

Housing Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 29 November 2018 at 6.00 pm
Conference Hall - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
Wembley, HA9 0FJ

Membership:

Members

Councillors:

Long (Chair)
Maurice (Vice-Chair)
Aden
Ethapemi
Hassan
Johnson
Kennelly
Stephens

Substitute Members

Councillors:

Afzal, Conneely, Hector, Knight, Shahzad, Ketan Sheth
and Thakkar

Councillors:

Colwill

Co-opted Members:

Michele Lonergan, Brent Leaseholder
Karin Jaeger, Brent Tenant

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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 significant enough to affect your judgement of a public interest and either it affects a financial position or relates to a regulatory matter then 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 of 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 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 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 is the subject of a registrable personal interest.

Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

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Item

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 Minutes of the previous meeting

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To approve the attached minutes from the previous meeting on 13 September 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 Progress on Housing Asset Management Strategy

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This report provides a progress update to the Housing Scrutiny Committee on developing the Council's Asset Management Strategy and what the next steps will be, including the consideration of the full Asset Management Strategy by Cabinet in April 2019.

8 Fire Safety of Low-Rise Domestic Properties

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The report sets out the progress on recommendations provided by the Scrutiny Committee Task Group on Fire Safety of Low-Rise Domestic

Properties.

9 Housing Revenue Account Overview 25 - 34

This report provides Housing Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) within a local and national context, along with key challenges and how they are being managed.

10 Allocations Policy Consultation (verbal update)

11 Private Housing - HMO and Selective Licensing Fee Structure (verbal update)

12 Service Provision on Housing Estates: Members' Scrutiny Task Group 35 - 44

To enable members of the Housing Scrutiny Committee to set up a members' scrutiny task group to review service provision on housing estates.

13 Housing Scrutiny Cafe 45 - 46

To enable members of the Housing Scrutiny Committee to gain an overview of the housing scrutiny café that was held at Willesden Green Library on Tuesday 16 October.

14 Work Programme 2018/19 47 - 62

15 Forward Plan 63 - 80

16 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 6 February 2019



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