



Brent

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES AND PUBLIC REALM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Wednesday 22 February 2023 at
6.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Conneely (Chair), Councillor Long (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Akram, S Butt, Georgiou, Miller, J Patel and Rajan - Seelan.

Also Present: Councillors M Butt (Leader of the Council) and Krupa Sheth (Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change) and Alex Nickson (Thames Water).

1. Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

Apologies were received from Councillors Mili Patel (Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources & Reform), Ahmadi Moghaddam (with Councillor Rajan-Seelan attending as an alternate member), Bajwa, Mitchell (with Councillor Fraser attending as an alternative member) and Shah.

2. Declarations of interests

There were no declarations of interest shared.

3. Deputations (if any)

There were no deputations.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

5. Matters arising (if any)

None.

6. Order of Business

The Committee agreed to vary the order of business on the agenda to allow items that required a response from the Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change to be heard first. As a result of the change in order the Scrutiny Progress Update - Recommendations Tracker was the first substantive item discussed by the Committee.

7. Scrutiny Progress Update - Recommendations Tracker

The Committee was invited to consider the progress and updates provided in relation to the Resources & Public Realm scrutiny recommendation and information request tracker.

The Chair invited Committee members to ask officers questions relating to the progress of the previous recommendations, suggestions and information requests made by the Committee as detailed in Appendix A of the report.

The following queries were raised by the Committee:

Cost of Living Crisis Review – 6 Sept 22:

In relation to the recommendation to “Use Council’s role and relationship with the NHS to lobby for more support for our residents to strengthen our efforts in helping them through the Cost of Living crisis” the Committee had welcomed the response provided by Councillor Nerva, Cabinet Member for Public Health & Adult Social Care, however the Committee remained concerned in relation to residents hospital discharge care packages, as it was felt these should include additional support for patients who required financial support in relation to increased energy costs for the operation of vital medical equipment. The Committee felt the response did not fully address this ongoing concern and as such the Chair advised that this action would be referred to the Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee for further investigation.

Redefining Local Services Update: 15 Dec 22

- The Committee requested an update on the recommendations made regarding the Redefining Local Services Integrated Street Cleansing Contract in relation to the action for officers and contractors to look at the feasibility of providing wheelie bins instead of sacks where possible. Oliver Myers, Head of Environmental Strategy, Commissioning and Climate Change advised members that the action remained on track, with the contractors Veolia in the process of completing a feasibility assessment and timeline of how this could be rolled out to the identified suitable locations. It was confirmed that once a plan was in place this would be discussed further with the Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change before a report was submitted back the Committee.
- The Committee were pleased to note the successful completion of a previous recommendation for officers to “Liaise with the West London Waster Authority (WLWA) to ensure access was reinstated for pedestrians and cyclists at the Abbey Road Household Refuse and Recycling Centre. The Committee thanked officers involved in actioning the recommendation and sought confirmation that the improved accessibility had been communicated to residents. In response officers confirmed that this had been communicated to residents with information also available on the Brent Council website.
- In relation to a Committee query regarding the suggested changes to the bulky waste free collection policy which from April 2024 involving those in receipt of Council Tax Support as opposed to wider DWP benefits, officers

confirmed that resident's eligibility for the scheme would be identified at the point of booking a collection. Additionally, officers confirmed that further identification and consideration of demand for the free collection service would be undertaken ahead of the revised system being rolled out in April 2024.

- Following a previous Committee information request in relation to the data provided from the twin stream recycling trial that illustrated a contamination rate of approximately 20%, members were advised that the majority of the contamination appeared to be from paper and card in the blue lidded bins as well as nappies and electrical items. Officers acknowledged that further efforts to educate residents on the issues around cross contamination of refuse would be necessary to optimise the revised scheme moving forward.
- In relation to residents reporting issues related to street cleaning, members were advised that officers were working with contractors to define thresholds, this information would be cascaded down to residents to support them in understanding the street cleansing expectations and when it would be appropriate to report issues.

Councillor Conneely thanked members and officers for contributing to the Recommendations Tracker Update before summarising the additional actions and information requests following the updates provided, which were NOTED as follows:

- (i) The recommendation for the Cabinet to use its role and relationship with the NHS to lobby for more support for our residents to strengthen our efforts in helping them through the Cost of Living crisis" to be referred to the Community & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee for follow up.
- (ii) The Committee to be provided with additional information on the small percentage of residents who will be impacted by the proposed changes to the eligibility criteria in the bulky waste free collection policy from April 2024.

8. **Multi Agency Flood Planning**

Councillor Conneely welcomed Alex Nickson, Water Resources & Growth Lead, Thames Water to the Committee to share his report that updated the Committee on the progress of Multi Agency Flood Planning.

The following key points were discussed:

- Surface water flood risk was recognised as an increasing concern across London, owing to a number of factors that included loss of permeable surfaces to impermeable surfaces, a sharp growth in regeneration across London and climate change. The cumulative impact of these factors had created pressure on the drainage network across London with the historic infrastructure not able to cope with the additional pressures, resulting in more frequent flood events in London.
- Flood risk across London was highlighted in July 2021 after London experienced two 1 in 200 year flood events within a fortnight.

- Following the flood events, Thames Water (TW) commissioned an independent London Flood Review (LFR) to gain a greater understanding of why the flooding in July 2021 had been so severe, whether TW's assets had exacerbated the flooding and to make strategic level recommendations on how to manage the increasing risk with a collaborative response and action plan.
- Following the recommendations made by the LFR (as detailed within Appendix 1 of the TW report provided for the Committee) and the Mayor's Surface Water Roundtable the London Surface Water Strategic Group was created to provide a high level strategic overview to support collaboration with a range of agencies to produce and deliver a London Level Surface Water Management strategy and action plan. This would run parallel to TW's Drainage and Wastewater Management Plans (DWMP).
- The Committee were advised that there was no one factor identified to resolve all the issues contributing to surface water flooding in London at present, however with effective risk management and a number of different interventions it was felt that risks could be mitigated to limit the impact of flooding in London, parallel to longer term plans being made to futureproof London's drainage network. The interventions identified included finding ways to increase sewer capacity, reducing the volume of floodwaters getting into the sewer and greater information sharing across boroughs to understand how issues up or down stream were impacting upon specific locations.
- In order to reduce the volume of floodwaters getting into the sewers the Committee heard that increased use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) features, including the use of rain gardens and water butts, was seen as positive step forwards in reducing surface water run off. It was, however, acknowledged that residents may need to be incentivised to use water butts and the addition of rain gardens would need to be funded.
- Members were also advised of the ongoing work being undertaken by TW designed to support an increase in the capacity of the sewer network.

Alex Nickson ended his introduction by assuring the Committee of TW's commitment to collaborative working with the Local Authority to effectively manage surface water and sewer flooding.

Councillor Conneely thanked Alex Nickson for his report before asking the Committee if they had any questions in relation to the information heard, with the following points discussed:

- In referencing the severity of some specific localised flooding events, the Committee queried whether increased numbers of residents using water butts would provide a significant mitigation. In response the Committee were advised that although the impact may initially be minimal, the addition of water butts provided a good starting point in reducing the volume of local surface water run off during periods of heavy rainfall.
- In relation to a query regarding the impact of heavy rain and flooding on pedestrian access to footpaths the Committee were advised that the increased use of SuDS would provide a betterment to the existing situation in specific locations. To optimise the use of SuDS it would be necessary to work alongside the highways team to assess if the current infrastructure was

meeting the needs of the area and, if not, what type of SuDS intervention would be most effective in reducing the volume of surface water run off. It was highlighted that consideration should be given to identifying key geographical points where interventions could be actioned to provide the greatest impact.

- The Committee questioned how the suggested mitigations would be funded. Alex Nickson advised that TW were funded by customers and incentivised through performance commitment processes to deliver challenging targets as set by Ofwat. In order to support the level of work required to enhance the level of effective flood management activity a co funded effort between local authorities and water companies as outlined in TW's 5 year business plan would be necessary.
- The Committee raised concerns that Brent residents were frequently being impacted by the increased flooding and leaks across the borough and questioned whether this could be a result of poor connections, specifically push connections being used to replace push and screw connections. Additionally it was queried if the replacement manhole covers being rolled out were fit for purpose as residents had shared that there appeared to be disruption when vehicles went over them. Alex Nickson advised that he was unaware of the specific issues raised, however would seek feedback from colleagues and provide a response to the Committee when the information was available.
- The Committee was advised that the increased use of water meters had provided valuable information in pinpointing locations where leak levels were high and/or frequent. This had supported TW to target leaks more effectively. The intelligence gathered also supported forecasting where future burst pipes may occur.
In response to a query in relation to the sewer and gully cleaning programme, officers advised that a cyclical programme using intelligence on silt levels in each of the gully's was used to prioritise cleaning locations. The Committee heard that dependant on the levels of silt collection, gullies were cleaned approximately between every 6-18 months. It was established that the Council and TW shared responsibility for the gully and sewer cleaning programme, with the Council responsible for street cleaning and the cleaning of the gully pot, TW were responsible for cleaning from then gully down to the sewer. It was felt that going forward the cleaning of the gully and sewer system would be most effective if completed in unison. In response, TW advised of a pilot scheme already in development to trial a cohesive approach to gully cleaning with individual local authorities in order to identify the most productive, thorough and cost effective approach moving forward, which would also be open for Brent to participate in
- Chris Whyte, Director of Environment and Leisure advised that in addition to synchronising gully and sewer cleaning, consideration should be given to a parallel reactive response necessary to manage high foliage debris in the Autumn that was often exacerbated by changing weather conditions and therefore more challenging to plan for.
- In terms of the ongoing maintenance of the sewer network, TW confirmed that a rolling programme known as the Victorian Mains Replacement Programme continued to be rolled out to replace old pipes with a view to reducing leaks from the pipe network.

- The Committee queried the impact of the role of TW in local planning applications. TW advised that, whilst not statutory planning consultees, they would comment when consulted if it was felt that a development may cause additional pressure to the network, increasing flood risks.
- The Committee expressed concern at TW's response in relation to their input on planning applications as in member's experience of serving on Planning Committee's they could not recall any applications where TW had made any other comment than "no objections". It was highlighted that to support the Planning Committee in making informed decisions on applications in the future it would be helpful for TW to provide more considered responses to reassure the Committee that proposed schemes would not exacerbate existing issues or create new issues. Additionally, if TW believed that mitigations were necessary to support a scheme, this should be detailed in their response.
- The Committee shared concerns in relation to the level of support residents received from TW following a major flood event in Brent in December 2022 whereby some residents were left with no water or limited water pressure for a number of days following a burst main water pipe. In addition to this it was felt that the reactive response from TW had fallen below expectations in terms of delays in setting up bottled water stations and the limited accessibility in the locations of water stations. The Committee were advised that the incident in question had been a particular challenge to TW as it had taken longer than anticipated to isolate the valves due to access issues. Alex Nickson advised that the most vulnerable residents would have had water delivered directly to them, however acknowledged that they had fallen short of best practice in managing the incident and would therefore be seeking closer liaison with the Council in future in order to establish in advance the most suitable locations for bottled water stations to deliver more effective support to residents as part of a response plan if and when a future flooding event occurred.
- In relation to a follow up question regarding compensation for residents affected, Alex Nickson were unable to comment, however would seek to find the information and respond to the Committee following the meeting.
- In reference to a separate flooding incident in Brent in July 2021, the Committee raised what they felt was a poor response in relation to the communication provided to residents who called the TW contact centre for support and advice. Residents had reported that they were unable to get through on the phone and if they were successful in speaking to an operator, the operators were unable to advise or signpost appropriately. In response, Alex Nickson advised that call centre capacity had increased since the incident, it was acknowledged that the call centre had experienced issues with the capacity of calls received in July 2021, whereby they were receiving 4000 calls an hour in relation to the specific incident. TW had acknowledged their service did not meet expectations on that occasion, however since then the call centre capacity had increased and enhanced staff training had been delivered.
- The Committee questioned what was being done to reduce contamination in the River Brent following concerns raised regarding the presence of raw sewage impacting upon local residents and wildlife, specifically affecting an at risk species unique to Brent, the European Eel. The Committee were advised that TW took raw sewage contamination seriously and were

committed to reducing this within their River Health Plan. Further exploration was underway to examine historic residential pipework in some parts of the borough where it was believed misconnections were contributing to leaking and cross contamination between foul water and surface water pipes.

- Joseph Barnett, Principal Engineer, Drainage and Structures (Brent Council) raised a further concern that the River Brent was severely affected by misconnections and issues upstream in the neighbouring borough of Harrow. The Committee noted that on occasions of heavy rainfall sewers overflowed and their contents were discharged into the River Brent. It was understood that as part of TW's Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan an attenuation scheme of works were scheduled in Byron Recreation Ground in Harrow to support resolving the issues affecting Brent downstream. In response, the Committee requested a timeline of when this work would be completed, which it was agreed would be provided once available.

As the Committee had no further questions for officers or Thames Water to respond to, the Chair went on to summarise the concerns that the Committee had in relation to Thames Water taking their responsibility seriously in managing the issues raised previously and during the Committee meeting. In sharing appreciation that Alex Nickson had attended the Committee to represent Thames Water, concerns were highlighted that engagement and the commitment towards collaborative working prior to his attendance had previously been below expected standards by Thames Water, which had been supported by their failure to provide the report for the Committee within the required timescales. The Committee had, however, welcomed the verbal responses provided during the meeting but felt that further assurances were still needed in order for the Committee to have confidence that Thames Water were committed to working with the Council to effectively manage the issues around surface water drainage and flooding in Brent. In view of the concerns highlighted, the Chair felt it would be important for Thames Water to provide the Committee with an action plan relating to the delivery of the recommendations identified in the LFR report. On a positive note, the Chair ended by re-iterating the Committee's thanks to Alex Nickson for attending and looked forward to increased accountability from Thames Water in the future.

The Chair thanked all those present for their contributions to the discussion before moving on to note the following suggestions for improvement and information requests:

Recommendations:

- (i) Thames Water and Brent Council to work together on a (Thames Water funded) pilot scheme of collaborative gully cleaning alongside a reactive leaf clearing programme that would readily respond at peak periods of heavy foliage debris during the Autumn.
- (ii) Thames Water to recognise their role as consultees on appropriate planning applications and encouraged to work with the Council in ensuring representations are submitted on proposed developments identifying mitigations required on relevant developments to ensure that flood risk was not increased.

Information Requests

- (i) Thames Water to provide further details regarding the change from push and screw connections to push connections and whether this could have affected efficiency and led to flooding/leaks.
- (ii) With regards to recommendation 3 in the London Flood Review (LFR), Thames Water to provide further information on how many planning applications they had commented on/objected/challenged/made a recommendation for additional mitigations to avoid flooding over the last 5 years.
- (iii) Thames Water to provide a detailed breakdown on the amount the organisation has invested financially in the borough of Brent over the last 3, 5, and 10 years; and specifically, what these investments have been made for.
- (iv) Thames Water to provide timescales on the Byron Park Recreation Scheme delivery.
- (v) Thames Water to provide the Committee with an action plan detailing the delivery of the recommendations identified in the London Flood Review report alongside a progress update.
- (vi) Provide a timescale of when Thames Water could return to the Committee to share an update of their 2025-2030 business plan and the London Level Strategy.
- (vii) Thames Water to provide detail on the investment in flood risk management in the Brondesbury Road area as this area had been prone to flooding.

9. Spaces for Community Use

The Chair introduced the Spaces for Community Use item and in doing so reminded members that Councillor Mili Patel, Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources & Reform and Tanveer Ghani, Director of Property and Assets had unfortunately had to send their apologies. The Chair proceeded to extend the Committee's thanks to Councillor M Butt, Leader of the Council, Denish Patel, Head of Property and Minesh Patel, Corporate Director of Finance and Resources who had subsequently attended in order to respond to any Committee queries on the report.

Councillor M Butt introduced the report that responded to a previous Committee request to receive a paper on the available community spaces in the borough that could be used by voluntary organisations, such as charities, arts and cultural groups ("third sector" groups) to carry out their work and to include the help offered by the Council to support these types of groups in finding appropriate spaces to let.

In introducing the report the following key points were highlighted:

- The Council's active and positive relationship with third sector organisations and recognition of the valuable support that they provided to residents.
- In recognition of the social value that third sector groups contributed to the community, the Council were committed to supporting their work where possible, by providing council owned assets to community groups at low rent levels to support groups to deliver their services to residents.
- 50% of the Council's overall commercial property portfolio were let to third sector organisations that delivered public value.

- Despite the low rental levels set for these lettings, arrears for Community Groups were of the highest amount against other letting types as had been detailed within section 3.3 of the report.
- Officers advised that the commercial property portfolio was a key resource for the Council to collectively provide economic return and social value. In respect of this, it was key to strike the right balance between providing social value alongside key services for residents and the Council receiving economic return to sufficiently cover the operating costs and maintenance.
- The Committee noted the impact which the Cost of Living crisis coupled with ongoing cuts to local government funding had placed on the Council meaning it was imperative that the use of Council owned assets were maximised. It remained a high priority to support third sector groups, in line with the Borough Plan, however this could not be at a detriment to the Council's financial position.
- The Committee were advised that moving forward a revised Property Strategy would be produced to re-define some of the existing policies to ensure that support could be given to third sector groups as well as the Council meeting their legal duty under section 123 of the Local Government Act (LGA) to achieve best price on their lettings.
- Through the process of generating a revised Property Strategy the importance of third sector groups being able to demonstrate their social value, community impact and alignment with the Borough Plan would be a key factor in the Council's consideration as to whether a reduced rent could be offered. It was felt that by streamlining the Property Strategy the Council could provide more effective management of the Council's property estate and deliver both economic and public outcomes in line with the Borough Plan.

Councillor Conneely thanked Councillor M Butt for introducing the report and asked Committee members if they had any questions or points of clarification in relation to the report.

The following key issues were raised:

- The Committee recognised the challenging position that the Council was in, in terms of seeking a balance between the needs of third sector groups, the social value for the community and the need for the Council to generate revenue to support the maintenance of a sustainable commercial property portfolio. In recognising the challenges, the Committee agreed that it was justified to revise the Property Strategy and provide an appropriate level of challenge to third sector groups who would benefit from reduced letting rates in order to sustainably deliver their work.
- In response to a Committee question in relation to how the Council could achieve the best outcome for residents in light of the challenges discussed, the Committee were assured that the financial hardship being experienced by many community and voluntary groups had been recognised and it remained a priority to support these groups where possible. Alongside this there would however, be a requirement as part of the revised Property Strategy to dive deeper into the benefit and reach of community groups who were paying a reduced rent in Brent to assess how the benefits to the community balanced against the reduced rental income to the Council.

- The Committee noted the difficulties in some groups being able to demonstrate their reach across the community. Officers advised that the Property and Assets team planned to work closely with Lorna Hughes, Director of Communities and her team to explore how outcomes could be measured in the community to support third party groups in demonstrating their reach and impact.
- In response to a Committee concern raised that third sector groups would be disadvantaged by the revised Property Strategy and potentially priced out of being able to operate their services in Brent, the Committee were reassured that the Council wanted to continue to support the valuable work of third sector groups in Brent, as demonstrated by 50% of Council assets being let to third sector groups. It was however crucial to recognise that a more streamlined approach was necessary moving forward to ensure the Council delivered the services residents needed by supporting the groups that could offer the highest social value to the Community aligned with priorities identified in the Borough Plan as well as ensuring that the Council's assets supported economic sustainability. The Committee noted that historically the Council had provided very long leases to groups, however there were cases where particular groups had changed the way they delivered services and they consequently no longer aligned with Brent priorities, which the revised policy had also been designed to address.
- The Committee were advised that enhancing the formal process around lettings to third party groups would lead to clearer guidance for groups in relation to expectations of how their service could run in Brent. The Committee were advised that the London Community Kitchen provided a good example of a third sector group that had recently worked successfully with the Council under a formal structure providing a broad reach using the Civic Centre kitchen and food preparation area to cook and deliver meals to Brent and Harrow communities who faced food poverty.
- In response to a further query in relation to the support offered to third sector groups with particular regard to lettings for smaller organisations who would not require a whole unit and may benefit from being linked up with other small groups to optimise their letting opportunities, the Committee were advised that where possible the Council would support groups to accommodate this and signpost accordingly. An example of a positive outcome in relation smaller groups was shared with the Committee as it was noted that the former Picture Palace in Harlesden had been recently acquired by the Council as part of the Town Centre regeneration programme. The purchase coincided with the development of the Black Community Action Plan and as such resulted in the decision being taken to dedicate the building for delivering a new community centre that would be run by a consortium of local charitable organisations. The Committee noted the scheme as a good example of the Property Strategy working in alignment with the Borough Plan to provide residents with a valuable community asset.
- The Committee requested further information as to how potential and existing third sector groups would be supported to secure tenancies as it was felt that some groups were not aware of the funding streams available to them. The Committee were advised that the Council remained focused on supporting the community and voluntary sector to flourish in Brent and as such signposting to grant programmes and alternative funding streams was

a conversation that would continue to take place and be built upon to support particularly smaller groups in accessing funding opportunities that would help them to secure a tenancy and deliver their objectives to the community. The provision of business rates discounts and security of tenure were also highlighted as additional support measures that could be offered, where relevant.

In relation to a Committee query regarding the recovery plan for the rent arrears accrued by third sector groups the Committee were advised that where necessary the Council was actively engaged in supporting those tenants to put a recovery plan in place. It was noted that many of the tenants who had fallen behind in rent during Covid 19 had requested that their debt incurred for that period of time was written off as opposed to working with the Council to agree a recovery plan. Officers advised that they aimed to recover as much debt as possible, however due to the unique situation of Covid 19 it was likely that a proportion of the Covid 19 related debt would need to be written off.

- In response to a Committee query in relation to the provision of community space in new developments, the Committee were advised that at early planning stages officers liaised with developers to advise that consideration should be given where appropriate for new developments to include community spaces with appropriate nomination rights.
- The Committee raised concern that some community spaces designated for tenant and resident associations were not being utilised due to access issues, additionally the Committee queried what the Council were doing to engage tenants in using their community spaces. Officers agreed that it was a priority moving forward to ensure that tenant and resident associations were aware of the spaces they were able to use and that they were accessible.
- The Committee recognised that the Council still needs to show value for money when letting out spaces, and in turn this would mean that there needed to be a transparent process for deciding which CVS groups any lets were made to.
- The Committee required clarification on how it was communicated to the public and community and voluntary sector groups when leases became available. Officers advised that when a lease expired the asset would not automatically come back to the Council as the tenants had the right to renew their lease at market rent, however available leases were advertised when available. In future, at the Committee's request, it was agreed that this information could be shared with Ward Councillors so that they could ensure that local community groups who may have an interest in leasing the space were made aware.

At this stage in proceedings, the Committee agreed to apply the guillotine procedure under Standing Order 62(c) in order to extend the meeting for a period of 15 minutes and enable the remaining business on the agenda to be completed.

In summarising the discussion, the Chair thanked all those present for contributing to the review and discussion on Community Spaces, with the Committee supporting the approach outlined and recognising that it was now an appropriate time to revise the Property Strategy to ensure the best outcomes were achieved for both residents and the Council in maintaining their assets.

As no further issues were raised the Chair then drew the item to a close and the Committee **RESOLVED** to note the contents of the report.

The Committee noted the following suggestions for improvement:

Recommendations

- (i) The revised draft Property Strategy (inclusive of the section that explicitly deals with community use) and the Asset Review findings report to be reviewed by the Committee at a future meeting.
- (ii) The Committee felt that priorities for the revised policy should include increased opportunities for partnership work with CVS groups and priority given to groups that promoted social value in line with Brent's strategic priorities and its legacy as a Borough of Culture.
- (iii) The inclusion of community spaces to be consistently encouraged and raised with developers making planning applications.
- (iv) Local Ward Councillors to be informed when community properties became available to let with a clear process outlined regarding the criteria and assessment for eligibility

10. Scrutiny Work Plan 2022/23 Update

The committee noted minor changes to the Scrutiny Work Plan as follows –

- The agenda of the 22 February 2023 meeting had been updated to remove the item titled 'Migration Scheme'. This item was rescheduled to the Committee meeting on 25 April 2023 as laid out in Appendix A of the report.
- The agenda of the 25 April 2023 meeting had been updated to remove the item titled 'Cost of Living Update'. This item would be heard at a later committee meeting in the next municipal year.

11. Any other urgent business

None.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 25 April 2023.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Councillor Conneely
Chair