



Brent

**SUPPLEMENTARY -
SUMMONS TO ATTEND COUNCIL
MEETING**

Monday 19 September 2016 at 7.00 pm
Conference Hall - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
Wembley, HA9 0FJ

To the Mayor and Councillors of the London Borough of Brent and to each and every one of them.

I hereby summon you to attend the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough.

CAROLYN DOWNS
Chief Executive

Dated: Friday 9 September 2016

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**Questions from Member of the Public
Full Council – 19 September 2016**

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Sent: 30 August 2016 17:07
To: Committee
Subject: Ask a councillor a question

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am living in a flat of two bedrooms since 2006, when I had one child now I have three kids and I am eligible for three bedrooms but rent for three bedrooms is very high and most importantly the landlords are not excepting housing benefit, me and my husband with three kids are overcrowded in this property and are desperately looking for three bedrooms how can Brent council help us?

I would be looking forward for your answer

Regards

Response from the Cabinet Member for Housing

Dear resident,

Thank you for your enquiry.

The Council will consider overcrowding where applicants are lacking 2 or more bedrooms than they require, in line with the bedroom standards. As you are currently residing in a two, but need a three, bedroom property and therefore lack one bed, your application does not attract any priority on the grounds of overcrowding.

If you are currently renting in the private sector, in order to alleviate your current overcrowding issue you may wish to consider moving to a three bedroom property in the private sector. As you rightly point out, you may find that rents in Brent and London are expensive and unaffordable so you will need to consider moving out of the area. For a comprehensive advice and assistance on how you can achieve this and indeed any other housing options available to you, please contact our Housing Options Service on 0208 9372000 and select option 3 when prompted.

	<p>Alternatively, if you are a social housing tenant (your landlord is Brent Council or a Housing Association), you may wish to contact them directly. You will find their details on the tenancy agreement.</p> <p>I hope this is of some help to you.</p>
<p>Sent: 23 August 2016 20:58 To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>Hello Sir / Madame Not sure if this question relates to your concern. I am resident at XXX Bovingdon avenue for 30 years. The middle of this road has been seems to have been totally ignored from repair. The top & the bottom part has been done long time back. The mid part is very bad, I have problems coming out of my drive as no tarmac left on the road . I will be very grateful if this can be pointed out to right department.</p> <p>Regards...</p>	<p>Response from the Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>Thank you for your question about the condition of the road on Bovingdon Avenue, specifically the middle section.</p> <p>Every year, officers assess the highway network to determine its current condition, using condition surveys carried out by independent consultants. They then take account of a range of factors to define relative priorities for maintenance. This includes how the road is used, e.g. Whether it is near a school or college and the risk of accidents, including statistics about accidents and collisions.</p> <p>In recent years, the council has experienced sever funding cuts and this means that we're not able to maintain our roads in the way we would like to. Bovingdon Avenue is not included in this year's programme, but condition surveys are taking place at the moment and Bovingdon Avenue will be considered, along with all roads, for inclusion in our 17/18 resurfacing programme.</p> <p>I want to make sure that our inspectors understand your concerns and if it would be helpful for one of the team to visit you to take a look at the section of road with you, please get in touch with Tony Kennedy: Tony.kennedy@brent.gov.uk And he will be pleased to organise this.</p> <p>Regards, Cllr Southwood Cabinet Member, Environment</p>

<p>Sent: 20 August 2016 3:50 PM To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>My wife, aged 81, has in the last month tripped and fell in both Brondesbury and Victoria Roads. The pavements are very uneven with many broken pavement stones and are a hazard for all ages. When is something going to be done to rectify this dangerous situation?</p>	<p>Response from the Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>I am very sorry to hear about your wife's recent falls. As I'm sure you're aware, sever cuts to our budget mean that we're not able to keep our roads and pavements in the condition we would like to. However, I'm committed to doing everything we can to make our borough safe for everyone.</p> <p>I have instructed officers to visit both of these roads and inform our contractor of any defects that meet intervention level and should therefore be considered for repair. We categorise defects as high, medium and low priority and high priority defects are repaired within 7 days. Due to our financial constraints, we're only able to repair a small percentage of medium defects (less than 10%) and low priority defects are noted for future monitoring.</p> <p>If there are any specific defects that you would like us to consider for repair, which aren't currently marked with white paint, please forward specific locations and a description (i.e. "broken slab in footway outside number 4 Park Lane") to Transportation@brent.gov.uk.</p> <p>Regards Cllr Southwood Cabinet Member, Environment</p>
<p>Sent: 19 August 2016 9:16 PM To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>Hi my name is XXX and I live in XX Mitchellbrook way nw10 8pd I've been complaining about my bathroom for the last 5 years and it hasn't been changed since I moved in which was 16 years ago. It is in such a bad state. Do I not have the right for it to be changed as I have been a resident for a long time?</p>	<p>Response from the Cabinet Member for Housing</p> <p>Thank you for contacting Brent Council with your question. You do not have a right for your bathroom to be changed by virtue of the length of time you have lived in your home, unless this is stated in the tenancy agreement.</p> <p>"However, your landlord (Genesis Housing Association) should keep the property in good repair. If your bathroom is in poor condition we advise you to make a formal complaint to Genesis. Complaints can be made on their website, by email, letter, phone, fax or in person. The email address is complaints@genesisha.org.uk.</p> <p>"If you are still unhappy once the complaint has reached the final stage Genesis' procedure, you can ask a designated person to refer the matter</p>

	<p>the Housing Ombudsman. Further details are in Genesis' Comments, Complaints and Compliments Policy on their website."</p>
<p>Sent: 19 August 2016 6:20 PM To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>Hi my councillor Ernest have been extremely supportive with my concern of flipping in and around Alric avenue.</p> <p>I would like to Brent's plan to tackle this problem in Brent.</p> <p>I love where I live but as many more homes are been Let the standards has really declined.</p> <p>I think there should be cameras I wonder how much money is been spent on contractors who respond very quickly.</p> <p>I just want the flipping to stop please be more robust about this.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you</p> <p>Regards XXX</p>	<p>Response from the Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>Thank you for your question about the challenges of tackling rubbish that is illegally dumped on our streets. I've provided some information on what the council is doing on this issue and would be very happy to meet with you to see what more we can do around Alric Avenue.</p> <p>Like many other areas, Brent has a significant and increasing problem with illegal rubbish dumping.</p> <p>Tackling this is a priority for us and over the past year we have put in place a plan for improving things. In fact, the Council's Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee met only a fortnight ago, to review progress against this plan, which includes 26 detailed actions. These actions include improved communications and education, closer working with the business and private rented sectors, improved and more robust enforcement and- most importantly- a much greater level of community engagement on the issue of rubbish dumping; and whilst there is still much to do, some good progress has already been made.</p> <p>The Council operates an Enviro-Crime Enforcement team to detect, investigate and take enforcement action against any evidenced reports of waste crime and we work closely with local residents and traders, to ensure that any intelligence they pass on is fully investigated and- where possible- results in enforcement action. To support the work of the in house team, in June the Council also embarked on a 12-month trial of uniformed litter patrols using a specialist company to target know litter and fly-tipping hot-spots and issue on-the-spot fines to anyone caught in the act of littering or dumping. The effectiveness of this scheme will be fully reviewed later this year but early indications are that it is already having an impact.</p> <p>The Council's 'Love Where you Live' campaign is also proving extremely effective, encouraging residents to take direct action by reporting any illegally dumped rubbish they see via the 'Cleaner Brent App', and working with the Council to generate a greater sense of civic pride and 'ownership'</p>

	<p>of the issues among their local community through community clean-up and litter picking days, for example.</p> <p>There is clearly still much more to do though. Our streets are coming under increasing pressure and we rely on everyone to do their bit, particularly as some people continue to show a lack of respect for their neighbours and our environment by dumping rubbish on our streets.</p> <p>The best hope we have of making a positive change is by working in partnership with residents, like yourself, who clearly care about where they live. I know that there are long-standing issues in the Alric Avenue, Bruce Road, Selwyn Road and Hazeldean Road areas, and our Environmental Improvement team has this area on its forward plan for surveillance. The team would also be very happy to meet with you on site to discuss the issues, and their plans for tackling them. If you would like to arrange this, please contact our Head of Environmental Improvement, Robert Anderton, at Robert.anderton@brent.gov.uk, or on 020 8937 5001, and he'll be happy to help.</p> <p>Thank you again for your question.</p> <p>Regards Cllr Southwood Cabinet Member, Environment</p>
<p>Sent: 19 August 2016 5:31 PM To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>Dear sir/Madam</p> <p>I am just <i>wondering</i> about when I will be get council flat I am single father and applied two times online but council said I am a single person and I am not entitled to get flat living in Brent since last 12 years working full time and not claiming any benefits and I can afford council flat privately rent is very high that's why considering council property.</p> <p>I am 41 years old in this system in my life I don't think so I will get it.</p>	<p>Response from the Cabinet Member for Housing</p> <p>Dear resident,</p> <p>Thank you for your enquiry.</p> <p>As I understand it, you are a single applicant who has placed your name on the Council's Housing Register. You also have three children but they reside with their mum at a different address to yours.</p> <p>I am afraid that under current Council Policy and housing legislation, children can only be included in a housing application with their main carer. This is the parent/guardian that the children live with for the majority of the time, as a guide this is usually for more than four days per week. It usually</p>

Please help me out what should I do. I have three children they are living with their mum and I'm living in one single room and I can't accommodate for night stay.

Please arrange appointment are give me suggestions to sort it out this problem.

Best regards
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means that the applicant is in receipt of child benefit, tax credits and we will take into consideration both parents' housing arrangements to ensure that one property has adequate accommodation for the children.

Your application can therefore be assessed as a single applicant. The Council is required to assess your application and advise you of the outcome of that assessment. If you disagree with the Council's decision you have a right to ask for a review. Reviews will be carried out by a Senior member of staff at the London Borough of Brent or delegated to an appropriate officer who was not involved in the original decision.

If you need to see an officer in person, please contact the Council's Rehousing Team on 02089372000 and select option 1 when prompted. Applications are assessed by officers based on an alpha split so you can get the name of your rehousing officer when you call and give them your name.

I hope you find this helpful.

**Questions from the Opposition and other Non-Cabinet Members.
Full Council – 19 September 2016**

<p>1. Question to the Cabinet Member for Environment from Councillor Ms Carol Shaw, Brondesbury Park</p> <p>Will the lead member inform residents living on Chamberlayne Road and All Souls Avenue , NW10- who have suffered serious frequent ongoing floods - who is responsible for sorting out the damage from these floods?</p> <p>Brent Council are responsible for the road gullies and Thames Water are responsible for the underground pipes, and they are passing responsibility for flood damage on to each other. Meanwhile residents suffer - so could Thames Water and Brent Council sort this matter out before the next serious flood damage?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Thank you for raising this concern. Whilst the Council has received very few complaints from residents of Chamberlayne Road and All Souls Road regarding flooding, I agree that clear processes and accountabilities are vital for protecting residents from the real damage that flooding can cause.</p> <p>When notified of flooding issues officers have acted in accordance of their duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and their role as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), to investigate and provide support and guidance. Our Flood Risk Strategy is available on our website and sets out our obligations.</p> <p>I have set out below the situation with regards the 2 specific roads you mention, which I hope provides assurance that we have taken appropriate action in both cases.</p> <p><u>Chamberlayne Road, London, NW10</u></p> <p>Officers first received a complaint of flooding from the resident of 238 Chamberlayne Road in September 2014. A site visit established the flooding was likely to be due to insufficient capacity in the sewer system during periods of heavy rainfall resulting in surcharge from the road gullies at the front of the property, and a manhole chamber located at the rear of the property. The public sewer is the responsibility of Thames Water and officers informed Thames Water in September 2014 of the ongoing issue.</p> <p>Thames Water commissioned a detailed sewer network survey of the property in February 2015. The survey identified few items of concern and also recommended</p>
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some mitigation measures to be carried out by Mr Ashar. Thames Water survey identified irregular connection between foul and surface water sewer. The diversion public sewer has been carried out without Thames Water permission. Thames Water concluded that they will not be carrying out any further investigations.

Officers received no further correspondence with the resident until September 2016 via a copy email to Thames Water reporting further flooding in June 2016. As a precautionary measure, we inspected and cleaned all gullies in Chamberlayne Road and no operational problems were identified. We also provided the resident with sand bags and offered advice of how to protect his property against flooding.

Thames Water carried out an investigation of their sewer network including CCTV survey and they indicated that there was a minor structural defect in 225mm diameter surface water sewer, which was re-lined. No major defects were encountered and Thames Water concluded that the flooding is likely to be due to inadequate capacity. We have provided sand bags to the resident and offered advice on flood defence measures.

Whilst it was established that this is not the Council's responsibility, we have been in regular communications with the resident and local Councillor and offered advice in our role as a Lead Local Flood Authority. This included information about the Government's £5K Repair and Renew grant for properties affected by flooding between 1st December 2013 to 31st March 2014 but unfortunately evidence of flooding was not provided by Mr Ashar for the period which was eligible for the grant.

All Souls Avenue, NW10'

Reports of flooding to the rear of 170 to 184 All Souls Avenue was first reported in April 2016. A site investigation established that the five gullies in this area were blocked and covered with leaves. Our contractor attended site on 7th May and cleaned the gullies. A further report of flooding was received on 13 May and our contractor attended the same day to pump out the water and clear the gullies. During this visit it was established that the gullies were not working efficiently with the probable cause being a defected pipe. Officers therefore arrange for a CCTV investigation of the pipes and also provided local residents with sand bags.

A CCTV survey was carried out on 14th July and the survey identified a collapsed pipe. An instruction was subsequently given to our contractor to repair the pipe and replace the existing small gullies with larger gully pots along with the installation of additional drainage to prevent surface water flowing towards the rear of the properties. The work commenced on 5th September and will be completed by 16th September. I sincerely hope this will improve the situation.

	<p>In summary, as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) we have a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, to investigate all reported flooding incidents and also to prepare a Flood Risk Strategy. As part of the Flood Risk Strategy, it is our duty to investigate all flooding incidents and identify sources of flooding and liaise with appropriate Flood Risk Authorities. I hope this information gives you confidence that we have fulfilled our legislative duties that we have acted responsibly and investigated the two flooding incidents to the extent that we consider necessary and appropriate, in accordance with S19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.</p> <p>Regards Cllr Eleanor Southwood Cabinet Member, Environment</p>
<p>2. Question to the Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills, Regeneration and Growth from Councillor Shafique Choudhary, Barnhill</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills, Regeneration and Growth explain what impact Brexit has had upon businesses in Brent?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Thank you Cllr Choudhary</p> <p>The impact of Brexit is still unclear for businesses in Brent and their representative bodies.</p> <p>This is largely due to the lack of clarity of the future deal Britain will achieve with Europe.</p> <p>There are signs of recruitment contracting significantly in the short term. For example, a snap poll following Brexit of the Institute of Directors suggested a quarter of firms were temporarily freezing recruitment. Also the Manpower Employment Outlook Survey suggested that employers in 6 out of 9 sectors surveyed are less optimistic about adding jobs in the wake of the Brexit vote, a survey has found. Financial services, construction and utilities reported the biggest falls in confidence.</p> <p>Most alarmingly, given the demographics of Brent, there is uncertainty regarding the status of EU nationals who form an integral part of the existing workforce and business lobby groups are seeking more clarity from government.</p> <p>I will be working closely with West London Business and the West London Economic Prosperity Board to drive a collaborative approach to ensuring as much confidence and support amongst local businesses as possible during this period as well as for EU nationals currently living and working in Brent.</p>

<p>3. Question to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Tom Miller, Willesden Green</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People outline what the Council is doing to support learning for children at GCSE and A-Level age?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Secondary school leaders have the responsibility for supporting the learning of children at GCSE and A Level not the council. The head teacher is held accountable for the quality of outcomes at GCSE and A Level by their governing boards. 13 of Brent's 15 secondary schools are academies (including one free school) and two are voluntary aided maintained faith schools. Academies are directly accountable to the Regional Schools Commissioner.</p> <p>Brent Council officers monitor the quality of outcomes for all schools and where there are concerns will raise them with the head teacher and where appropriate for academies with the academy trust or the Regional Schools Commissioner. For the two maintained schools this may involve intervention through a council led Rapid Improvement Group which monitors the impact of a school's improvement plan.</p> <p>To support secondary schools to improve the quality of provision for all children across Brent, there is a 14-19 Partnership which meets once a term to look at the overall outcomes for children in Brent and to share best practice for supporting their improvement.</p>
<p>4. Question to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities from Councillor Mary Daly, Sudbury</p> <p>Given that London's Labour Mayor has pledged to have two police officers in every London ward, could the Cabinet Member for Community Safety outline what steps he is taking to ensure that each Ward in Brent gets two dedicated police officers as quickly as possible?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>There are a huge number of competing priorities for Police time - but nothing is more important than a visible Police presence, offering reassurance in the community.</p> <p>So Sadiq Khan's commitment to two dedicated Police Officers in each ward is extremely welcome.</p> <p>I met with the Deputy Mayor for Policing, Sophie Linden, last week and emphasised the need to roll out these new Officers as soon as possible. The Mayor has committed to ensure that all wards will have two Officers by the end of 2017 - with the most disadvantaged wards receiving a second officer by January 2017. Locally this means additional officers by January for Tokyngton, Barnhill, Mapesbury and Queensbury - with more to follow.</p> <p>When I met the Deputy Mayor I also emphasised the importance of retaining local Police Officers. Local policing should be built upon mutual trust and respect, so it is vital that Officers are based in the same ward long enough to establish strong ties with that community.</p>

	<p>Lest we forget, a year ago the previous Mayor of London was proposing to cut all Police Community Support Officers in London. It is refreshing to finally have a Mayor who understands the incredible importance of the bobby on the beat.</p>
<p>5. Question to the Cabinet Member for Housing from Councillor Janice Long, Dudden Hill</p> <p>Bob Blackman MP has proposed The Homelessness Reduction Bill which is second on the private members list and is supported by homeless charities and landlord associations.</p> <p>What are the implications for Brent Council if it becomes law?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Background</p> <p>Following the introduction of legislation by the Welsh Assembly imposing a homelessness prevention duty on local authorities, there has been speculation that an English equivalent would be included in the Housing and Planning Act. This did not happen and the government indicated that, while they looked favourably on the idea, the impact of the Welsh legislation would be assessed before taking it further. This approach has now been pre-empted by the introduction of the Private Members' Homelessness Reduction Bill by Bob Blackman MP. This followed publication of a report by the Communities and Local Government Committee, of which Mr Blackman is a member, which was critical of local authorities' work with homeless people.</p> <p>Main Features of the Bill</p> <p>To a large extent, the Bill picks up on elements of good practice in homelessness prevention at the local authority level. In summary, it proposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That anyone threatened with homelessness within 56 days (rather than 28) should receive assistance. • A duty to provide advice, with greater clarity about what that advice should comprise • A mandatory Code of Practice, with compliance monitored • A duty to assess and provide a "personal housing plan" • A duty to prevent homelessness • A duty to help to secure accommodation, running for up to 56 days and subject to other conditions but not to provide accommodation unless there is a priority need • A duty to provide accommodation for up to 56 days if a non-priority applicant has nowhere safe to stay. <p>Implications</p> <p>The Bill has attracted wide support from homelessness organisations. Local authorities and representative bodies have welcomed the underlying intentions of the Bill but have raised a number of concerns and these are relevant for Brent.</p> <p>Brent already has a strong focus on homelessness prevention and the Temporary Accommodation Reform Plan anticipates many aspects of the proposed prevention</p>

duty, including earlier intervention. Engagement around the review of the Housing Strategy has stressed the need to extend this approach to non-priority applicants. The Bill aims to ensure a consistent application of this kind of approach across all authorities and this is welcome in principle. However, the Bill as it stands has less welcome implications.

Responses from the LGA and individual authorities have described the Bill as unworkable in its present form. Unless there is a commitment to provide councils with the necessary resources, the vast majority will struggle to provide the level of advice and support services envisaged. In particular, concerns have been raised over the duty to provide accommodation to non-priority applicants for 56 days where they have no safe place to stay. Although it is not explicit in the Bill, this proposal is aimed primarily at rough sleepers, responding to the significant growth in rough sleeping that has been seen in many areas including Brent. As it stands, local authorities would struggle to meet the revenue costs of such provision and there is a lack of suitable specialised accommodation that would almost certainly mean excessive reliance on expensive and inappropriate options such as bed and breakfast.

Opponents of the Bill have also argued that it addresses the symptoms rather than the causes and that government should instead reconsider some elements of welfare reform, particularly Housing Benefit caps (the government has announced that these will not now apply to supported housing, which is a helpful concession in this context), and focus on addressing housing supply.

More generally, there are a number of areas in which the wording of the Bill is open to wide interpretation – for example, the meaning of no safe place to stay – leaving scope for legal challenge that could add to the complexity and cost of implementation.


It is not possible to provide an accurate estimate of potential costs but DCLG have said that they will publish an estimate shortly. So far, the government have given no indication that additional financial support would be made available. The Minister has expressed sympathy with the aims of the Bill and the CLG Committee are currently considering evidence as part of their scrutiny of the proposals. At this stage, it is not possible to predict the outcome with any certainty prior to the second reading in October but it seems likely that government will either consider amendments or revert to their original position that the Welsh experience would be assessed after a reasonable period before English legislation is introduced.

<p>6. Question to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities from Councillor Matt Kelcher, Kensal Green</p> <p>What can the Cabinet Member for Community Safety do to ensure that CCTV deployed in Brent meets community needs and the priorities of members in each ward?</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Kelcher and the other Members of his Committee for their excellent work on CCTV. This is a hugely important service which we very much hope to enhance in the near future.</p> <p>I meet regularly with Officers from the Community Safety Team to review priorities and to pass on concerns from Councillors and members of the public. However very strict rules govern the deployment of CCTV cameras.</p> <p>This is overwhelmingly positive because it rules out any kind of preferential treatment and ensures that the sole criteria for locating a camera is the amount of crime and antisocial behaviour which has been reported in that area. This evidence is reviewed by the Local Joint Action Group which brings together key stakeholders - further guaranteeing transparency in decision-making.</p> <p>However these rules can also be restrictive, particularly regarding brand new facilities where it is difficult to provide evidence of a track record of antisocial behaviour. I have therefore asked legal officers to review legislation to ensure that we can respond as flexibly as possible to newly emerging challenges.</p> <p>I will continue to work hard to ensure that CCTV cameras are deployed in the right places across the Borough. However all Members also have a vital role to play by working in their communities and encouraging residents to report all crime and all antisocial behaviour. More than anything else it is this evidence-base which will ensure that cameras are located where they are most needed.</p>
<p>7. Question to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities from Councillor Reg Colwill, Kenton</p> <p>The residents of the Preston Ward have done a fantastic job in keeping the library active and working to make sure that all the residents have access to books in a very professional manner.</p> <p>Will the Council now honour what they told the residents that is that they would give them the library to continue their good work?</p> <p>If yes, the Committee running the library would like to know when.</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Preston Community Library have done an absolutely superb job in keeping a library running in extremely difficult circumstances. They have delivered a truly inclusive range of exceptional activities and have brought the whole community together.</p> <p>I would make the small point that although many of the Library volunteers are indeed Preston residents, many others live in Barnhill and surrounding wards - they all deserve immense credit.</p> <p>We plan to redevelop the Preston Library building to provide new housing, however these plans will also incorporate high quality new community space. Cabinet felt that</p>

	<p>the published report paving the way for this redevelopment did not sufficiently recognise the excellent work of the Preston Community Library, nor did it do enough to pledge ongoing support for that library.</p> <p>Consequently Cabinet committed to take three months to work with Preston Community Library, as well as the community libraries in Cricklewood, Kensal Rise and Barham Park, to develop a new Community Library Strategy over and above which the Council has a duty to provide. In addition to broader issues, this strategy will directly address access to the new Preston Library building.</p> <p>Cabinet has also stated a very clear preference that both the tender process and the rental level for the new community space at the redeveloped building should be clearly weighted towards social value, rather than financial value.</p> <p>All four Brent community libraries are extremely important partners of the Brent Library Service. We are grateful for their excellent work and look forward to working with them to develop an exciting new strategy to assist in securing the long term future of each library.</p>
<p>8. Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Joshua Mitchell Murray, Northwick Park</p> <p>Given the potentially punitive upcoming boundary changes, what representations will the Leader of the Council make to ensure Brent residents are properly represented on any future constituency map</p>	<p>Response:</p> <p>Thank you Cllr Murray.</p> <p>On the face of it, this is a Tory hijack of Democracy. Brent's Constituencies, under these initial proposals, are being carved up.</p> <p>I agree with the Electoral Reform Society –areas like Brent are being worst hit.</p> <p>This review – based on registered voters – and not the population – is an insult to democracy, and the people of Brent.</p> <p>Young people, ethnic minorities, and those living in the private rented sector are less likely to register to vote than others.</p> <p>Despite the work carried out by the Council - inspired by the Scrutiny review into IER - Brent, by the sheer nature of its population, will be punished if these plans go ahead.</p> <p>I would encourage everyone, residents, and members to get involved in the consultation process.</p>

Come to the Brent Connects meetings, make your views known at the public hearings, and have input at our Member Briefing session so that all our voices are heard and we influence the final proposals.

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 Brent	<p style="text-align: center;">Full Council 19 September 2016</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships</p>
For Action	Wards Affected: ALL
<p>Update report from the Chair of Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Councillor Ketan Sheth</p>	

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the activities carried out by the council's Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Standing Order 14. The report covers the period from 18 May to present, and details its work programme, visits and engagement, committee discussion and training.

2.0 Detail

2.1 Work programme 2016/17

The development of the annual work programme has allowed the committee to map out and plan its activities and work for the municipal year 2016/17. It has also built in enough capacity to ensure there is the flexibility to respond to events as they arise and space for issues that Brent's residents may suggest.

On 28 June 2016, a member-led workshop developed a work programme for 2016/17 with input from officers from Brent Council and Brent Clinical Commissioning Group. This was done by filtering items according to the new criteria for scrutiny and deciding what subjects or ideas would be appropriate for a task group report and what would be appropriate for a committee report.

The 2016/17 work programme is in Appendix A.

Members should note that the committee had made sure pre-decision scrutiny of Cabinet decisions is threaded through the work programme. It includes reports on Brent Housing Partnership, Sustainability and Transformation Plan, Community Libraries Strategy and Air Quality Plan, which will be discussed by Cabinet. This ensures scrutiny plays a role in policy development by allowing discussion to happen at a stage before a formal decision is taken by Cabinet.

In 2016/17, there will be scrutiny task groups covering:

- Signs of Safety
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Children's oral health.

These time-limited task groups will include a small group of councillors and be led by a member of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

2.2 **Engagement and visits**

The Community and Wellbeing committee is committed to improving scrutiny by carrying out visits outside of formal committee meetings. This allows members to see at first-hand how services are delivered, speak to officers and most importantly speak with service users and residents about those services. Visits complement the discussion which takes place at committee meetings, and accounts of the visits are also written up in a standing report to the committee so that there is publicly available information about what members have done.

So far, the committee members have made a number of visits, including:

- 11 August 2016, Landlord licensing raids in Kingsbury
- 12 September 2016, Willow House in Wembley
- 16 September 2016, Brent Housing Partnership services.

Members of the committee will also be organising more visits this year. In November, Councillor Sheth will be visiting the Northwick Park Hospital A&E department with Dr Ethie Kong, Chair of Brent Clinical Commissioning Group.

As part of engagement with residents, the Chair of Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Councillor Sheth and a Scrutiny Officer also attended a number of Brent Connects area forums to do a presentation about scrutiny. The purpose was to explain to residents the new dual scrutiny committee structure which was agreed by Full Council in March 2016, and the role of scrutiny within the local authority more generally, which is sometimes not fully understood. Interaction with residents at those meetings was good – and lively at times – and residents were given the opportunity to put forward their ideas.

Area forums attended by the chair included:

- 21 June, Brent Connects Willesden
- 22 June, Brent Connects Kenton and Kingsbury
- 13 July, Brent Connects Wembley.
- 14 July, Brent Connects Kilburn

Also, special mention should be given to a meeting of Brent Youth Parliament at the civic centre on 30 July attended by Councillor Sheth and a Scrutiny Officer to do a presentation on Scrutiny. Young people asked about scrutiny

and said what it meant to them and put over ideas about what they thought the committee should be looking at. It's important to note that Brent Youth Parliament has observer status on the committee and the chair is committed to giving them a more active role at meetings to ensure the voices of young people can be heard in discussions.

Councillor Sheth would also like to attend the same area forums and youth parliament in 2017 to give a six-month update about his committee's activities.

Also, as part of Local Democracy Week 2016, the chair will be hosting a Scrutiny Café at coffee shop in central Wembley on 14 October. The café allows residents to meet with the chair face-to-face and suggest ideas for scrutiny. It also takes scrutiny out of the formal atmosphere of the civic centre. In addition, scrutiny has been making use of social media to enhance its accountability and transparency. The committee has been using Twitter to update residents about what it's been doing and to engage with organisations.

Finally, the committee has built links with members elsewhere in London who are involved in scrutiny in their local authorities through the London Scrutiny Network. Councillor Sheth attended a meeting of the network at Haringey Civic Centre on 8 July which discussed health and social care integration.

2.3 **Training**

On 26 May the scrutiny committee's members took part in training on their role in accordance to the governance of the council, as well as to outline the legal and statutory function of scrutiny with regard to both the council and other public service providers. The session also covered local accountability. Ed Hammond, from the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), led the training, which highlighted the important role that scrutiny plays within local democracy.

On 11 October Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) will be doing more training with members on effective skills for scrutiny, which will include an introduction to questioning skills, making recommendations and influencing techniques. All the co-opted members of the committee have been invited to attend this training.

2.4 **Committee Meetings**

The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has held one meeting so far this municipal year on 20 July, which heard reports on landlord licensing, Brent's ethical lettings agency and the scrutiny task group report on Brent's housing associations, which was chaired and led by Councillor Tom Miller.

Scrutiny members heard that Brent has three landlord licensing schemes: additional, selective and mandatory. A report was presented by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Strategic Director for Community Wellbeing, Operational Director Housing and Culture, and the Private Sector Licensing Manager, and there were supplementary questions from scrutiny members about licensing. It was clear to scrutiny members that landlord licensing has varied widely in its effectiveness. Selective licensing in the three wards where selective licensing was introduced has been the most successful and the number of properties

licensed has actually exceeded the initial estimates of the number which would require a licence.

Additional licensing had been the least effective as so far as 1,304 properties had been licensed out of an estimated 16,000 needing a licence under the scheme. Members also asked for more information about the raids by officers to properties which are suspected of being in breach of the local authority's licencing scheme. From the evidence and testimony at the committee, eight recommendations were made to Cabinet. But perhaps the most important of these recommendations made by the committee was that Cabinet should seek to expand the selective licensing scheme across all 21 wards in Brent.

Officers and the Cabinet member also updated the committee on the Ethical Lettings Agency which in 2015 the council had asked Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) to lead on establishing. The report explained that the proposal had not been viewed as viable by BHP, but that a number of other projects had been brought forward. It was now intended to wait for details of a London-wide letting agency being developed by the Mayor of London.

Committee made four recommendations to Cabinet about the scheme and noted its concern that a project which the Cabinet had committed to introducing a year or so ago had still not been implemented by 2016. Members of the committee recommended that officers explore the possibility of a pan-London or sub-regional ethical lettings agency within the public sector on a not-for-profit basis, as one of its four recommendations to Cabinet.

A task group report was presented by Councillor Miller on Brent's housing associations. This was a timely piece of work because of the changes which housing associations will face as a result of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016. They will have major implications for how the local authority works with housing associations in the future. All of the 19 recommendations were agreed, with some amendments, and will be put to the Cabinet. The Chair would like to thank Councillor Miller for his work in this important area.

Brent is also takes part and contributes to the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The last meeting took place in early May before the new committee was established and the next is scheduled for October at which it will be looking at other aspects of Shaping A Healthier Future.

Members should note that the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee regards the work outside of committee meetings as highly important because it gives scrutiny the ability to respond to events as they happen. As such, Councillor Sheth wrote to North West London Healthcare NHS Trust about its Quality Accounts 2015/16, and to Brent Clinical Commissioning Group about the future of the Brent Sickle Cell and Advice Support Service.

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APPENDIX A

Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2016-17 20 July 2016

Agenda	Item	Objectives for scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Brent Council/Partner organisations
1.	Impact of the selective and additional landlord licensing schemes	Post-decision scrutiny on implementation of the landlord licensing schemes and impact on improving standards in private rented sector.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Cabinet Member for Housing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing. Jon Lloyd-Owen, Operational Director Housing and Culture Spencer Randolph, Head of Private Housing Services.
2.	Task Group report on Brent's housing associations	To discuss and agree report from Cllr Tom Miller's task group about housing associations in Brent.	Cllr Tom Miller Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing. Jon Lloyd-Owen, Operational Director Housing and Culture
3.	Update report on the implementation of an Ethical Lettings Agency	Post-decision scrutiny on implementing Ethical Lettings Agency agreed by Cabinet in July 2015.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing. Jon Lloyd-Owen, Operational Director Housing and Culture
4.	Scrutiny 2015-16 annual report	To agree Scrutiny's annual report.	Cllr Matt Kelcher Chair Scrutiny Committee	Peter Gadsdon, Director Performance Policy and Partnerships
5.	Scrutiny 2016-17 work programme	To agree Scrutiny committee's work programme for 2016-17.	Cllr Ketan Sheth Chair Scrutiny Committee	Peter Gadsdon, Director Performance Policy and Partnerships

*Items involving school education. ** Items which may involve partnership work with schools.

20 September 2016

Agenda	Item	Objectives for scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Brent Council/Partner organisations
1.	New Accommodation for Independent Living (NAIL) project	Scrutiny review of progress of NAIL scheme to date against its 2016/17 targets. *Members' visit to Victoria Court, Wembley on 12 September.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing.
**2.	Task Group Signs of Safety	Agree task group scoping paper and TOR.	Cllr Wilhelmina Mitchell-Murray, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People
3.	Sustainability and Transformation Plan	Scrutiny review of progress of STP.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Sarah Mansuralli, Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Rob Larkman, Chief Officer, BHH
4.	Co-opted members on Scrutiny	To set out the role of co-opted members on Community and Wellbeing scrutiny committee.	Cllr Ketan Sheth, Chair of Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny	Pascoe Sawyers, Head of Strategy and Partnerships.
5.	Work programme 2016/17 update	To note changes to the work programme and wider scrutiny activity	Cllr Ketan Sheth, Chair of Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny	Pascoe Sawyers, Head of Strategy and Partnerships

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23 November 2016

Agenda	Item	Objectives for scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Brent Council/Partner organisations
1.	NHS estate in Brent	Evaluate impact of changes by NHS Property Services	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Jake Roe, NHS Property Services Sue Hardy, Head of Strategic Estate Development Brent, Harrow, Hillingdon and Ealing CCGs
**2.	Brent Local Safeguarding Children's Board	Receive 2015-16 annual report. Additional paper on safeguarding children.	Cllr Wilhelmina Mitchell- Murray, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Mike Howard, Independent Chair Brent LSCB
**3.	Task Group report Signs of Safety	Receive task group report on Signs of Safety	Cllr Wilhelmina Mitchell- Murray, Cabinet Member Children and Young People Task group chair	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People
**4.	Task Group scoping paper CAMHS	To agree the scoping paper for CAMHS task group and TOR.	Task group chair	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People Brent CCG

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1 February 2017

Agenda	Item	Objectives for scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Brent Council/Partner organisations
1.	Community Pharmacies	Assess impact on community pharmacies of recent changes by central government.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	NHS England Local Pharmaceutical Committee
2.	Brent Safeguarding Adults Board	Receive 2015-16 annual report Additional paper on safeguarding adults	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Michael Preston-Shoot, Chair Brent ASB
3.	Air quality and public health	Evaluation of air quality and public health.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Dr Melanie Smith, Director of Public Health Brent CCG
**4.	Task Group report CAMHS	Receive report from task group and discuss recommendations for Cabinet.	Cllr Wilhelmina Mitchell-Murray Task group chair	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People
**5.	Task group scoping paper children's oral health	Agree scoping paper for task group and TOR	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing Task group chair	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing

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29 March 2017

Agenda	Item	Objectives for scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Brent Council/Partner organisations
*1.	School Annual Standards and Achievement report	Receive report. Examine reasons for underachievement in Brent's schools among particular groups.	Cllr Wilhelmina Mitchell-Murray, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People
*2.	Special educational needs (SEN)	Update and evaluation of SEN provision.	Cllr Wilhelmina Mitchell-Murray, Cabinet Member Children and Young People	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People
3.	Task Group report on extended GP services	Update on implementation of recommendations from September 2015.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Brent CCG Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing

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9 May 2017

Agenda Rank	Item	Objectives for scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Brent Council/Partner organisations
1.	Brent's community libraries	Community libraries and draft cultural strategy.	Cllr Michael Pavey, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing. Jon Lloyd-Owen, Operational Director Housing and Culture
2.	Primary Care Transformation	Review implications of primary care transformation for Brent	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Brent CCG
**3.	Task group report children's oral health	Receive report from task group and discuss recommendations for Cabinet.	Task group chair Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Dr Melanie Smith Director of Public Health

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Full Council
19 September 2016

**Report from Director of Policy,
Performance and Partnerships**

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

**Report from the Chair of the Resources and Public Realm
Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Matt Kelcher**

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the work carried out by the Council's Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Standing Order 14. The report covers the period from 18th May 2016 to present detailing committee members, planned training, programme of work and items discussed during the committee meetings.

2.0 Detail

2.1 *Scrutiny Committees*

In February 2016 Full Council approved the adoption of a new model for the Council's statutory scrutiny function and associated activities. On the 18 May 2016 the council moved to a model of two scrutiny committees, which meets six times per year. This structure replaced the single scrutiny committee model had been in place since May 2014. The intention of the new Scrutiny model is to enable more in-depth scrutiny of key issues with a more strategic approach to planning the scrutiny work programme to support the achievement of the council's corporate aims and priorities. Scrutiny activities will focus on these issues where scrutiny can add value and improve outcomes through their interventions.

The scrutiny function has two scrutiny committees; The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee. Across the new structure there would be a total of 12 scrutiny meetings held during the municipal year, six per committee. This model will have the advantage of a more integrated approach within each committee to scrutiny of thematic and related policy and services issues. A more coherent work programme will give more opportunity for members to develop expertise across services and hold detailed discussions.

Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

This committee covers corporate resources, (including Customer Services, Policy, Partnerships and Performance, Procurement and IT) as well as regeneration, regulatory services, environment, transport and community safety. The committee is composed of eight elected members (seven from the Labour Group and one opposition group member which is consistent with current political balance arrangements).

2.2 *Training*

On the 26 May 2016 the Scrutiny Committee received Member Development training “Effective Scrutiny” lead by the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS). The purpose of this session was to brief Members on their role on the Scrutiny Committee in accordance to the governance of the Council, as well as to outline the legal and statutory function of Scrutiny with regard to both the council and other public service providers. The session also covered the important community engagement aspect of Scrutiny activities and creating local accountability. The second section of the training provided an introduction to scrutiny questioning skills and influencing techniques.

Members are scheduled to attend a further CfPS Scrutiny Member development session on the 11 October 2016.

2.3 *Programme Planning*

The processes of agreeing the annual work programme for the Resources and Public Realm Committee has been greatly improved this year with workshops organised for Scrutiny Members and Strategic Directors to design a relevant, focused and strategic annual work programme. The programme was agreed at the committee’s first meeting and will be kept under constant review through discussion between the committee Chair, Strategic Directors and the Head of Strategy and Partnerships. The forward plan has been reviewed at each meeting of the Resources & Public Realm scrutiny committee and CMT is also reviewing the work programme at their regular meetings.

A copy of the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Forward plan is attached (Appendix 1)

2.4 *Committee Meetings*

Since its formation the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee has held 2 meetings. These meetings were under the chairmanship of Councillor Matt Kelcher. A summary of all the meetings is as follows:

On 12 July 2016, the committee received the following reports:

Development Management Policies

The Planning Policy and Projects Manager introduced the report which reminded the committee that on 16 January 2016 Full Council approved submission of the draft Development Management Policies Development Plan Document to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. Having taken account of all the representations, both in writing and at the Hearing, the Inspector advised the council to consult on proposed main modifications.

Members questioned ways of including in DMP 14 requirements for infrastructure provision at an early stage of housing development or at pre-planning stage, the definition of affordability in terms of housing and whether

the levels were realistic, particularly for existing residents, and what were the mechanisms in place to reach the maximum target of 50% of housing in a major development to be affordable. Members also raised queries regarding the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) and the Mayor 2 month consultation. Member also requested that OPDC a representative of the OPDC attend the committee as part of the Council's Planning Strategy.

Task Group on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106

The task group chair introducing the task group report, advised that the review was concerned with the CIL and S106 policies, engagement both with communities and members, funding collection and allocation. The committee commended the work and commitment of the Sudbury local residents, asked how lessons learned could be communicated to other areas through Brent Connects and workshops and it was suggested that a route map be prepared and circulated.

The committee discussed the former ward working funding as an alternative vehicle and were reminded that CIL had the advantage of being for the entire ward instead of for successful community group bidders. The committee agreed that the recommendations made by the task group be approved and the development of an action plan across the council and partner organisations to take these forward.

Brent Council's financial position

The Heads of Finance presented the current context of the council's financial position. The committee heard about local government sources of income, the likelihood of future reductions, Brent's financial position as at February 2016, budget savings previously agreed, further savings required, and the impact of Council Tax changes and also new legislation.

Members in discussion raised questions on the increasing Council Tax base and the impact on collection rates, the effect of business rate devolution on new services, the protection of existing services and how schools could protect special educational needs provision from forthcoming Dedicated Schools Grant restrictions proposed under the review of the national funding formula.

Annual Scrutiny Report 2015-16

The Chair of the Resources and Public Realm Committee and previous Chair of the Scrutiny Committee Cllr Matt Kelcher presented the Annual Scrutiny Report. The Annual Scrutiny report is a summary of the work conducted by the Scrutiny function throughout the year. This includes task group work, questions and decisions made by the committee. The 2015-16 report also provides an outline of the programme of work and task groups planned for the upcoming scrutiny year 2016-17.

The committee received the Annual Scrutiny report which summarised the work conducted by the Scrutiny function throughout the year, including task group work, questions and decisions made by the committee. The 2015-16 report also provided an outline of the programme of work and task groups planned for the upcoming scrutiny year 2016-17.

On 6 September 2016, the committee received the following reports:

The Council's Planning Strategy/OPDC

The Planning Policy and Projects Manager introduced the report which provided update on council's planning strategy and development of the local plan going forward. The current strategy is based on core strategy and its five key areas. It was explained that there service had been working hard delivering significant housing. There was some discussion about making sure that all areas of the borough are included in development plans. It was also mentioned that the local plan needs updating, as the council stands the chance of increasingly losing planning appeals and developments. A representative from the OPDC gave a presentation on the development plans.

Members requested that scrutiny look at the use of CPOs by council to acquire land to support development of housing to meet housing need. Members also requested an update from the committee following quarterly meeting with Cabinet Member for Housing in relation to the recommendations from the scrutiny task group regarding work with housing associations. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Growth, Employment & Skills also agreed to meet with OPDC representative to discuss how surrounding areas can benefit from Section 106 funds.

Brent Road Resurfacing Strategy

The report was presented by the Head of Highways and Infrastructure. It was explained that the council experienced a high demand from residents in a challenging financial climate. It was stated that most of these were short term measures and last year budget found £200,000 to target worst areas, in this budget further £2 million to accelerate road repairs, included patching. Members have been extensively involved in looking at priorities for action.

Members queried the quality of the works carried out and how do we ensure that we will not have the same problems reoccurring. Member also raised the issue of damage caused to pavements by local businesses and to roads by TFL. Members asked about how works were priorities and how this was communicated to residents. Members requested that the Committee to be provided with performance data for 6 month period regarding timeliness for contractor's performance for highway repair. Officers to test FAQs and automated responses with community groups

Update on the implementation of recommendations from the CCTV Scrutiny Task Group

The Head of Community Protection presented the report and gave an update of the progress made against each of the 21 recommendation the task group had made. Members queried if the council could achieve more from S106 or CIL money and working closely with other partners and housing providers. Members also suggested working closely with schools and open days to educate about CCTV. It was agreed that the Community safety team would explore viability of CCTV open day and report back to scrutiny. It was also agreed that Officers would explore the potential for capital investment

Update on the implementation of recommendations from the Fly Tipping Scrutiny Task Group

The Head of Environmental Improvement presented the update report to the committee stating that there has been some issues arise, such as the Pilot with kingdom. It was stated that the pilot is going well, but that it is still early days, the council is encouraging Kingdom to focus on both simple litter

offences but trying to move them into more localised issues such as palm spitting. It was also explained that there is a need focus on working with landlords much more. There is also a service review to address what has become an unsustainable bulky waste collection process.

Members queried using other social media and creating a cross council database of community groups. Members also discussed ensuring that literature is in simple language that residents can understand. Members also wanted to know what communication and outreach Veolia carry out on a monthly basis.

The Committee has received one task group report, with a second to be received at the 8 November Scrutiny Committee:

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 (received at the 12 July committee meeting)
- Devolution of Business Rates (will be heard at the 8 November committee meeting)

2.5 *Upcoming Scrutiny Meetings and Activities*

The next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for 8 November and will have considered:

- Income Generation – How the council can improve income generation, a look at income generation across departments
- Update on Community Access Strategy*/Customer Care & Access - A report looking at how accessible Council services are to our customers and residents
- Devolution of Business Rates Task Group – Report on the task groups findings and recommendations made.
- Brent's High Streets - A review of various issues impacting on the performance of high streets in Brent
- Annual Report on Complaints 2015/16 – A review of the complaints services work and performance in 2015-16

Both Scrutiny committees will be taking part in Local Democracy week and each committee chair will be holding a Scrutiny Café. These will be taking place in local Cafés where residents can drop by and discuss issues (within the committee's remit) that concerns them.

The Chair of the Committee can add an oral report on any issues arising.

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Appendix 1

Resources and Public Realm Committee Draft Forward Plan 2016/17

This committee will cover corporate resources, including customer services, policy, partnerships and performance, community safety, regeneration and environmental services.

Date of Committee	Agenda items	Responsible officers
15 June 2016	Workshop to agree work programme for 2016-17	Peter Gadsdon, Director of Performance, Policy and Partnerships
12 July 2016	<p>Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny committee 2016-17 Forward Plan</p> <p>Development Management Policies</p> <p>Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16</p> <p>Strategic overview of the Council's financial position</p> <p>S106/ Community Infrastructure Levy Scrutiny Task group report.</p>	<p>Cllr Kelcher, Chair of the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p> <p>Peter Gadsdon, Director of Performance, Policy and Partnerships.</p> <p>Althea Loderick, Strategic Director of Resources</p> <p>Cllr Farah, Chair of the Scrutiny Task Group</p>
6 September 2016	<p>Brent Road Resurfacing Strategy</p> <p>The Council's Planning Strategy</p> <p>Update on implementation of recommendations from CCTV scrutiny task Group.</p>	<p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p> <p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p> <p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p>

	<p>Update on implementation of recommendations from Illegal rubbish dumping task group.</p> <p>Task Group Scope Devolution of Business Rates Task Group</p>	<p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p> <p>Cllr Davidson Chair of the Task Group</p>
8 November 2016	<p>Income Generation</p> <p>Update on Community Access Strategy*/Customer Care & Access</p> <p>Devolution of Business Rates Task Group</p> <p>Brent's High Streets</p> <p>Annual Report on Complaints 2015/16</p>	<p>Althea Loderick, Strategic Director of Resources</p> <p>Althea Loderick, Strategic Director of Resources</p> <p>Cllr Davidson Chair of the Task Group</p> <p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.</p> <p>Peter Gadsdon, Director of Performance, Policy and Partnerships</p>
10 January 2017	<p>Budget Scrutiny Report</p> <p>Capital programme</p> <p>Brent Council Investment Strategy</p>	<p>Chair of the Budget Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Althea Loderick, Strategic Director of Resources</p> <p>Althea Loderick, Strategic Director of Resources</p>
8 March 2017	<p>Unemployment and Work Programme providers*</p>	<p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p>

	<p>Is Brent a “green” Council?/Environmental Sustainability agenda*</p> <p>Prevent</p>	<p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p> <p>Peter Gadsdon, Director of Performance, Policy and Partnerships</p>
<p>3 May 2017</p>	<p>Annual report of the Safer Brent Partnership</p> <p>Hate Crimes</p> <p>Domestic Violence/Human trafficking</p> <p>Crime and fear of crime locally</p> <p>Stronger Communities - Child Sexual Exploitation and Gangs Task Group.</p>	<p>Chair of Safer Brent Partnership</p> <p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p> <p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p> <p>Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment</p> <p>Cllr Sharma Tatler Chair of the Task Group</p>

*Item carried forward from previous Scrutiny Forward Plan

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