

## London Borough of Brent – Summary of Decisions taken by Council on Monday 9 July 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Mahmood (Mayor), Ezeajughi (Deputy Mayor), Abdi, Aden, Afzal, Agha, Ahmed, M.Butt, S.Butt, Chan, Chappell, Chohan, Choudhary, Choudry, Colacicco, Colwill, Crane, Daly, Dar, Denselow, Dixon, Donnelly-Jackson, Ethapemi, Farah, Gbajumo, Gill, Hassan, Hylton, Hirani, Johnson, Kabir, Kansagra, Kelcher, Kennelly, Knight, Lo, Long, Mashari, Maurice, McLeish, McLennan, Murray, Naheerathan, Nerva, M.Patel, R.Patel, Patterson, Sangani, Shahzad, Ketan Sheth, Krupa Sheth, Southwood, Stephens, Tatler, Thakkar.

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1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies received from Councillors Conneely, Hector, Marquis, Miller, Mitchell-Murray, Pavey and Perrin.
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 14 May 2018 agreed as a correct record.
3	Declarations of Interest	No interests declared.
4	Result of countermanded election - Willesden Green Ward	NOTED the results of the countermanded election held in the Willesden Green ward on 21 June 2018 with the Chief Executive and her team thanked for their work in managing the poll.
5	Mayor's Announcements (including any petitions received)	NOTED the announcements from the Mayor in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday</li> <li>• Windrush Celebrations</li> <li>• Annual Remembrance Service at the Jewish War Memorial, Willesden</li> <li>• Armed Forces Day</li> <li>• Mayors Civic Service</li> <li>• Love Chalkhill Festival 2018</li> <li>• Pride Celebrations</li> <li>• Claremont High School Teachers Award</li> <li>• World Cup; and</li> <li>• Petitions</li> </ul>
6	Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies	<b>AGREED</b> the changes in appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies as detailed in the supplementary paper.
7	Reports from the Leader and Cabinet	NOTED the updates provided by the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members for

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		<p>Children’s, Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care in relation to Ofsted and Housing &amp; Welfare Reform in relation to extension of the private sector landlord licensing scheme.</p> <p>Under the new arrangements introduced as part of the changes to the Constitution responses were also provided by the relevant Lead Members on the following additional questions raised during this session of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Donnelly-Jackson regarding enforcement of the private sector landlord licensing scheme;</li> <li>• Councillor Denselow regarding controls and impact of highways work by utilities companies;</li> <li>• Councillor Nerva regarding the Council’s Tree Management Policy;</li> <li>• Councillor Shafique Choudhary regarding the Olympic Way Pedway;</li> <li>• Councillor Kelcher regarding the issue of traffic penalty charge notices for infringement of a new traffic management system;</li> <li>• Councillor Chan regarding concerns about the delay in repair of a burst water pipe and impact on local residents;</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	Deputations (if any)	None received.
<b>9</b>	Questions from Members of the Public & the Youth Parliament	<p>NOTED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The written response and supplementary verbal response provided by the Leader of the Council in relation to a question submitted from a member of the public relating to action being taken to combat crime and anti-social behaviour linked to phone boxes on Harlesden High Street and the surrounding area.</li> <li>2. The written response from the Deputy Leader and supplementary verbal response provided by the Leader of the Council in relation to a question submitted from a member of the Youth Parliament in relation to activity being undertaken by the Council to bring communities together across the Borough and reduce discrimination.</li> </ol>

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		<p>3. The written and supplementary verbal response provided by the Leader of the Council in relation to a question submitted from a member of the Youth Parliament in relation to activity being undertaken by the Council to prevent and tackle the culture of youth violence.</p>
<b>10</b>	Petitions (if any)	No petitions identified for debate.
<b>11</b>	Non Cabinet Members' Debate	<p>The following motion was agreed as an outcome of the non-cabinet member debate:</p> <p>There have been a series of tragic incidents across our borough and capital since the beginning of the year. This escalation in violent crime is a scourge on our borough, and our city. We share the anger of our residents at the trail of destruction these abhorrent acts wreak upon families, friends and our communities.</p> <p>Government funding for the Metropolitan Police has been cut by £700 million since 2010, with a further £325 million of cuts expected over the next three years. This means that there are 2,495 fewer police staff posts and 3,261 fewer support officers keeping our streets safe. London has grown as a city, leaving expenditure per head of the population reduced from £423 in 2012/13 to £337 in 2016/17. It is the deepest cut nationally at 20 percent, compared to 6 per cent across the country.</p> <p>The average number of Metropolitan Police Officers in the last year of the Labour Government was 33,260. In 2016 it was 31,720 and if cuts to funding from Government are not reversed, it is estimated that number of officers will be below 27,000 by 2021.</p> <p>This Council believes that:</p> <p>Crime is keenly associated with economic deprivation and inequality within communities. London has the highest levels of income and wealth inequality in the country, exacerbated by years of prolonged austerity.</p> <p>The reduction in police service funding has created a perfect storm for crime, where public</p>

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		<p>services fight to mitigate the social conditions that are driving this surge in violence on our streets.</p> <p>Cuts to police and rehabilitation services are a false economy, and have contributed to a rise in crime since 2014, starting under the previous Mayor.</p> <p>This Council resolves:</p> <p>To press the Government to reconsider their cuts to the Metropolitan Police to ensure that we have a properly resourced police service, with better support for prevention and rehabilitation programmes.</p> <p>If we are to seriously tackle this wave of violence, we need a robustly funded police force equipped to be proactive, and have the correct services to empower communities and stamp out the root causes of crime.</p> <p>To press the government to reconsider their cuts to Brent council so that we can tackle the financial crisis that we are now facing and the growing crisis in <a href="#">adult social care</a> and <a href="#">child protection services</a>.</p>
12	Questions from the Opposition and other Non-Cabinet Members	<p>NOTED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The written and supplementary verbal response provided by the Leader of the Council in relation to a question submitted by Councillor Nerva on the West London Orbital Rail Scheme.</li> <li>2. The written and supplementary verbal response provided by the Lead Member for Regeneration, Highways and Planning to a question submitted by Councillor Gill on the prioritisation of Neighbourhood CIL applications.</li> <li>3. The written and supplementary verbal response provided by the Lead Member for Environment to a question submitted by Councillor Kelcher on the introduction of a</li> </ol>

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		<p align="center">mattress tagging scheme for private sector landlords under the licensing scheme.</p> <p>4. The written and supplementary verbal response provided by the Lead Member for Environment to a question submitted by Councillor Mashari regarding the grass cutting schedule for public parks, recreation and other open spaces.</p> <p>Under the new arrangements introduced as part of the changes to the Constitution responses were also provided by the relevant Lead Members on the following additional questions raised during this session of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Colacicco on the timetable for implementation of the West London Orbital Rail scheme and specific proposals for a station at Gladstone Road;</li> <li>• Councillor Daly on proposals to introduce electric buses by TfL on the No. 18 and 245 bus routes;</li> <li>• Councillor Donnelly-Jackson on the need to ensure the proposals being developed on the West London Orbital Rail scheme included accessible and step free access at all stations;</li> <li>• Councillor Lo seeking an update on the potential sale of Wembley Stadium;</li> <li>• Councillor Kabir on the measures available for the Council to tackle street drinking in public places;</li> <li>• Councillor Long on plans being considered to improve the highways environment for pedestrians across the borough;</li> <li>• Councillor Kelcher regarding the potential impact of any sale of Wembley Stadium on its rateable valuation;</li> <li>• Councillor Ethapemi on any potential benefits for Brent as a result of the potential sale of Wembley Stadium; and</li> <li>• Councillor Colwill seeking to support and maintain use of Wembley stadium as a public asset.</li> </ul>
13	Report from Chairs of Scrutiny Committees	NOTED the update reports provided by the Chairs of the Resources & Public Realm, Community and Wellbeing and Housing Scrutiny Committees.

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		<p>Under the new arrangements introduced as part of the changes to the Constitution responses were also provided by the relevant Scrutiny Chairs on the following additional questions raised during this session of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Choudhary regarding fire safety in tower blocks across the borough;</li> <li>• Councillor Nerva in relation to the introduction of the rapporteur concept by Resources and Public Realm Committee;</li> <li>• Councillor Daly on the work planned across the scrutiny function to review all enforcement activity by the Council;</li> <li>• Councillor Choudry regarding the approach towards budget scrutiny; and</li> <li>• Councillor Donnelly-Jackson on any review activity planned by scrutiny in relation to life chances for adults with learning difficulties.</li> </ul>
14	Report from the Vice-Chair of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee	NOTED the update report provided by the Vice Chair of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee.
15	Local Government Boundary Review - Council Size Submission	<p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>(1) the Council size submission attached as Appendix A to the report for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the basis of a recommended reduction in councillors to 57 for the Council,</p> <p>(2) the amendment of the list of membership bodies included within Appendix 2 of the submission to include reference to the Brent Connect User Forums and Public Transport Consultative Group.</p>
16	Changes to the Constitution	<p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>(1) To approve the changes to the Constitution as set out in the report and appendices, with the changes effective for the meeting;</p>

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		<p>(2) To authorise the Director of Legal and HR Services to amend the Constitution accordingly, including the making of any necessary incidental or consequential changes;</p> <p>(3) To note, to the extent that the changes relate to executive functions of the Council, they have been approved by the Leader.</p>
<b>17</b>	Representation of Political Groups on Committees	<p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>(1) To approve the size of each Committee following the review, which it was noted would remain unchanged from the review undertaken in May 18;</p> <p>(2) To confirm the allocation of seats on committees to each of the Council’s political groups, as detailed within the report;</p> <p>(3) To make appointments (where required) to the committees listed giving effect to the wishes of the political group allocated the seats; and</p> <p>(4) To note that the political balance on sub-committees for the General Purposes Committee and Licensing Committee would be reviewed at the first available meeting of these bodies.</p>
<b>18</b>	2017-18 Outcome Based Reviews - Final Report	<p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>(1) To note the Outcome Based Review (OBR) process and outcomes, as detailed within the report;</p> <p>(2) To note and endorse the interventions which have been developed through the OBR process, the benefits associated with the interventions and steps for taking these forward.</p>
<b>19</b>	Motions	The following motion submitted by the Labour Group was <b>AGREED</b> :

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		<p>“This council joins international condemnation of the recent killings of 130 Palestinian protestors by Israeli forces – firing live ammunition into crowds of unarmed civilians is illegal and must not be tolerated; any escalation in this long-running dispute is deeply regrettable.</p> <p>This council is appalled that more than two thirds of Palestinians are reliant on humanitarian assistance, with limited access to essential amenities such as water and electricity.</p> <p>This council supports the right to protest against such awful conditions, against the continuing blockade of Gaza, and occupation of Palestinian land, and in support of a viable two state solution.</p> <p>This council calls upon the UK government to encourage the UN Secretary General to renew his call for an independent international inquiry into these killings, and review the sale of arms that could be used in violation of international law.”</p> <p>The following motion submitted by the Conservative Group was <b>NOT AGREED</b>:</p> <p>“We call on the Council to return our fields back into parks and do some studies on the way in which leaving the grass as meadows to grow long is affecting more and more people who suffer from hay fever and asthma.</p> <p>Our residents pay a lot of money in council tax and surely a basic requirement of the Council is to keep our streets clean and tidy and at minimum risk to the health and safety of everyone.”</p>
<b>20</b>	Urgent Business	None.