

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: HYDE PARK AND PADDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Realm has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

1. That the Cabinet Member considered the representations received in response to the proposed Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum.
2. That the proposed Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum be designated as the neighbourhood forum for the Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Area.
3. That a formal designation notice is published under delegated authority of the Council's Director of Policy, Performance and Communications, following the Cabinet Member's decision.

Reasons for Decision

1. The proposed Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum is considered to meet the requirements of the neighbourhood planning legislation. The Forum's written constitution clearly states that it has been established for the express purpose to promote and improve the social, economic or environmental well-being of the Hyde Park and Paddington Area, whilst it also has a membership of more than 21 persons and is open to individuals who live or work in the area.
2. Furthermore, the Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum is considered to be representative of the designated Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Area. The membership is drawn from different parts of Hyde Park and Paddington and from different sections of the community. It is considered that the purpose of the neighbourhood Forum and its proposal to address itself to issues of local concern, including the preservation and improvement of the area, reflects the general existing character of the area.
3. The proposed Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum received support during its respective period for representations. The City Council received a total of six responses of which three were explicitly supportive of the Forum. No objections were received.

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