **Council Meeting**

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 24th January, 2024**

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 Committee members will attend the meeting in person. This meeting will be live streamed through the Council's website.

Limited admission to the public gallery is available from 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.

If you require any further information, please contact the 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 held on 15 November 2023.

3. LORD MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 16th November, she attended the Westminster Property Association Lunch at the Grosvenor House Hotel.
2. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Friday 17th November, she attended the Active Westminster Awards at Porchester Hall.
3. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 18th November, she attended the AJEX Remembrance Service and Reception at St John's Wood Synagogue.
4. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 19th November, she attended the AJEX Remembrance Parade and Ceremony at the Institute of Civil Engineers.
5. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 21st November, she attended the State Visit of the President of Korea at Horseguards Parade and turned on the Christmas Lights at Circus Road, St John's Wood.
6. The Lord Mayor to report that, from Wednesday 22nd November until Saturday 25th November, she travelled to Oslo for the tree felling ceremony.
7. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 26th November, she attended the Albanian Independence Day celebrations at St Augustine's School.
8. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 27th November, she turned on the Dorset Square Christmas Lights.
9. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 28th November, she turned on the Queensway Christmas Lights.
10. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 30th November,

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she attended the Friends of St Mary's Hospital Christmas Bazaar, at St Mary's Hospital and the Rifles Awards Dinner at Guildhall.

11. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Friday 1st December she turned on the Tachbrook Market Christmas Lights and attended the North Paddington Foodbank Fundraising Carol Service at St John's Hyde Park Church.
12. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 2nd December, she attended St Luke's Christmas Fair, the Ultra Education Showcase at 180 Piccadilly and turned on the Harrow Road Christmas Lights.
13. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 5th December, she attended the Diplomatic Corps Reception at Buckingham Palace.
14. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Wednesday 6th December, she attended the Songs that Changed the World event at The Conduit Garden, the Trafalgar Square Tree Lighting Ceremony and a reception at the Norwegian Embassy.
15. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Friday 8th December, she attended the Royal Carol Concert at The Abbey.
16. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 9th December, she attended the Queen's Park Winter Festival and the Churchill Gardens' Pantomime.
17. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Sunday 10th December, she attended the Sir Simon Milton Foundation Tea Dance at the Grosvenor House Hotel.
18. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 11th December, she attended the Westminster South Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team Carol Concert at St Barnabas Church.
19. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 12th December, she attended the opening of the Premier Inn London Marylebone Hotel and the Tri-Borough Music Hub Singing Festival at Kensington Town Hall.
20. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Wednesday 13th December, she attended the Chelsea and Westminster Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lunch at The Dilly and the Story of Christmas at St George's Hanover Square.

21. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Thursday 14th December, she visited the House of St Barnabas and attended The Passage Carol Concert and Reception.
22. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Friday 15th December, she delivered Christmas hampers for the Sir Simon Milton Foundation.
23. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Saturday 16th December, she attended the In-Deep Annual Christmas Dinner at Kingsway College.
24. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Wednesday 20th December, she attended the Westminster Cathedral Christmas Celebration Concert and a pre-concert reception.
25. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Monday 1st January, she attended the London New Year's Day Parade.
26. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Tuesday 2nd January, she attended the London International Choral Festival at Cadogan Hall.
27. The Lord Mayor to report that, on Friday 5th January, she attended the London New Year's Day Parade Reception at One Whitehall Place.
28. The Lord Mayor to report, that on Monday 8th January, she attended the Sir Adrian Boult Memorial Concert and pre-reception at Manoukian Music Centre.
29. The Lord Mayor to report, that on Tuesday 9th January, she toured Gray's Antiques Market on Davies Street.
30. The Lord Mayor to report, that on Wednesday 10th January, she attended the Volunteer Kitchen Shift at The Passage.
31. The Lord Mayor to report, that on Friday 12th January, she attended the Annual City of London New Year Service at St Michael Cornhill.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5. STATEMENT ON URGENT MATTERS

With the approval of the Chair 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. COUNCILLOR PRESENTED PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS, IF ANY

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Lord Mayor will invite members of the public who have been chosen to present their question or petition. After which the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chair will respond.

8. 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 their questions.

9. COUNCILLOR ISSUE

Councillor Jim Glen – ‘Housing Repairs in Pimlico’

10. PARTY BUSINESS

11. SAFER WESTMINSTER PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2024-27

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To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the following report from the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Protection which contains a recommendation to the Council for approval.

12. REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL: COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS (INCLUDING COUNCIL TAX LOCAL REDUCTION SCHEME) AND COUNCIL TAX BASE REPORT

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To receive, consider and debate, if chosen, the following report which contains recommendations to the Council for approval and adoption.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

This Council notes that:

- The Co-operative Council's Innovation Network (CCIN) is a Local Government Association (LGA) Special Interest Group and is open to all UK Councils. It is a non-party political organisation.
- The CCIN's stated aim is to drive innovation and reform within the framework of Cooperative values and principles,

building an equal partnership with local people.

- By the 9 January 2024, there were already 47 Full Council Members, 24 Associate Members (including 13 Town, Parish & Community Councils), and 53 Affiliate Members. Co-operative Council Members (excluding GMCA) represent 12.35m citizens and control a budget of £21.4bn.
- Under the new Labour administration, and its Fairer Westminster Strategy, the Council has already made great progress in embedding the 'Co-operative difference' into the way the Council works with its residents. For example, through Westminster's Charter Against Dirty Money, revised Responsible Procurement Strategy, Fairer Economy Plan, Local Area Panels and reform of resident consultation – to name just a few examples of change.

This Council believes that:

- The unprecedented challenges facing the public sector and local communities mean that traditional models of top-down governance and economic growth are no longer fit for purpose.
- We urgently need to create a new approach, and that the founding traditions of the co-operative movement – collective action and co-operation, empowerment and enterprise – offer a foundation for fresh and innovative solutions which can be built on to tackle the challenges of today.
- The Co-operative Values developed by the International Co-operative Alliance should be at the heart of this new approach. The core values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity.

The Council resolves to:

- Play an active role as a new member of the CCIN and be part of a growing and influential network committed to developing a new relationship with citizens.
- Further embed the 'Co-operative difference' into the way this Council works with its residents, and adhere to the principles of the CCIN as part of our Fairer Westminster Strategy:
 - **Social Partnership** - We will strengthen the co-operative partnership between the Council, citizens, communities and enterprises, based on a shared sense of responsibility for wellbeing and mutual

benefit.

- **Co-production** - We will develop systems that enable citizens to be equal partners in designing and commissioning Council services and in determining the use of public resources.
- **Democratic Engagement** - We will support the active engagement of the full range of residents in decision making and priority setting.
- **Enterprise and Social Economy** - We will promote community-based approaches to economic development that focus on supporting the creation of jobs, social enterprises and other businesses and providing an environment for co-operative and mutual enterprises to thrive.
- **Maximising social value** - We will support the development of a framework and criteria for social value, giving substance to the concept, to ensure better local social and economic outcomes.
- **New models of meeting priority needs** - In exploring new ways of meeting the priority needs of our communities we will encourage models, such as co-operatives and mutuals, which give greater influence and voice to staff and users in designing and commissioning public services and in determining the use of public resources.
- **Community leadership and a new role for councillors** - We will explore ways for the Council to act as a platform for helping the community to contribute to local outcomes, and to re-think the role of councillors as community connectors, brokers and leaders.
- **Innovation** - We will embrace innovation in how we work with local communities to drive positive change.
- **Learning** - We will capture and 'expand' the experience and learning from individual projects to encourage broader application of cooperative principles across the Network.

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16 January 2024**

Chief Executive