

February 2011

Dear Marylebone and Church Street Area Forum Member

You are warmly invited to the

<p style="text-align: center;">Marylebone and Church Street Area Forum Wednesday 15th February from 6.30pm – 8.15pm Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, NW1 5PT</p>
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Between 6.30pm and 7pm there will be a **Surgery Session** where you can raise individual issues with Council Officers.

There will also be an opportunity during the surgery session to talk to your local Councillors about any matter that concerns you.

Coffee and tea will be available from 6.30pm.

At 7pm there will be a welcome and announcements by myself.

At 7.05pm you will have the opportunity to attend two of the four of the following workshops:

- Community Governance Review and Civic Contract
- Crime Reduction
- Transport during the Olympics
- 'Hot Topic'

The 'hot topic' workshop will be decided by you, so please let us if there is a further local issue you would like to see discussed. Please send your ideas to areaforums@westminster.gov.uk or call Owen Murray on 020 7641 3411 and we will take the most popular option.

At 8pm there will be an opportunity for you to hear from your local councillors about how they have allocated their Neighbourhood Funds and to make further suggestions to them.

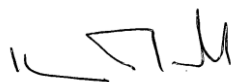
The meeting will close at 8.30pm.

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 Bryanston & Dorset Square, Church Street or Marylebone High Street wards.

I forward to meeting you at the Area Forum on the 15th February.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Harvey Marshall
Chairman, Marylebone and Church Street Area Forum

Marylebone and Church Street Area Forum – 15th February 2012

Agenda & format

Surgery Session Talk informally with a range of key council officers – including
6.30-7.00pm Councillors and department directors – over a drink.

Main meeting Welcome from Cllr Harvey Marshall, Chairman of the Marylebone
7.00pm and Church Street Area Forum

7.05pm **Attend your workshop** – you can attend two of the four 30 minute
workshops.

Workshop topics this evening are:

- Community Governance Review and Civic Contract
- Crime Reduction
- Transport during the Olympics
- 'Hot Topic'

8.05pm Ward discussions with local Councillors in regards to their
Neighbourhood Funds

8.30pm Meeting closes.

Council Officers attending the Marylebone and Church Street Area Forum – 15th February 2012

These Officers will be available to meet with you on a one-to-one basis. The Area Forums Team will be on hand to help direct your query to the right Officer.

Please note this officer list may be subject to change.

Benefits

Garry Few – Benefits Officer

Parking

Sara Sutton – Service Delivery Manager: Parking Services

Planning

Mike Walton – Assistant Team Leader

Youth Services

Sue Jenkins – North East LYPS Service Manager

Licensing

Deidre Hayes – Service Manager Environmental Health Consultation & Licensing

Sport and Leisure

Andrew Durrant – Head of Westminster Sports Unit

Street Management

Dean Ingledew – Operational Director Street Management

Robert McRae – Westminster Warden, Church Street

Jorden Oldham – Westminster Warden, Marylebone High Street

Libraries

Tony Rice – Customer Services Manager

Environmental Health

George Bindra – Environmental Health Enforcement Officer

Noise

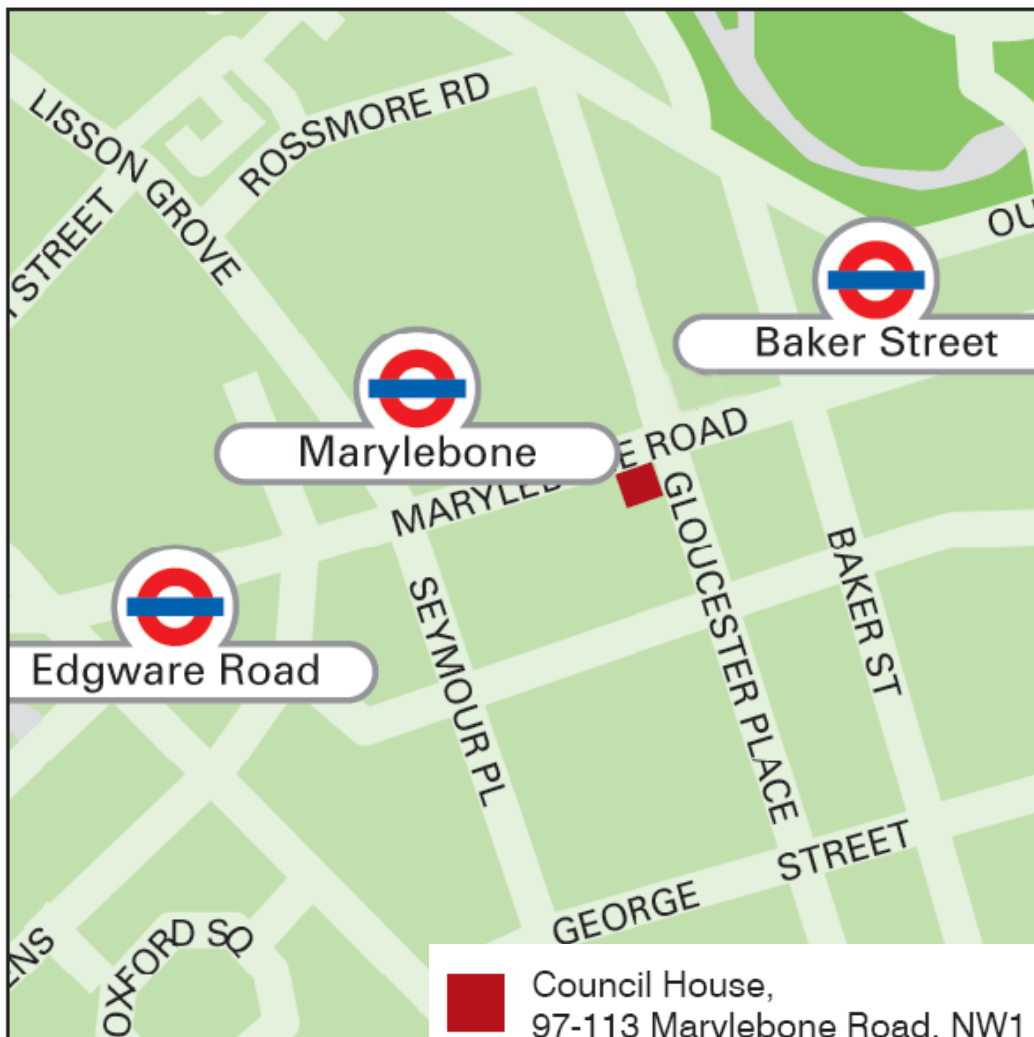
Mike Peters – Environmental Health Officer


Transportation

Sally Keiller – Group Contract and Performance Manager

VENUE DETAILS

Council House, 97-113 Marylebone Road, NW1 5PT



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(The main meeting will begin in the
reception room on the first floor)



Buses: 2, 13, 30, 74, 82, 113, 139, 189, 274



**Baker Street (Bakerloo, Jubilee, Metropolitan,
Hammersmith & City Lines)**

Marylebone (Bakerloo line and National Rail)

**Edgware Road (Bakerloo, Hammersmith & City, Circle
and District lines)**



**There is limited meter and pay & display parking on the
surrounding streets.**

Access arrangements:



Wheelchair access to the ground floor of Council House is via a side entrance. Please contact us in advance if you wish to use this and we can assist you. Access to the reception room is by lift from the ground floor.



Lift available to function room on the first floor.



There is level access on the first floor to the wheelchair accessible toilet.



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



Workshop Briefs:

1. Ward Budgets Update

Please find below details of the projects which Ward Members have funded this year, Ward Members are still considering new ideas for this year, if you have any proposals please contact the officer below:

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

Bryanston and Dorset Square

Begging education campaign for Edgware Road

Provider – Westminster Street Management Team; Contribution £2,641.80

Contribution towards campaign ran in the lead up to Christmas on Edgware Road discouraging aggressive begging and advising those who wish to give to beggars to do so through recognised charities. This was joint funded with the Hyde Park ward and Westminster City Council's Neighbourhood Crime Reduction Problem Solving Fund.

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Church Street

Mattresses and feeding chair

Provider: London Early Years Foundation; Cost: £800

Funding was provided for a new feeding chair and mattresses at the Luton Road nursery.

Christmas Pantomime Trip

Provider: DreamArts; Cost: £2,100

Funding allowed 90 pupils from Gateway school and 120 pupils from Christ Church Bentinck school to see production of 1001 Arabian Nights at The Cockpit Theatre. In addition to seeing the performance, pupils took part in workshops with the actors to explore the themes.

October Half Term Activities

Provider: Marylebone Bangladesh Society; Cost: £730.00

Funding enabled Marylebone Bangladesh Society to provide activities over October half term including: Riot & vandal workshop, Healthy Living workshop, Photo & Video Editing workshop, Ice Skating, Go Karting and a Cinema trip.

TARA newsletter 2011-2012

Provider: T.A.R.A. (Tenants and Residents Association Lisson Green); Cost: £750

Contribution towards printing costs for 12 months for the TARA newsletter.

Fourth Feathers Children's Christmas Party

Provider: Fourth Feathers ; Cost: £300

Contribution towards hosting of a three hour Christmas part for children in Church Street ward helping to cover cost of Christmas dinner, party games and prize draw.

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Marylebone High Street

Installation of Hanging Baskets

Provider: Parks; Cost: £34,852.49

The ward budget continues to fund the installation of hanging baskets at locations throughout the ward.



2. Community Governance Review and Civic Contract

Community Governance Review

Following the receipt of a valid petition to establish a Community (Urban Parish) Council in Queen's Park, the City Council resolved to conduct a Community Governance Review of Westminster.

The review is considering how the council can closely work with local communities, and in particular will make recommendations as to:

- whether or not to establish new parishes;
- the electoral arrangements of any new parish council; and
- whether or not to introduce any new community governance arrangements other than those relating to parishes and parish councils

The City Council is undertaking a period of public consultation from Monday 14th November, until 3rd February, to enable residents and interested organisations to submit their views in relation to Community Governance.

Until the 3rd February you are still able to contribute to the formal consultation by viewing the document at

http://www3.westminster.gov.uk/Newdocstores/publications_store/governance/wcc_community_governance_review_consultation_document.pdf

Whilst the formal consultation period will have ended by the time of this Forum, the City Council will still be able to listen to your views and ensure they are included in the final report. This workshop will also enable the Council to report back on any key findings from the initial consultation period.

For more information please contact Tom Kimber on tkimber@westminster.gov.uk or 020 7641 3478

Civic Contract

Westminster City Council has launched a consultation paper that sets out a new vision for the running of the city and how public services will be delivered. At its heart lies civic responsibility, the idea that everyone who lives, visits or works in the city can contribute to making it a successful place.

The paper sets out the council's ambitious response to the challenges currently facing local government, including growing financial pressures, working with limited resources and coping with high levels of unemployment, whilst seizing the opportunities presented by the new Localism Act to enable communities to genuinely take responsibility for their areas.

The Civic Contract outlines new ideas for residents, businesses and communities in managing the city and delivering public services, and in doing so creates a potential model for the future of local public service delivery across the country.

We think that a new civic contract should be guided by three principles:

First: responsibility - those that live, work or visit the city should take responsibility for their actions and behaviours.

Second: fairness - the days of something for nothing are over. We believe that everyone should contribute to what they receive whether paying for the services that they receive or becoming part of their local community. We also think it's fair to support the most vulnerable in our city but this will mean that we will need to take different decisions with the limited resources we have.

Third: opportunity - we believe that those with an interest in Westminster should work together to provide opportunities for those that live here.

This document is out for public consultation which is taking place between 12th December 2011 and 10th February 2012. Whilst the formal consultation period will have ended by the time of this Forum, the City Council will still be able to listen to your views and ensure they are included in the final report. The Council will then set out a programme of work to take forward these ideas in early March 2012. You can review the document here

http://www3.westminster.gov.uk/Newdocstores/publications_store/governance/wcc_policy_review_dec2011_aw3_revised.pdf.

For more information please contact Simon Gartshore on sgartshore@westminster.gov.uk or 020 7641 2799, or visit the website at

<http://www.westminster.gov.uk/services/councilgovernmentanddemocracy/civic-contract/>

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3. Coordinated Crime Reduction in Marylebone

What do we mean by “Coordinated Crime Reduction?”

Coordinated Crime Reduction is the process by which several organisations, both voluntary and non-voluntary, work in partnership to raise awareness of and address issues relating to crime in a specific area. The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act established Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) legislating that a multi-agency approach is necessary to tackle crime reduction.

What organisations are involved?

In the Marylebone area the local police Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) work closely with Westminster City Council to share information on the victims of crime, the offenders of crime and the location of crimes. This allows the partnership to proactively prevent crime before it happens by raising awareness within communities and making it harder for criminals to re-offend. Other partners include housing providers and the youth offending team. Key to the functionality of “Coordinated Crime Reduction” is the wide variety of voluntary groups that feed information into the partnership. Such groups include ward panels and neighbourhood watch committees who crucially inform both the police and Westminster City Council of the types of crime that are most worrying to members of their communities. This allows the partnerships as a whole to direct resources into issues that are of the most concern to residents.

What sort of issues does the partnership tackle?

Such issues may include Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) where people living in an area can be alarmed, distressed or harassed by the actions of those that live or travel through their local community. Anti-Social behaviour can take on many forms and can include graffiti, street drinking, rowdy or yobbish behaviour and drug buying or dealing on the street. The partnership currently tackles ASB by highlighting problematic individuals and then monitoring them for prolonged periods of times until such behaviour is stopped. One such method is the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group (ASBAG) where the police will refer an individual to the group and other partners (such as housing providers and probation workers) will monitor the actions of the individual should a case for enforcement be required.

The partnership also tackles issues such burglary where the police or local authority will highlight to housing providers areas of weakness and proactively remind residents that burglary does happen in the area by distributing crime prevention material.

In addition to the above over the past year the partnership has also addressed issues relating to robbery, motor vehicle crime, theft and begging.

- 1). How well do you think the partnership responds to issues raised by local residents?
- 2). Do you think the partnership could improve the way it feeds back results to the wider community?
- 3). How do you think the partnership could increase its level of engagement with the local community?

For further information please contact: Serena Simon-Ellison, Neighbourhood Crime Reduction Officer on 020 7641 8601 or ssimonellison@westminster.gov.uk

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4. Transport During the Olympics

Officers from Transport for London (TfL) , London Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG) and Westminster City Council will be running a workshop on transport during the Olympics and taking any questions you have on this. A more detailed brief will be available on the night.

Please use the form below for any comments you wish to make on this information or questions you would like to raise if you are not able to attend the meeting

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