

Emergency Services

The Council collaborates with the London Ambulance Service (LAS), London Fire Brigade (LFB) and Metropolitan Police Service (MET) to deliver emergency services across London. In Westminster, the Safer Westminster Partnership (SWP) is the statutory Community Safety Partnership (CSP). The SWP's primary goal is to foster cooperation among responsible authorities to reduce crime and disorder in the borough.

Planned Projects

Ambulance

The London Ambulance Service (LAS) currently comprises two stations in Westminster. The main station is in the south of the city, and a large satellite station is located in the north. Twelve ambulance assets are deployed from these at any one time. Both stations have been identified as being at or over capacity for the number of assets deployed, with mild to moderate overcrowding.

No planned provision has been identified. However, the LAS Estates Strategy is currently under review and may include additional Westminster-specific infrastructure requirements. This Draft IDP and future iterations will be updated to reflect emerging infrastructure needs.

Ambulance	
Category	**Details**
Lead	Westminster Group is the NHS London Ambulance Service (LAS) business unit for service delivery in Westminster.
Current Provision	Twelve ambulance assets can be deployed at any one time from two stations within the city. The main station is in the south at 53 Causton St, London SW1V and there is a large satellite station in St John's Wood at Lyons Pl, London NW8 8NL..
Known Planned Provision	The LAS 2018 - 2023 Strategy[1] identifies how the service will manage the increasing demand for ambulance services in London until 2023. The LAS faces increasing demand for urgent and emergency care for many factors, including the growing population, the ageing population, the increasing number of people critically ill and how patients access the health system.
Future Needs	The LAS is reviewing the LAS Estates Strategy, which may include Westminster-specific infrastructure requirements. This Draft IDP will be updated to reflect emerging infrastructure needs.
Funding	Primary care trusts fund ambulance services.

[1] https://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/about-us/our-plans-for-the-future/2018-2023-strategy/

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Fire and Rescue

The London Fire Brigade (LFB) comprises two 24-hour stations in Westminster (Soho Fire Station and Paddington Fire Station). Known planned provision includes development projects to upgrade utilities (shifting from gas to electric) at both stations. These upgrades align with Carbon Net Zero goals and are estimated to require budgets of £390,000 for Paddington Station and £360,000 for Soho Station, pending ability to obtain funding.

Fire & Rescue Services	
Category	**Details**
Lead	London Fire Brigade
Current Provision	Soho Fire Station and Paddington Fire Stations operate 24-hours a day. Soho has three engines and Paddington has two engines and an aerial appliance.
Known Planned Provision	The Community Risk Management Plan 2023 – 2029 outlines necessary interventions for delivering the LFB's prevention, risk management, and emergency response services. These include development projects to upgrade utilities (shifting from gas to electric) at Paddington and Soho stations. These upgrades align with Carbon Net Zero goals and are estimated to require budgets of £390,000 for Paddington Station and £360,000 for Soho Station, pending ability to obtain and approve funding.
Future Needs	A new LFB Estates Strategy is expected in 2024, which will identify future development plans for fire and rescue infrastructure in and any potential Local Plan impacts. This Draft IDP will be updated to reflect these.
Funding	A total LFB budget funding gap of £750,000 has been identified for known planned provision.

Police

The MET provide local policing teams across the borough and has a central police station in the West End, Charing Cross Police Station, which operates 24 hours a day. Planned provision includes developments to neighbourhood policing bases and new infrastructure to support additional police officers servicing the borough, such as office accommodation. The British Transport police also provide a policing service through the borough, at each of the Network Rail train stations and on TfL's network.

Police	
Category	**Details**
Lead	London Metropolitan Police Service (the Met) delivers policing in Westminster. It reports to the Metropolitan Police Authority. Frontline policing is provided by the West Central Basic Command Unit, which has teams including Response, Safer Neighbourhoods, Local Investigations, and Risk and Demand.
Current Provision	Services provided are localised, with policing teams located across the city. The central police station is Charing Cross Police Station, which operates 24 hours a day.
Known Planned Provision	Known planned provision identified through consultation with the Met includes developments to neighbourhood policing bases and new infrastructure to support additional police officers servicing the borough, such as office accommodation. Planning need for this provision is linked to proposed levels of development, particularly residential, over the City Plan period and the associated need for additional policing infrastructure. This development is subject to obtaining funding through new or alternative sources.
Future Needs	A long-awaited London Estates Strategy will confirm future development plans and associated costs (which are not yet known) for policing infrastructure and any potential Local Plan impacts. If published in time, this strategy will be incorporated into the adopted published IDP, or if not then it will be captured as part of the annual review.

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Funding	As with policing across the country, the Met is primarily funded with Home Office grants, and additional funding comes from council tax and business rates. The estates strategy is expected to demonstrate how a more efficient use of resources and spaces will free up some property for sale and/or redevelopment, with profits to be returned to operational and other costs.

Schedule									
Prioritisation	**Programme / Strategic project**	**Location/s**	**Description**	**Provider**	**Estimated WCC cost**	**Phasing (Start)**	**Phasing (End)**	**Timescale**	**Total Funding gap**
Crucial	Retained/ reprovided British Transport Police use	Grosvenor Sidings	Reprovision/retaining the partial use at the site for the British Transport police as identified in the City Plan Partial Review Site Allocations	Network Rail/ British Transport Police	None	2028	2032	Medium	
Essential	Neighbourhood police bases	Borough-wide	Neighbourhood policing bases, including floorspace provided at peppercorn rents and contributions towards the cost of fit out.	Metropolitan Police Service				Short - medium	