London Borough of Brent – Summary of decisions taken at the Annual Council Meeting on Wednesday 18 May 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Aden (Mayor), Hylton (Deputy Mayor), Afzal, Agha, Ahmed, Ahmadi Moghaddam, Akram, Bajwa, Begum, Benea, M.Butt, S.Butt, Chan, Chappell, Chohan, Choudry, Collymore, Conneely, Crabb, Dar, Dixon, Donnelly-Jackson, Ethapemi, Farah, Fraser, Gbajumo, Georgiou, Grahl, Hack, Hirani, Johnson, Kabir, Kansagra, Kelcher, Knight, Long, Lorber, Mahmood, Matin, Maurice, Miller, Mistry, Mitchell, Moeen, Molloy, Nerva, M.Patel, Rubin, Shah, Ketan Sheth, Krupa Sheth, Smith, Southwood and Tatler.

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1	Apologies for Absence	An apology for absence was received from Councillor J.Patel.
2	To elect the Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2022/2023	Councillor Abdi Aden was elected to serve as Mayor of the London Borough of Brent for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.
3	To appoint a Councillor of the Borough to be Deputy Mayor	Councillor Orleen Hylton was appointed to serve as Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Brent for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.
4	Vote of thanks to the outgoing Mayor	(1) the vote of thanks to the co-opted and independent members serving on the Council's committees.(2) the vote of thanks and tributes paid to the outgoing Mayor.
5	Declarations of Interest	There were no interests declared by Members at the meeting.
6	Mayors Announcements	 NOTED the announcements from the Mayor in relation to: The deaths of former Councillors Francis Eniola, Nkechie Amalu Johnson & Alan Johnston. Brent Council having received the Councillor Development Charter Plus Award.
7	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	AGREED the minutes from the Council meeting held on Thursday 24 February 2022 as a correct record.

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8	Appointment of the Leader of the Council	Councillor Muhammed But was elected to serve as Leader of the Council for a term of office expiring in May 2026.
9	Annual Review of Constitution	Council RESOLVED:
		(1) To agree the amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 of the report along with the following additional amendment moved by the Leader of the Council at the meeting:
		To delete Standing Order 49 (iii) requiring that the Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committees shall be from a different political group as the Chair and waive Standing Order 4 in order to enable the change to come into immediate effect during the meeting.
		A further proposed amendment to Standing Order 49 moved by Councillor Lorber at the meeting which sought to require the Chair of the Scrutiny Committees to be allocated to the opposition group(s) was, having been put to the vote, declared LOST .
		(2) To note that, to the extent the changes agreed under (1) above related to executive functions of the Council, they had been approved by the Leader.
		(3) To authorise the Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations to amend the Constitution accordingly, including making any necessary incidental or consequential changes
10	Representation of Political Groups on Committees	Council RESOLVED
		(1) To agree the size of each Committee, as detailed within the report.

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		(2) To approve the allocation of seats on Committees to each of the Council's political groups (where the rules of political balance applied) as set out within the report and to make appointments to those committees (under agenda item 10 on the agenda) giving effect to the wishes of the political group allocated the seats.
		(3) To note that the political balance on Council Sub-Committees would be reviewed at the first meeting of the General Purposes Committee and Licensing Committee to be held following the Annual Council Meeting.
11	Appointment to Committees and Outside Bodies including the appointment of Chairs & Vice-Chairs	Council RESOLVED :
		(1) To approve the appointments of members, co-opted members and substitutes to Council Committees and Outside Bodies for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report.
		(2) To approve the appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs to Council Committees for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report.
		An amendment moved by Councillor Kansagra at the meeting seeking to appoint a Conservative Group member as Chair of Kingsbury & Kenton Brent Connects was, on being put to the vote, declared LOST .
		(3) To note the appointments:
		(a) of the Cabinet, Cabinet Committees and Joint Executive Committees and their respective Chairs and Vice Chairs for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

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		 (b) to be confirmed by the General Purposes Committee for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report. (c) to be confirmed by Licensing Committee for the 2022-2023 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.
12	Calendar of Council Meetings for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year	Council RESOLVED
		(1) To approve the dates for Full Council and other meetings to take place during the 2022-23 Municipal Year, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
		(2) That the Head of Executive & Member Services be authorised to make any alterations deemed necessary to the Municipal Calendar during the course of the year having consulted with the Leader of the Council, Leaders of the Opposition Group(s) and Chair of the affected meeting.
13	Urgent Business	None.