

Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 6.00 pm

Conference Hall - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ

Please note this will be held as an in person meeting which all Committee members will be required to attend in person.

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Membership:

Members Substitute Members

Councillors: Councillors:

Conneely (Chair) Afzal, Begum, Collymore, Ethapemi, Fraser, Moeen,

Long (Vice-Chair) Rajan-Seelan, Ketan Sheth and Smith

Ahmadi Moghaddam
Akram Councillors:

S Butt Kansagra & Maurice

Baiwa

Georgiou Lorber & Matin Miller Mitchell

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Notes for Members - Declarations of Interest:

If a Member is aware they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent and must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If a Member is aware they have a Personal Interest** in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent.

If the Personal Interest is also significant enough to affect your judgement of a public interest and either it affects a financial position or relates to a regulatory matter then after disclosing the interest to the meeting the Member must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item, except that they may first make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the matter, provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for those purposes.

*Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

- (a) **Employment, etc. -** Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.
- (b) **Sponsorship -** Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of election; including from a trade union.
- (c) **Contracts** Any current contract for goods, services or works, between the Councillors or their partner (or a body in which one has a beneficial interest) and the council.
- (d) **Land -** Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
- (e) **Licences-** Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.
- (f) **Corporate tenancies -** Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.
- (g) **Securities -** Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

**Personal Interests:

The business relates to or affects:

- (a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:
 - To which you are appointed by the council;
 - which exercises functions of a public nature;
 - which is directed is to charitable purposes:
 - whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party of trade union).
- (b) The interests a of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;

or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who is the subject of a registrable personal interest.

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Scrutiny Work Plan 2022/23 update

Introductions, if appropriate.

Item Page 1 Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members 2 **Declarations of interests** Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, the nature and existence of any relevant disclosable pecuniary or personal interests in the items on this agenda and to specify the item(s) to which they relate. 3 **Deputations (if any)** To hear any deputations received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 67. 4 Minutes of the previous meeting 1 - 8 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 19 July 2022 as a correct record. Members are asked to note that as the July Committee was held online the decisions made will be subject to formal confirmation at this meeting. 5 Matters arising (if any) To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. 6 **Budget Scrutiny Task Group** 9 - 12 The purpose of this report is for the Committee to establish a Scrutiny Task Group to consider the Cabinet's budget proposals for 2023-24. 7 **Cost of Living crisis** 13 - 28 This report outlines the actions the Council is taking to mitigate the impact of the Cost of Living crisis in Brent and updates members of the Committee on the progress of the Cost of Living themed Outcome Based Review (OBR).

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To consider the scrutiny committee's work plan for 2022/23.

9 Scrutiny Progress Update - Recommendation Tracker

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*Agenda republished on 2 September 2022 to include this item

This report updates the committee on the scrutiny recommendations tracker.

10 Any other urgent business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Head of Executive and Member Services or their representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 60.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 8 November 2022



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