

**London Borough of Brent**  
**Summary of decisions taken by the online meeting of Cabinet held on Monday 8 March 2021**

PRESENT (in remote attendance): Councillor M Butt (Chair), Councillor McLennan (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Farah, Knight, Nerva, M.Patel, Krupa Sheth, Southwood, Stephens & Tatler.

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1	Apologies for Absence	None.
2	Declarations of Interest	None.
3	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	Cabinet RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 February 2021 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)	There were no references from Scrutiny submitted for consideration at the meeting.
7	Resident Support Fund	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To agree to discontinue the current Local Welfare Assistance (LWA) scheme.</p> <p>(2) To approve the revision of the Resident Support Fund (RSF) to begin 1 April 2021 as set out in section 5 of the report.</p> <p>(3) To delegate to the Strategic Director for Customer and Digital Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform, authority to agree eligibility criteria for the new Resident Support Fund from 1 April 2021 to administer and award grants and loans.</p> <p>(4) To approve the continuation of an interest free loan arrangement as set out in</p>

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		<p>section 7 of the report.</p> <p>(5) To approve payment to the Credit Union of such sums remaining in the Council Tax – Covid – 19 Hardship Fund 2020 – 21 and at such frequency as the Director of Finance considers appropriate from which Covid-19 Support Fund Loans will be made and delegate to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Director of Legal, HR, Audit and Investigations authority to finalise the terms of the investment.</p> <p>(6) To agree to transfer all remaining funds from the existing Local Welfare Scheme to the Resident Support Fund scheme.</p>
8	Special Needs Transport Managed Service - Contract Renewal	Cabinet RESOLVED to approve an uplift in payment in line with LLW which draws from the Council’s reserves in 2021/22, but which would be included in the Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy from 2022/23 onwards.
9	Purchase of 83 Wembley Park Drive for rough sleepers accommodation	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the purchase of the freehold of 83 Wembley Park Drive, London HA9 8HE with vacant possession to meet the needs of people who have been sleeping rough and rehoused through the Government’s rough sleeping move-on initiatives.</p> <p>(2) To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Strategic Director of Community Well Being, to agree the terms of the purchase and acquire the property subject to financial and legal due diligence, vacant possession and to contract.</p> <p>(3) To note that completion of the property needs to take place by March 2021 in</p>

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		order to secure the funding arrangements and an extension was not guaranteed.
10	Exclusion of Press and Public	There were no items that required the exclusion of the press or public.
11	Any other urgent business	None.