

Dear Resident

Thank you to all who were able to attend the recent Marylebone Area Forum and help us make decisions that affect our local area. Your views are important to us, so I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know what we are planning to do in response to your feedback.

If you would like more detail on the workshop discussions and ward budget spending contact our Area Forum Team or visit www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoods

City Management Plan

The City Management Plan Workshop discussed shop fronts and advertisements in detail. Residents were particularly concerned about the introduction of new telephone kiosks within the area. Residents were keen to see tougher policies to prevent the installation of new kiosks in the City Management Plan.

Residents were supportive of proposals to restrict internally illuminated shop signs, and policies to control roller shutters and fully openable shop fronts. Roller shutters on shops remain a problem due to appearance and noise. Residents also requested that policy be introduced regarding the display of street numbers on shop fronts.

All of these issues will be taken into consideration by relevant officers in the Planning team as they draft the new City Management Plan policies.

Street Management Modernisation

The implementation of the Street Management modernisation will see a reduction in the number of street based staff across the City. However there will be an increase in the number of officers with enforcement powers. Each ward will have a dedicated Street Management Officer who will take ownership of longer term issues that impact the ward to help make the streets of Westminster cleaner and safer. Residents and Councillors felt it was important that everyone in the community knew what to expect from the new service and how to report issues and get them resolved. A communication plan will be devised.

Services for older people – your views

Westminster is working to ensure that vulnerable people feel safe and are protected from harm. Karen Clark, Adult Services South Manager, explained how older people's services had changed following the Government White Paper *'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say'* which moved the focus from reactive services to services that offer more choice and independence.

Westminster has changed its services to be more personalised, to enable people to achieve more independence and be in control of their support needs. The workshop looked at how the community and involving people in services can improve health and well being.

£50,000 for your Area – Ward Budget Updates

Bryanston and Dorset Square, Church Street and Marylebone High Street

Councillors are currently deciding how to spend your ward budgets. Suggestions were put forward at the Marylebone Area Forum and further suggestions can be made through the contact details at the bottom of this page.

If you would like to find out about how ward budgets were spent last year, please follow the link www.westminster.gov.uk/wardbudgets

To find out which electoral ward you are in, please visit www.westminster.gov.uk/wardfinder or contact the team.

Your next Marylebone Area Forum

I look forward to welcoming you to the next area forum on Tuesday 19th October, from 6.30-8.30pm at Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, NW1 5PT. If you would like to raise a topic at the next forum, or for further information, please contact the Area Forums team using the contact details on the front page of this letter.



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