

Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

Monday 27 November 2017 at 7.00 pm

Boardrooms 4/5/6 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ

Membership:

Members Substitute Members

Councillors: Councillors:

Kelcher (Chair) S Choudhary, Daly, Harrison, Hylton, Kabir, Long and

Davidson (Vice-Chair) Naheerathan

Aden Colacicco Councillors:

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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 of trade union).
- (b) The interests a 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.

Item Page 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 nature and existence of any relevant disclosable pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests in the items on this agenda and to specify the item(s) to which they relate. 3 **Deputations (if any)** To hear any deputations received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 67. 4 Minutes of the previous meeting 1 - 8 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record. 5 Matters arising (if any) To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. 6 Complaints Annual Report 2016 -2017 9 - 68This report sets out complaints performance in Brent Council and Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) for the period April 2016 to March 2017. High level data for the previous 2 years has been included where available for the purpose of comparison over a 3-year period. This 2016/17 Complaints Annual Report was presented to Cabinet on 23 October 2017 and the report recommendations were agreed. 7 Report for Scrutiny on Call In Report on South Kilburn Regeneration 69 - 106 Programme - Carlton & Granville Centres Site - Development **Options**

The committee previously considered a call-in of the decisions made by the Cabinet on 15 November 2016 regarding the South Kilburn Regeneration Programme - Carlton and Granville Centres Site – Development Options. This report provides a detailed update to the

8 **Tree Management Policy**

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Brent Council is committed to managing the Borough's tree stock successfully. The revised Tree Management Policy has been developed to consider the benefits and importance of maintaining our trees. It aims to raise the profile, value and appreciation of trees in the borough, to improve understanding of tree issues, manage expectations and to meet the challenge of adapting to climate change in the coming decades. The revised policy will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 11 December 2017. The Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the policy and provide recommendations for officers to consider in advance of the Cabinet meeting.

9 **Community Access and Vulnerable People**

Report to **Follow**

This report provides analysis of access to all the residents of Brent including digital provision, as well as the factors which make some customers and users "vulnerable".

10 **Food Banks and Poverty Task Group Report**

This report presents the findings and recommendations of the task group Report to review of food banks and poverty. The task group undertook this work due to the significant rise in food bank usage nationally and lack of a detailed picture of food bank usage across Brent.

11 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.

Tuesday 9 January 2018 Date of the next meeting:



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