



Brent

SUMMONS TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 19 September 2016 at 7.00 pm
Conference Hall - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
Wembley, HA9 0FJ

To the Mayor and Councillors of the London Borough of Brent and to each and every one of them.

I hereby summon you to attend the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough.

CAROLYN DOWNS
Chief Executive

Dated: Friday 9 September 2016

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Agenda

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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 Mayor's announcements (including any petitions received)

4 Appointments to committees and outside bodies and appointment of chairs/vice chairs (if any)

5 Reports from the Leader and Cabinet

To receive reports from the Leader and Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order 38.

6 Deputations (if any)

To hear any deputations received from members of the public in accordance with standing order 39.

7 Questions from members of the public 15 - 18

To receive questions from members of the public to be put to members of the Cabinet in accordance with standing order 39A.

8 Petitions

For councillors to refer to petitions received and debate a petition with more than 200 signatures in accordance with the Council's petition rules and standing order 68.

9 Non Cabinet members' debate

To debate an issue raised in accordance with standing order 39B and to receive reports from Cabinet members in issues previously raised.

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11 Report from Chairs of Scrutiny Committees

To receive reports in accordance with Standing Order 41.

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13 Motions 39 - 44

To debate the motions submitted in accordance with standing order 45.

14 Urgent business

At the discretion of the Mayor to consider any urgent business.



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LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
held on Monday 11 July 2016 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

The Worshipful the Mayor
Councillor Parvez Ahmed

The Deputy Mayor
Councillor Chohan

COUNCILLORS:

Aden	Agha
Allie	Bradley
Butt	Carr
Chan	Chohan
S Choudhary	A Choudry
Colacicco	Collier
Colwill	Conneely
Crane	Daly
Davidson	Denselow
Dixon	Duffy
Eniola	Ezeajughi
Farah	Harrison
Hirani	Hoda-Benn
Hylton	Kabir
Kansagra	Kelcher
Long	Mahmood
Marquis	Mashari
Maurice	McLeish
McLennan	Miller
J Mitchell Murray	W Mitchell Murray
Naheerathan	Nerva
M Patel	RS Patel
Pavey	Perrin
Pitruzzella	Shahzad
Ms Shaw	Ketan Sheth
Krupa Sheth	Southwood
Tatler	Thomas
Van Kalwala	Warren

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Councillors Hector, Hossain, Khan, Moher and Stopp and from Councillor Collier for leaving earlier due to not feeling well.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Councillor Warren requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the recorded vote taken under item 10 "Representation of political groups on committees".

RESOLVED:-

that, subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 May 2016 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.
(amendment incorporated)

2. Declarations of interests

None declared.

3. Mayor's announcements (including any petitions received)

The Mayor stated that he was honoured to be chairing his first Full Council meeting since being elected Mayor. He pledged that he would use his Mayoral year to promote the extremely good work of Brent Council with integrity and pride.

He spoke of the tragedies of the past few months that have occurred in the UK and abroad. He stated that thoughts were with all of those whose lives had been affected by such terrible acts of violence.

He asked Members to observe a minutes silence to remember those affected by the tragedies in Orlando, Bangladesh, Baghdad, Istanbul, Saudi Arabia, Dallas and also the murder of Jo Cox, MP.

Members stood for a minutes silence.

On behalf of the people of Brent, the Mayor congratulated all the British winners at Wimbledon 2016; they had made the nation proud – as had Louis Hamilton. The Mayor also congratulated the Portuguese football team on winning Euro 2016. He stated that these sporting achievements should be an inspiration to us all.

The Mayor informed Members that he had the honour of attending the Remembering Srebrenica Memorial event organised by the Remembering Srebrenica Charity, commemorating 21 years since the Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia, an event in history which claimed the lives of over 8000 men and boys.

The Mayor stated that Brent had observed UK Armed Forces Day on 25 June 2016. He stated that it was important that those who defend the UK and its interests were remembered.

The Mayor urged fellow Councillors to take part in the annual cricket match. He reminded Members that he would also be hosting the first fundraising event of his Mayoral year in the Grand Hall from 7pm on Thursday 14 July 2016.

The Mayor stated that, in accordance with Standing Orders, a list of current petitions showing progress on dealing with them had been circulated around the chamber.

4. **Appointments to committees and outside bodies and appointment of chairs/vice chairs**

RESOLVED:

- (i) that Dr Robert Cawley be appointed as an Independent Person for Standards Committee;
- (ii) that Councillors Shaw and Warren be appointed as substitutes on the Audit Committee;
- (iii) that Councillors Davidson and Shaw be appointed as substitutes on the Corporate Parenting Committee;
- (iv) that Councillors Shaw and Warren be appointed as substitutes on the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee;
- (v) that Councillors Davidson and Shaw be appointed as substitutes on the Standards Committee;
- (vi) that Councillor Jones be appointed to the Alcohol and Entertainment Licensing Committee in place of Councillor Collier;
- (vii) that Councillor Pavey be appointed to the Tricycle Theatre Board.

5. **Reports from the Leader and Cabinet**

Councillor Butt, Leader of the Council, stated his intention to work with the newly elected Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, notably on housing issues. Councillor Butt stated his intention to maximise the opportunities for Brent especially in relation to Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) and any potential housing opportunities. Councillor Butt stated his intention to lobby for a HS2 stop at Wembley Central. Brent would continue to work to maximise employment and skills opportunities. He stated that Brent was working with partners on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). Moving forward, Councillor Butt stated that by working closely with partners such as the Police and CCG it would be possible to maximise the benefits for Brent's residents.

Councillor Mashari, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Growth, Employment and Skills began by welcoming Amar Dave, the Council's new Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment. Councillor Mashari informed Members that changes were being made to the Planning Committee process. She stated her intention to work closely with the Chair of Planning to improve the planning process in Brent. Councillor Mashari reported that consultation was due to begin shortly on

the South Kilburn masterplan. She informed Members that she was working closely with the West London Alliance following the result of the EU referendum.

Councillor W Mitchell Murray, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, informed Members that she had recently attended her first Local Safeguarding Children Board. She reported that it now appeared that the Government's academisation programme would not go ahead. Councillor Mitchell Murray stated that she had recently attended a Schools' Forum and also a meeting of Governors in Brent. Councillor Mitchell Murray informed Members that tenders for the Youth Service had been received but the lead bidder had pulled out. She reported that the Youth Service would therefore be kept in house but that the Council would seek support from the voluntary sector.

Councillor Hirani, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, reported on an upcoming report to Cabinet. Councillor Hirani reported on the Council's Slash Sugar campaign. He reported that Chalkhill Primary School had also signed up to the Council's campaign. The School would work with other schools to champion the campaign.

Councillor Pavey, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, provided details of the Council's recently approved Civic Enterprise Strategy. The Strategy would generate income and incorporated ideas from staff members.

Councillor Southwood, Cabinet Member for Environment, reported that the new Mayor of London had indicated his intention to tackle poor air quality across London. She reported that consultation on improving air quality in Brent would take place over the summer. She reiterated the Council's commitment to promote alternative methods of transport to the car. She outlined initiatives to tackle illegal dumping.

Councillor Farah, Cabinet Member for Housing, outlined the Council's initiatives to combat housing problems in Brent.

6. Deputations

The Mayor informed Members that he had received requests for two deputations.

6.1 High Street Regeneration in Willesden Green

Councillor Collier, Willesden Green ward, introduced the deputation on the subject of High Street Regeneration in Willesden Green.

Deborah Mahs thanked Councillor Collier for the introduction. She stated that Willesden Green had a diverse population of around 15,500. She stated that the High Road in Willesden Green was one of the most neglected in Brent.

She stated that one of the worst affected areas was the Willesden Green town centre area which had around 89 businesses, the new library and cultural centre, and residential dwellings. She outlined the general neglect on the High Road. She stated that the Willesden Green Town Team hoped to be able to work with Brent Council to develop a thriving town centre. She reported that this was a priority for the new Mayor of London. Deborah Mahs stated that the Willesden Green Town

Team had developed a charter which had resulted in visible improvements to the High Road.

Deborah Mahs asked that the Council engage with the Willesden Green Town Team to fully regenerate the town centre. She sought engagement in three areas from the Council:

- Curtilages;
- Unsightly railings;
- Bollards (on pavements).

Councillor Mashari, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Growth, Employment and Skills, thanked Deborah Mahs for her deputation. Councillor Mashari stated that she would visit Willesden Green town centre with Amar Dave, the Council's Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment. She suggested that Deborah Mahs sit on the newly established Business Forum. She said that the Council was looking at spatial planning with a particular focus on the Borough's High Streets. Councillor Mashari encouraged Deborah Mahs to establish a neighbourhood forum.

6.2 Catalyst Housing and the Church End Estate

Councillor Thomas, Harlesden ward, introduced the deputation on the subject of Catalyst Housing and the Church End Estate. Councillor Thomas outlined recent problems with Catalyst Housing, notably following a restructure.

The Mayor called on Marta Primo and Cynthia Richards to present their deputation.

Representing the residents' association, Marta Primo expressed deep concerns with the services provided by Catalyst Housing especially around cleaning in the blocks. She expressed concern at the CCTV in the block and also parking around the block for visitors.

Marta Primo asked that the Council reiterate the resident association's concerns directly to Catalyst Housing. She stated that the recycling facilities around the flats were inadequate and that no decent provision had been found for those facilities.

Councillor Farah, Cabinet Member for Housing, thanked Marta Primo for attending the meeting and presenting the residents' concerns. He stated that concerns had been raised with the Chief Executive of Catalyst who had agreed to arrange a meeting with Councillor Farah, ward councillors and representatives of the residents association. The meeting would take place on 20 July at the Civic Centre.

7. Questions from members of the public

The Mayor stated that a question had been received from Ms Trisha Langley; Ms Langley had received a written response but was not present at the meeting.

The Mayor stated that all Members had been supplied with a written answer.

8. Petitions

None.

9. **Non Cabinet members' debate**

None.

10. **Questions from the Opposition and other Non-Cabinet Members**

The Mayor informed Members that this item gave them the opportunity to ask questions to Members of the Cabinet on any matter which was the responsibility of the Cabinet. He stated that Members had received written tabled responses to their questions.

The Mayor stated that non-Cabinet Members now had one minute to ask a supplementary question, if they wished.

Councillor Nerva asked what could be done to educate those caught illegally dumping in addition to fining offenders. Councillor Southwood, Cabinet Member for Environment, stated that when the pilot was reviewed, options for education would be considered.

Councillor Jones MBE expressed concern at the impact of Brexit on Brent's diverse communities. In response, Councillor Butt, Leader of the Council, stated that it was important for Brent to have a say in any response to Brexit. Councillor Butt expressed concern at the potential loss of European funding that Brent currently receives.

Councillor Colwill, Leader of the Conservative Group, stated that the number of potholes across the borough had increased significantly. He said that the number of potholes posed a significant danger to cyclists especially. In response, Councillor Southwood, Cabinet Member for Environment, stated that additional funding had been identified in the budget to address the most serious pot holes.

In response to a question from Councillor Duffy, Councillor Southwood, Cabinet Member for Environment, stated that handling tree stump removal was currently managed through two contracts.

Councillor Shaw thanked Councillor Pavey, Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, for his written answer. She welcomed his comments condemning hate crime.

Councillor Tatler asked what work was going on with schools across the Borough to encourage recycling rates. She suggested that the Council could attend school fetes to promote initiatives such as recycling. Councillor Southwood (Cabinet Member for Environment) pledged to ask Veolia to work with ward councillors to promote such events.

In response to Councillor Long, Councillor Southwood, Cabinet Member for Environment, stated that the Council would look at innovative ways to promote food recycling.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Warren raised a point of order in relation to the seating plan, pointing out that two members were not seated according to the

agreed seating plan. The councillors returned to their allocated places - in line with the agreed seating plan.

11. **Report from Chairs of Scrutiny Committees**

Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Kelcher, Chair of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee thanked the Mayor and said what a privilege it was to be speaking at Councillor Ahmed's first full council as Mayor.

Councillor Kelcher stated that the two scrutiny committees were responsible for some of the most important activities on the Council. He stated that, last year, scrutiny published three task group reports, instituted one call-in, made numerous recommendations and quizzed the leader and all of his cabinet. He drew Members' attention to the Annual Report of Scrutiny.

Councillor Kelcher highlighted key reforms and changes to improve the way Scrutiny worked. He stated that one Scrutiny Committee had brought about a series of challenges, most acutely that of capacity.

He stated that the old committee's workload has been divided into two, and the total number of annual meetings increased to twelve. He stated that the Resources and Public Realm Committee would look at the Council's big spending projects, crime and the environment – whilst the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee would particularly focus on health issues.

He stated that the Council's Scrutiny function had received an assessment from a Local Government Association peer review team. Firstly, the LGA team noted that there was often frustration, occasionally leading to distrust, between members and officers regarding the content of reports. He stated that most of this was entirely innocent and accidental.

Secondly, Councillor Kelcher stated that the LGA felt that the choice of topics was done slightly haphazardly, with lots of worthy things being discussed, but the full list not being thought through strategically. Councillor Kelcher stated that scrutiny officers had recently organised events for each committee where Strategic Directors gave an outline of the main issues in their departments, and members could also suggest any topic they felt worthy.

In discussions with LGA scrutiny experts, Councillor Kelcher concluded that it had become clear that verbal recommendations made in Committee meetings by a vote of members had much greater standing in other authorities. Previously recommendations made in this way by Scrutiny in Brent had not made it on to the papers for Cabinet to respond to. He pledged that, from now on, recommendations made at committee would be much clearer and Members would insist these were followed up.

Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Ketan Sheth, Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, stated that the first meeting of the Committee would take place next

week. He stated that this was the first time that housing, social care, public health, children's services and the NHS had been brought within the scope of one scrutiny committee in Brent.

Councillor Sheth stated that he saw the Committee's mission as not only to hold the Cabinet and Council partners in the NHS to account for their policies and decision-making, but to understand the impact of these decisions on the local people who elected members to represent them.

He stated that the new committee would be scrutinising some key policies of the Cabinet. The main item the Committee would look at initially would be the landlord licensing scheme.

Landlord licensing was a flagship policy for Cabinet and it was extremely important in a borough where almost one third of households were living in the private rented sector. He stated that if there were recommendations that his committee could make to the Cabinet to improve the scheme then the committee would make this clear.

Councillor Sheth stated that it was almost a year since the Cabinet agreed to set up an ethical lettings agency in the borough. He said that his committee would also look at this at its first meeting.

12. **Report from the Constitutional Working Group**

Carolyn Downs, Chief Executive, introduced the report. Members were reminded that, on 26 May 2016, the Monitoring Officer had commissioned an independent investigator, Richard Penn, to produce two reports.

The first report on the administrative process surrounding Councillor Oladapo's death was received on Sunday 3 July 2016 and the full report and recommendations were presented to the Council's Constitutional Working Group ("CWG") on 4 July 2016.

The first report of Mr Penn was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The Chief Executive stated that this report presented to Full Council the recommendations made by the CWG. The second report on a complaint against a member arising out of the circumstances surrounding Councillor Oladapo's death was expected, in draft form, week commencing 11 July 2016.

Councillor Warren, indicated his group's support for the recommendations in the report.

Councillor Butt thanked Mr Penn for the report stating that the recommendations, if approved, would lead to better systems and processes in place for dealing with requests to approve Members' absence from meetings.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that those members who are potentially likely to breach the six months rule because of their non-attendance should be given written notice of this by

Member Services as soon as it becomes known through the various checks and balances;

- (ii) that all reports with a recommendation that a Councillor's absence should be approved are submitted first to a meeting of the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and the Head of Member and Executive Services, following consultation with the relevant Group Whip. Those officers will, on the basis of each case, recommend whether or not the report should go forward;
- (iii) that a member will be given written notice of the date on which they will cease to be a member of the authority, in cases where it is not recommended that absence be approved;
- (iv) that Members of CWG will receive written notification of whether or not the report referred to in (ii) will go forward and on what basis;
- (v) that any report recommending extension of absence, and in particular the recommendation itself, should make clear whether the member's absence is being approved until a specific date only or perhaps contingent on the member being required to take some action, for example providing further information;
- (vi) that, where the approval of absence of six months or more is requested then a medical certificate should be provided to the Chief Executive and a fresh certificate presented as requested;
- (vii) that a member should, in the case of occasional absence, tender their apologies directly to the Head of Executive and Member Services; those apologies received by the Chief Whip should be forwarded on by email to the Head of Executive and Member Services and where no contact is received from a member then their absence will not be recorded under "apologies".

13. **Motions**

13.1 **Government budget**

Councillor Miller moved the motion circulated in his name by referring back to the decision by the Chancellor to abandon his budget surplus target for 2020.

The motion was put to the vote and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the decision by the Chancellor to abandon his budget surplus target for 2020 be welcomed;
- (ii) that the Council regrets the suffering that has had to be endured by citizens of this country for six wasted years, including the residents of Brent, in pursuit of this goal by the inappropriate means of squeezing some of the most vulnerable, and passing responsibility for cuts onto local government;

- (iii) that the Council regrets all those who cannot access affordable accommodation because the government refuses to let councils invest in housing, for the sake of this abandoned goal; the Council regrets the extra strain put on the NHS, due to the squeeze on adult social care budgets that was caused for the sake of this abandoned goal; the Council regrets the stress pushed onto some of the most vulnerable residents as the social security budget was cut for the sake of this abandoned goal;
- (iv) that the Council hopes that the government now realises that you cannot cut your way to growth, and will invest in services, infrastructure and people properly through local councils such as Brent, who understand what the real needs are and how to respond to them.

13.2 **Parking charges**

Councillor Maurice moved the motion circulated in his name. The motion sought to revoke the change to the parking permit charges agreed in which, in 2018, owners of diesel vehicles will have to pay more for their permits.

The motion was put to the vote and declared LOST.

13.3 **What a waste of money**

Councillor Warren moved the motion circulated in his name. The motion sought to express regret making the exit payment of £157,610 to the former director of human resources, Cara Davani. Councillor Warren stated that the Rosemarie Clarke case would have significant reputational damages on the Council for many years to come. He requested a recorded vote.

The motion was put to the vote and declared LOST.

Voting was recorded as follows:

FOR: Councillors Davidson, Shaw and Warren

AGAINST: Councillors Aden, Agha, Bradley, Butt, Chan, Choudhary, Choudry, Colacicco, Conneely, Daly, Denselow, Ezeajughi, Farah, Harrison, Hirani, Hoda-Benn, Hylton, Jones, Kabir, Kelcher, Mahmood, Marquis, Mashari, McLeish, McLennan, Miller, W Mitchell Murray, J Mitchell Murray, Naheerathan, M Patel, RS Patel, Pavey, Perrin, Pitruzzella, Shahzad, Ketan Sheth, Krupa Sheth, Southwood, Tatler and Van Kalwala

ABSTENTIONS: The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors Carr, Colwill, Crane, Dixon, Duffy, Eniola, Kansagra, Long, Maurice, Nerva and Thomas

14. **Urgent business**

14.1 **Amendment to Standing Orders**

Councillor McLennan, Deputy Leader of the Council, introduced the report informing Members that this report sought Full Council's urgent agreement to waive and

amend Standing Order 73(a) which, with one exception, required contracts valued over £500,000 to be executed as a deed under seal.

In response to a question from Councillor Warren, Conrad Hall, Chief Finance Officer, agreed with Members that it was undesirable to have to have such a report at Council under urgent business. He assured Members that circumstances warranted urgent consideration of the item by Full Council.

Conrad Hall informed Members that, for the avoidance of doubt, the report sought authority to enter into gas and electricity contracts as contracts, rather than as Deeds, and to amend standing orders to allow future flexibility solely on this technical point. He stated that no changes to the actual details of those contracts were proposed, merely the technical form of the contract.

Conrad Hall informed Members that officers had been seeking to finalise the contracts for some time, however, standing orders required that the contracts are only executed as a Deed and the other side had refused to accept this technical point, leading officers no practical alternative other than to request this flexibility.

Conrad Hall confirmed that, having discussed the matter with the Chief Legal Officer, that there were no operational disadvantages in so doing in this contract, and it would secure significantly more favourable pricing for the council.

Conrad Hall reiterated that there were no operational disadvantages in so doing, and the future flexibility proposed to the Chief Legal Officer extended solely to the technical form of future contracts - whether they were to be executed as a Deed or not. It would not affect in any way Members' power to specify what should go into contracts, who they should be awarded to and so on.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the execution of a tripartite contract with the Laser Energy Buying Group and Npower Limited for the supply of the Council's electricity for the period 2016 – 2020 be executed as a simple contract;
- (ii) that the execution of a tripartite contract with the Laser Energy Buying Group and Total Gas and Power Limited for the supply of the Council's gas for the period 2016 – 2020 be executed as a simple contract;
- (ii) that Standing Order 73(a) be amended as set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report.

14.2 **Rise in hate crime**

The Mayor stated that Members would be aware that there was concern about a rise in hate crime in the context of the outcome of the referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union.

The Mayor stated that, as a result, he had agreed to take the rise of hate crime as an item of urgent business.

The Mayor read out a statement from London Councils regarding hate crime:

'We will not tolerate hate crime or any kind of attack against people because of their ethnic origin. We are proud to be a diverse city and we will stay that way. We will continue to work together for the security and prosperity of all Londoners'.

Councillor Colwill spoke on behalf of the Conservative Group. He stated how lucky Brent residents were to live in such a diverse borough.

Councillor Warren spoke of the impressive diversity in Brent. He warned against complacency. As community leaders, Councillors had a duty to challenge hate crime. The motion from London Councils sent a clear message to all of Brent's residents.

Councillor Choudhury stated that Brent was fortunate not to have too many instances of hate crime but that hate crime, according to the Police, was on the rise, notably following the EU referendum. He stated that during the riots in 2011, Brent had not witnessed outbreaks of significant violence.

Councillor Carr stated that all hate crimes must be reported to the Police. She echoed words of Pastor Martin Niemöller about the cowardice of German intellectuals following the Nazis' rise to power.

Councillor Maurice spoke of his Jewish faith saying that he had, at all times, been welcomed in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Tatler spoke of her personal experience of racism. She stated that in addition to hate crimes, quiet prejudice needed also to be challenged.

Councillor Nerva stated that the diversity of Brent worked well. Brent was a melting pot of diversity. He stated that there had to be zero tolerance for hate crime. Councillor Nerva spoke of an event on 21 July organised by Brent Council Time to Talk – about personal experiences of hate crime. He also spoke about an event being organised by the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham about Hate Crime.

Councillor Kelcher spoke of elected members' special responsibility to report hate crime. He spoke of recent experiences in Kensal Green Ward.

Councillor Shahzad stated that the EU referendum appeared to have divided the country. He stated that some of the rhetoric used during the EU referendum campaign had contributed to the rise in hate crime. People were fearful of their current status in the country as a result of the EU referendum result. He urged national politicians to reassure people living in fear about their right to stay in the country.

Councillor Mahmood expressed concern about the apparent rise in hate crime since the EU referendum. He said that the people of Brent generally live in harmony. He urged his fellow Councillors to stand together to condemn this behaviour which had no place in society.

Councillor Hoda-Benn stated that some people had lived with racist and xenophobic hate crime throughout their lives. She urged her fellow Councillors to encourage residents to ensure all hate crime was reported.

Councillor Mashari echoed the views of colleagues about racist attacks. She stated that the rise of recent hate crime had been directed at Eastern European residents in Brent especially Romanian and Polish. She urged her colleagues to stand resolute with the Eastern European communities of Brent.

Councillor Butt thanked his fellow councillors for their contributions and welcomed the cross party consensus. He sought to send a clear message to all those living in Brent – wherever they may be from originally. He stated that the Council would stand by its residents during times of uncertainty regardless of the result of EU exit negotiations. He welcomed the conviction, honesty and integrity of his fellow councillors.

RESOLVED:

We will not tolerate hate crime or any kind of attack against people because of their ethnic origin. We are proud to be a diverse city and we will stay that way. We will continue to work together for the security and prosperity of all Londoners.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

COUNCILLOR PARVEZ AHMED
Mayor

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Questions from Member of the Public
Full Council – 19 September 2016

<p>Sent: 30 August 2016 17:07 To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>Dear Sir/ Madam</p> <p>I am living in a flat of two bedrooms since 2006, when I had one child now I have three kids and I am eligible for three bedrooms but rent for three bedrooms is very high and most importantly the landlords are not excepting housing benefit, me and my husband with three kids are overcrowded in this property and are desperately looking for three bedrooms how can Brent council help us? I would be looking forward for your answer</p> <p>Regards</p>	<p>Response from the Cabinet Member for Housing</p>
<p>Sent: 23 August 2016 20:58 To: Committee</p>	<p>Response from the Cabinet Member for Environment</p>

<p>Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>Hello Sir / Madame Not sure if this question relates to your concern. I am resident at XXX Bovingdon ave. for 30 years. The middle of this road has been seems to have been totally ignored from repair . The top & the bottom part has been done long time back. The mid part is very bad , i have problems coming out of my drive as no tarmac left on the road . I will be very grateful if this can be pointed out to right dept. Regards...</p>	
<p>Sent: 20 August 2016 3:50 PM To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>My wife, aged 81, has in the last month tripped and fell in both Brondesbury and Victoria Roads. The pavements are very uneven with many broken pavement stones and are a hazard for all ages. When is something going to be done to rectify this dangerous situation?</p>	Response from the Cabinet Member for Environment
<p>Sent: 19 August 2016 9:16 PM To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>Hi my name is XXX and I live in XX Mitchellbrook way nw10 8pd I've been complaining about my bathroom for the last 5 years and it hasn't been changed since I moved in which was 16 years ago . It is in such a bad state . Do I not have the right for it to be changed as I have been a resident for a long time?</p>	Response from the Cabinet Member for Housing
<p>Sent: 19 August 2016 6:20 PM To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p>	Response from the Cabinet Member for Environment

<p>Hi my councillor Ernest have been extremely supportive with my concern of flipping in and around Alric ave.</p> <p>I would like to Brent's plan to tackle this problem in brent.</p> <p>I love where I live but as many more homes are been Let the standards has really declined.</p> <p>I think there should be cameras I wonder how much money is been spent on contractors who respond very quickly.</p> <p>I just want the flipping to stop please be more robust about this.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you</p> <p>Regards XXX</p>	
<p>Sent: 19 August 2016 5:31 PM To: Committee Subject: Ask a councillor a question</p> <p>Dear sir/Madam</p> <p>I am just <i>wondering</i> about when I will be get council flat I am single father and applied two times online but council said I am a single person and I am not entitled to get flat living in Brent since last 12 years working full time and not claiming any benefits and I can afford council flat privately rent is very high that's why considering council property.</p> <p>I am 41 years old in this system in my life I don't think so I will get it. Please help me out what should I do. I have three children they are living with their mum and I'm living in one single room and I can't accommodate for night stay.</p>	<p>Response from the Cabinet Member for Housing</p>

Please arrange appointment are give me suggestions to sort it out this problem.

Best regards
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**Questions from the Opposition and other Non-Cabinet Members.
Full Council – 19 September 2016**

<p>1. Question to the Cabinet Member for Environment from Councillor Ms Carol Shaw, Brondesbury Park</p> <p>Will the lead member inform residents living on Chamberlayne Road and All Souls Avenue , NW10- who have suffered serious frequent ongoing floods - who is responsible for sorting out the damage from these floods?</p> <p>Brent Council are responsible for the road gullies and Thames Water are responsible for the underground pipes, and they are passing responsibility for flood damage on to each other. Meanwhile residents suffer - so could Thames Water and Brent Council sort this matter out before the next serious flood damage?</p>	
<p>2. Question to the Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills, Regeneration and Growth from Councillor Shafique Choudhary,</p>	

<p>Barnhill</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills, Regeneration and Growth explain what impact Brexit has had upon businesses in Brent?</p>	
<p>3. Question to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor Tom Miller, Willesden Green</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People outline what the Council is doing to support learning for children at GCSE and A-Level age?</p>	
<p>4. Question to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities from Councillor Mary Daly, Sudbury</p> <p>Given that London's Labour Mayor has pledged to have two police officers in every London ward, could the Cabinet Member for Community Safety outline what steps he is taking to ensure that each Ward in Brent gets two dedicated police officers as quickly as possible?</p>	
<p>5. Question to the Cabinet Member for Housing from Councillor Janice Long, Dudden Hill</p> <p>Bob Blackman MP has proposed The Homelessness Reduction Bill which is second on the private members list</p>	

<p>and is supported by homeless charities and landlord associations.</p> <p>What are the implications for Brent Council if it becomes law?</p>	
<p>6. Question to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities from Councillor Matt Kelcher, Kensal Green</p> <p>What can the Cabinet Member for Community Safety do to ensure that CCTV deployed in Brent meets community needs and the priorities of members in each ward?</p>	
<p>7. Question to the Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities from Councillor Reg Colwill, Kenton</p> <p>The residents of the Preston Ward have done a fantastic job in keeping the library active and working to make sure that all the residents have access to books in a very professional manner.</p> <p>Will the Council now honour what they told the residents that is that they would give them the library to continue their good work?</p> <p>If yes, the Committee running the library would like to know when.</p>	
<p>8. Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Joshua Mitchell Murray, Northwick Park</p> <p>Given the potentially punitive upcoming boundary changes,</p>	

what representations will the Leader of the Council make to ensure Brent residents are properly represented on any future constituency map	
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 Brent	Cabinet 15 August 2016
For Action	Report from the Chief Finance Officer Wards Affected: ALL
2015/16 Treasury Management Outturn Report	

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report updates members on Treasury Management activity and confirms that the Council has complied with its Prudential Indicators for 2015/16.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the 2015/16 Treasury Management outturn report, which is substantively the same as reviewed at Audit Committee on 30th June, which will in turn be presented to Council, in compliance with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code).

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council's treasury management activity is underpinned by the Code, which requires authorities to produce annually Prudential Indicators and a Treasury Management Strategy Statement on the likely financing and investment activity. The Code also recommends that members are informed of treasury management activities at least twice a year.
- 3.2 This report fulfils the Council's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to have regard to both the CIPFA Code and the CLG Investment Guidance.

- 3.3 The Council has borrowed money over the long term to support investment in the Council's infrastructure and also invests balances held for short periods. It is therefore exposed to financial risks including the loss of invested funds and the revenue effect of changing interest rates. The successful identification, monitoring and control of risk are central to the Council's treasury management strategy.

Economic background

- 3.4 The recovery in the UK continued with steady, though slowing, economic activity and growth. Q4 2016 GDP showed year-on-year growth of 2.1%, almost entirely from the service sector. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) of inflation increased to 0.5%, and is expected to increase further as the price of oil starts to rise from its current low level, but inflation is not expected to exceed the Bank of England's target this year or next. While employment is currently at a record level of 74.2% of the working age population, pay has grown at a more modest rate than in previous recoveries, limiting the potential of future economic growth. The Eurozone has maintained its low level of economic growth and geopolitical tensions seem to have diminished, though they have not completely dissipated.
- 3.5 Due to differing perspectives on the potential impact of the upcoming EU referendum, there is uncertainty in the marketplace. This is being monitored on a daily basis and due to consideration to reports by the Council's Treasury advisors, who recommend caution. Furthermore, potential effects of an exit from the EU are unpredictable, because they depend significantly on subsequent actions and reactions by a wide range of individuals and organisations, and it is not known how they will react till later in the calendar year. Any relevant update would need to be noted verbally at the meeting, because the impact of Brexit is a proverbial "moveable feast".

Gilt Yields and Money Market Rates

- 3.6 Gilt yields (the rate of interest on UK government borrowing) rose in the first quarter of 2015-16 and then fell in over the rest of the year. 10 year yields ended the year at 1.42% and 20 years at 2.14%, both slightly lower than the at the start of the year.
- 3.7 Interest rates on short term inter-bank lending remained below 1% through the year.
- 3.8 That rates will stay longer and likely lower than the current 0.5% has been suggested by the Bank of England Governor but the anticipated future rate reduction was subject to a vote at the time of this report's drafting. This reflects the current consensus in the marketplace but like all consensus, it is subject to the overriding caveat of economic uncertainty.

The Borrowing Requirement and Debt Management

3.8 The table below summarises the Council's borrowing activity during 2015/16. The Council's underlying need to borrow as measured by the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) at 31/03/2016 was estimated to be £612 million.

	Balance 01/04/2015 (£m)	New Borrowing (£m)	Borrowing Repaid (£m)	Balance 31/03/2016 (£m)	Average Rate (%)	Average Life (Years)
CFR	579			612		
Short Term Borrowing	0	0	0	0	0	
Long Term Borrowing	424	0	5	419	4.76	35.4

3.9 At 1 April 2015 the Council had £424 million of long-term borrowing, to finance its previous years' capital programmes. With short-term interest rates being much lower than long-term rates, it was more cost effective in the short-term to use internal resources rather than undertake further long-term borrowing. By doing so, the Council has been able to reduce net borrowing costs and reduced overall treasury risk, because overall borrowing has been reduced slightly. No temporary borrowing was required during the year. The average rate of 4.76% was higher than last year's rate of 4.72% and this was due to the redemption of £5m of PWLB loans that are paid back steadily over their lifetime.

3.10 The Treasury Management Strategy approved by the Council in February 2015 states that the Council will maintain borrowing at the lowest level consistent with prudent management of the Councils finances. This implies that, at present discount rates, we will not undertake premature repayment of debt but that, in conjunction with our Treasury Management advisers, Arlingclose, we will remain abreast of developments and be prepared to borrow up to the level of CFR if a significant permanent rate rise appears likely. These circumstances did not arise during the year.

3.11 No debt was restructured during the year and no lenders exercised options to vary the terms of loans on LOBO (Lender Option, Borrower Option) terms. The Council has borrowed £95.5m under LOBO transactions, all of which were entered into in the period November 2002 to April 2010. Unlike PWLB loans, there is no formula for the cost of redemption of LOBOs, and the price quoted would depend on any bank's view on its commercial advantage. The banks' positions have been insured through the derivatives markets and to

renegotiate these arrangements would be very expensive. The average premium on our LOBO portfolio is about 68%: this would mean that it would cost £8.4m to redeem a LOBO with a nominal value of £5m. However, there is no established formula for the redemption price and the actual cost be higher.

- 3.12. There are complex arguments made about LOBOs, by their supporters and by their detractors. The Council's position is simply that the LOBOs are part of its portfolio, and must therefore be managed as effectively as possible. There are no plans to enter into further LOBO contracts. However, it should be noted that the average rate of interest being paid on LOBOs is little different to that on PWLB debt (4.75% compared to 4.71% at 31 March) and the range of rates lower. The most expensive LOBO was at 6.234% on 31 March, compared with the most expensive PWLB at 8.875%.
- 3.13 Since, the end of 2015/16, Barclay's Bank decided to give up its lender option to £15m of LOBOs. There were three loans of £5 million each, with interest rates of 3.95%, 4.35% and 4.5%, with maturities between 2048 and 2076. Barclays did this to ensure it could meet Basle III Capital Requirements that banks need to comply with by 2019. As these changes are to the borrowers' advantages, it merely needed to notify us and provide us with the signed declaration of its change. It is likely, according to Arlingclose, our Treasury advisers, that other lenders will soon follow suit.
- 3.14 In January 2015 the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) confirmed that HM Treasury (HMT) would be taking the necessary steps to abolish the Public Works Loans Board. The proposal is to transform PWLB from being an arms-length organization to being part of the Treasury in order to simplify structures in Central Government. HMT has confirmed however that its lending function will continue unaffected and local authorities will retain access to borrowing rates which offer good value for money. The authority intends to use the PWLB's replacement as a potential source of borrowing if required. As this is the sole impact of the proposals and Brent's interest is protected, Brent chose not to comment, except via Arlingclose.

Investment Activity

- 3.14 Both CIPFA and the CLG Investment Guidance require the Council to invest prudently and have regard to the security and liquidity of investments before seeking the optimum yield. The table below summarizes investment activity during 2015/16.

Investments	Balance on 01/04/2015 (£m)	Investments made (£m)	Investments repaid (£m)	Balance on 31/03/2016 (£m)	Average Rate (%)
Fixed Term Deposits	125	397	431	91	0.5
Marketable instruments		328	278	50	0.6
Money Market Funds and notice deposits	24	623	624	23	0.4
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	149	1348	1333	164	0.5

3.15 Security of capital remained the Council's main investment objective. This was maintained by following the Council's counterparty policy as set out in its Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2015/16 which defined "high credit quality organisations" as those having a long-term credit rating of A- or higher that are domiciled in the UK or overseas where the sovereign rating is AA+ or higher.

3.16 The growth of bail-in risk gave rise to the decision to restrict the maximum maturity with market financial institutions to three months and use only marketable instruments issued by them. Bail-in means that long-term loans in financial institutions are converted into equity (shares) that are not easily convertible for many years, preventing Brent from accessing the resources, and potentially giving them a hefty cut in their value.

3.17 New investments with banks and Building Societies have been undertaken by means of marketable instruments and the Treasury bill market has also been used. Treasury bills have largely replaced the use of the UK Debt Management Office (the Bank of England's temporary borrowing team, who are effectively a deposit taker of last resort, borrowing at 0.25%) which has been used on rare occasions to invest large receipts at short notice. The risk of bail in has recently declined for many UK institutions, but investment decisions still need to be made on a case by case basis.

Credit developments and credit risk management

3.18 The Council assessed and monitored counterparty credit quality with reference to credit ratings, credit default swaps (a means of insuring loans), perceived credit-worthiness of the country in which the institution is registered

and its share price. The minimum long-term counterparty credit rating determined by the Council for the 2015/16 treasury strategy was A- across rating agencies Fitch, S&P and Moody's.

- 3.19 The mechanism for dealing with a failed bank, which was brought into effect through the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013, is now in operation. The Council has taken a number of actions in response to this, and continues to monitor risks, with advice from Arlingclose.
- 3.20 The Council did not make any deposits with institutions in the Eurozone during the year and took the action noted above on UK banks. Two very conservative Swedish banks (Svenska Handelsbanken and Nordea) were added to our lending list, with a limit of six months, in accordance with Arlingclose's guidance

Liquidity Management

- 3.21 Combining changes to the regulatory environment and our adoption of a mainly three month lending limit, investments with financial institutions are now normally by means of purchasing 3 month Certificates of Deposit (CDs). Longer maturities can be obtained by depositing with the two Swedish banks, government bodies, with Central Government, via Treasury Bills up to 6 months, or locally. Attractive rates can be obtained from Local Authorities, though these will depend on being able to satisfy demand when it arises. At peak periods, mindful of the primacy of security as a criterion for decision making, substantial balances may be held in short term investments, particularly Money Market Funds. The use of short term borrowing at times of lower cash balances is judged to maintain a prudent balance between maintaining security and liquidity and achieving a reasonable yield on investments, though this was not required in 2015-16.

Yield

- 3.22 The UK Bank Rate was maintained at 0.5% through the year. Short term money market rates also remained at low levels which continued to have a significant impact on investment income. The average 3-month LIBID rate during 2015/16 was 0.53%, the 6-month LIBID rate averaged 0.73% and the 1-year LIBID rate averaged 1.03%. The low rates of return on the Council's short-dated money market investments reflect prevailing market conditions and the Council's objective of optimising returns commensurate with the principles of security and liquidity.
- 3.23 The Council's budgeted investment income for the year had been estimated at £0.7m. The average cash balance during the year 2015-16 was £186m and interest earned was £0.9m. The interest earned in 2014-15 was £0.9m on an average cash balance of £153m. Low rates of interest, as noted earlier,

appear likely to continue in 2016/17. Indeed, it is quite likely that investment income will struggle to reach £0.9m in future years, if the Bank of England reduces rates.

Update on Investments with Icelandic Banks

- 3.24 The Council has now recovered 98% of its £10 million deposit with Heritable Bank. The administrators have not made any further estimate of final recoveries yet, though a further distribution is expected, subject to the outcome of a legal case.

Compliance

- 3.25 The Council confirms that it has complied with its Prudential Indicators for 2015/16, which were approved by the Council on 2 March 2014 as part of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement.
- 3.26 In compliance with the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice this report provides members with a summary report of the treasury management activity during 2015/16. None of the Prudential Indicators have been breached and a prudent approach has been taken in relation to investment activity with priority being given to security and liquidity over yield. Further information is set out in Appendix 2.

Investment Training

- 3.27 The needs of the Council's treasury management staff for training in investment management are kept under review and considered as part of the staff appraisal process, and additionally when the responsibilities of individual members of staff change.
- 3.28 During 2015/16 staff attended training courses, seminars and conferences provided by Arlingclose and CIPFA and opportunities which may arise with other organisations are considered.
- 3.29 A member training session on treasury management was held on 19 November 2015 which outlined the overall treasury management framework.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Already noted within the report as this is the Treasury Management Outturn Report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications

6. DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None identified.

7. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None identified.

8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Treasury Management Strategy Report to Council – 2 March 2016
2015/16 Mid-Year Treasury Report to Council – 8 September 2015

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Appendix 1 - Debt and Investment Portfolio Position 31/3/2016

	31/3/2016 Actual Portfolio £m	31/3/2016 Average Rate %
External Borrowing:		
PWLB – Maturity	288	5.0
PWLB – Equal Instalments of Premium	36	2.6
LOBO Loans	95	4.8
Total External Borrowing	419	4.7
Other Long Term Liabilities:		
PFI	32	9.5
Total Gross External Debt	451	5.0
Investments:		
Deposits	91	0.5
Marketable Instruments	50	0.6
Money Market Funds	23	0.4
Total Investments	164	0.5
Net Debt	287	7.6

Appendix 2 – Prudential Indicators

(a) Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)

The Council's cumulative maximum external borrowing requirement for 2015/16 is shown in the table below:

Capital Financing Requirement	31/03/2016 Estimate £m	31/03/2016 Actual* £m
General Fund	459	471
HRA	137	141
Total CFR	596	612

*Uses provisional estimates from Draft Statement of Accounts

Gross Debt and the Capital Financing Requirement: In order to ensure that over the medium term debt will only be for a capital purpose, the Council should ensure that debt does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of capital financing requirement in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional capital financing requirement for the current and next two financial years. This is a key indicator of prudence.

Debt	31/03/2016 Estimate £m	31/03/2016 Actual £m
Borrowing	419	419
PFI liabilities	33	32
Total Debt	452	451
Borrowing in excess of CFR?	No	No

(b) Authorised Limit and Operational Boundary for External Debt

The Operational Boundary for External Debt is based on the Council's estimate of most likely, i.e. prudent, but not worst case scenario for external debt. It links directly to the Council's estimates of capital expenditure, the capital financing requirement and cash flow requirements and is a key management tool for in-year monitoring.

Other long-term liabilities comprise finance lease, Private Finance Initiative and other liabilities that are not borrowing but form part of the Council's debt.

The Authorised Limit for External Debt is the affordable borrowing limit determined in compliance with the Local Government Act 2003. It is the maximum amount of debt that the Council can legally owe. The authorised limit provides headroom over and above the operational boundary for unusual cash movements.

The Director of Finance confirms that there were no breaches to the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary during 2015/16.

	Operational Boundary (Approved) 31/03/2016	Authorised Limit (Approved) 31/03/2016	Actual External Debt 31/03/2016
Borrowing			419
Other Long-term Liabilities			32
Total	680	780	451

(c) Upper Limits for Fixed Interest Rate Exposure and Variable Interest Rate Exposure

This indicator is set to control the Council's exposure to interest rate risk. The upper limits on fixed and variable rate interest rate exposures, expressed as the proportion of net principal borrowed.

	Approved Limits for 2015/16 Proportion %	Maximum during 2015/16 Proportion %
Upper Limit for Fixed Rate Exposure	100	100
Compliance with Limits:	Yes	Yes
Upper Limit for Variable Rate Exposure	40	0
Compliance with Limits:	Yes	Yes

(d) Maturity Structure of Fixed Rate Borrowing

This indicator is to limit large concentrations of fixed rate debt needing to be replaced at times of uncertainty over interest rates.

Maturity Structure of Fixed Rate Borrowing	Upper Limit %	Lower Limit %	Actual Fixed Rate Borrowing at 31/03/2016 £m	% Fixed Rate Borrowing at 31/03/2016	Compliance with Set Limits?
under 12 months	40	0	29	7	Yes
12 months and within 24 months	20	0	34	8	Yes
24 months and within 5 years	20	0	60	14	Yes
5 years and within 10 years	60	0	10	2	Yes
10 years and within 20 years	100	0	25	6	Yes
20 years and within 30 years	100	0	1	0	Yes
30 years and within 40 years	100	0	154	37	Yes
40 years and within 50 years	100	0	106	26	Yes
50 years and above	100	0	0	0	Yes

(e) Capital Expenditure

This indicator is set to ensure that the level of proposed capital expenditure remains within sustainable limits and, in particular, to consider the impact on Council tax and in the case of the HRA, housing rent levels.

Capital Expenditure	31/03/2016 Estimate £m	31/03/2016 Actual £m
Non-HRA	68	60
HRA	34	33
Total	102	93

(f) Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream

This is an indicator of affordability and highlights the revenue implications of existing and proposed capital expenditure by identifying the proportion of the revenue budget required to meet financing costs, net of investment income.

Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream	31/03/2016 Estimate %	31/03/2016 Actual %
Non-HRA	10.49	8.08
HRA*	12.35	12.50
Total	10.60	8.64

(g) Adoption of the CIPFA Treasury Management Code

This indicator demonstrates that the Council adopted the principles of best practice.

The Council adopted the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's *Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2011 Edition* in February 2013

(h) Upper Limit for Total Principal Sums Invested Over 364 Days

The purpose of this limit is to contain exposure to the possibility of loss that may arise as a result of the Council having to seek early repayment of the sums invested.

	31/03/2016 Approved £m	31/03/2016 Actual £m
	20	0

(i) HRA Limit on Indebtedness

HRA Debt Cap (as prescribed by CLG)	£199m	
	31/03/2016 Estimate £m	31/03/2016 Actual £m

HRA CFR	137	141*
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*Provisional Based on Draft Accounts

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Full Council – 19 September 2016

Motion selected by the Labour Group

Air quality in Brent

Brent Council notes that 2016 marks the 60th anniversary of the Clean Air Act of 1956.

This legislation was passed following the great London smogs of the 1950s. The legislation made a huge difference to life in London and saved countless lives.

Brent recognises that politicians at the time did an amazing thing and responded on the scale that was required. Today we face another pollution public health emergency in London and now it's our turn to act for the good of Londoners and for future generations to come.

In 2016, 9500 Londoners are dying from long-term exposure to air pollution every year and latest research revealing over 443 schools in the capital are in areas exceeding safe legal pollution levels.

Brent Council therefore welcomes the action plan to "battle London's toxic air" proposed in July 2016 by the new Mayor of London - Sadiq Khan

In particular we welcome the following proposals:

- Implementing a £10 Emissions Surcharge (dubbed the 'T-charge') on the most polluting vehicles entering central London from 2017. The charge would apply to all vehicles with pre-Euro 4 emission standards (broadly speaking those registered before 2005) and will cost an extra £10 per day on top of the existing Congestion Charge.
- Introducing the central London Ultra-Low Emission Zone one year earlier in 2019
- Extending the Ultra-Low Emission Zone ('ULEZ') beyond central London from 2020
- Developing a detailed proposal for a national diesel scrappage scheme for Government to implement
- Bringing forward the requirement for all double-deck buses to be ULEZ-compliant in central London from 2020 to 2019
- Implementing clean bus corridors – tackling the worst pollution hotspots by delivering cleaner buses on the dirtiest routes

- We note that the Emissions Surcharge in 2017, followed by an expanded ULEZ in 2020, would be the toughest crackdown on the most polluting vehicles by any major city around the world.

Brent Council recognises the concerns expressed by residents throughout Brent about air quality in our borough

We urge TFL to make "clean bus corridors" in Chamberlayne Road and Wembley High Road a priority.

We ask officers to report by the end of 2016 on quick win measures and a long term strategy for Brent Council to improve quality in Brent.

Cllr Neil Nerva



Full Council – 19 September 2016

Motion selected by the Conservative Group

Regal Way

Three years ago, the Council upgraded half of Regal Way with paving stones and new driveway bricks, leaving the other half of the road undone.

Afterwards, the residents petitioned the Council and met with the Leader of the Council, Councillor Butt, who promised that the other side would be upgraded a year or two later.

Residents have now been advised that the works will be carried out with a different material similar to asphalt, which is nothing like that used on the opposite side of the road.

The residents are unhappy that the road is once again going to be different and thus splitting up a community.

This Council believes that the Council should finish the road with the same materials used on the other side so it becomes connected again.

Despite additional costs, this Council believes that, in this instance, it would be a gesture of goodwill to complete the road with the same materials.

Councillors Colwill, Kansagra and Maurice

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Full Council – 19 September 2016

Motion selected by the Brent Conservative Group

Libraries

This Council confirms its previous promises and pledges of support for the continued existence of the four voluntary - run Brent libraries: Preston Community, Barham Park , Kensal Rise and Cricklewood.

Councillors Warren, Davidson and Shaw

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