

Monitoring report: 14 December 2018

Overview

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- Cllr Johnathan Glanz, announces that WCC and Community Fibre are rolling out new ultra-fast broadband across Soho.
- It has been announced that the delayed opening of Crossrail will cost Transport for London £600m in lost fares income.
- Westminster Labour publishes their questions for WCC's Oxford Street proposals.
- WCC have had their homelessness and employment support independently reviewed and Cllr Nickie Aiken, Leader of WCC, held an event on 12th Dec to introduce their new proposals.
- Cllr Ian Adams, Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Licensing, highlights Westminster's proposals for tougher powers of enforcement to control short term letting.
- Cllr Andrew Smith, Cabinet Member for Housing and Customer Services, visits City West Homes contact centre to see their recent innovations in delivering customer service to their clients.

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Overview	Detail	Action
<p>Sadiq Khan publicly challenges WCC's proposals for the Oxford Street District regeneration.</p> <p>(13 Dec Article)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Khan announced in a letter that WCC's plans failed to tackle the issue of illegal levels of toxic air, reduce crowding or attracting more shoppers. Mayor Khan also noted that the proposals failed to improve road safety, so the street would remain one of the most dangerous in London. • Mayor Khan stated that the plan lacked the necessary provisions to tackle the issue of a hostile vehicle attack. • Cllr Richard Bedoe, Cabinet Member for Place Shaping and Planning, responded noting that WCC are working with the relevant security experts to design measures to improve public safety from hostile vehicles. 	None.
<p>Cllr Johnathan Glanz (West End Ward) announces that WCC and Community Fibre are rolling out new ultra-fast broadband across Soho.</p> <p>(13 Dec Twitter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the Lead Member for Broadband at WCC, Cllr Glanz has been pushing for better broadband services for the area for years. • BT has been the only option for local residents and they have suffered from poor internet speeds and unreliability of service. • Community Fibre will bring competition, competitive prices and a faster service to Soho residents and is expected to be available by the end of the year. 	None.

<p>It has been announced that the delayed opening of Crossrail will cost Transport for London £600m in lost fares income.</p> <p>(12 Dec Article)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TfL released the updated figures on 12 December after confidential documents published by City Hall showed the crisis-hit line had been due to generate almost £1.4 billion over the next three years. • The documents revealed the multitude of warnings given to Mayor Sadiq Khan and his top aides as the 73-mile cross-London rail scheme has missed crucial deadlines. • No opening date has been set for Crossrail and it is feared it could be delayed by two more years. 	<p>None.</p>
<p>Westminster Labour publishes their questions for WCC's Oxford Street proposals.</p> <p>(12 Dec Website)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westminster Labour has published 12 questions to WCC in respect of the Oxford Street District proposals. • Their questions mainly focus on how the project will be financed, pedestrian safety and how WCC will ensure that Oxford Street will remain open for business during the construction phase. 	<p>None.</p>
<p>WCC have had their homelessness and employment support independently reviewed and Cllr Nickie Aiken, Leader of WCC, held an event on 12 Dec to introduce their new proposals.</p> <p>(12 Dec Twitter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent housing expert, Prof. Pleace has reviewed WCC's new homelessness and employment support strategy. • He called it more responsive and more personalised and said it is delivering tangible results. • Cllr Nickie Aiken, Leader of WCC, opened an event for the scheme on 12 December and highlighted how important it was for issues like housing, jobs and finance. 	<p>None.</p>
<p>Cllr Ian Adams, Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Licensing, highlights Westminster's proposals for tougher powers of enforcement to control short term letting.</p> <p>(8 Dec Twitter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westminster City Council says it has reason to believe that 106 of the 530 flats in Park West, a mansion block near Hyde Park in central London, are being used as short-term rentals rather than residential accommodation. • Cllr Adams noted in a Financial Times article that operating companies like AirBnB do not inform the council when a short-term let is opened and that this poses an issue to residents in Westminster. • WCC has called on the UK Government to require Airbnb and other platforms to share letting information with local authorities. 	<p>None.</p>

<p>Cllr Andrew Smith, Cabinet Member for Housing and Customer Services, visits City West Homes contact centre to see their recent innovations in delivering customer service to their clients.</p> <p>(Dec 7 Twitter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City West Homes manages over 21,000 properties and supports local communities across Westminster. • Cllr Smith visited City West Homes on 7 December to talk to members of their team about their work in improving the delivery of customer service to Westminster residents and to see some of the recent innovations that have been introduced. 	<p>None.</p>
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Consultations

Body	Consultation	Deadline	Action
WCC	Oxford Street District strategy	16 December 2018	Heart of London response, Westminster BODs response
WCC	Revision to Westminster's City Plan	21 December 2018	Heart of London response, Westminster BODs response
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
Tuesday 22 January 2018	Cities of London & Westminster Conservatives (CLWCA)	Drinks Reception with Conservative Mayoral Candidate Shaun Bailey The Hyde Park Conservatives are holding a drinks reception with London Assembly Member and 2020 Conservative Mayoral candidate Shaun Bailey. It will be held at an Argentinian cafe and wine bar, ten minutes' walk from Marble Arch. Details of the venue will be shared with attendees 48 hours beforehand.	£30 for members, £35 for non-members