

London Borough of Brent – Decisions taken by the Council on Monday 25 November 2019

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

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1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies received from Councillors Abdirazak, Conneely, Crane & Thakkar.
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 September 2019 agreed as a correct record.
3	Declarations of Interest	None.
4	Mayor's Announcements (including any petitions received)	<p>1.1 NOTED the announcement by the Chief Executive of a casual vacancy on the Council following the resignation of Councillor Michael Pavey along with the accompanying tribute from Councillor Shafique Choudhary as a fellow Barnhill ward councillor.</p> <p>1.2 NOTED the announcements from the Mayor in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flag Raising Event – Nigerian Independence • World Mental Health Day • Black History Month • Hindu New Year • Remembrance Day Commemoration Events • Annual Fireworks & Diwali Celebrations • Mayor's Charity Football Tournament • Christmas Lights – Wembley Park • Pride Of Brent Awards • 100th Birthday Celebrations

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Ribbon Day • Mayors Christmas Charity Event • Petitions
5	Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies and Appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs (if any)	<p>AGREED the following change in Committee & Outside Body memberships:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Pavey to be replaced as a full member by a vacancy on the following bodies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Teachers Joint Consultative Group (b) Service User Consultative Forum – Voluntary Sector (c) Chalkhill Community Trust 2. Councillor Pavey to be replaced as a substitute member by a vacancy on the Employees’ Joint Consultative Committee.
6	Reports from the Leader and Cabinet	<p>NOTED the verbal update provided by Councillor Muhammed Butt, Leader of the Council who began by also taking the opportunity to thank Councillor Pavey and wish him all the best for the future. He then moved on to provide the following updates in relation to Cabinet portfolios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media launch of the London Borough of Culture programme; • The outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection at Ark Elvin Academy, which now meant that all Secondary Schools within the borough had been rated by Ofsted as either “Good” or “Outstanding”; • The start of the Council’s budget consultation process for 2020-21 & 2021-22; • The list of urgent Executive decisions taken since the last Council meeting.

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7	Deputations (if any)	No requests were received for any deputations.
8	Questions from Members of the Public & Brent Youth Parliament	<p>NOTED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The written and supplementary verbal response provided by the Cabinet Member for Environment to a question submitted from a member of the public relating to the action being taken by the Council to tackle climate change, maintain the tree population and ensure the borough was carbon neutral by 2030.. 2. The written response provided by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning to a question submitted from a member of the public relating to the number of social housing units, tenancy types and rent mix included within the Wembley Park development. No supplementary question was received. 3. The written response from the Cabinet Member for Environment in relation to a question submitted from the Brent Youth Parliament regarding progress on implementation of the recommendations agreed at the first Brent Council Climate Change Youth Summit. No supplementary question was received.
9	Petitions (if any)	No requests were received for debates on any petitions.
10	Questions from the Opposition and other Non-Cabinet Members	No questions were raised for consideration at the meeting.
11	Report from Chairs of Scrutiny Committees	<p>NOTED the update reports provided by the Chairs of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>No additional questions were raised for consideration at the meeting.</p>
12	Report from the Vice-Chair of the	NOTED the update report provided by the Vice Chair of the Audit & Standards

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	Audit Advisory Committee	Advisory.
13	Non Cabinet Members' Debate	No subject was identified for debate.
14	Interim Report on Brent's Response to the Climate and Ecological Emergency	<p>AGREED</p> <p>(1) To approve the Interim Climate & Ecological Emergency Action Plan (Winter 2019-20), attached as Appendix A to the report.</p> <p>(2) To approve the development of a borough-wide climate emergency strategy, which would be issued for public consultation in the New Year and referred on to Cabinet for adoption in May 2020.</p>
15	Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2020/21	<p>AGREED</p> <p>(1) To approve and authorise the making and implementation of the recommended Council Tax Support Scheme as set out in section 4 and Appendix A of the report, to be effective from 1 April 2020.</p> <p>(2) To note the outcome of the consultation on proposals to change the Local Council Tax Support scheme, as detailed in Section 6 and Appendices G & H of the report.</p> <p>(3) To note the findings on equalities and other impacts arising from the proposed Council Tax Support scheme as set out in sections 5 and 10 of the report.</p> <p>(4) To approve the decision not to offer Transitional Protection to existing claimants who are adversely affected by the change to the new scheme, for the reasons set out in Section 5 of the report</p>

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		<p>(5) To note alternative scheme options that existed and the reasons for these options being discarded.</p> <p>(6) To note the draft plan of implementation activities scheduled between December 2019 and March 2020.</p>
16	Inclusive Growth Strategy 2019-2040	<p>AGREED</p> <p>(1) To note the Inclusive Growth Strategy 2019-2040.</p> <p>(2) To note that the Inclusive Growth Strategy research base, strategy documents and video would be presented to Cabinet for approval prior to publishing the strategy documents on the Council’s website, and disseminating the same to key partners and stakeholders.</p>
17	Revoking a Byelaw to Enable Cycling In Parks and Open Spaces	<p>AGREED</p> <p>(1) To approve and make the revocation of byelaw 7(ii), in the terms set out in Appendix B of the report.</p> <p>(2) To note the process followed by officers to revoke the byelaw following approval from the General Purposes Committee on 19th March 2019.</p> <p>(3) To note the outcome of the public consultation conducted from 7 June and 19 July 2019 for revoking byelaw 7(ii).</p>
18	Draft Statement of Licensing Policy	<p>AGREED</p>

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		(1) To approve the Statement of Licensing Policy as detailed within Appendix A of the report and Cumulative Impact Zones as detailed within Appendix B of the report. (2) To note that the Cumulative Impact Zones would need to be reviewed within 3 years.
19	Motions	No motions were submitted for consideration at the meeting.
20	Urgent Business	None.