

**London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet
Held on Monday 11 September 2017**

PRESENT: Councillor Butt (Chair), Councillor McLennan (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Farah, Hirani, Miller, M Patel and Tatler

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Southwood

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Perrin and Shahzad

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1.	Apologies for Absence		An apology for absence was received from Councillor Eleanor Southwood (Lead Member for Environment).
2.	Declarations of Interest		There were no declarations of interest by Members.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting		It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 August 2017 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.
4.	Matters Arising (if any)		There were no matters arising.
5.	Petitions (if any)		There were no petitions to be discussed by Cabinet.

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6.	Brent's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: A Scrutiny Task Group Report	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>6.1 The recommendations and contents of the task group's report, as they were agreed by Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 19 July, be noted.</p>
7.	Brent Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Submission for 2018/19 - 2020/21	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>7.1 Brent's 2018/19 total provisional Local Implementation Plan (LIP) provision of £3,397,000 be noted;</p> <p>7.2 The proposed 2018/19 programme of LIP Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures schemes, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved. Through application of the prioritisation matrix, as described in the report and, subject to TfL approval in autumn 2017, the Head of Highways and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment, be instructed to deliver this programme using the allocated budget and resources available;</p> <p>7.3 The Head of Highways and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment, be authorised to undertake any necessary statutory and non-statutory consultation and consider any objections or representations regarding the schemes set out in Appendix A of this report. If there are no objections or representations, or the Head of</p>

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			<p>Highways and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment considers the objections or representations are groundless or unsubstantiated, the Head of Highways and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment be authorised to deliver the schemes set out in Appendix A of this report. Otherwise, the Head of Highways and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment be authorised to refer objections or representations to the Highways Committee for further consideration;</p> <p>7.4 The scheme allocations were noted as being provisional and it was noted that the schemes may be subject to change during development and following the consultation process; and</p> <p>7.5 The Head of Highways and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment, be authorised to vary scheme allocations where necessary (e.g. pending the outcome of detailed design and consultation) within the overall LIP budget, in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment, and in accordance with financial regulations.</p>
8.	Managing Street Drinking and Identified Problem Areas - Pilot	All Wards	RESOLVED that:

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	Evaluation		<p>8.1 Option 2 of the options appraisal, set out in section 6.0 of the report, namely ‘Implement a Borough Wide Public Space Protection Order (“PSPO”) to replace the existing Controlled Drinking Zone which expires in October 2017’, be agreed; and</p> <p>8.2 The increase in the Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) issued under sections 52 and 68 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Behaviour Act 2014 (“the 2014 Act”) from £75 to £100, be approved.</p>
9.	Brent Domestic Abuse Advocacy and MARAC Coordination: Contract Variation	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>9.1 The variation of the Brent Domestic Abuse Advocacy and MARAC Coordination Contract, to include the delivery of the Home Office Transformation Fund services detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report to the value of an additional £100,000 per annum for three years, be agreed.</p>
10.	Implementation of Financial Penalties as alternatives to prosecutions under Housing Act 2004 introduced under Part 2 Housing and Planning Act 2016	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>10.1 The Council shall adopt the new enforcement powers against rogue landlords and letting agents contained within the Housing Act 2004 as amended by the Housing and Planning Act 2016;</p> <p>10.2 It was noted that the enforcement powers once in force, enable the Council to serve notices imposing Civil Penalties</p>

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			<p>of up to a maximum of £30,000 in respect of the following offences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to comply with an Improvement Notice • Failure to licence or be licensed in respect of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) • Failure to licence or be licensed in respect of the Landlords Selective Licensing Scheme • Failure to comply with licensing conditions • Failure to comply with an Overcrowding Notice • Failure to comply with a regulation in respect of an HMO • Breaching a Banning Order; <p>10.3 It was noted that the enforcement powers once in force, enable the Council to apply a Rent Repayment Order in respect of the following offences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to comply with an Improvement Notice • Failure to comply with a Prohibition Order • Breaching of a Banning Order • Using violence to secure entry to a property • Illegal eviction or harassment of the occupiers of a property; <p>10.4 The Housing Enforcement Policy, within Appendix 1 of the report which had been amended to include reference to the issuing of civil penalties as an alternative to prosecution for relevant offences under the Housing Act 2004, be agreed;</p>

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			<p>and</p> <p>10.5 The Strategic Director of Community Wellbeing be authorized to authorise other council officers, including but not limited to the Head of Private Housing Services (PHS), PHS Managers, PHS Enforcement Officers and PHS Licensing Officers, to discharge the powers listed above.</p>
11.	London Business Rates Pilot Pool 2018-19	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>11.1 The report and the draft prospectus from London Councils enclosed in Appendix A of the report, be noted;</p> <p>11.2 The two founding principles of the London Pool where no authority can be worse off than they would otherwise be under the current scheme and that all London boroughs will share some of the financial gain arising from the pilot pool, be noted; and</p> <p>11.3 The Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be delegated authority to indicate an 'in principle' decision to participate in a pilot business rates pool in 2018/19 and to enter into negotiations in respect of the legal, governance and administrative framework, the sharing of any financial benefits other details in respect of the operation of the pool.</p>

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12.	Award of Telephony Contract	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>12.1 The contract be awarded for Lot 1: Telephony to Voicenet Solutions T/A 8x8 Solutions for a term of 5 years;</p> <p>12.2 The contract be awarded for Lot 2: Automated Call Distribution to Voicenet Solutions T/A 8x8 Solutions for a term of 5 years;</p> <p>12.3 The contract be awarded for Lot 3: Mobile Telephony to Vodafone Limited for a term of 2 + 1 years; and</p> <p>12.4 The contract be awarded for Lot 4: Automated Switchboard to Netcall Telecom Limited for a term of 5 years.</p>
13.	National Non Domestic Rates – Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>13.1 The applications for discretionary rate relief as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.</p>
14.	Authority to Tender Contract for Insurance Services	All Wards	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>14.1 The Strategic Director of Resources be delegated authority to invite expressions of interest, invite tenders in respect of the Council's Insurance Services contracts, and evaluate them in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria in 3.6</p>

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			<p>following the procurement process; and</p> <p>14.2 The extension of the current insurance services contracts for a period of twelve months: From 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018, be approved.</p>
15.	Reference of item considered by Scrutiny Committees (if any)		None.
16.	Exclusion of Press and Public		None.
17.	Any Other Urgent Business		None.