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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

Recycling

You asked a number of questions about recycling services including what can and can't be recycled. The key issues you raised about recycling included: the recycling of tetra paks and mixed plastics in the normal household recycling collection, the delivery of a segregated recycling service for paper, the appearance of our on street recycling centres and enforcement against those who put out their recycling on the wrong day or place recyclable materials in the general waste bins. You also expressed interest in new services including food waste and garden waste collection operated by the council.

One resident was concerned that Westminster was not providing enough recycling facilities for the Lisson Green Estate. This issue has been addressed with the resident and the housing estate office.

For full answers to all your questions about recycling services, visit westminster.gov.uk/waste, email recycling@westminster.gov.uk, telephone 020 7641 2000 or write to Recycling Team, Waste and Parks, 8th Floor North, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP.

Licensing

We asked you to contribute to the review of the council licensing policy. You expressed concerns about noise and nuisance from patrons leaving licensed premises and the effect this can have on residents. Officers will consider whether existing policy statements and model conditions applied to licences are sufficient to address these concerns.

A draft revised statement of licensing policy is due to be released for public consultation in June 2010. Full details will be published on the council website at www.westminster.gov.uk

Mayor's Transport Policy

Following publication of the Mayor's Transport Strategy in spring this year, we will begin to develop the Local Implementation Plan (LIP). The LIP will set out Westminster's transport needs over a five year period beginning 2011/12.

Key concerns you raised at the forum included: parking, excessive bus congestion on Oxford Street, poor air quality on Marylebone Road and at Marylebone Station, Sunday Parking controls and the need to better regulate road works. We will ensure that your needs are fully taken into account when work commences on the LIP. For more information contact hbreannan@westminster.gov.uk or acoley@westminster.gov.uk.

Arts and Culture

We discussed arts and cultural events and activities in Westminster and how to find out about them. There was a lot of enthusiasm for the various opportunities that exist in Westminster and

a good awareness of what is available. One common difficulty raised was that a lot of information about events and activities can only be found online and not all residents want to use a computer to get further information.

Westminster Arts is an independent charity supported by the council and is a very good source of information on arts activities in the city. Visit www.westminsterarts.org.uk or call 020 7641 1018 for more information.

The MyWestminster Rescard brochure is published every six months. As well as commercial offers it contains several pages of information on cultural opportunities. There is also a webpage which is updated more frequently.

Westminster maintains one of the largest local authority adult education services through Westminster Adult Education Service (WAES). For information about the range of courses available, and for enrolment details visit www.waes.ac.uk or call 020 7297 7297.

We have sent a letter about the Older People's ticket scheme to residents on the mailing list with details of three concerts offering free tickets. If you would like more information about cultural opportunities in the city please enquire at your local library or call 020 7641 2498.

£100,000 for your Area – Ward Budget Updates

Bryanston and Dorset Square councillors have funded a drama project with the Fourth Feathers youth club and English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes for local residents at Marylebone Library.

Church Street councillors have funded taster sessions for older people in the area, taster sessions for a community choir, planters outside St Paul's Church and an additional family trip on the floating classroom.

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 Wednesday 26th May, 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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