

**London Borough of Brent  
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet  
on Wednesday 12 September 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor M Butt (Chair), Councillor McLennan (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Agha, Farah, Hirani, Miller, M Patel, Krupa Sheth, Southwood and Tatler

ABSENT: Councillors

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Long and Mahmood

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1.	Apologies for Absence		Apologies for absence were received from Carolyn Downs, the Council's Chief Executive, Gail Tolley, Strategic Director of Children and Young People, and Amar Dave, Strategic Director of Environment and Regeneration.
2.	Declarations of Interest		There were no declarations of interest.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting		<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 13 August 2018, be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.
4.	Matters Arising (if any)		None.
5.	Petitions (if any)		None.
6.	Reference of item considered by Scrutiny Committees (if any)		None.
7.	Authority to proceed - Six sheet advertising	All Wards	<b>RESOLVED:</b> (i) Cabinet approved inviting tenders for six-sheet free

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			<p>standing advertising units contract on the basis of the pre-tender considerations set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report;</p> <p>(ii) Cabinet approved officers evaluating the tenders referred to in 2.1 above on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report; and</p> <p>(iii) Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Performance, Policy and Partnerships in consultation with the Leader of the Council to award the concession contract for a term of eight years plus one further two year extension (a total contract term including extensions of ten years).</p>
<b>8.</b>	Community Hubs - Extending the Model across Brent	All Wards	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) Cabinet approved and supported the proposals set out in <i>Community Hubs: A model for Brent</i> at Appendix 1, for extending the community hub model currently operating in Harlesden to additional areas of the borough including Kilburn, Willesden, Wembley and Kingsbury and Kenton; and</p> <p>(ii) Cabinet noted the intention to revert to Cabinet for a decision to set up a Community Interest Company, or other delivery vehicle, once exploratory work has concluded.</p>
<b>9.</b>	Parking Annual Report 2017-2018		<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) Cabinet approved the Parking Annual Report 2017-2018, attached as the Appendix to the Cabinet report; and</p>

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			(ii) The Parking Annual Report 2017-2018 be published online by 1 October 2018.
<b>10.</b>	Contingency planning for the Council's Benefits Service: Authorisation of Third Parties to determine Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Council Tax Support Claims	All Wards	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) Cabinet gave authority to permit a third party service provider to make decisions relating to Housing Benefit (HB), Council Tax Benefit (CTB) and Council Tax Support (CTS) claims and associated Council Tax matters concerning discounts and liability, for the purposes set out within this report where the appropriate approvals have been obtained in compliance with Council standing orders and financial regulations; and</p> <p>(ii) Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Resources in consultation with the Lead Member to authorise a third party service provider to make decisions relating to Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and Council Tax Support claims and associated Council Tax matters concerning discounts and liability for any other specific and ad-hoc purposes that may arise subsequent to the circumstances set out within this report subject to the appropriate approvals being obtained in compliance with Council standing orders and financial regulations.</p>
<b>11.</b>	2017/18 Treasury Management Outturn Report	All Wards	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet requested the 2017/18 Treasury Management Outturn Report to be forwarded to Full Council, in compliance with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code).
<b>12.</b>	Brent Council Borrowing Strategy 2018/19 - 2020/21	All Wards	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) Cabinet noted the Council's balance sheet analysis and estimated borrowing need as set out in section 5;</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1216 427 2089 571">(ii) Cabinet approved the borrowing strategy as set out in the report including the commencement of negotiations to agree a forward funding loan of up to £40m. See section 6;</li> <li data-bbox="1216 611 2089 794">(iii) Cabinet noted that the actions recommended above were within the operational boundaries already agreed by Full Council when setting the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 as part of the budget setting process; and</li> <li data-bbox="1216 834 2089 1018">(iv) Cabinet noted that a copy of this report had been presented to the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee in July for review and consideration. The comments the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee were shown in paragraph 1.6.</li> </ul>
<b>13.</b>	Housing Revenue Account Borrowing Headroom	All Wards	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1216 1074 2089 1177">(i) Cabinet agreed for the Council to bid for additional headroom borrowing to build new Council homes at social rent level; and</li> <li data-bbox="1216 1209 2089 1409">(ii) Cabinet agreed that should negotiations with the GLA alter the proposed amount of borrowing, the decision to progress be delegated to the Strategic Director, Community Wellbeing in consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform and the Chief Finance Officer (s.151 Officer).</li> </ul>

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14.	Funding of London Borough of Culture 2020	All Wards	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(i) Cabinet agreed the funding strategy for the London Borough of Culture 2020;</p> <p>(ii) Cabinet agreed the commitment of £0.250m Neighbourhood CIL to support areas of the programme which meet the NCIL criteria;</p> <p>(iii) Cabinet delegated to the Cabinet Member of Public Health, Culture and Leisure in consultation with the Strategic Director Community Wellbeing and Chief Finance Officer, as a contingency measure, the decision to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve additional non recurrent funding from Council reserves to support the legacy of Brent Borough of Culture 2020 should this be necessary</li> <li>• And / or scale back the programme; and</li> </ul> <p>(iv) Cabinet noted the intention to fund raise from external sources in order that the use of reserves should not be necessary.</p>
15.	Exclusion of Press and Public		None.
16.	Any other urgent business		None.