

## Scrutiny Committee

**Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 7.00 pm**

Boardrooms 3, 4 and 5 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ

### Membership:

#### Members

Councillors:

A Choudry (Chair)  
Colwill (Vice-Chair)  
Allie  
Daly  
W Mitchell Murray  
Oladapo  
Shahzad  
Southwood

#### Substitute Members

Councillors:

Agha, J Mitchell Murray, Nerva, RS Patel, Ketan Sheth,  
Stopp and Thomas

Councillors:

Kansagra

#### Co-opted Members

Ms Christine Cargill  
Mr Alloysius Frederick  
Mrs Hawra Imame  
Dr J Levison  
Vacancy  
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#### Observers

Ms J Cooper  
Mrs L Gouldbourne  
Ms C Jolinon  
Brent Youth Parliament representatives

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# Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members.

Item	Page
<b>1 Declarations of interests</b>	
Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.	
<b>2 Deputations (if any)</b>	
<b>3 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2015</b>	
To follow.	
<b>4 Matters arising</b>	
<b>5 Update on Customer Access Strategy</b>	1 - 16
The report provides members with a summary of the Community Access Strategy agreed by Cabinet on 15 October 2014 and the progress that has been made in implementing it.	
<b>6 Housing pressures in Brent</b>	17 - 26
The report provides an overview of the housing pressures impacting on the borough, drawing on the Housing Strategy 2014-19 and other information, with particular regard to homelessness and wider housing supply and demand issues.	
<b>7 Unemployment and Work Programme providers</b>	
Members of the Scrutiny Committee requested information on the work programme and how this national scheme is supporting long-term unemployed Brent residents into sustainable employment. The Work Programme is commissioned at a regional level by the Department of Work and Pensions to deliver support and job brokerage to those who have been unemployed longer than two years. The report will cover the current level and trends in unemployment and the performance of the work programme in Brent in tackling long term unemployment.	
Report to follow.	

## 8 Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan

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The Scrutiny Committee Forward Plan is attached.

## 9 Any other urgent business

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**Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 31 March 2015**



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