

General Purposes Committee

Monday 21 January 2019 at 5.45 pm

Board Room 2 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ

Membership:

Members Substitute Members

Councillors: Councillors:

M Butt (Chair) Aden, S Choudhary, Kabir, Knight, Miller, M Patel and

McLennan (Vice-Chair) Southwood

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Colwill Councillors:

Farah Kansagra and Maurice Hirani

Krupa Sheth

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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 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 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;

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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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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

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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 Calculation of Council Tax Base 2019/20

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This report is presented to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory role to set a Council Tax Base for 2018/19.

The Council Tax must be set between 1 December 2018 and 31 January 2019.

Wards Affected: Contact Officer: Conrad Hall

Chief Finance Officer

All Wards Email: conrad.hall@brent.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8937 6528

7 Severance Approval

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This report seeks approval for one further severance payment to the ones agreed at the meeting on 5 December 2018.

Wards Affected: Contact Officer: Debra Norman

Director of Legal and HR

N/A Email: debra.norman@brent.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8937 1578

8 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

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A review of the Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations of the London Borough of Brent has taken place and the resulting recommendations are included in this report.

Wards Affected: Contact Officer: Melanie Adams

Electoral Registration and Services

All Wards Manager

Email: Melanie.Adams@brent.gov.uk

Tel: 0208 937 1302

9 Appointments to Sub-Committees / Outside Bodies (if any)

To consider any appointments needing to be made in relation to the Sub Committees appointed by General Purposes Committee.

10 Exclusion of Press and Public

There are currently not items listed that will require the exclusion of the press and public.

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.



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