



Seymour Leisure Centre and Marylebone Library

Online meeting – Tuesday 16 March 2021 – 5pm to 6pm

Attendees, meeting summary and actions

Attendees

Councillor Paul Swaddle OBE – Cabinet Member for Finance and Smart City (PS)
Councillor Timothy Barnes – Cabinet Member for Young People and Learning (TB)
Councillor Melvyn Caplan – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for City Management (MC)
Councillor Mark Shearer – Deputy Cabinet Member for Finance and Smart City (MS)

Councillor Karen Scarborough – Marylebone High Street ward (KS)
Councillor Ian Rowley – Marylebone High Street ward (IR)
Councillor Eoghain Murphy – Bryanston and Dorset Square ward (EM)
Councillor Barbara Arzymanow – Bryanston and Dorset Square ward (BA)

Project Team

Claire Nangle – Senior Client Corporate Property (CN)
Dominic Wilde – Senior Development Manager (DW)
Anabel Lopez – Head of Libraries Service Quality (AL)
Anne Stevens – Communications Account Manager (AS)
Jules Vindis – Consultation and Stakeholder Specialist (JV)

Stakeholder/Resident Group representatives

Marylebone Association – Tim Carnegie (TC)
Marylebone Forum – Sarah Buttleman (SB)
St Marylebone Society – Cynthia Poole (CP)
Harrowby District Residents' Association – Amanda Feeney (AF)
Yehui Wu – Marylebone Mums/Dads (YW)
Sheila Dsouza (SD)

Meeting Summary

On 16 March 2021, the council held an update meeting where it was confirmed that the £25m Capital Budget for this project remains unchanged and is secured for the refurbishment of Seymour Leisure Centre-

The approach, however, needs to be adapted to respond to a post-Covid environment and as such we will revisit previous proposals.

The council remains committed to taking this major project forward, which will incorporate a new library and will also provide a better leisure centre and wider services for the local community. The delivery of this project remains a priority for the council and as such is endorsed by three Cabinet Members:

- Councillor Paul Swaddle, Cabinet Member for Finance and Smart City
- Councillor Melvyn Caplan, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for City Management
- Councillor Tim Barnes, Cabinet Member for Young People and Learning



Building upon the hard work undertaken to date, the team will now explore options for the building which we will consult on. Our aim is to start the formal planning process before the end of the year. The new high-level options will explore opportunities and will use residents knowledge and experience to help guide this approach. The overall use of the building will be flexible and provide services that meet the needs of local residents. We will appoint a full professional team that will create an innovative and inspirational design for a newly refurbished and multi-service leisure centre. The focus of the project will be to:

- establish a new, permanent home for Marylebone Library, with multifunctional spaces.
- provide leisure facilities, including large swimming pool with an area set aside for teaching, sports hall, fitness suite (gym) and studios.
- incorporate our cleaner and greener aspirations of becoming a net zero carbon organisation, in line with City for All.
- capture improvements that can be made to the spaces around the building as well as investment in the building.
- ensure the building is fully accessible. As the building will require changes, benefits to the public will need to outweigh any potential harm to its listed status.

Programme Timeline:

- May: Ideas and high-level options from the architect will be available to share with local residents. In parallel we will be procuring the professional team that will create the detailed design options. Stakeholder feedback in May will inform how to proceed to the next phase.
- July: Full consultation from July to December with residents.
- December: Formal planning processes commence.

Working Together/Actions:

Regularity of meetings: to be arranged quarterly.

Confirmed time slot with options of morning/afternoon, early evening. Attendees to cast vote [here](#).

There is a desire to involve a wider audience of residents and service users.