

**London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet
on Monday 16 January 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Butt (Chair), Councillor McLennan (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Farah, Hirani, Miller, Southwood and Tatler

ABSENT: Councillors W Mitchell Murray

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Kelcher and Perrin

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6.	Appointments to Committees (If Any)		RESOLVED: i. That Councillor Shama Tatler, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Growth, Employment and Skills, be appointed as substitute member of the Barham Park Trust Committee.
7.	Reference of items considered by Scrutiny Committees (if any)		Recommendations to Cabinet from the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee: The Brent Road Re-Surfacing Strategy RESOLVED: i. Cabinet noted the recommendations as set out in appendix A ii. Cabinet agreed that the appropriate Cabinet member explore the viability of each recommendation made within their portfolio; and report back to the Resources & Public Realm

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			<p>Scrutiny Committee with updates in the next six months.</p> <p>Recommendations from Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee: Sustainability and Transformation Plan</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cabinet is noted the recommendations as set out in Appendix A of the report. <p>Recommendations from Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee: New Accommodation for Independent Living Project</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cabinet noted the recommendations as set out in Appendix A of the report.
8.	Devolution of Business Rates Task Group	All Wards	<p>Recommendations to Cabinet from the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee – Devolution Of Business Rates</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cabinet noted the recommendations made by the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee on the Devolution of Business Rates task group report, set out in Appendix A. ii. Cabinet noted that the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee supports the Devolution of Business Rates and

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			<p>believe that there are real opportunities for Brent to benefit from this policy change.</p> <p>iii. Cabinet agreed that the appropriate Cabinet member explore the viability of each recommendation made within their portfolio; and report back to the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee with updates in the next six months.</p>
9.	Budget Scrutiny Panel Report	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. Cabinet reviewed and noted the Budget Scrutiny Panel report.</p>
10.	Award of a Contract for Translation and Interpreting Services	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. Cabinet awarded of a contract for Translation and Interpreting Services to DA Languages Limited, for a period of three years from 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2020, with an option to extend for a further year to 31st March 2021.</p>
11.	New Homelessness Prevention and Relief Programme for Single People	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. Cabinet noted that the Council has successfully applied for £900k from the Department of Communities and Local Government Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer fund for the period April 2017 to March 2019</p> <p>ii. Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Strategic Director, Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, to approve criteria for grant</p>

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			<p>funding, to approve criteria for the evaluation of bids and to approve the allocation of grant on acceptable terms for evidenced homeless prevention and relief, and accommodation sustainment outcomes, for single people.</p> <p>iii. Cabinet approved expenditure from council resources of up to £900k between January 2017 and March 2020 to contribute to the achievement of the outcomes referred to in 2.2 above by the voluntary sector under the grant agreement(s), and for necessary set up costs.</p>
12.	Housing Tenancy Conversions – Update and 2017/18 Conversions	Barnhill; Brondesbury Park; Kanton; Stonebridge; Wembley Central; Willesden Green	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. Cabinet noted the £40 per week rent reduction for Temporary Accommodation units which are included in the PFI contract from April 2017.</p> <p>ii. Cabinet approved the variable rent increases for Discounted Market Rent units which are included in the PFI contract from April 2017.</p> <p>iii. Cabinet noted the current position with regard to the first tranche of tenancy conversions, to be completed by March 2017.</p> <p>iv. Cabinet agreed during 2017/18 to convert up to 122 units of Temporary Accommodation which are included in the PFI contract to alternative tenures, of which at least 72 properties shall be let as Affordable Rent equivalent units and the</p>

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			<p>balance shall be Discounted Market Rent units, as set out in the report</p> <p>v. Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Chief Legal Officer, to issue to Brent Coefficient Limited a schedule setting out the units to be allocated as Affordable Rent/Discounted Market Rent units in accordance with the PFI contract.</p>
13.	Independent Living Fund	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. Cabinet noted the national funding changes and the impact they have in Brent.</p> <p>ii. Cabinet agreed to implement Option 1 as the most equitable and financially sustainable option.</p>
14.	Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre - Award of High Value Works Contract	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. Cabinet noted that the preferred procurement route differs from that originally approved by Cabinet in June 2015.</p> <p>ii. Cabinet delegated authority to award a high value works contract to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Leader of the Council.</p>
15.	Head Lease Purchase of Lodge and Manor Court in Wembley	Wembley Central	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. Cabinet gave approval for officers to negotiate with Holaw</p>

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	Central		<p>(401) Ltd for their head lease, on a without prejudice and subject to lease basis. The purchase of the head lease would remove the rent liability the Council currently has under its sub-lease and extend the Council's ownership in the blocks by an additional 70 years.</p> <p>ii. Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Resources to approve the final terms of the purchase</p>
16.	One Public Estate Programme in Brent	Northwick Park	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. Cabinet note the Council's success in obtaining £222,500 of Cabinet Office funding under the One Public Estate (OPE) programme, and the arrangements in hand to successfully deliver the programme.</p> <p>ii. Cabinet considered and agreed the list of priority projects for further OPE bids as set out in the report.</p> <p>iii. Cabinet agreed the withdrawal of the Northwick Park Pavilion from the Community Asset Transfer Programme</p>
17.	Bridge Park - Approval to Enter into the Conditional Land Sale Agreement	Stonebridge	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>i. Cabinet agreed to enter a Conditional Land Sale Agreement (CLSA) with the "Purchaser" a UK-registered subsidiary company (still to be formed) that has General Mediterranean</p>

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			<p>Holdings SA as the parent company and Harborough Invest Inc as the second guarantor.</p> <p>ii. Cabinet acknowledged that the sale of the Council's surplus land to the Purchaser under this CLSA is subject to the following Conditions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. -The "Planning Condition"</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">- The "Vacant Possession Condition" and</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">- The "Financial Viability Condition.</p> <p>iii. Cabinet noted that the price payable by the Purchaser for the land it purchases from the Council will be re-calculated following satisfaction of the Conditions, with a development appraisal ascertaining the residual value of the land.</p> <p>iv. Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Resources, consultation with the Portfolio Lead Member for Property, in respect the negotiation and entering of a Conditional Land Sale Agreement with the "Purchaser" and awarding any professional services contracts relating to progressing the redevelopment plans for a new leisure centre at Bridge Park.</p>