

Monitoring report: 30 November 2018

Overview

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- Lancaster Gate ward councillor, Andrew Smith, opens WCC's new Housing Solution's family centre.
- Cabinet Member for Place Shaping and Planning, Richard Beddoe, launched an event discussing the WCC City Plan.
- Leader of WCC, Nickie Aiken, held talks with Portman Estate, English Heritage and Publica as part of the consultation on plans for Oxford Street District.

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Overview	Detail	Action
<p>Plans to make sure Westminster's street markets thrive in future were discussed by WCC's Licensing Committee.</p> <p>(29 November, WCC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The discussions follow a consultation by the council with traders, residents, businesses and shoppers to ensure street markets remain 'at the heart of local communities'. • There were almost 850 responses to the 12-week consultation, with. • The Licensing Committee considered four options to refresh market fees and charges, deciding on a staggered increase across all markets. • The staggered increase encompasses a fee of £16 a day from Monday – Thursday and £22 a day from Friday – Saturday in year one, then a charge of £22 per day in year two across all days. • Of those traders who responded to the consultation, 55% favoured the above option, guiding the Licensing Committee's decision. • The charges remain in the lower range when compared to other local authorities around Westminster and will be implemented from 1 April 2019. • An overall new strategy for Westminster's markets will be presented in the New Year. 	None.
<p>Lancaster Gate ward councillor, Andrew</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing Solution's family centre, designed to tackle the causes of homelessness, was declared open earlier in the week by 	None.

<p>Smith, opens WCC's new Housing Solution's family centre. (28 November, Twitter)</p>	<p>Cllr Andrew Smith.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Smith cites the opening of the centre as part of a wider 'transition' on the way in which those at risk of homelessness are supported, by focusing on early support. 	
<p>Cabinet Member for Place Shaping and Planning, Richard Beddoe, launched an event discussing the WCC City Plan. (28 November, Twitter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the event, Cllr Beddoe discussed the key policies of the draft WCC City Plan, citing the delivery of housing as a key priority. • Following the opening speech, a panel of senior council representatives discussed the details of the new policies, including CEO Stuart Love, Cllr Beddoe himself, and Directors Barbara Brownlee and Julia Corkey • Topics of discussion included potential impacts on viability, and policies to support the future of Oxford Street. • The panel also hosted questions from members of the Westminster Property Association on the aforementioned topics of discussion, reaffirming the benefits of the City Plan whilst encouraging members to respond to the consultation. 	None.
<p>Leader of WCC, Nickie Aiken, holds talks with Portman Estate, English Heritage and Publica as part of the consultation on plans for the Oxford Street District. (26 November, Twitter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCC have been engaging in a community consultation strategy on plans for the Oxford Street District. • The draft strategy sets out a series of ambitious recommendations to 'significantly improve the district as a whole' and includes 96 projects across 87 different streets and spaces. • Nickie Aiken highlights how Marble Arch is crucial to the WCC's plans for the Oxford Street District, and calls on members of the public to engage in the consultation online. • The consultation runs from 6 November to 16 December, and will inform the council's detailed proposals. • Details of the consultation can be found here. 	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	16 December 2018	To be agreed
WCC	Revision to Westminster's City Plan	21 December 2018	To be agreed
MHCLG	Planning Reform: supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes	14 January 2019	To be agreed
GLA	Analysing the Mayor's Healthy Streets initiative	31 January 2019	To be agreed

Events forward planner

Date	Organisation	Event	Tickets
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