

Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 26 April 2016 at 7.00 pm

Members Suite - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ

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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members.

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1 Declarations of interests

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant personal and prejudicial interests and discloseable pecuniary interests in any matter to be considered at this meeting.

2 Deputations (if any)

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

To follow.

4 Matters arising (if any)

5 Employment, Skills and Enterprise Strategy 2015-20, One Year On 1 - 36

In April 2015, Cabinet approved the Employment, Skills and Enterprise Strategy 2015-20, with an associated action plan. It was also agreed that an update would be provided one year on to Scrutiny Committee.

6 Impact of the Overall Benefit Cap in Brent

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This report identifies the main impacts of the Overall Benefit Cap after 2.5 years of implementation, and the potential implications of the proposed reduction in the cap from Autumn 2016.

7 Housing pressures in Brent

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This report provides an overview of the housing pressures in the borough, updating the report provided to Scrutiny Committee in March 2015. It considers developments since then, in particular the potential impact of the Housing and Planning Bill and related government initiatives and steps taken by the council to address the pressures identified in the earlier report.

8 Promoting Electoral Engagement (IER): Scrutiny update

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This report updates the Committee on the implementation of Brent's Individual Electoral Registration (IER) communication and engagement strategy which was at the time described as the most significant change to the electoral system in over a century.

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- 12 Any other urgent business

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