

Monitoring report: 9 November 2018

Overview

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- WCC has begun a consultation programme on plans for the future of the whole Oxford Street District.
- A WCC press release outlines how a funding injection provided by Westminster residents has allowed local charities to employ rough sleepers to help others off the streets.
- Cllr Jonathan Glanz states in his blog that the £6 million per year WCC spend to help rough sleepers is a good start, but more needs to be done.
- Cllr Rachael Robathan, the council's Cabinet member for Finance, Property and Regeneration, visited new homes being built for social rent by WCC in order to reaffirm the Council's affordable housing targets.

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Overview	Detail	Action
<p>Cllr Eoghain Murphy, Conservative councillor for Bryanston and Dorset Square, made a speech at this week's WCC full council meeting commending the direct approach to revitalising Oxford Street.</p> <p>(7 November, Twitter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Murphy's maiden speech affirmed his support for the development. Cllr Murphy went on to call on residents to explore the strategy, and take part in the consultation process. 	None
<p>WCC has begun a consultation programme on plans for the future of the whole Oxford Street District</p> <p>(6 November, WCC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCC is asking local residents, businesses, workers and visitors for feedback on new proposals which would substantially increase walking space throughout the district. • The strategy has looked in depth at every street to understand what needs to be done to enhance both the character and heritage of the district. • WCC is planning on setting aside £50 million each year for the next three years in order to transition the plans from a strategy into a reality and calls on private businesses to contribute to the fund. • The consultation is due to run from 6th November to 16th December 2018 with a series of exhibitions across the district 	None

	<p>which is consistently advertised on WCC's twitter page.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The strategy can be found at https://osd.london/ 	
<p>A funding injection provided by Westminster residents has allowed local charities to employ rough sleepers to help others off the streets (6 November, WCC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The article, published on WCC's website, outlines how Westminster City Council confirms that the scheme has already raised nearly £400,000. The money was raised via a voluntary 'Mansion Tax' paid for by local residents. Those donating have chosen three priorities for the money to be spent on, one of which includes rough sleepers. In addition, £60,000 will be spent on employing two ex-rough sleepers to help others who may be distrustful of mainstream authority and £70,000 available will be made available in grants to organisations who help rough sleepers. 	None
<p>Cllr Jonathan Glanz states in his blog the £6 million per year WCC spend to help rough sleepers is a good start, but there is more to be done. (2 November, Blog)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Glanz outlines that the action by Westminster Conservatives to tackle rough sleeping across the West End means 75% of those contacted do not spend a second night out on the street. However, he maintains this is by no means a comprehensive strategy and calls on residents and constituents to contact him should they be faced with any similar issues as part of a wider strategy to combat rough sleeping in the area. 	None
<p>Cllr Rachael Robathan, Council's Cabinet member for Finance, Property and Regeneration, visited the new homes being built for social rent by WCC. (2 November, Twitter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCC have undertaken the construction of three two-bedroom basement flats in Gloucester Terrace, converting them from six derelict basements. Cllr Rachael Robathan, the council's Cabinet member for Finance, Property and Regeneration visited the new flats in order to reaffirm the council's commitment to delivering a minimum of 1,850 affordable homes by 2023. 	None

Consultations

Body	Consultation	Deadline	Action
GLA	How can we improve taxi and private hire services?	30 November 2018	To be agreed
WCC	Oxford Street District strategy (consultation to begin on 6 November)	16 December 2018	To be agreed

Events forward planner

Date	Organisation	Event	Tickets
15 November 2018	Cities of London & Westminster Conservatives (CLWCA)	Drinks Reception with Conservative Party Deputy Chairman James Cleverly MP CLWCA are hosting a drinks reception with James Cleverly MP from 6.30 – 8.30pm.	£30 per person (CLWCA members) or £35 (non-members)
15 November 2018	Westminster Property Association (WPA)	Westminster Property Association Annual Lunch 2018 The guest speaker at the annual property industry event will be Channel 4 News presenter Cathy Newman	£185 plus VAT per person (Sold out)
19 November 2018	Cities of London & Westminster Conservatives (CLWCA)	Drinks Reception with the Lord Chancellor, the Rt Hon David Gauke MP CLWCA are hosting a drinks reception with the Rt Hon David Gauke MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice. Wine, soft drinks and canapes will be served from 6.30 – 8.30pm.	£30 per person (CLWCA members) or £35 (non-members)
28 November 2018	Westminster Property Association (WPA)	WPA City Plan presentation and reception with Cllr Richard Beddoe Following the imminent launch of the new WCC City Plan, Cllr Richard Beddoe will speak at an evening WPA reception, which will include a presentation on the City Plan. Venue and timings tbc.	Tbc
29 November 2018	Cities of London & Westminster Conservatives (CLWCA)	Gala Dinner with Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP CLWCA are holding their annual Gala Dinner with former Mayor of London and Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson as the special guest. This comes as Shaun Bailey launches his campaign for the 2020 London Mayoral election, and will be an opportunity to hear from London's only Conservative Mayor to date. The location will be shared with attendees 48 hours beforehand. There will be a drinks reception from 7pm,	Standard tickets £130 per person. Premium & Premium Plus tickets also available

		with a three course dinner at 8pm.	
4 December 2018	Cities of London & Westminster Conservatives (CLWCA)	Swing into Christmas with Sir Desmond Swayne MP Mayfair, Soho and West End Conservatives are hosting a Christmas party with special guest, the Rt Hon Sir Desmond Swayne. It will be held at 'Directors Lounge' Club Room (Doric Way, NW1) 7.30pm until late	£30 per person
6 December 2018	Cities of London & Westminster Conservatives (CLWCA)	Drinks Reception with London Vice Chairman Paul Scully MP The Bryanston & Dorset Square Committee is holding a drinks reception with Paul Scully MP. Details to follow.	£30 per person, £35 for non-members