

Westminster City Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday 30 October 2023

3	Minutes	Cabinet agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2023 were a true and correct record of the proceedings.
4	Review of housing delivery governance and arrangements	<p>Cabinet approved the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the findings of the 31Ten report and the Council's proposals for developing their recommendations. 2. Approved the creation of a Member-led Housing Supply Strategic Board (HSSB). 3. Noted the proposals for changes to Westminster Builds Board which will be tabled at a future shareholder committee for approval. <p>Reasons for decision</p> <p>The Council appointed 31Ten to review its affordable housing delivery programme and this report responded to that review and examined how the Council will integrate the recommendations into business as usual. The review was undertaken in tandem with the Truly Affordable Housing Strategy Cabinet Paper and builds on the work presented in October 2022. The governance proposals will enable the Council to improve the management of its subsidiaries and its wider housing programme.</p>
5	Capital investment in community assets	<p>Cabinet approved the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the adoption of the Discretionary Capital Funding Policy 2. Approved the adoption of the Property Investment Strategy Supplementary Guidance 3. Delegated authority to make minor future administrative and drafting amendments to both policies to the Executive Director of Innovation and Change in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance and Resources. <p>Reasons for decision</p> <p>The policy and supplementary guidance will allow the Council to support the growth and future resilience of the VCS Sector by either providing funding to improve and / or expand existing VCS occupied premises or by acquiring underutilised and vacant premises for social, economic and environmental regeneration. The policy, through capital investment in existing VCISO</p>

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		<p>spaces and Supplementary Guidance, through acquisitions will enable the delivery of additional and improved outcomes as well as catalysing local regeneration, leading to wider amenity benefits.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>VCS Core Funding</p>	<p>Cabinet approved the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the creation of the Westminster VCS Core Funding Programme 2023 – 2026. 2. Noted the allocation of £3.3 million from Council reserves for the Westminster VCS Core Funding Programme 2023 – 2026. 3. Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Innovation and Change [following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Voluntary Sector] to award grants. <p>Reasons for decision</p> <p>This funding provides core funding for the voluntary and community sector in Westminster through grants for local small to medium sized voluntary and community sector organisations delivering services to residents. The fund is part of a wider strategy to support the sector to strengthen and grow in order to best serve local communities in Westminster.</p>

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