



**Cabinet**  
16 January 2017

**Report from the Director of  
Policy, Performance and  
Partnerships**

For information

Wards affected:  
ALL

**Recommendations to Cabinet from the Resources and  
Public Realm Scrutiny Committee: The Brent Road Re-  
Surfacing Strategy**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This report sets out the recommendations to Cabinet which the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee agreed at its meeting on 6 September 2016.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Cabinet notes the recommendations as set out in appendix A
- 2.2 That the appropriate Cabinet member explore the viability of each recommendation made within their portfolio; and report back to the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee with updates in the next six months.

**3.0 Detail**

**The Brent Road Re-surfacing Strategy**

- 3.1 The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee requested a report to its meeting on the 6 September providing a look at how the additional money cabinet has recently allocated for road resurfacing will be prioritised and spent. Brent highways infrastructure is currently valued at £3.89billion and is the asset most visible and frequently used by the public. Despite an increasing maintenance requirement and reductions to local government funding, Brent continued to provide investment and deliver programmes to improve the overall condition of the borough's footways and roads.
- 3.2 The Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP) had been adopted by the council in 2014 and enshrined a proactive approach to asset repair, ensuring maintenance works took place before assets failed to prevent high street repair costs in the long term. In line with this approach, an asset management tool is being procured which would enable officers to identify the most appropriate time for planned intervention ensuring optimal use of funding and improved communication with residents.

- 3.3 On the basis of the report presented to the committee and the testimony at the committee, the members of Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee made two recommendations on the Road Resurfacing Strategy to the Cabinet.
- 3.4 The committee raised a concern about damage caused to public roads and pavements as a result of building works and in the case of commercial buildings, deliveries and other routine activities. It was queried whether the use of deposits or licences could address the cost implications of repairing this damage.

### **Background Papers**

The Brent Road Re-surfacing Strategy, 6 September 2016

[Agenda for Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 6 September 2016, 7.00 pm](#)

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **The Brent Road Re-surfacing Strategy, 6 September 2016**

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Cabinet consider the possibility of requiring a deposit be provided where building works were being undertaken to address any repairs to the public highway caused as a result of those works.
- (ii) That Cabinet consider the possibility of issuing a license or the use of a similar mechanism to address damages to the public highway caused by the routine activities of those occupying commercial buildings, such as deliveries.