

Cabinet

Monday 16 January 2017 at 7.00 pm

Board Rooms 3, 4 & 5 - Brent Civic Centre

Membership:

Lead Member
Councillors:

Portfolio

Butt (Chair) Leader of the Council

McLennan (Vice-Chair) Deputy Leader

Farah Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform

Hirani Lead Member for Community Wellbeing
Miller Lead Member for Stronger Communities
W Mitchell Murray Lead Member for Children and Young People

Southwood Lead Member for Environment

Tatler Lead Member for Regeneration, Growth, Employment

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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence.

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1 Apologies for Absence

2 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.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To confirm as a correct record, the attached minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet, held on 12 December 2016.

- 4 Matters Arising (If Any)
- 5 Petitions (If Any)

6 Appointments to Committees (If Any)

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Chief Executive's Reports

7 Reference of items considered by Scrutiny Committees (if any)

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These reference reports detail the recommendations to Cabinet from meetings of both the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee and Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. The reports refer specifically to the Brent Road Re-Surfacing Strategy; Sustainability and Transformation Plan; and New Accommodation for Independent Living Project.

8 Devolution of Business Rates Task Group

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This report sets out the recommendations to Cabinet made by the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee on the Devolution of Business Rates Task Group Report. The task group has made eleven individual recommendations, spread across the four key areas: Central Government Policy, Financial Risk, Possible impact to Brent and Growth in Business rate income.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Deputy Leader (Councillor

All Wards Margaret McLennan)

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9 Budget Scrutiny Panel Report

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The Budget Scrutiny Panel was led by Brent's Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Chair, Councillor Matt Kelcher. In October 2016 the panel convened to analyse the Council's 2017/18 – 2018/19 budget proposals. The Panel have scrutinised the Cabinet's plans and offered suggestions and recommendations for improvements where appropriate.

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10 Award of a Contract for Translation and Interpreting Services

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This report requests authority to award a contract for Translation and Interpreting Services as required by Contract Standing Order No 88. This report summarises the process undertaken in selecting the supplier for the contract and recommends to whom the contract should be awarded.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Deputy Leader (Councillor

All Wards Margaret McLennan)

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Community Well-being reports

11 New Homelessness Prevention and Relief Programme for Single 183 - People 196

Following the Council's Housing and Vulnerable People Outcomes Based Review and the successful application for £900k from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer fund for the period April 2017 to March 2019, this report requests Cabinet approval to commit up to £900k match funding to fund local voluntary sector organisations to deliver homelessness prevention and relief outcomes for single people who are homeless or at risk of

homelessness in Brent.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Lead Member for Housing and

All Wards Welfare Reform (Councillor Harbi Farah)

Contact Officer: Phil Porter, Strategic Director

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12 Housing Tenancy Conversions – Update and 2017/18 Conversions

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The report proposes to convert a further 122 Temporary Accommodation (TA) units to alternative tenures during 2017/18, of which at least 72 properties will be let at Affordable Rents and the balance at Discounted Market Rents. It is also anticipated that all remaining TA units, as at March 2018, will be converted to Discounted Market Rent during 2018/19.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Lead Member for Housing and

Barnhill; Welfare Reform (Councillor Harbi Farah)

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Wembley Central; Willesden Green

13 Independent Living Fund

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This report sets out the options and recommendations regarding the future of funding for Independent Living Fund (ILF) users.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Lead Member for Community

All Wards Wellbeing (Councillor Krupesh Hirani)

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Regeneration and Environment reports

14 Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre - Award of High Value 227 - Works Contract 234

This report concerns the award of a high value works contract for the construction of a new accommodation block at the Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre which is owned by the London Borough of Brent.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Leader (Councillor Muhammed

All Wards Butt)

Contact Officer: Christine Moore, Property and

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Resources reports

15 Head Lease Purchase of Lodge and Manor Court in Wembley Central

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This report details the proposed purchase of the head lease in relation to two large residential blocks within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) known as Manor Court (40 units) and Lodge Court (38 units) located in Wembley Central, on either side of Wembley Central Station.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Deputy Leader (Councillor

Wembley Margaret McLennan)

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16 One Public Estate Programme in Brent

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This Report provides: a briefing on the Council's newly established One Public Estate Programme; governance arrangements; next steps: and proposals for evolving a common public sector estates strategy. Cabinet agreement is being sought on priorities for next phase OPE projects with a particular emphasis on the fit with delivering the Health Service Transformation Plan.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Leader (Councillor Muhammed

Northwick Park Butt

Contact Officer: Tony Nixon, Knowledge and

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17 Bridge Park - Approval to Enter into the Conditional Land Sale 251 - Agreement 264

The report provides an update and seeks approval to enter into a Conditional Land Sale Agreement (CLSA) with the "Purchaser", a UK-registered subsidiary company that has General Mediterranean Holdings SA (GMH – a Luxembourg-registered business) as the parent company and Harborough Invest Inc (a British Virgin Islands based business), who already own part of the development site as the second guarantor of the Purchaser's obligations under this CLSA.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Leader (Councillor Muhammed

Stonebridge Butt)

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18 Exclusion of Press and Public

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Not for publication:

- Agenda Item 10: Award of a Contract for Translation and Interpreting Services – Appendix 2
- Agenda Item 12: Housing Tenancy Conversions Update and 2017/18 Conversions – Appendix 1
- Agenda Item 14: Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre Award of High Value Works Contract – Appendix 1
- Agenda Item 15: Head Lease Purchase of Lodge and Manor Court in Wembley Central – Appendix 1
- Agenda Item 17: Bridge Park Approval to Enter into the Conditional Land Sale Agreement - Appendix 2

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Not for publication:

 Agenda Item 17: Bridge Park - Approval to Enter into the Conditional Land Sale Agreement - Appendix 2

19 Any Other Urgent Business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Head of Executive and Member Services or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 64.

Date of the next meeting: Monday 13 February 2017



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