

Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.00 pm

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

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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, any relevant disclosable pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interests in the items on this agenda.	
3 Deputations (if any) To hear any deputations received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 69.	
4 Minutes of the previous meeting To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 27 November 2017 as an accurate record. <i>Please note these minutes will be circulated as a supplemental item to the main agenda.</i>	<i>To follow</i>
5 Matters arising (if any) To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.	
6 Budget Scrutiny Task Group Report This report set out the findings and recommendations of the recent budget scrutiny task group.	1 - 24
Ward Affected: All Wards	Contact Officer: Mark Cairns Policy & Scrutiny Manager Email: mark.cairns@brent.gov.uk Tel: 020 8937 1476
7 The Digital Strategy and the Customer Experience To receive a report from the Director of Performance, Policy and Partnerships providing an update on the Brent Digital Strategy 2017 – 2020 and its impact on the customer experience in accessing services. The report also provides an outline for the forthcoming Channel Strategy and seeks feedback from the Committee on its scope and the principles proposed to underpin the ways in which Brent Council will design and deliver its services across a range of contact channels to ensure accessibility and value for money.	25 - 40

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8 Review of Recycling Rates in Brent

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This report provides details on the Borough's current recycling rates along with a comparison against rates from other similar authorities. The report has been requested by the Scrutiny Committee to assist Members in considering how performance might be improved.

In addition details are provided on attempts being made to reduce food waste in the recycling stream and on the use of new technology to help improve recycling rates.

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All Wards

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9 Review of Trading Standards' Role and Priority Areas

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This report outlines the role and priorities of the Council's Trading Standards, focussing, as requested by the Committee, on the following areas:

- Analysis on the role of Trading Standards in 2017
- Are the Service targeting the correct areas?
- What do the public want trading standards to do?

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All Wards

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10 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: Wednesday 21 February 2018



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