



WLB CEO Update

August 2018

Dear colleague,

What a summer it has been, from the heatwave to the milestone for West London's economy of [Heathrow expansion securing parliamentary support](#).

In this issue of *CEO Update* you can read Lai Wah Co's commentary following the publication of the latest Bank of England Inflation report. Bill Jest from WLB-member Wem Technology explores key considerations for business' migrating IT to the cloud. In 'Member News' you will see how WLB members are working on the frontiers of healthcare delivery (vdoc), intelligent mobility (Brompton Electric) and blockchain (Beond/ Zero Carbon Project).

At West London Business the team have spent August continuing our work on key policy issues from skills to fast broadband, as well as setting up a packed programme of high quality events for the Autumn, including the AGM and Leaders' Reception at Fullers Griffin Brewery.

As always, if there are issues you would like us to engage on, please get in touch.

Andrew Dakers

Chief Executive



Local news bites

Troy Planning + Design has been appointed to assist the West London Alliance in assessing the draft London Plan's proposals to increase the delivery of housing on 'small sites' and introduce specific targets for this type of development. The consultant team would be extremely grateful if you could complete an online survey regarding small development sites. [More >>](#)

Brent Council is organising a one day business event on Mon 8 October to provide opportunities for large companies and organisations to find new, local suppliers keen to win your business. The Brent Council Meet the Buyer programme is part of the Council's work to support economic growth and development of Brent SMEs by providing them with opportunities to engage with their local supply chain. [More >>](#)

West London Property Network launches

West London Business has launched the West London Property Network as an optional bolt-on to your membership package. Tailored for the needs of property & construction sector businesses, access to the network will offer you easy registration and maximum ROI from participating in all three property lunches, to a premium event such as Urban Golf, and our MIPIM Cannes Landing Dinner! [More >>](#)

Latest Bank of England Inflation Report – August 2018



It's been a summer to remember. A heatwave turned London into a sunshine city, and the economy took a symbolic step towards normality with interest rates rising to their highest level since 2009.

Member news

Brentford FC enters partnership with vdoc

WLB members Brentford FC & vdoc have announced a partnership for the 2018/19 season. Although primarily a business to business model, vdoc will be offering Brentford supporters the opportunity to have the service as a

The Bank of England's Lai Wah Co examines what factors prompted the Bank of England to increase rates.

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Attend the WLB AGM at the Fuller's Hock Cellar - 20 September



Members of West London Business are kindly invited to attend our AGM; which will take place as part of our Business Leaders at the Fuller's Hock Cellar gathering at Fuller's Brewery on Thursday 20 September at 6pm.

The Hock Cellar gathering itself will follow from 6.30pm and is one of the highlights in the West London Business events calendar. With over 100 businesses attending, your ticket includes Fuller's award-winning beers and a buffet dinner.

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feature of the partnership.

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Brompton Electric is here - West London produced e-bikes hit the market

Brompton Electric has been featured in *Wired*, *Expert Reviews* and *GQ*. For its entry into the electric bike market, Brompton teamed up with Williams Advanced Engineering to develop a motor befitting the needs of an urban commuter.

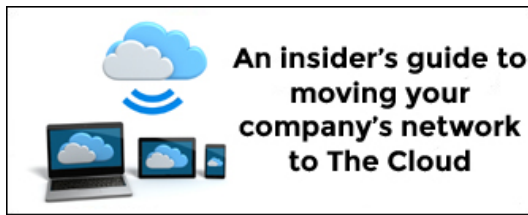
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Beond launch Zero Carbon Project trial in West London

The 'Zero Carbon Project' market will officially launch in the UK in October, but the team is offering an early trial to energy consumers who are members or supporters of West London Business.

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