

Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 4 September 2024 at 6.00 pm

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

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

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Membership:

Members

Councillors:

Conneely (Chair)
Kennelly (Vice-Chair)
Ahmadi Moghaddam
S Butt
Dixon
Georgiou
Long
Maurice
Mitchell
Molloy
Shah

Substitute Members

Councillors:

Aden, Afzal, Collymore, Ethapemi, Fraser, Mahmood,
Rajan-Seelan, Ketan Sheth and Tazi Smith.

Councillors:

Kansagra & J.Patel
Lorber & Matin

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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 or 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.

Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

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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 Minutes of the previous meeting	
To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 17 July 2024 as a correct record.	1 - 14
(Agenda republished to include this item on 3 September 2024)	
4 Matters arising (if any)	
To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.	
5 Deputations (if any)	
To hear any deputations requested by members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 67.	
6 Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee work programme for the 2024-25 Municipal Year	15 - 22
To agree the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee work programme for the 2024-25 Municipal Year.	
(Agenda republished to include this item on 3 September 2024)	
7 Establishment of Budget Scrutiny Task Group	23 - 26
To establish a Task Group to review the Council's budget proposals for 2025/2026.	
8 Review of Year 1 Grounds Maintenance Contract	27 - 84
This report provides a review of the first year of the Grounds Maintenance	

Contract with Continental Landscapes and covers information relating to the overall performance of the contract across Parks, BHM land and highway verges, and clarifies performance issues that have arisen and also those mitigations introduced to prevent re-occurrence. The report also details challenges faced in the first year of the contract and the lessons learnt from the first year of operation to allow improvements to be delivered moving forward.

9 Delivery of Affordable Housing by i4B Holdings Ltd and First Wave Housing Ltd 85 - 108

This report provides an update on i4B Holdings Ltd (i4B) and First Wave Housing Ltd.'s (FWH) operational, financial, and strategic performance, including delivery of the policy objectives relating to the provision of good quality affordable housing and reducing the use of temporary accommodation.

The report has been prepared to assist the Committee in seeking to understand and assess the effectiveness of investment decisions for the Council in seeking to achieve key strategic priorities.

10 Scrutiny Progress Update - Recommendations Tracker 109 - 130

This report presents the Scrutiny Recommendations Tracker for review by the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.

(Agenda republished to include this item on 3 September 2024)

11 Any other urgent business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Deputy Director Democratic Services or their representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 60.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 5 November 2024



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