

Housing Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 7.00 pm

Boardrooms 3-5 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
Wembley, HA9 0FJ

Membership:

Members

Councillors:

Long (Chair)
Ms Shaw (Vice-Chair)
S Choudhary
Daly
Harrison
Hector
Hylton
Kabir
Naheerathan

Substitute Members

Councillors:

Conneely, Hoda-Benn, Jones, Nerva, Shahzad and
Ketan Sheth

Councillors:

Maurice and Warren

Co-opted Members:

Michele Lonergan, Brent Leaseholder
Karin Jaeger, Brent Tenant

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The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting

Notes for Members - Declarations of Interest:

If a Member is aware they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent and must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If a Member is aware they have a Personal Interest** in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent.

If the Personal Interest is also a Prejudicial Interest (i.e. it affects a financial position or relates to determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission, or registration) then (unless an exception at 14(2) of the Members Code applies), after disclosing the interest to the meeting the Member must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item, except that they may first make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the matter, provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for those purposes.

***Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

- (a) **Employment, etc.** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.
- (b) **Sponsorship** - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of election; including from a trade union.
- (c) **Contracts** - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between the Councillors or their partner (or a body in which one has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) **Land** - Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences** - Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies** - Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.
- (g) **Securities** - Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

****Personal Interests:**

The business relates to or affects:

- (a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:
 - To which you are appointed by the council;
 - which exercises functions of a public nature;
 - which is directed is to charitable purposes;
 - whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party or trade union).
 - (b) The interests of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;
- or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the electoral ward affected by the decision, the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who employs or has appointed any of these or in whom they have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000, or any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are a director
- any body of a type described in (a) above

Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

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1 Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members	
2 Declarations of interests	
Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, the existence and nature of any relevant disclosable pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests in the items on this agenda and to specify the item/s to which that interest relates.	
3 Minutes of the previous meeting	1 - 8
To approve the attached minutes from the previous meeting on 22 February 2018 as a correct record.	
4 Matters arising (if any)	
To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.	
5 Deputations (if any)	
To hear any deputations received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 67.	
6 Petitions (if any)	
To discuss any petitions from members of the public, in accordance with Standing Order 66.	
7 Brent based Registered Providers (RP) delivery of social housing	9 - 22
Housing Scrutiny Committee seeks to have an oversight of service delivery in the borough as housing is increasingly delivered by a number of landlords, including the Council, Registered Providers (RP), private landlords and rent schemes such as Shared Ownership. The Committee has requested that Registered Providers active in the borough report on the level and quality of services they deliver to local residents.	

8 Homelessness Reduction Act 23 - 38

This report provides information about the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, and the key changes that it will introduce. It also provides feedback on the role and general performance of the Single Homeless Prevention Scheme (SHPS) trailblazer scheme and the extent to which it is meeting its objectives.

9 Impact of Landlord Licensing 39 - 52

This report sets out the private housing services experience of the impact of private rented property licensing on tenants since the introduction of the Brent Selective and Additional HMO licensing schemes in January 2015. The report aims to provide the committee with an update against the objectives of landlord licensing, an update on the new 2018 Selective designation scheme and prospects for further extension of the schemes

10 Housing Management - Customer Service 53 - 56

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the Scrutiny Committee on the current performance status of the Housing Contact Centre, the improvements since October, when the service was insourced and those planned for the future.

11 Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18 57 - 66

12 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 60.

Date of the next meeting: To be confirmed



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