



Call In Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 27 April 2011 at 7.30 pm

Council Chamber, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane,
Wembley, HA9 9HD

Membership:

Members

Councillors:

Castle (Chair)
Mrs Bacchus
Denselow
Gladbaum
Kabir
Lorber
Mashari
BM Patel

first alternates

Councillors:

Clues
Harrison
Beckman
Adeyeye
Long
Matthews
McLennan
HB Patel

Second alternates

Councillors:

Brown
Sheth
Hossain
Al-Ebadi
Chohan
Allie
Aden
Colwill

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The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting

Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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1	Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests	
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Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting any relevant financial or other interest in the items on the agenda.

2	Deputations (if any)	
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3	Minutes of the last meeting held on 2 March 2011	1 - 10
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The minutes are attached.

4	Matters Arising	
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5	Call-in of Executive decisions from the meeting of the Executive held on 11 April 2011	
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Decisions made by the Executive on 11 April 2011 in respect of the report below was called in for consideration by the Call In Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Standing Orders 6 (b) and 18.

Library Transformation Project

One group of councillors called in the decisions for the following reasons:-

- To consider fully, the alternative options proposed by the various campaign groups seeking to save their local library.
- To make recommendations for a new model of library provision which will safeguard the libraries from the threat of closure.
- To consider the flaws in the consultation.

Another group of councillors called in the decisions for the following reasons:-

- To fully discuss the implications on the borough of the closures of the six libraries
- To consider the results of the consultation and the conclusions drawn by Council Officers which were accepted by the Executive.
- To fully consider the alternative proposals put forward by residents and campaign groups which to date have not been properly examined and to allow them more time to refine their plans

- To fully investigate all proposed business plans put forward by all campaign groups
- To discuss fully the impact of the closures on age and race equality issues.

Suggested action for the Call-in Overview and Scrutiny Committee to take:-

One group of councillors suggested the following:-

- To consider the full implications of the decision and to discuss alternative methods of library service delivery.

Another group of councillors suggested the following:-

- To consider how to support community and other groups in running their library services locally by providing sufficient time for business plans to be developed.
- To consider possible efficiency savings and the use of the Council's financial reserves to enable further library service delivery.

The Lead Member and Lead Officer are invited to the meeting to respond to Members' questions.

The report is available from the Executive meeting of 11 April 2011 and can also be viewed on the council's website at:-

<http://democracy.brent.gov.uk/mgChooseDocPack.aspx?ID=1365>

6 The Executive list of decisions for the meeting that took place on 11 April 2011 11 - 20

The list of decisions that took place on 11 April 2011 is attached.

7 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Call-In Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be determined at the Annual Council meeting on 11 May 2011.

8 Any other urgent business

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