



**Brent**

**SUMMONS TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING - Supplementary**

**Monday 26 February 2018 at 7.00 pm**

Conference Hall - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,  
Wembley, HA9 0FJ

To the Mayor and Councillors of the London Borough of Brent and to each and every one of them.

I hereby summon you to attend the MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough.

CAROLYN DOWNS  
Chief Executive

Dated: 23 February 2018

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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 a Prejudicial Interest (i.e. it affects a financial position or relates to determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission, or registration) then (unless an exception at 14(2) of the Members Code applies), 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 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, to a greater extent than the majority of other council tax payers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the electoral ward affected by the decision, 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 employs or has appointed any of these or in whom they have a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £25,000, or any firm in which they are a partner, or any company of which they are a director
- any body of a type described in (a) above

# Agenda

## **6 Supplementary: Brent Conservative Amendments to the Labour Budget for 2018-2019 1 - 4**

To consider the Brent Conservative Amendments to the Labour Budget for 2018-2019.

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## **COUNCIL MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

### **Motion in the name of Cllr John Warren on behalf of Brent Conservative Group**

This Council agrees the attached budget for 2018/19 with a Council Tax freeze. This proposal means a Brent Council Tax of £1,145.16 at Band D for 2018/19 compared to the Labour proposal for £1,202.31.

The Council notes the following:

- Cumulative Conservative cut in Council Tax since 2014 of 8% against a Labour increase of 13% over the same period.
- Conservative budgets since 2014 would have cost £250 less than Labour over the same period at Band D.
- Scrapping of the hated Green Bin Tax.
- Additional Adult Social Care funding of £2.2m – paid for out of Brent Council bank account, not out of bank accounts of Brent residents.
- Council Tax discount for Universal Credit residents.

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**BRENT CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS 2018/19**

**MAIN SUMMARY**

	<b>£m</b>
PER BUDGET REPORT ..... COUNCIL TAX to be met per report	115.0
Additional savings/Central Items (note 1)	(10.9)
	<b>104.1</b>
Growth (Note 2)	5.4
	<b>109.5</b>

Brent Council Tax requirement at Band D

£1,145.16

Nil Increase on 2017/2018

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**ADDITIONAL SAVINGS/CENTRAL ITEMS (NOTE 1)**

	<b>£m</b>
Additional savings -	
Press & Communications	0.7
Business Intelligence	0.3
Central Items -	
New Homes Bonus (£6.5 minus £0.5 interest costs)	6.0
Additional monies from Business Rates pilot	3.0
Contingency not required	0.6
Improved debt collection	0.3
	<b>10.9</b>

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**GROWTH (NOTE 2)**

	<b>£m</b>
Additional adult social care	2.2
Pavement/pothole repairs - additional	1.0
Scrap green bin tax	1.1
5% Council tax discount to Universal Credit residents	0.7
Retain free bulky waste service	0.1
Community libraries	0.2
Freeze burial charges for Brent residents and freeze library charges (Labour budget – massive hike for both)	0.1
	<b>5.4</b>