

Full Council 20 September 2021

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive

Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non Key Decision	Council
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
Appendices:	One Appendix A: Committee Work Programme 2021- 22
Background Papers:	None
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At each meeting of Council, the Chairs of Scrutiny Committees may submit written reports on any matter in respect of which the committees have been consulted or which it has been reviewing and to speak to highlight significant issues to Council, in accordance with Part 2, paragraph 36 of the Brent Council Constitution.
- 1.2 This report provides a brief complementary summary of the activities of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.

2 Recommendation

2.1 To note the updates from the Chair of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.

3 Detail

- 3.1. Brent Council has two scrutiny committees; the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee and the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. The Council is also a party to the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2. Brent Council Standing Orders allow for the chairs of the scrutiny committees to report to ordinary council meetings on the activities of their committees¹.

The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

3.3. The remit of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee is set out in the Council Constitution under the Terms of Reference for scrutiny committees. The remit of the committee is:

Corporate policy, partnerships and resources; Budget; customer services; commercial services; planning policy; environmental policy; public realm; employment and skills; IT; recycling; regeneration; transport and highways; community safety; property; emergency planning and business continuity.

- 3.4. The committee is also the Council's "crime and disorder committee" for the purposes of Section 19 of the Police & Justice Act 2006 and as such may review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of the crime and disorder functions by the responsible authorities (as defined by section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998) who make up the Safer Brent Partnership, in order to make reports or recommendations to Full Council.
- 3.5. On 13 July 2021 the committee considered CCTV Deployment in Brent and the Redefining Local Services consultation on preferred models of delivery.
- 3.6. The CCTV deployment report was agreed, and the committee made a suggestion to make the annual review of CCTV deployment in Brent more accessible to the public. The review will be published on the council's website when completed.
- 3.7. The Redefining Local Services report presented both the result of a consultation on delivery model options for how the services in the scope of the programme would be commissioned and delivered, as well as the proposed overarching RLS delivery model. The committee resolved areas for improvement including:
 - To consider small and medium-sized enterprises and community and voluntary organisations for delivery contracts.
 - To review the consultation process being undertaken on delivery and endeavour to improve the process going forward.

¹ Brent Council Constitution, Part 2, paragraph 36. http://democracy.brent.gov.uk/documents/s98196/part%202%20May%202020%20Procedural%20Rules.pdf

 To ensure that biodiversity and habitat concerns be prioritised in the delivery model.

These issues were addressed in the Cabinet report of 16 August 2021.

- 3.8. The July committee meeting also considered the UEFA European Championship 2020 finals at Wembley. As a result the committee made a recommendation to the Cabinet in August 21, with the Executive response to that agreed by the Cabinet in September 21.
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- 3.10. The work plan of the committee is attached for reference at Appendix A.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6 Equality Implications

6.1 There are no equality implications.

7 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 Councillors will discuss this report at the Council meeting.

Report sign off:

Shazia Hussain Assistant Chief Executive