



Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

16 March 2020

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive

Scrutiny Committee Recommendation Tracker 2019/2020

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| Wards Affected: | All |
| Key or Non-Key Decision: | Non-Key Decision |
| Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act) | Open |
| No. of Appendices: | Appendix 1 - Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker Appendix 2 – Response by Brent CCG to committee recommendations |
| Background Papers: | None. |
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker table, which tracks the progress of recommendations made by the committee.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the progress of the previous recommendations of the committee be noted.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In accordance with Part 4 of the Brent Council Constitution (Standing Orders of Committees) Brent Council scrutiny committees may make recommendations to the Full Council or the Cabinet with respect to any functions which are the responsibility of the executive or of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive, or on matters which affect

the borough or its inhabitants. The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee may also make recommendations to the relevant NHS bodies.

- 3.2 Scrutiny committees may not make executive decisions and scrutiny recommendations therefore require consideration and decision by the appropriate decision maker; usually the Cabinet, but also to full Council for policy and budgetary decisions and the NHS where it is the decision maker.
- 3.3 The Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker table attached at Appendix 1 provides a summary of scrutiny recommendations made during the municipal year, so that the scrutiny committee can track the progress of the recommendations made.
- 3.4 Scrutiny recommendations include through Scrutiny Task Groups and scrutiny reports agreed by the committee, as well as other scrutiny recommendations agreed in committee.
- 3.5 The Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker table includes each scrutiny recommendation made and the date it was made, (which will be as is recorded in the committee minutes), identification of the decision maker (e.g. Cabinet), the Executive Response (the actual Cabinet decision), which may be different from the scrutiny recommendation and which will be minuted in the Cabinet minutes, the date the Executive Response/decision was made and an implementation review date.
- 3.6 The Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker enables the scrutiny committee to track whether their recommendations have been agreed, what actually was agreed (if different) and ask about any outcomes arising from the scrutiny recommendations, for example, service improvements, value for money savings and outcomes for residents.
- 3.7 If the relevant respective executive decisions and actions have been implemented, they will not be referred over to the scrutiny recommendation tracker report for the next municipal year, but that any that have not been implemented may be referred to the scrutiny recommendation tracker for the next committee cycle.

4.0 Procedure for Reports and Recommendations from Scrutiny Committees

- 4.1 Where scrutiny committees make reports or recommendations to the Cabinet, as soon as this has been confirmed, these will be referred to the Cabinet requesting an Executive Response and the issue will be published on the Council's Forward Plan. This will instigate the preparation of a report to Cabinet and the necessary consideration of the response, the technical feasibility, financial implications, legal implications and equalities implications etc.
- 4.2 At the next available meeting of Cabinet, Cabinet will receive notification of the committee's report or recommendations under the standing agenda item

Reference of item considered by Scrutiny Committees, to consider any reference reports from any of the Council's scrutiny committees.

- 4.3 Where scrutiny committees make reports or recommendations to full Council (e.g. in the case of policy and budgetary decisions), the same process will be followed, with a report to Cabinet to agree its Executive Response, and thereafter, a report will be prepared for Council for consideration of the scrutiny report and recommendations along with the Cabinet's Response.
- 4.4 Where scrutiny committees have powers under their terms of reference to make reports or recommendations external decision makers (e.g. NHS bodies), where they do this, the relevant external decision maker shall be notified in writing, providing them with a copy of the committee's report and recommendations, and requesting a response. The response to scrutiny committee's recommendations from the special scrutiny meeting in October 2019 are attached for the committee's reference.
- 4.5 Once the Executive Response has been agreed, the scrutiny committee shall receive a report to receive the response and the committee may review implementation of the executive's decisions after such a period as these may reasonably be implemented (review date).

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications for the purposes of this report.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no legal implications for the purposes of this report

7.0 Equality Implications

- 7.1 There are no equality implications for the purposes of this report.

8.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 8.1 None for the purposes of this report.

Report sign off:

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