

London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Monday 28
July 2025 at 10am

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

ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Hudson (Chair of i4B Holdings & First Wave Housing Ltd Boards)

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1.	Introduction & Apologies for Absence		Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mili Patel, Kim Wright (Chief Executive) and Minesh Patel (Corporate Director Finance & Resources) with Ravinder Jassar (Deputy Director Corporate & Financial Planning) attending as his representative.
2.	Declarations of Interest		No declarations of interest were made during the meeting.
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting		Cabinet RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 16 June 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.
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.	Financial Outturn 2024/25	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED to note the overall financial Outturn position for 2024-25, as detailed within the report. Eligible for call-in: Yes

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			Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 4 August 24
8.	Medium Term Financial Outlook	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Note the contents of the report and the potential financial impact on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy. (2) Note the summary of the Spending Review and Local Government Funding reform consultations, as set out in section five of the report. (3) Agree the budget setting process for 2026/27, including the approach to consultation and scrutiny, as set out in section seven of the report. (4) Note and agree the proposed 2024/25 capital budget carry forwards and capital virements for 2025/26 as set out in section eight of the report. (5) Note the financial position with regards to the Housing Revenue Account, as set out in section nine of this report; and (6) Note the financial position with regards to Schools and the Dedicated Schools Grant, as set out in section ten of the report.

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9.	Quarter 1 Financial Forecast 2025/26	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Note the overall financial position and the actions being taken to manage the issues arising, as detailed within the report. (2) Note the savings delivery tracker in Appendix A of the report. (3) Note the prudential indicators for treasury management in Appendix B of the report. (4) To approve the virements set out in section 9.18 of the report. (5) To note the debt written off as set out in section 9.22 of the report. (6) To approve an uplift to the Capital Programme Budget of £851k following the successful grant award of UK Shared Prosperity Funding as set out in section 12.2 of the report. <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 4 August 25</p>

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10.	Authority to Award Contract for Temporary Recruitment Services (Managed Service Provider)	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the award of the contract for a Managed Service for Temporary Agency Staff Services to Reed Specialist Recruitment Ltd for five years in the sum of three years plus an optional two-year extension.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 4 August 25</p>
11.	Membership of the i4B Holdings Ltd and First Wave Housing Ltd Boards	All Wards	<p>In considering the report Cabinet noted the comments made by Andrew Hudson (as Chair of the i4b & First Wave Housing Boards) thanking the outgoing Board members for their valued contributions and commitment during their term of office and in support of the proposed appointment of the new Directors & non-executive Directors outlined in the report, given the combination of experience and expertise it was felt they would continue to provide in the ongoing management of both Boards.</p> <p>Having noted the recruitment process undertaken, Cabinet RESOLVED to:</p> <p>(1) Approve the appointment of Waqar Ahmed and Mannie Ketley as non-executive, independent Directors of i4B and FWH for a period of three years from 1 September 2025.</p> <p>(2) Approve the appointment of Sadie East and Serita Kwofie as senior council officer Directors of i4B and FWH for a period of</p>

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			<p>three years from 4 August 2025 and Nicole Jarrett-Francis as a senior council officer Director of i4B and FWH for a period of three years from 1 October 2025.</p> <p>(3) Note that Peter Gadsdon had stepped down as a Director of i4B and FWH as of 31 March 2025 following his retirement from the council, that Melanie Smith would step down as a Director on 30 September 2025 when she retired from the council, and that Akintoye Doruwoju would step down as a Director from 1 September 2025, following the end of his term of appointment.</p> <p>(4) Note the increase in number of Directors of i4B and FWH from five to seven to reflect the growth of the companies.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 4 August 25</p>
12.	Outcome of Formal Consultation on Amalgamation of Malorees Infant School (Community) and Malorees Junior School (Foundation)	Brondesbury Park	<p>Prior to considering the report, Cabinet noted the comments made by Angus Hislop (as Vice Chair of Malorees School Federation) who had requested to speak in support of the proposals to amalgamate Malorees Infant and Junior Schools. In addressing Cabinet, Mr Hislop advised he was also Chair of the Federations Finance, Personnel, Property and Staffing Committee. Outlining the Federations support for the proposed amalgamation he advised this was shared by the whole School Board with the Federation,</p>

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			<p>following its formation in 2017, having identified a clear vision to achieve amalgamation, which had been delayed as a result of the process in seeking to manage the financial deficit within their budgets. During this time, however, both schools had sought to achieve as much as possible in seeking to combine and deliver the benefits associated in working more closely together with them effectively operating as one and the key benefit now identified, in terms of formalising the process of amalgamation, being the ability to access the DfE School Building Programme in order to deliver a rebuild of the school.</p> <p>Whilst recognising the potential financial impact on the school budget arising from the amalgamation, the Governing Body remained confident this could be offset against the reduction in maintenance costs association with the existing facilities linked to the new build programme and ability the new facilities would have in attracting additional pupils. Having outlined what were felt to be the substantial benefits associated with the proposals, the risks identified were also acknowledged, particularly in terms of any significant delay in the new build programme progressing. Having considered and assessed the risk identified, however, the Board had felt this remained manageable and that the unique opportunity for refurbishment of the school was worth pursuing given the wider benefits for both current and future pupils and educational provision on the site.</p> <p>In response, Councillor Grahl (as Cabinet Member for Children,</p>

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			<p>Young People and Schools) thanked Mr Hislop for his support of the proposals. She also advised Cabinet of two further written representations received from local parents Aidan Reilly and Venera Itibaeva expressing concern, given the outcome of the consultation process, at the potential impact of the proposals in relation to the financial risks identified and uncertainty around the school rebuild programme. As a result, assurance had been sought that any funding gaps identified in relation to the school budget would not impact on staff or lead to reductions in educational provision.</p> <p>Having noted the representations received and assurance provided at the meeting regarding the retention of transferred land on the site for educational use and that the amalgamation would not involve any proposed redundancies or changes in the terms and conditions of Malorees staff, Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the amalgamation of Malorees Infant School and Malorees Junior School, to be achieved through the:</p> <p>(a) The Closure of Malorees Junior School;</p> <p>(b) Expansion of the age range of Malorees Infant School to admit children aged between 3 – 11;</p> <p>(c) Change of the name of Malorees Infant School to 'Malorees Primary School'.</p>

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			<p>(2) To commit to retaining the Junior School land that would transfer to the Local Authority for the educational use of Malorees Primary School.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 4 August 25</p>
13.	Affordable Housing Supply Update (July 2025)	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to:</p> <p>(1) Note the update on the schemes currently on site and expected delivery dates.</p> <p>(2) Acknowledge the current viability challenges on the council's plans for self-delivering of new-build social rent schemes and that officers were exploring alternative approaches for addressing Brent's housing needs.</p> <p>(3) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Neighbourhoods and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning & Property to enter into a Deed of Variation for the GLA Affordable Housing Programme 21-26 including any delegated authority that may be required for future variations to enable further affordable homes to be provided.</p> <p>(4) Agree to proceed with the onsite delivery of the Edgware Road</p>

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			<p>scheme to deliver 120 new-build homes for use as temporary accommodation with ground floor commercial space.</p> <p>(5) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning & Property to agree the necessary pre-tender considerations, use of the commercial space including consideration of tax status and subsequent contract awards.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 4 August 25</p>
14.	Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy Funding for Public Realm Infrastructure	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to allocate up to £14,533,000 of SCIL funding to support much needed infrastructure improvement in relation to highways, parks, and CCTV.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 4 August 25</p>
15.	Authority to invite tenders in respect of appointing Charging Point Operator(s) to supply, install, operate and maintain electric vehicle charge points	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to:</p> <p>(1) Approve the commencement of the tender process in respect of appointing the Charging Point Operator (s) to supply, install, operate and maintain electric vehicle charge points in Brent in accordance with the new Procurement Legislation.</p>

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			<p>(2) Approve the pre-tender considerations pursuant to Standing Order 89 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, as detailed within the report.</p> <p>(3) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Enforcement, to award a fifteen-year contract(s).</p> <p>(4) Approve entering into the Partnership 6 Inter-Authority agreement.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 4 August 25</p>
16.	Exclusion of Press and Public		There were no items that required the exclusion of the press or public
17.	Any other urgent business		There were no items of urgent business.