

**London Borough of Brent**  
**Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday 9 March 2020**

PRESENT: Councillor M.Butt (Chair), Councillor McLennan (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Agha, Farah, Hirani, Miller, M.Patel, Krupa Sheth Southwood and Tatler.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Chohan and Colwill.

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1.	Apologies for Absence		An apology for absence was received from Gail Tolley (Strategic Director, Children & Young People) with Nigel Chapman attending as her representative.
2.	Declarations of Interest		None.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting		<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 10 February 2020 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.
4.	Matters Arising (if any)		None.
5.	Petitions (if any)		None.
6.	Reference of item considered by Scrutiny Committees (if any)		None.
7.	Co-operation Agreement with Network Homes	All Wards	Cabinet <b>RESOLVED</b> :  (1) To note the content of the report  (2) To note the management arrangements in place to ensure adherence with the Council's standing orders and financial regulations.

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			<p>(3) To note that both organisations had taken legal advice in the development of the agreement to ensure compliance with Regulation 12 (7) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.</p> <p>(4) To approve entering into an agreement with Network Homes on the basis that the Council and Network Homes operate as two public bodies concerned with the delivery of affordable housing, working in collaboration as per Regulation 12 (7) of the Public Contracts Regulations.</p> <p>(5) To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Community Wellbeing in consultation with the Director of Finance and Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, to finalise and sign the agreement.</p> <p>(6) To agree that Network Homes internal rules and procedures should govern the procurement of contracts let under the agreement referred to in (4) above, with the Council contributing to Network Homes procurement and management costs.</p>
8.	Uxendon Manor Primary School Expansion Project	Kenton	<p>Cabinet <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <p>(1) To note the background and current project position as set out in paragraphs 3.1 – 3.8 of the report and the way forward set out in paragraphs 3.9 – 3.12 of the report.</p> <p>(2) To note the increased forecast project costs of £17.3m as set</p>

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			<p>out in paragraph 4.1 of the report as a result of the original contractor failure and the proposed resolution.</p> <p>(3) To approve the virement of the sum of up to £6.0m from the basic need capital grant to this project as set out in paragraphs 4.1 – 4.4 of the report to meet the increased forecast project costs.</p> <p>(4) To note that it was intended that such losses and costs, including the costs of re-procurement that had arisen as a result of the original Contractor’s default of its obligation, would be pursued to the extent possible under the Parent Company Guarantee. This value stood at £6.3m and was set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report.</p> <p>(5) To note that subject to (3) above the Strategic Director of Regeneration &amp; Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Schools, Employment and Skills would approve the award of a Medium Value Works Contract as set out in section 5.1 of the report.</p>
9.	Alperton Housing Zone - use of the Council's compulsory purchase powers on Abbey Manufacturing Estate, Alperton	Alperton	<p>Cabinet <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <p>(1) To note the background to Alperton Ltd &amp; Alperton Projects 2 Ltd’s (‘the developer’) redevelopment proposals for Abbey Manufacturing Estate and the developer’s endeavours to negotiate acquisition of freehold and leasehold interests within the site.</p>

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			<p>(2) To note the previous in-principle approval given by Cabinet July 2015 to use compulsory purchase powers in Alperton Housing Zone.</p> <p>(3) To agree in-principle, the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) pursuant to section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on Abbey Manufacturing Estate, subject to a further specific resolution of Cabinet in respect of making, confirming and implementing CPOs, if required</p> <p>(4) To agree advancing the preliminary stages of the compulsory purchase process on Abbey Manufacturing Estate, including but not limited to, land referencing, issuing section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Section 16 notices), engaging, consulting and negotiating with landowners and preparation of documentation and undertaking all matters that the Council might need to undertake to inform a further report to Cabinet to make, confirm and implement the CPO, if required.</p> <p>(5) To note that the Strategic Director Regeneration &amp; Environment will approve the procurement of additional compulsory purchase support as set out in paragraph 3.13 of the report, if required, the cost of which will be indemnified by the developer.</p>

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			(6) To delegate authority to the Strategic Director Regeneration & Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning, to enter into an indemnity agreement with the developer to indemnify the Council for all costs associated with the compulsory purchase process on Abbey Manufacturing Estate.
10.	Alperton Housing Zone - use of the Council's compulsory purchase powers at Grand Union, formerly known as Northfields Industrial Estate	Alperton	<p>Cabinet <b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(1) To note the background to St George's ('the developer') redevelopment proposals for the former Northfields Industrial Estate and St George's endeavours to negotiate acquisition of freehold interests within the site.</p> <p>(2) To note the previous in-principle approval given by Cabinet in July 2015 to use compulsory purchase powers in Alperton Housing Zone.</p> <p>(3) To agree in principle the making of Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on the former Northfields Industrial Estate subject to a further specific resolution of Cabinet in respect of making, confirming and implementing CPOs, if required.</p> <p>(4) To agree advancing the preliminary stages of the compulsory purchase process on the former Northfields Industrial Estate, including, but not limited to, land referencing, issuing notices</p>

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			<p>under section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Section 16 notices), engaging, consulting and negotiating with landowners and preparation of documentation and undertaking all matters that the Council might need to undertake to inform a further report to Cabinet to make, confirm and implement the CPO, if required.</p> <p>(5) To note that the Strategic Director Regeneration &amp; Environment would approve the procurement of additional compulsory purchase support as set out in paragraph 3.13 of the report, if required, the cost of which will be indemnified by the developer</p> <p>(6) To delegate authority to the Strategic Director Regeneration &amp; Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property &amp; Planning, to enter into an indemnity agreement with the developer to indemnify the Council for all costs associated with the compulsory purchase process on the former Northfields Industrial Estate.</p>
11.	Brent Bike Hangars	All Wards	Cabinet <b>RESOLVED</b> to delegate authority to the Strategic Director Regeneration & Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to award a contract for bike hangars using the Waltham Forest framework.
12.	Performance Report Q3 (Oct - Dec) 2019/20	All Wards	<p>Cabinet <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <p>(1) To note the performance information contained in the report</p>

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			<p>with Members specifically welcoming the significant progress in performance against the indicators introduced to measure the improvement in Key Stage results for boys of Black Caribbean heritage.</p> <p>(2) To note the current and future strategic risks associated with the information provided and agree remedial actions on strategic risks as appropriate with progress being challenged with responsible officers, as necessary.</p>
13.	Brent Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Projects	All Wards	<p>Cabinet <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <p>(1) To approve the NCIL allocation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) £132,400 to support the building of Barn Hall and all of the activities taking place, once built, for the Small Business Incubator Company in Willesden.</li> <li>(b) £326,085 to support the Moving On Up Employment programme for Brent Council’s Moving On Up Employment Consortium across all of Brent.</li> <li>(c) £385,000 to support the expansion of the Lexi Hub for the Lexi Cinema in Kilburn and Kensal with Members recognising and commending the team of volunteers for their ongoing efforts in developing and progressing the application.</li> </ul>

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<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>	<b>Decision</b>
			<p>(d) £177,910 to support the Brent goes Wild Project for the Young Brent Foundation consortium in Wembley.</p> <p>(e) £226,000 to support the Riverside Connections: Walking with Nature from Wembley Park to the Welsh Harp for Thames 21 to be delivered by Brent Council in Kingsbury and Kenton and Willesden.</p> <p>(f) £109,620 to support the building of the new Millennium Garden of Peace and Life for Direct Services to be delivered by Brent Council in Willesden.</p> <p>(g) £120,000 to support the financial support and debt management project for Advice4renters in Harlesden and Kilburn and Kensal.</p> <p>(h) £200,000 to support a mentoring and education programme targeting gang members for Access UK across all of Brent.</p> <p>(i) £395,596 to support the building of a second building for SEND pupils and the local community and families for Barham Primary School in Sudbury, Wembley.</p> <p>(j) £140,423 to support the Person Centred Advocacy Project with Casework for the Bosnia and Herzegovina Community Advice Centre (BHCAC) in Harlesden.</p>

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			<p>(k) £105,290 to support the Inspiring Decent Work Futures (IDWF) for SEIDS Hub (Caritas Westminster) in Wembley.</p> <p>(2) To note in relation to each of the above awards that the Assistant Chief Executive, Head of Strategy and Partnerships and Grants Manager would give further scrutiny on ensuring a deliverable measurable outcome analysis was completed in conjunction with the organisation/Brent Council. This would form part of a signed funding agreement regularly monitored. If the outcomes were not in line with Brent Council priorities and not agreed, the funding offer may be withdrawn.</p> <p>(3) To note the positive impact of each scheme on local neighbourhoods and also in addressing the Council's key priorities across the borough with members also keen to thank the officers involved in supporting the NCIL process and residents and community groups for their ongoing support. As part of future reports, members also requested that details be provided (for information) on schemes that had also been approved under £100k.</p>
14.	Policy, Procedures and Use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000	All Wards	<p>Cabinet <b>RESOLVED</b>:</p> <p>(1) To approve the proposed changes to the RIPA policy attached as Appendix A to the report.</p>

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			<p>(2) To note the oversight role of Audit &amp; Standards Advisory Committee (ASAC), and that this matter had been considered by the committee at its meeting on 20 January 2020.</p> <p>(3) To note the oversight role of the Monitoring Officer and that regular reviews were undertaken by her and senior management.</p>
<b>15.</b>	Exclusion of Press and Public		There were no items at the meeting that required the exclusion of the press or public.
<b>16.</b>	Any other urgent business		<p>Cabinet noted that in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Council's Access to Information Rules and Standing Order 60, the Leader of the Council had agreed to receive the following report from the Director of Public Health as an urgent item on the grounds it reflected the pace at which the situation in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 was developing at both a national and global level.</p> <p><b>Coronavirus/COVID-19: Response and Preparedness</b></p> <p>Cabinet <b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>(1) To note the content of the report and update provided in relation to the response established both nationally and locally to the COVID-19/coronavirus along with the current guidance and advice from Public Health England (PHE).</p>

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			<p>(2) To note the current update provided at the meeting in terms of confirmed cases which now stood at 319 people having been tested as positive in the UK. Of these 61 were located in London, including 3 in Brent.</p> <p>(3) The particular focus on support and communication being provided by the Council for Adult Social Care commissioned providers, including Homecare agencies and Care Homes, which had been designed to reflect the latest guidance from PHE.</p> <p>(4) The thanks to officers for the update provided and their ongoing efforts in developing and delivering the Council's response.</p>