



WLB CEO Update

December 2019

Dear colleague,

Although 2019 has been a challenging year in UK politics, with many unanswered questions confronting local leaders, West London's economy remains buoyant – and so it should as [the world's most connected place](#).



At West London Business [we've also welcomed two additional members to the team](#) since my last update - Ceara Roopchand joining as Policy Advisor and Tianqi Li developing the CleanTech programme Better Futures in West London.

This Autumn two reports launched (see below), one scoping the future development vision for the sub-region (from the West London Alliance) and the second set out the private and public sector leadership required if we are to seize the emerging opportunities (from London First/ WSP). West London Business provided extensive input to both projects and I would encourage you to have a read.

Looking ahead to 2020, WLB will remain focussed on ensuring West London remains globally economically competitive and working with partners to [deliver our local contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#). All of this, in tandem with our wide ranging day-to-day support to members.

Enjoy the break and, on behalf of all the team at WLB, I wish you a prosperous New Year.

Andrew Dakers
Chief Executive

New reports point to future West London opportunities

Winning in the New Economy

This White Paper sets out how in West London the WLA boroughs will work together and with others to lead the way at making sustainable and inclusive growth real.

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This study is a call to action for public and private sector leaders to continue to raise their game – focussing on critical success factors from attracting patient capital to ensuring land ownership issues are resolvable.

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West London Business Awards 2020 - Shortlist announced!



[The shortlist has been announced for the WLB Awards 2020](#) - join [the ceremony and gala dinner on Friday 7 February 2020](#) to celebrate the very best of business in our area.

Policy watch

Member news

The Bank of England's latest update reveals the rationale of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to hold interest rates at 0.75%. The MPC has also updated its forecast for economic growth and inflation to reflect the details of the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration agreed with the EU.

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The most recent release of Apprenticeship and Levy Statistics has reported an increase of 4.7% in apprenticeship starts in 2018/19 to 393,400 compared to the previous year. However, this increase continues to be dwarfed by pre-levy starts which accounted for 509,400 starts in 2015/16.

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Brent Council is consulting on its budget for the next three years. A big part of setting the budget involves talking to the people who live and work in the borough about their views on a range of proposals. A survey is now available about what services are the most important to local people, businesses and other key stakeholders so the best decisions can be taken about where to make savings and which services to prioritise.

[Read the proposals and give your views >>](#)

Business support

The London Progression Collaboration is building a movement of businesses committed to investing in their employees' skills. They offer a fully funded business support service to employers to increase investment in apprenticeships, to facilitate the levy transfer process and enable SMEs to access apprenticeships successfully, and to establish a knowledge sharing network.

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Would you like to take part in a free review of your project management capabilities? The Association for Project Management (APM) is the Chartered body for

Moore Kingston Smith signs Time to Change Pledge at special 3rd birthday celebration

The Heathrow team of Moore Kingston Smith recently celebrated three years in the Old Vinyl Factory and decided to host a special birthday event as a way of marking the occasion.

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Every Month is Cybersecurity Awareness Month with Timeless IMS

Cyber Security Awareness Month reminds us of a category of crime that continues to inflict taxpayers and companies with damages amounting to billions annually.

Staying updated on the latest attack types and prevention techniques is the only way to future-proof your organisation.

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Make ibis Styles London Ealing your destination for stays and meetings!

The ibis Styles London Ealing boasts a prime location in the heart of West London, known as the Queen of Suburbs as it provides a welcome combination of greenery

project professionals leading the way in setting and maintaining a universally high standard for the profession.

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Fresh Minds for Business is a not-for profit student-based consultancy programme that is provided by students and supported by experienced consultants from the University of West London's Claude Littner Business School. The initiative delivers projects to business as well as non-business clients from a wide range of industries and sectors.

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Kickstart your new business year with the power of PR



Louise Ray-Hill, a PR expert with more than 15 years industry experience, is offering a free drop-in session to help you kick start – or reinvigorate – your PR strategy. From explaining what makes a story newsworthy to tips on how to target specific press, Louise can steer you in the right direction.

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and historic buildings, as well as an excellent shopping scene.

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Is your business prepared for misbehaviour at workplace Christmas parties?

Christmas parties provide a memorable way to celebrate the year and thank staff. But if not managed carefully, fuelled by alcohol, they are notorious for serious HR issues including sexual harassment and fighting.

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An advertisement for allinklusive. The top half features a grid of Marilyn Monroe portraits. The left side shows several black and white, high-contrast, grainy versions of her face. The right side shows a vibrant, colorful version of her face, repeated in a grid pattern with a yellow background and pink and blue accents. Below the grid, the text reads: "Your Printing Problem" on the left, "allinklusive." in the center with a colorful logo, and "Our Total Solution" on the right. At the bottom left is the URL "https://allinklusive.co.uk" and at the bottom right is the phone number "+44 (0)33 0323 0653".

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