

London Borough of Brent
Summary of decisions taken by the Cabinet meeting held at 10am in the Conference Hall at Brent Civic Centre
on Monday 13 September 2021

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

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1.	Apologies for Absence		Apologies for absence were received from Gail Tolley(Strategic Director Children & Young People who was represented by Nigel Chapman).
2.	Declarations of Interest		None.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting		Cabinet RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 16 August 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)		Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Executive response to the recommendations made by the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee on 13 July 2021 regarding the UEFA European 2020 Championship Final hosted at Wembley Stadium, as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report.
7.	Highways Capital Scheme Programme 2021-22	All Wards	Cabinet NOTED the comments made by a member of the public, Frank Treviss, who had requested to speak on the item. In addressing Cabinet, Mr Treviss advised that he was speaking in support of a petition previously submitted seeking an upgrade of the pavements in Logan Road. Highlighting what he felt was the

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			<p>dangerous condition of the pavements, in terms of trip and fall hazards for local residents, members were also advised of the lack of any previous upgrade works and importance of the footway as a well-used route to the local school. He also reminded members that the road provided the main pedestrian and vehicle access to a bowling and social club, which was well used by a range of community organisations. He was therefore keen to ensure consideration was given to what he felt was the necessary footway repairs and upgrade required as part of the Council’s ongoing major road and footway resurfacing programme.</p> <p>In responding to the speech, Councillor Krupa Sheth (as Lead Member for Environment), began by thanking Mr Treviss for his presentation and recognising the impact that the quality of footways had on the local environment for residents. Whilst highlighting the improvement in the overall conditions of footways across the borough as a result of the £20m Highway and Footway Improvement programme over the last two years, she pointed out that this had still left a third of the borough’s footways in need of significant maintenance. Whilst the footways in Logan Road had been surveyed (with 49% by length found to be in poor structural condition) this had unfortunately still not represented a high enough priority within the criteria to be considered for inclusion as part of the 2021/22 programme. Members noted that the footways included for investment as part of the recommended programme had all been assessed with a minimum of 70% in poor condition. Mr Treviss was reassured, however, that Logan Road’s future inclusion would</p>

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			<p>continue be reviewed on a regular basis, with the next survey due later in 2021 and local; residents encouraged to report any immediate safety concerns of defects. In the meantime it was also reported that the Lead Member for Environment and Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment had agreed to visit Logan Road in order to further examine the pavements and explore options for future improvement works.</p> <p>Having noted the response provided, Councillor M Butt (Leader of the Council) ended by welcoming the contribution made at the meeting and reaffirming the Council’s commitment to improving the condition of Brent’s roads and footways within the financial constraints identified, recognising their importance to local communities.</p> <p>Having noted the comments provided, Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the proposed Highways Maintenance Scheme Programme 2021-22 as detailed in Appendix B of the report.</p> <p>(2) To note the receipt of a petition on 9th August 2020 for Logan Road with 52 signatures asking for the renovation and upgrading of the pavements in that road, and comments made in response to the petition, as detailed within Section 3.4.2 d) - h) of the report.</p>
8.	Parks Service Capital Funding		Cabinet RESLOVED to approve Council borrowing of £1.43m to

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			allow the Parks Service to carry out a number of urgent infrastructure improvements required in a number of locations across the borough.
9.	Brent Youth Strategy	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED to note and endorse the Brent Youth Strategy and Delivery Plan, as detailed within Appendices A & B of the report.
10.	National Non-Domestic Rates – Applications for Discretionary Rate Relief	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) To approve the applications for discretionary rate relief in respect of national non-domestic rate liability as set out and detailed withinin Appendix 2 of the report.</p> <p>(2) To note that the Council's National Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Relief awards would be reviewed in October 2022, for subsequent consideration by Cabinet in early 2023 instead of October 2021 as previously planned due to the effect of the pandemic.</p>
11.	Brent Finance Transformation and Oracle Cloud Transformation Roadmap (Release 2) Capital Investment		<p>Cabinet RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) To approve the investment of £2.5m for the Oracle Cloud Roadmap (Release 2).</p> <p>(2) To agree that each project would be subject to regular review and monitoring by the Corporate Landlord Board and reported into the Capital Programme Board. This would be in</p>

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			consultation with the Deputy Leader, as Lead Member with responsibility for IT.
12.	Exclusion of Press and Public		There were no items that required the exclusion of the press or public.
13.	Any other urgent business		None.