

October 2011

Dear West End Area Forum Member

You are warmly invited to the

West End Area Forum
Monday 31st October 2011 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Broadway House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NQ

Between 6.30pm and 7pm there will be a **Surgery Session** where representatives from UK Power Networks will be available to talk to residents about three upcoming schemes in the area. **Coffee and tea** will be available from 6.30pm.

At 7pm there will be a welcome and announcements from the Chairman.

From 7.10pm there will be a panel session on the Impact of the Olympics in the West End. The panel will include:

- Charles Rudgard, Head of City Operations, LOCOG
- Graham Jones, Games Programme Director, Surface Transport Games Team - Transport for London
- Colin Buttery, Director of Parks & Deputy Chief Executive, Royal Parks
- Tim Owen, AD Events, Filming + Contingency Planning – Westminster City Council

From 8pm there will be an update on the **Parking Policy Review**.

At 8.15pm, there will be an opportunity to discuss **Ward Budgets**. Ward councillors will update you on how they have spent/are planning to spend their £46,000 ward budget, and ask for your feedback on the projects they have funded.

If you would like to comment on any of the workshop topics but are not able to attend this Area Forum, please complete the form on the back of the workshop briefs. You can return it to us using the Freepost address provided.

Area Forums are open meetings and so we encourage you to invite friends and colleagues, who may live, work or learn in the St James's or West End wards.

I look forward to meeting you at the Area Forum on the 31st October.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Tim Mitchell
Chairman, West End Area Forum

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Agenda & format

- Surgery Session
6.30-7.00pm** Talk informally with representatives from UK Power Networks about the following schemes:
- Network reinforcements in Argyle Street
 - LH and HV network reinforcements in Carnaby Street
 - New supply to 157/167 Regents Street
- Main meeting
7.00pm** Welcome from the Chairman of the West End Area Forum, Councillor Tim Mitchell.
- 7.10pm** Panel session on the Impact of the Olympics on the West End. The panel will include:
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- 8.15pm** Ward Budgets - Ward councillors will update you on how they have spent their £46,000 ward budget, and ask for your feedback on the projects they have funded.
- 8.30pm** Meeting ends

Council Officers attending the West End Area Forum – 31st October 2011

These Officers will be available to meet with you on a one-to-one basis. Executive Civic Officers will be on hand to help direct your query to the right Officer.

Please note this officer list may be subject to change.

Lead Chief Officer – Martin Low, City Commissioner of Transportation

Adult Services

Jill Britton – Young People’s Commissioning Manager

Benefits

Garry Few – HC/CTB Policy Officer

City West Homes

Rodney Pedroza – Senior Housing Officer

Libraries and Culture

Tony Rice – Customer Services Manager

Parking

Kieran Fitsall – Group Supplier Relationship Manager (Parking Operations)

Sara Sutton – Service Delivery Manager (Parking Services)

Planning

Jo Palmer – Area Planning Officer

Police

Diana Hurd – ORB Safer Neighbourhood Team

Ray Duffy - Strand and Whitehall SBT

Premises Management

Steve Harrison –Operational Director, Premises Management

Tatiana Atanasova – Noise Team

Sport and Leisure

Richard Barker - Operational Director- Sport & Leisure

Street Management

Mark Chalmers – Liaison Officer

Transportation

Dawn Donaldson – Supplier Relationship Manager

David Yeowell - Assistant City Commissioner of Transportation


Youth Services

Mel Goode – Locality Manager

VENUE DETAILS

Broadway House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NQ



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Transport details:



St James's Park (District and Circle)



11, 24, 88, 148, 211, 507



There is limited parking on the surrounding streets.

Access arrangements:



Wheelchair access



There are wheelchair accessible toilets



Lift available to function room



There is an induction loop in the main meeting room.



Please let us know as soon as possible if you require BSL interpreters as these are only booked on request.



Registered assistance dogs are welcome.

Westminster City Council is committed to making this meeting accessible. In order that all attendees can participate fully please let us know about any adjustments you may need and we will do our best to meet your requirements.

If you, or someone you know, would like these details in an alternative format please tell us and we will be happy to provide them.

For these and all other enquiries please contact the Area Forums team on 020 7641 3916 or via email to areaforums@westminster.gov.uk



1. Ward Budgets

Please find below details of all the ward budget projects which have been funded since the last meeting. Ward Members are still considering ideas for this year, if you have any proposals please contact the relevant Officers on the details below.

St James's

Janis Best - email: jbest@westminster.gov.uk – tel: 020 7641 4754

West End

Owen Murray – email: omurray@westminster.gov.uk – tel: 020 7641 3411

St James's

CIAC Information Project

Provider: Chinese Information and Advice Centre; Cost: £8,422

The ward budget will be used to fund telephone enquiries and drop-in services, workshops, information leaflets and marketing of the project – 'Know your Tax Credits and Benefit Rights'.

St Andrew's Minibus

Provider: St Andrew's Club; Cost: £7,500

Ward budget used to replace 20 year old minibus in need of repair with a 4 year old ex-MOD vehicle.

Shelton Street Railings

Provider: Transportation Department; Cost: £1,000

Funding will be used to reinstate the metal guardrail on Shelton Street, eliminating the incidence of vehicles waiting with their engines running on the white zigzag markings of the zebra crossing.

Covent Garden Fountain

Provider: Waste and Parks; Cost: £3,550

Ward budget will be used to return the fountain in Inigo Jones Garden to good working order including installing a glass screen to reduce wind blowing against the fountain.

Improvement Works to Abbey Orchard Estate Blocks A-L

Provider: Peabody; Cost: £6,111

Ward budget will be used to update the security doors at the blocks

Abbey Centre Chair Exercising

Provider: The Abbey Community Association; Cost: £2,655

Ward budget will be used to fund 10 weeks of Chair Exercising sessions delivered from January to March 2012 and a minibus service to transport participants. For more details, please contact The Abbey Community Association on 020 7227 0651.

Abbey Centre Trips

Provider: The Abbey Community Association; Cost: £6,305

Ward budget will be used to fund 3 seasonal trips for older, vulnerable and isolated SW1 residents to three places of interest. For more details, please contact The Abbey Community Association on 020 7227 0651.

Abbey Centre Afternoon Tea

Provider: The Abbey Community Association; Cost: £1,562

Ward budget will be used to fund two 'afternoon teas' arranged between September 2011 and March 2012. The teas will take place in the Wash-House Cafe afternoon, on days when there are several community activities taking place, to give attendees an idea of what is on offer regularly at the centre. For more details, please contact The Abbey Community Association on 020 7227 0651.

West End

Soho Festival Children's Entertainment

Provider: The Soho Society; Cost: £500

Ward budget has funded the children's entertainment for the afternoon consisting of a selection of activities along the lines of the following examples: live music, parrot drawing and prizes, spaghetti eating competition and prizes, alpine horn blowing competition, magic, face painting, clowns and balloons.

Soho BCRP Radio Equipment

Provider: Metropolitan Police/SaferSoho Business Partnership/New West End Company; Cost: £10,000

Ward budget has funded upgrades of the command and control software, which manages communication on the network (Motorola TRBONet) and the purchase of subscriber licences for the existing digital hand portables using the network amongst the business community.

Companionship Programme

Provider: West End Community Trust; Cost: £5,850

The West End Community Trust (WECT) has two main aims - running the West End Time Bank and holding community events. The project works with residents aged over 50 and other isolated or vulnerable residents in the ward. Funding has been provided to keep this project running and this year a Christmas party will be held in December 2011 as well as a seaside trip and tea dance in 2012.

Art-Alive

Provider: Art-Alive; Cost: £9,850

Funding has been agreed to allow Art-Alive, working with partner organisations, to support the rehabilitation process, building a critical bridge from prison into the community and reducing re-offending and homelessness. The project aims to increase the participants understanding of art through various designs, engaging them in a purposeful activity and encourage all participants to collaborate on mutual projects and value the creative potential in them.

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Comments:



2. Impact of the Olympics on the West End

Olympic venues and events

Westminster will host:

Games venues

- Beach volleyball at Horse Guards Parade, St. James's Park and The Mall
- Archery at Lord's Cricket Ground
- Triathlon and marathon swimming competitions in Hyde Park.

Road events

- The Olympic Torch Relay
- Ten road races
- The celebration parade.

Open air sites

- Hyde Park will host a big screen known as a live site, showing coverage of the Olympics. There may also be appearances from athletes
- Trafalgar Square will host the Paralympic live site.

Buildings

- The International Olympic Committee will stay in hotels on Park Lane
- The London Media Centre will be based at One Great George Street
- Eight venues are likely to host National Houses, including Brazil at Somerset House.

Transport

Transport during the 2012 Games is crucial to its success to ensure that residents, businesses, visitors and athletes can get around the city. To ensure that extra pedestrians are safely managed and that athletes get to events on time, Transport for London (TfL) will make temporary changes to Westminster's roads from mid-July to mid-September 2012.

TfL's consultation on temporary Olympic road measures in the south went out for formal consultation on 15th October affecting Marble Arch to Hyde Park Corner, Hyde Park Corner to Victoria St, Green Park to Trafalgar Sq and St. James's Park to Embankment. Information is available at www.tfl.gov.uk/orn

Moving people around the city

Movement Management measures mean that vehicle access to Whitehall, Parliament Street and Charing Cross Road and the Royal Parks will be restricted. This will enable large numbers of pedestrians going to and from the beach volleyball at Horse Guards Parade to spill onto the road safely. At peak times wider areas such as Mayfair, which will be impacted by the up to 85,000 capacity Live Site at Hyde Park, will be subject to restrictions. This will have an impact on parking, access may be restricted and diversions for deliveries may be in place.

Freight

As a result of the road changes we expect an increase in freight between midnight and 6am. To help minimise the impact on residents TfL will roll out a code of conduct for freight carriers and

waste collection companies across London. They are recruiting businesses including retailers and the leisure industry to London boroughs to take part in trials to test the effectiveness of the code. The council is working with TfL to shape the trial.

Licensing

The council does not propose relaxing licensing hours during the Olympic and Paralympic Games as this could disturb local residents and would also reduce the time available for overnight cleansing and deliveries. Licensing applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

Dressing the city

Much of central Westminster and the areas surrounding Olympic and Paralympic venues will be dressed in London 2012 colours. The council is working with the GLA, LOCOG (who are organising the Games) and the Business Improvement Districts to confirm plans to dress the city.

Legacy

- Schools can sign up for the Get Set Network to receive free tickets for one in eight London schoolchildren aged 10-18 for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Ask your schools to sign up at www.getset.london2012.com by 16th December to avoid your children missing out.
- Westminster's Arts and Culture service is awarding grants of up to £2,500 to groups and residents wanting to be part of the Cultural Olympics. This could be events, exhibitions or other culture projects. Visit from mid-November www.westminster.gov.uk/olympics for more information.
- Two residents who have been nominated for an ActiveWestminster award will be put forward as Olympic torch bearers.
- The council has won an Olympic Inspire Mark for 12 community sports programmes – see www.westminster.gov.uk/active
- Many of the public realm and public transport developments linked to the Games will benefit residents and visitors for years to come, for example the new entrance to Green Park tube station.

Contact Details

For further information please contact:

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