



Brent

SUMMONS TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING – Second Supplementary

Monday 26 February 2018 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: 26 February 2018

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Notes for Members - Declarations of Interest:

If a Member is aware they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent and must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If a Member is aware they have a Personal Interest** in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent.

If the Personal Interest is also a Prejudicial Interest (i.e. it affects a financial position or relates to determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission, or registration) then (unless an exception at 14(2) of the Members Code applies), after disclosing the interest to the meeting the Member must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item, except that they may first make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the matter, provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for those purposes.

***Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

- (a) **Employment, etc.** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.
- (b) **Sponsorship** - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of election; including from a trade union.
- (c) **Contracts** - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between the Councillors or their partner (or a body in which one has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) **Land** - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences** - Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies** - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.
- (g) **Securities** - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

****Personal Interests:**

The business relates to or affects:

- (a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:
 - To which you are appointed by the council;
 - which exercises functions of a public nature;
 - which is directed is to charitable purposes;
 - whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party or trade union).
- (b) The interests a of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;

or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the electoral ward affected by the decision, the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who employs or has appointed any of these or in whom they have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000, or any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are a director
- any body of a type described in (a) above

Agenda

Apologies for absence.

4 Mayor's Announcements (Schedule of Petitions received) 1 - 2

Attached is the schedule of Petitions to be reported to Council, under Standing Order 66.

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Attached is an amended version of Appendix I from the Budget and Council Tax 2018/19 report which Members are being asked to consider in place of the version originally published. The appendix contains an update on the budget consultation process.



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- The meeting room is accessible by lift and seats will be provided for members of the public.

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FULL COUNCIL: 26 February 2018

Schedule of petitions received

Standing Order 66 requires that any petition received by the Governance Manager and containing the signatures of 50 or more electors is reported to Full Council for information and referred to by the Mayor under Mayor's Announcements. The table below sets out the progress of each such petition received. Once a decision is taken on a petition, it is removed from this table.

Date received	Lead petitioner	Subject	Committee referred to	Service Director referred to	Date of referral
21/11/17	Mr Yogesh Rayani	Request to provide pedestrian crossing between 557 and 614 Kenton Road	Highways	Regeneration and Growth	01/12/17
05/12/17	Dr Markandu Alalasundaran	Resurfacing the pavements and road of Evelyn Avenue, London NW9 0JF	Highways	Regeneration and Growth	17/01/18
15/12/17	Cllr Maurice	Preston Road 20mph zone	Highways	Regeneration and Growth	04/01/18
09/02/18	Jim Hogan	Petition objecting to permanent fence across College Green open space NW10 3PY	Council (26 February 18) – for debate	Children & Young People	16/02/18

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Appendix I

Update on Budget consultation February 2018

Brent Connects

- 1.1. Five consultation events were planned between January and February 2018 at locations throughout the borough. The meetings had the following levels of attendance:

Date	Location	Attendance
17 January	Brent Connects Wembley	27
30 January	Brent Connects Kilburn	23
6 February	Brent Connects Willesden	44
8 February	Brent Connects Kingsbury & Kenton	20
19 February	Brent Connects Harlesden	34

- 1.2 At the meetings either the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council delivered a presentation outlining the overall financial position and the difficult budget choices faced by the Council. The Leader and Deputy Leader then took questions from the audience and provided answers, supported by senior officers where appropriate for matters of technical detail.
- 1.3 Feedback and opinions offered from these events varied considerably. As an example of the range of opinions expressed:
- One resident asked how the proposals affect Brent's Council Tax Support Scheme. The question was answered at the meeting, that the scheme will not be changing as a result of the proposals.
 - One resident asked if the proposals have impacted on school performance. The question was answered at the meeting, that 96% of schools in Brent are good or outstanding.
 - Other points raised were generally questions of clarification rather than specific feedback on the budget proposals. For example, one resident made a statement of support for the funding provided to families with no recourse to public funds, whereas another asked about the budget used to support people with dementia.
 - A number of queries were raised about the council's reserves and how they compare to other London Boroughs, which was answered at the meeting. The Council has relatively low reserves compared to other London boroughs but current level is deemed adequate.

Business Consultation

- 1.4 Consultation with local Brent businesses was carried out by writing to the following organisations:
- West London Business (a non-profit business leadership forum),
 - The Federation of Small Businesses,
 - The Town Centre Business Association, and
 - The Business Board.
- 1.5 Only one response was received, which asked for further clarification on the budget setting process rather than a specific comment on the budget proposals.