

London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Monday 16
June 2025 at 10am

PRESENT: Councillor Muhammed Butt (Chair), Councillor Mili Patel (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Benea, Donnelly-Jackson, Farah, Grahl, Nerva, Rubin and Krupa Sheth.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Knight (in advance of taking up her new position as Cabinet Member for Customer Experience, Resident Support & Culture after the meeting following her return from maternity leave)

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1.	Introduction & Apologies for Absence		<p>Prior to commencing the meeting, Councillor Muhammed Butt (as Leader of the Council) formally welcomed Councillor Promise Knight back following her return from Maternity Leave. As a result of the changes introduced to the Cabinet Portfolios earlier in the year, the Leader advised that Councillor Knight would be returning as the newly established Cabinet Member for Customer Experience, Resident Support and Culture with Councillor Donnelly-Jackson continuing as Cabinet Member for Housing. Members noted these changes would be formally taking effect immediately following the Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>The opportunity was also taken to thank Councillor Donnelly-Jackson for the work undertaken and support in covering Councillor Knight's portfolio, pending her return from maternity leave.</p> <p>In addition, the Leader also took the opportunity to express his condolences to all members of the community across Brent either directly or indirectly affected by the tragic loss of life as a result of the crash of Air India Flight AI-171 in Ahmedabad. In recognising the impact across communities within Brent, all those present at the</p>

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			<p>meeting were invited to join the Leader in observing a moments silence in remembrance of those who had lost their lives and affected by the tragedy</p> <p><i>All present at the meeting then stood to join the Leader in observing a moments silence.</i></p> <p>Moving on to formally open the meeting, apologies for absence were received from Nigel Chapman (Corporate Director Children, Young People & Community Development) with Kibibi Octave (Director Community Development) attending as his representative.</p>
2.	Declarations of Interest		<p>The following personal interest was declared in relation to Agenda Item 7 (Future of Bridge Park Leisure Centre):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Farah – as a member and regular user of Bridge Park Leisure Centre. <p>No other declarations of interest were made during the meeting.</p>
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting		Cabinet RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 19 May 2025 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.
4.	Matters Arising (if any)		None identified.
5.	Petitions (if any)		There were no petitions presented at the meeting.

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6.	Reference of item considered by Scrutiny Committees (if any)		There were no items referred from either the Community Wellbeing or Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committees.
7.	Future of Bridge Park Community Leisure Centre	Stonebridge	<p>Prior to considering the report, Cabinet noted the comments made by Vengeance (representing the London Roller Derby league) who had requested to speak regarding the impact the proposed closure of Bridge Park Leisure Centre would have on that organisation as a current user of the Leisure Centre. In addressing Cabinet, the opportunity was taken to outline the background to the Roller Derby League and way in which the sport was played. Members were advised of the way in which the league operated in an open, inclusive and democratic way along with their commitment to empowering women, those non marginalised genders and the LGBTQ+ community through sport. The league had been established in 2006 as the first in the UK and, as a member of the Women Flat Track Roller Derby Association (which included other teams from across the world), continued to be a driving force in the establishment of the sport across the UK and Europe with an international fan base and world class athletes using Bridge Park Leisure Centre as a training base to compete internationally.</p> <p>Referring to the leagues current use of the Leisure Centre involving bookings for over 300 hours per year, the lack of suitable alternative training space was highlighted as a concern should the decision be made to close the Centre. Whilst recognising the challenges in terms of the current sustainability of the facilities available at the Centre, it was highlighted that the league stood in support of the</p>

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			<p>Save Bridge Park Campaign and opposition to its closure but requested that should the decision be made to proceed, the Council support them (having outlined the specification required including the need for a facility with a solid floor) in seeking suitable alternative provision so they could continue operating and for which, it was pointed out, they would be grateful for any assistance available.</p> <p>In response, Councillor Nerva (as Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health & Leisure) began by thanking Vengeance for the informative nature of her comments and advised (without seeking to prejudice any decision made by Cabinet) that should the decision be made to proceed with closure of the Leisure Centre the Council would continue to support the league in seeking a suitable alternative venue, recognising the discussions already undertaken on the specification required. The league was also thanked for the frankness expressed regarding the current state of repair of the existing facilities at the Leisure Centre which it was pointed out had also formed the basis for the recommended approach towards the provision of new sport facilities on the site.</p> <p>Following on, Councillor Benea (as Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning & Property) also took the opportunity to thank Vengeance for the representations made on behalf of the London Roller Derby league. Highlighting the current unsustainable nature of conditions at the existing facility which needed to be addressed, she also confirmed the Council's ongoing commitment to</p>

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			<p>work with the league in seeking suitable alternative provision should the decision be made to proceed with the closure and reprovision of a more sustainable and flexible sport and community facility on the site. The work of the league was also recognised and commended in support of their approach towards more inclusive and open access to sport.</p> <p>Councillor Muhammed Butt (as Leader of the Council) also took the opportunity to thank Vengeance for taking the time to address Cabinet and confirmed that the written representations from the League submitted in advance of the meeting regarding the content of the report due to be considered had been received and would be considered as part of any decision made on the way forward. In advance of considering the report included on the agenda, he also confirmed that additional representations had been received from Dawn Butler MP in support of the London Roller Derby League.</p> <p>Having considered the representations received, contents of the report, outcome of consultation and proposed transitional arrangements for impacted users Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To proceed with the closure date of Bridge Park Community Leisure Centre agreed as 31 July 2025.</p> <p>(2) To approve the revised facility mix for the council led development at Bridge Park.</p>

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			<p>(3) Following on from (1) above and subject to the outcome of the decision of the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (as outlined in paragraph 3.2.4 of the report) to approve the demolition of the council owned buildings at Bridge Park, subject to securing the relevant consents for undertaking demolition works.</p> <p>(4) To approve the Council entering a deed of variation to the CLSA with Stonebridge Real Estate Development (SRED) as detailed in paragraphs 3.2.12 – 3.2.15 of the report.</p> <p>(5) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Property to agree any further variations that are required to update the CLSA with SRED.</p> <p>(6) To approve the proposed site use options for the Twybridge Way, Morland Gardens and Bernard Shaw House sites that form part of the Hillside Corridor Masterplan and approve a capital budget of £1m to commence design work for these sites.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 23 June 25</p>

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8.	NCIL 2025/2026 Allocation Priorities	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To approve the administration process for NCIL funding for financial year 2025/26 as outlined in section 7 of the report. (2) To approve the requirement that all NCIL funded projects must demonstrate contribution to the neighbourhood priorities outlined in section 4 of the report. (3) To approve option 1 (as outlined in section 6 of the report) – a borough wide model for the distribution of funding in 2025/26. (4) To approve that a cap on the total funding allocation available for any individual project or programme of work would not be applied (other than not exceeding the total available funding pot). (5) To note the proposed timeframes in the process, as detailed in section 7 of the report, had been significantly streamlined compared to previous years and as such the potential risk of slippage. (6) To note the proposed approach to building appropriate communication / promotional material around projects to demonstrate they were funded via NCIL (Council) as set in section 13 of the report.

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			<p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 23 June 25</p>
9.	Q4 Performance Report	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To note the Borough Plan 2024-25 performance reporting for Q4 as set out in section 3 and Appendix A of the report.</p> <p>(2) To note the current and future strategic risks associated with the information provided and agree the remedial actions on strategic risks identified as appropriate alongside the challenge on progress being provided with responsible officers as necessary.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 23 June 25</p>
10.	Revised Black Community Action Plan	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) To approve the revised Black Community Action Plan (BCAP), including workstreams, new governance structures and timelines.</p> <p>(2) To approve, as requested through the community consultation in November 2024, extending the delivery period by at least 1</p>

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			<p>year to redress time lost, providing a remaining delivery period of 8 years in total (2025-33)</p> <p>(3) To approve that the plan concentrates on delivering the top 5 themes over a 4-year period (2025-29).</p> <p>(4) Whilst recognising as an outcome of the community consultation, that “accountability” ranked lower in terms of priority, in line with recommendations made previously during 2024 to approve the creation of an Independent Advisory Steering Group (IASG) with Council representation to help inform officer-led Equity, Diversion and Inclusion work. The purpose of the IASG would be to inform and advise on delivery, attract funding opportunities, and provide assurance and transparency to the community. This would also demonstrate the Council’s commitment to co-design and co-produce activity informed by the community, including local experts and those with lived experience.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 23 June 25</p>
11.	Brent Council's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Progress Update for 2024-25	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) To endorse the progress made in Year 1 of the EDI Strategy 2024-2028, Anti-Racism Action Plan, and EDI Board priorities.</p>

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			<p>(2) To agree that information in the report be turned into public-facing communications materials highlighting Year 1 achievements.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 23 June 25</p>
12.	Staples Corner Growth Area Infrastructure Projects	Dollis Hill	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to approve up to £2,835,000 Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (SCIL) to design, plan, construct and maintain the four proposed priority infrastructure projects detailed within the report.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 23 June 25</p>
13.	Cecil Avenue Estate Management Company	Wembley Hill	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED</p> <p>(1) To endorse arrangements for the proposed Cecil Avenue Estate Management Company, set out at paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 of the report.</p> <p>(2) To approve Brent Council becoming a member of the Cecil Avenue Estate Management Company.</p>

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			<p>(3) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Neighbourhoods & Regeneration to appoint two Council Officers and/or external individuals as Company Directors of the Cecil Avenue Estate Management Company.</p> <p>(4) To approve the entering into of a deed of variation to the Overarching Hybrid Development Agreement dated 13th March 2023 in respect of the Ujima House and Cecil Avenue sites, made between the Council, Wates Construction Limited and Wates Group Limited, to update the Estate Management Company arrangements therein, for the reasons detailed in paragraph 3.4 of the report.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 23 June 25</p>
14.	Exclusion of Press and Public		There were no items that required the exclusion of the press or public.
15.	Any other urgent business		There were no items of urgent business.