

Monitoring report: | February 2019

Overview

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- A new report by London's Night Time Commission has revealed that London's successful night-time economy can play a major role in helping to save the capital's struggling high streets.
- Deliveroo backs WCC's pledge to cut engine idling.
- WCC propose a £28m council plan to transform the Strand Aldwych into a 'world-class' cultural and learning quarter.

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Overview	Detail	Action
Westminster saw the largest increase in people sleeping rough in autumn 2018 according to an MHCLG report for rough sleeping in autumn 2018. (31 January Report)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westminster saw the largest increase in people sleeping rough in autumn 2018. In 2018, there were 306 people sleeping rough in Westminster on a given night, this is up from 217 (41%) people from 2017 • The report noted that in London the increase in the overall number of people sleeping rough was largely driven by increasing numbers of people sleeping rough who were EU (non-UK) nationals. Westminster had an increase of 77 EU (non-UK) nationals, from 51 to 128 • This was in contrast to the number of those sleeping rough in London who were UK nationals down by 9% since 2017 • It is important to note of the total number of people recorded as sleeping rough in the capital, 47% were new rough sleepers, 40% were intermittent rough sleepers, and 13% were recorded as living on the streets 	None.
A new report by London's Night Time Commission has revealed that London's successful night-time economy can play a major role in helping to save the capital's struggling high streets. (31 January Article)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee detailed 10 recommendations to the Mayor on how London's night time economy can help save the capital's high streets, The recommendations are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Place the night at the heart of policymaking by incorporating a night test for all new policies to rate their impact on culture, sociability, wellbeing and economy at night ○ Produce guidance for boroughs to help them to develop night-time strategies with a clear vision for their town centres between 6pm and 6am 	None.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Set up a night-time data hub including data on the economy, transport, licensing, infrastructure, safety and health, to aid boroughs ○ Publish an annual report on London at night to measure progress and achieve the ambitions of the 24-hour vision ○ Establish a night-time enterprise zone fund, for which boroughs can bid for funds to develop their night-time offer ○ Carry out research to establish the case for longer opening hours ○ Establish new partnerships across the capital to make London at night more welcoming ○ Create guidance to help boroughs and land owners make welcoming, safe and vibrant night-time public spaces ○ Set up a late-night transport working group to ensure night workers can get to and from work quickly and safely ○ Promote London's night-time offer to Londoners, highlighting the variety and affordable of events currently available 	
<p>Deliveroo backs WCC's pledge to cut engine idling. (30 January Article)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The company, which works with thousands of riders in the capital, has agreed to support #DontBeldle to urge drivers not to idle their engines at the side of the road ● This comes as the council has written to more than 20 business leaders from some of London's top freight, delivery, coach, taxi and private hire companies this week, asking for support, given that delivery drivers and commercial vehicles make up a large proportion of idling drivers ● Cllr Aiken stated: 'We have to get the message out there; turning off your engine can save lives. So having the support of Deliveroo is fantastic, as with their support we can spread the message further and help cut pollution in our city' 	<p>None.</p>
<p>WCC propose a £28m council plan to transform the Strand Aldwych into a 'world-class' cultural and learning quarter. (30 January Article)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WCC have found that the area suffers from significant challenges, including poor public spaces and safety, traffic congestion and air quality issues. The key improvements include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Making it easier and safer to get around by removing the gyratory, having two-way traffic in Aldwych and removing it from part of the Strand ○ Improving public spaces across the whole area with a 	<p>None.</p>

	<p>new plaza proposed around St Mary Le Strand Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving connections to South Bank, Covent Garden and the West End ○ Creating a cultural and learning quarter by joining up the world-renowned organisations and institutions in the area and supporting them to showcase their offer ○ Tackling air quality issues as well as improving facilities for walking and cycling 	
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Consultations

Body	Consultation	Deadline	Action
MHCLG	Business Rates retention reform.	21 February 2019	Westminster BIDs response to be provided
WCC	World class scheme proposed for Strand Aldwych	13 March 2019	Response to be agreed

Events forward planner

Date	Organisation	Event	Tickets
Wednesday 13 February 2019	Cities of London & Westminster Conservatives (CLWCA)	<p>City Ward Drinks and Canapés Reception - Cllr Nickie Aiken and Rt Hon Mark Field MP</p> <p>City Ward Conservatives are hosting a Drinks and Canapés Reception with Cllr Nickie Aiken, Leader of Westminster City Council, and Rt Hon Mark Field, Member of Parliament for Cities of London and Westminster. It will be held in Barbican. Details of the venue will be confirmed to attendees 48 hours prior to the event.</p>	£25 for members, £30 for non-members
Wednesday 13 February 2019	WPA AGM	<p>Annual Drinks Reception and WPA AGM</p> <p>This will also be the last event for James Cooksey as Chair of the WPA before Craig and his Vice Chairs assume the leadership of the WPA. Hosted at BAFTA's headquarters on Piccadilly, members will be able to experience this iconic building before</p>	Free

		construction starts on its extension and renovation later in 2019.	
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