

**London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet
on Tuesday 13 September 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Butt (Chair), Councillor McLennan (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Farah, Hirani, Mashari, W Mitchell Murray, Pavey and Southwood

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Chohan, Harrison, Hossain, Perrin and Warren

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4.	Financial Position 2017/18 - 2019/20 and option to fix RSG settlements	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cabinet noted the overall financial position and the risks inherent in it. (ii) Cabinet noted the overall arguments for and against accepting a fixed settlement of its RSG until 2019/20, and that on balance the advice is in favour of accepting it. (iii) Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive and Leader authority to decide whether or not to accept the fixed RSG settlement. (iv) Cabinet delegated to the Chief Executive and Leader authority to submit an efficiency plan to DCLG as part of any decision to accept a fixed RSG settlement. (v) Cabinet noted the position in particular in respect of business rates devolution and how this might progress, and that the

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			<p>chief finance officer will continue to respond to technical consultations as necessary.</p> <p>(vi) Cabinet noted the progress in developing a financing programme for the investment strategy.</p> <p>(vii) Cabinet agreed to delegate procurement and appointment of specialist financial advisers to assist in the financing of the investment strategy to the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Deputy Leader.</p>
5.	Fair Debt Recovery Policy and In-House Enforcement Agents (Bailiffs) Service	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) Cabinet approved the suggested overarching principles for a Council-Wide Fair Debt Policy;</p> <p>(ii) Cabinet approved the suggested approaches to individuals with multiple debts, vulnerable debtors, and those in financial difficulty;</p> <p>(iii) Cabinet approved the recommendation to create an in-house bailiff service as part of our approach to collecting Council debts, to be implemented as existing arrangements come to an end.</p> <p>(iv) Cabinet noted the justification for recruiting Enforcement Agents outside of the Council’s standard employment terms and conditions, in order to implement performance related pay, and gives authority to recruit on this basis.</p>

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6.	Future Use of Preston Park Annexe	Preston	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cabinet agreed Option 2: to purchase the adjacent land to deliver 19 new homes and D1 community use space. (ii) Cabinet allowed a 3 month period for the Council to negotiate with the adjacent landowner(s). (iii) Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director for Resources in consultation with the Chief Legal Officer and Chief Finance Officer in respect of awarding any professional services contracts for developing Preston Park Annexe scheme proposals. (iv) Cabinet agreed that officers, within a three month period, would bring back the results of negotiations, and a draft community library strategy. (v) Cabinet indicated its support for the redevelopment process. (vi) Cabinet agreed that this further report would set out detailed plans, outcomes of consultation and investment requirements and the support to be given to PPCL during the period of development. The report would also outline how D1 use will be secured in the development. (vii) Cabinet indicated its clear commitment to weight procurement processes to social value rather than financial value.

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7.	Brent Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Submission For 2017/18 - 2019/20	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cabinet noted the 2017/18 total TfL provisional LIP allocation of £3,545,000. (ii) Cabinet approved the proposed 2017/18 programme of LIP Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures schemes, as set out in Appendix A of the report, through application of the prioritisation matrix, as described in this report and, subject to TfL approval in autumn 2016, instructs the Head of Highways and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment to deliver this programme using the allocated budget and resources available. (iii) Cabinet authorised the Head of Highways and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment to undertake any necessary statutory and non-statutory consultation and consider any objections or representations regarding the schemes set out in Appendix A of this report. If there are no objections or representations, or the Head of Highways and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment considers the objections or representations are groundless or unsubstantiated, the Head of Highways and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment is authorised to deliver the schemes set out in Appendix A of this report. Otherwise, the Head of Highways and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment is authorised to refer objections or representations to the Highway Committee for further consideration.

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			<p>(iv) Cabinet noted the scheme allocations are provisional and that schemes may be subject to change during development and following the consultation process.</p> <p>(v) Cabinet authorised the Head of Highways and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment to vire scheme allocations where necessary (e.g. pending the outcome of detailed design and consultation) within the overall LIP budget, in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment and in accordance with financial regulations.</p>
8.	Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Task Group Report on Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 agreements.	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) Cabinet considered the contents of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 task group’s report.</p> <p>(ii) Cabinet noted the twenty five recommendations made by the task group and support the development of an action plan across the council and partner organisations to take these forward.</p> <p>(iii) Cabinet agreed to receive a progress report against the recommendations in six months’ time.</p>
9.	Performance Report, Q1 (April-June) 2016/17	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(i) Cabinet noted the performance information contained in the report and agreed remedial actions as necessary.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1128 427 2072 539">(ii) Cabinet considered the current and future strategic risks associated with the information provided and agree remedial actions as appropriate. <li data-bbox="1128 571 2047 643">(iii) Cabinet agreed to challenge progress with responsible officers as necessary.