



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Monday 14 June 2021 at
10.00 am

PRESENT(in person): Councillor M Butt (Chair), Councillor McLennan (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Farah, Nerva, M Patel, Krupa Sheth, Stephens and Southwood.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Knight and Tatler along with Carolyn Downs (Chief Executive).

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous Cabinet meeting held on Tuesday 6 April 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. **Treasury Management Outturn Report 2020/21**

Councillor McLennan as Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Resources introduced a report updating members on Treasury Management activity. In introducing the report Cabinet noted the confirmation provided that the Council had complied with its Prudential Indicators for 2020-21 along with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members attention was drawn to the summary of the Council's borrowing and investment activity during 2020-21 along with impact of the reduction in the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) borrowing rate, which the Council had sought to take advantage of as part of its borrowing strategy. In addition members were advised

that recovery of Council investments from the Icelandic banks had also been concluded during 2020-21.

Having noted that the report had also been subject to consideration by the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee on 11 May 2021, Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

- (1) To note the 2020/21 Treasury Management outturn report for referral on to Full Council for approval, in compliance with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code).
- (2) To note that for 2020/21 the Council had complied with its Prudential Indicators which had been approved by Full Council on 19 February 2020 as part of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Capital Strategy Statement.

8. **Neasden Stations Growth Area (NSGA) Masterplan**

Councillor Butt (on behalf of Councillor Tatler, Lead Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning) introduced a report presenting the draft Neasden Stations Growth Area Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (NSGA Masterplan SPD) for approval in relation to publication and statutory consultation.

Members noted that the draft NSGA Masterplan SPD set out the vision and objectives designed to secure a transformational change of the area, the planning policy framework to which new development would be expected to comply along with a baseline spatial analysis of the current state and land use of the area in order to provide a foundation for future regeneration.

In recognising the work undertaken to develop the draft NSGA Masterplan SPD in partnership with the Greater London Authority and wider range of partners and other stakeholders (including the West London Alliance, Transport for London, local landowners and developers) Cabinet **RESOLVED**:

To approve the draft Neasden Stations Growth Area Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (NSGA Masterplan SPD) attached as Appendix 1 to the report for publication and statutory consultation.

9. **Brent Technology Roadmap Capital Investment**

Councillor McLennan, Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Resources, introduced a report presenting a five year Capital Investment Programme for delivery of the Shared Technology Service Technology Roadmap within Brent for 2020-2025.

Members noted the key objectives supporting the investment business case, which had been designed to ensure the Council's IT systems and infrastructure remained reliable, resilient, secure and robust in order to enable the Council to continue operating efficiently and effectively. Councillor McLennan highlighted the main categories covered within the Roadmap, which included datacentre and networking improvements, end user modernisation, cyber protection and service improvements with the total investment to be split between the three main authorities across the Shared Service and Brent's contribution identified as £10.3m.

In support of the investment business case, Cabinet also noted the way in which the Roadmap had been aligned with the Council's key strategic objectives and designed to positively impact on local residents and communities by supporting their access to local services.

Cabinet therefore **RESOLVED**:

- (1) To approve the business case for the Brent Technology Roadmap.
- (2) To agree that each subsequent scheme and, where appropriate each project, would be subject to regular status reports which would be submitted to the Strategic Director of Customer & Digital Services at the Customer and Digital Board and Capital Programme Board, in consultation with the Deputy Leader.

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.

The meeting ended at 10.12 am

COUNCILLOR MUHAMMED BUTT
Chair