

London Borough of Brent

Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Monday 20 April 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT (in remote attendance): Councillors Kelcher, Nerva and Stephens – for agenda items 14 & 15 only.

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1.	Apologies for Absence		An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Agha.
2.	Declarations of Interest		None.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting		RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 9 March 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.	Transfer of Network Homes Temporary Accommodation Portfolio	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To confirm the decision not to approve the implementation of the Reasonable Rent Scheme, as set out in paragraphs 3.10 to 3.13 of the report.</p> <p>(2) To agree that the Council enters into a Transfer Agreement with Network Homes Limited for the transfer of the temporary accommodation portfolio to the Council and authorises the</p>

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			<p>Strategic Director of Community Wellbeing to finalise the terms of the Transfer Agreement.</p> <p>(3) To approve the assignment of the leases currently held by Network Homes for the Temporary Accommodation portfolio in Brent to the Council.</p>
8.	Authority to tender contract for procurement and management of the Temporary Accommodation Housing Association Leasing Scheme	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve inviting tenders for Procurement and Management of Temporary Accommodation in support of the Council's Housing Association Leasing Scheme (HALS) on the basis of the pre - tender considerations set out in paragraph 3.25 of the report</p> <p>(2) To approve officers evaluating the tenders referred to in (1) above on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in paragraph 3.25 of the report.</p> <p>(3) To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing & Welfare Reform, to award contracts for Procurement and Management of Temporary Accommodation for an acquisition and management term of 3 years, with an option to extend for up to a further 2 years, and a further management term of 3 years following expiry of the acquisition and management term.</p>

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9.	Purchase of 114 Affordable Homes in Alperton	Alperton	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To note the content of the report, including the amendment to the figure in section 6.2 of the report that should read 92 and not 22 affordable homes.</p> <p>(2) To approve the proposed purchase of the long leasehold interest in 114 affordable homes within the scheme currently in development for the purchase price of £27m (plus statutory costs), subject to contract and subject to a) clean and marketable title b) financial and legal due diligence and c) vacant possession, with a target exchange of contract in May 2020</p> <p>(3) To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Regeneration & Environment in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration, Highways, Planning, to negotiate and agree the terms and thereafter enter into a contract with the developer for the purchase of the scheme.</p>
10.	Highway Works funded under the HIF Grant in South Kilburn	Kilburn	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to approve that the Development Agreement between the Council and Countryside Properties Limited entered into on 31 July 2018 be modified to include the construction of an adjacent and intersecting highway works at Peel as shown in Appendix A (Peel Highway Works) of the report at an estimated value of three million pounds (£3,000,000).</p>

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11.	Capital (CIL) Contribution towards the Provision of Three Medical Centres	Alpertons; Kilburn; Tokyngton	Cabinet RESOLVED that, subject to confirmation from the CCG that it was committed to the ongoing revenue funding of the proposed new South Kilburn centre, a capital contribution from Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy funds of up to £3.472m be agreed for use towards the fit out costs of three new medical centres, in Wembley Park, South Kilburn and Alpertons.
12.	Social Value and Ethical Policy	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the updated Social Value and Ethical Policy and delivery plan set out in appendices A & B of the report.
13.	Authority to Award Contract for Oracle Cloud Subscription Licences	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the award of the contract for Oracle Cloud Subscription licences to Insight Direct UK Limited at an estimated total cost of £4.8 million for a term of up to 10 years.
14.	Executive Response to the recommendations from the Air Quality Scrutiny Task Group and recommendations of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee	All Wards	<p>NOTED the comments from Councillors Stephens and Nerva welcoming the report and positive commitments within the draft Executive response, on which progress would continue to be monitored.</p> <p>Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the draft Executive Response to the Air Quality Scrutiny Report and recommendations of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.</p>
15.	Executive response to the Budget Scrutiny Report and recommendations of the Resources and Public Realm	All Wards	NOTED the comments from Councillors Kelcher and Nerva welcoming the report and draft Executive response. Whilst recognising the impact of Covid 19 on management of the Council's budgetary position it was felt many of the principles identified within

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	Scrutiny Committee		<p>the responses provided remained relevant, particularly in relation to business support; air quality; partnership work with other boroughs, London Councils & LGA and support of the voluntary and community sector.</p> <p>Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the draft Executive Response to the Budget Task Group Scrutiny Report and recommendations of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.</p>
16.	Exclusion of Press and Public		There were no items at the meeting that required the exclusion of the press or public.
17.	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 Chief Executive as an urgent item on the grounds it provided the latest update on the Council's emergency planning response to Covid 19 along with the associated resource implications.</p> <p>Emergency Planning response to COVID-19</p> <p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To note the content of the report and update provided in relation to the work undertaken since the emergency planning and GOLD arrangements had been stood up within the Council</p>

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			<p>in response COVID-19, along with the associated resource implications.</p> <p>(2) To note the main areas of heightened activity across the Council, as detailed in section 3.10 of the report. Specific areas highlighted by Cabinet included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus on Adult Social Care in relation to supporting hospital discharges, care homes and domiciliary care; • The support and work with the Voluntary and Community Sector and charities in supporting residents across the borough; • The focus on the provision of additional accommodation for the homeless or those at risk of homelessness as well as in establishing procedures to continue emergency repairs; • The additional capacity being provided to deal with the increase in benefit and Council tax enquiries and roll out of the Government's Hardship Fund; • The work with schools to provide guidance, support and co-ordination in relation to the childcare commitment for key workers; • The ongoing enforcement efforts in relation to social distancing within parks and open spaces and work with local businesses regarding support on the small grant scheme and Business Rate relief;

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			<p>(3) To note the consideration of options in relation to the recovery planning process once the current lockdown arrangements had been either partially or totally removed, as detailed in section 4 of the report.</p> <p>(4) To note the scheduled of service change decisions and critical services identified in Appendix 1 and 2 of the report along with the financial update (as detailed within Appendix 3 of the report), which would also be subject to consideration by the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee.</p> <p>(5) To thank officers for the update provided and their ongoing efforts in developing and delivering the Council's emergency response to Covid 19.</p>