

London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Monday 13
October 2025 at 10am

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

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1.	Apologies for Absence		Apologies for absence were received from Jehan Weerasinghe (Corporate Director Neighbourhoods & Regeneration) with Gerry Ansell (Director Inclusive Regeneration & Climate Resilience) attending as his representative.
2.	Declarations of Interest		<p>The following personal interests were declared in relation to Agenda Item 10 (Additional HMO Licensing Scheme):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Donnelly-Jackson – as a tenant in the private rented sector. Councillor Rubin – as a tenant in the private rented sector. <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 8 September 2025 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.
4.	Matters Arising (if any)		None identified.
5.	Petitions (if any)		5.1 Rebuild & renovate Roe Green Playground, Kingsbury

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			<p>Councillor Muhammed Butt (as Leader of the Council) welcomed Anna & Julia Cenalia (representing local residents and families from the area surrounding Roe Green Park, Kingsbury) to the meeting who he advised were attending to present a petition seeking the rebuild and upgrade of facilities within Roe Green Playground and Park in Kingsbury.</p> <p>In thanking the Leader of the Council for the opportunity to present the petition, Julia Cenalia (speaking on behalf of Anna Cenalia as the lead petitioner) highlighted the importance of Roe Green Playground and the surrounding park to local residents as a valued and much-loved local community facility. Unfortunately, however, she advised that the playground and park was now regarded as being tired, worn and neglected with reference made to examples of broken and outdated equipment, damaged gates, cracked and uneven pathways, a lack of benches & bins and broken lighting. These were identified as issues which those in support of the petition felt needed to be resolved in order to encourage renewed use and address concerns relating to safety, with some residents (it was pointed out) now preferring to travel outside of the area to find a cleaner, more usable playground.</p> <p>Disappointment was also expressed that a playground and park which had previously provided so much joy and happiness to residents was now seen as uninviting, empty, and dirty despite the fact that Roe Green Park was still regarded as one of the largest and most beautiful green spaces in Kingsbury and an area that</p>

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			<p>should be able to serve as the heart of the local community bringing children, families and older residents together.</p> <p>In seeking a way forward, Julia Cenalia advised that the petition was therefore calling on the Council to support the rebuilding, renovation and modernisation of Roe Green Playground and the surrounding area in order to deliver a space that was safe and inclusive, well-lit and maintained, equipped with modern play equipment accessible paths for prams, wheelchairs and bikes adequate benches and bins and with a regular maintenance schedule to keep the area falling back into disrepair. It was pointed out that petitioners saw this as an opportunity for the Council to work in partnership with residents to create a meaningful community space, highlighting that the community needed space not only for small children but also teenagers and young adults with the potential also identified for this to include youth club or leisure facilities that would provide a safe place for socialising, learning and growing and give a sense of purpose and belonging.</p> <p>In recognising that these type of improvements would require planning and funding, the Council was urged to work in partnership with residents to explore grant opportunities, design options and community involvement so that Roe Green Park could become a space everyone was proud of, highlighting that when investment was made in public spaces this in turn created cleaner, safer and more connected neighbourhoods and gave a sense of ownership and care over the spaces that were shared.</p>

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			<p>In bringing her presentation to close, Julia Cenalia asked members to visualise Roe Green Park one year from now as an accessible, well-lit and maintained space where children were able to enjoy using safe and modern play equipment and hoped the Council would be able to support the delivery of that vision for Brent's children, families and future generations.</p> <p>In response, Councillor Krupa Sheth (as Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Enforcement) thanked Anna & Julia Cenalia along with the other residents present for attending Cabinet to ensure their views were represented and in order to present the petition. As a starting point, Councillor Krupa Sheth felt it important to confirm that the Council had already recognised the need for improvements in Roe Green Park and as a result allocated funding towards refurbishment of the area. In seeking to develop these proposals an initial site visit and meeting with local residents had recently been held, with the Village School and ward councillors also involved and the Council committed to working with local stakeholders in terms of the design and delivery of the improvements and refurbishment, based around an initial target date of 2026. In recognising and welcoming the allocation of funding already identified by the Council to support the improvements being sought, Anna Cenalia (speaking as lead petitioner) also felt it important to highlight the scale of the park which it was felt would also benefit from the ability to explore all available options to attract additional funding in order to deliver the improvements residents were keen to support.</p>

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			<p>In summing up and bringing consideration of the item to a close, Councillor Muhammed Butt (as Leader of the Council) also took the opportunity to thank Ann & Julia Cenalia for attending the meeting to present the petition. In assuring the petitioners of the Council's aim to ensure that all of the borough's parks and open spaces remained open, inviting and safe for all, he also welcomed the acknowledgement of the financial challenges currently faced by the Council in seeking to meet these commitments. In recognition of these pressures, he confirmed the Council remained open and willing to explore all available funding opportunities, including external grant funding, in order to support delivery of the improvements being sought working in partnership with local stakeholders. Taken alongside the commitment outlined by the Councillor Krupa Sheth (as Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Enforcement) he ended by once again assuring the petitioners of the work being undertaken to support delivery of the improvements being sought which he hoped they would also be able to engage with as relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>5.2 Addressing the mess and nuisance being caused by pigeons under the Network Rail Green Bridge, Kilburn Station</p> <p>Councillor Muhammed Butt (as Leader of the Council) advised that following consultation with the lead petitioner, presentation of the petition had been rescheduled for the next Cabinet meeting on 10</p>

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			November 25.
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.	Q2 Financial Forecast 2025-26	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To note the overall financial position and the actions being taken to manage the issues arising, as identified within the report. (2) To note the savings delivery tracker, as detailed within Appendix A of the report. (3) To note the prudential indicators for treasury management as detailed within Appendix B of the report. (4) To approve the virements as set out within section 9.21 of the report. (5) To note the discretionary Business Rates reliefs to be awarded as set out within Section 9.18 of the report. (6) To approve the amendments to the capital budget as set out in paragraph 12.2 of the report. (7) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Finance and

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			<p>Resources to agree the terms of the £40m loan facility to I4B as set out in paragraph 12.2 of the report.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 20 October 25</p>
8.	Brent Youth Justice Plan 2025-2028	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Brent Youth Justice Plan 2025-28 for formal sign off and adoption by Full Council on 10 November 2025.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: No (report referred to Council for final approval)</p>
9.	Youth Facilities Capital Investment Programme	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the youth facilities capital investment programme as set out within the report.</p> <p>(2) To approve the projects for the organisations detailed within paragraph 3.2.8 of the report and use of £4m of Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy to fund the programme as detailed in Table 2, paragraph 5.1. of the report.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 20 October 25</p>

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10.	Additional HMO Licensing Scheme	All Wards	<p>Having considered the detail and reasons set out in the report and supporting appendices, Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To note the outcome of the consultation process detailed in the Consultation Report (attached as Appendix 1 to the report), the representations received and the Council's consideration and response to those representations (attached as Appendix 2 to the report). (2) To note that the document to support undertaking the public consultation (consultation evidence pack - attached as Appendix 3 to the report) and Housing Conditions and Stressors Report (attached as Appendix 4 to the report) highlighted the scale of problems relating to poorly managed HMOs in the private rented sector, identified the objectives that the proposed additional HMO licensing scheme would help the Council achieve and alternatives to licensing which had been considered. (3) Having considered and noted the matters at (1) and (2) above and using the powers under s.56 Housing Act 2004, to agree to designate a new Additional Licensing area of the whole of the London Borough of Brent from 02 February 2026 or at a later date in accordance with the statutory time required for the scheme to come into force as delineated and edged red on the map in the draft designation attached as Appendix 5 to the report.

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			<p>(4) To authorise the Corporate Director of Resident and Housing Services, subject to statutory notifications, to determine an alternative start date for accepting applications for selective licensing, if necessary.</p> <p>(5) To agree to the proposed licensing scheme objectives as set out in Appendix 6 of the report.</p> <p>(6) To agree the proposed HMO licensing conditions that would accompany any granted HMO licence as set out in Appendix 7 of the report.</p> <p>(7) To agree the proposed fee structure for licence applications made under the additional HMO licensing scheme as set out within Appendix 8 of the report.</p> <p>(8) Following on from (7) above, to agree to apply the same proposed fee structure to mandatory HMO licenses applications noting that for mandatory licensing, there is no statutory duty to consult on fees.</p> <p>(9) To note, in terms of the decisions made, that due regard had been taken of the Equality Analysis as detailed within Appendix 9 of the report.</p> <p>(10) To agree to delegate authority to the Director of Housing</p>

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			<p>Services to issue the required statutory notifications in relation to the designation and, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to ensure compliance in all respects with all relevant procedures and formalities applicable to authorisation of the scheme; to keep the proposed scheme under review during the designation lifetime and agree any changes to the proposed implementation and delivery, including administration, fees and conditions as necessary for the effective administration of the scheme, and give all necessary statutory notifications.</p> <p>(11) To agree to delegate authority to the Director of Housing Services to approve the carry forward of any surplus or deficits to the established ring-fenced trading account as and when necessary, subject to consultation with the Chief Finance Officer.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 20 October 25</p>
11.	Authority to Proceed with New Energy Efficient Heating for The Oaks and Pharamond	Brondesbury Park; Roundwood	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve adding the New Low Carbon, Energy Efficient Heating for Oaks and Pharamond housing to the Capital Programme.</p> <p>(2) To note that the budget of £3,150,911 would be funded by</p>

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			<p>£1,082,353 Warm Homes Social Housing Fund grant and £2,068,558 Carbon Offset Fund.</p> <p>(3) To authorise the Director of Housing Services to enter the necessary procurements to deliver the scheme including a works contractor and a technical consultant.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 20 October 25</p>
12.	Corporate Performance Update & Q1 Performance Monitoring 2025-26	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To note the Borough Plan 2025-26 performance reporting for Q1 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 20 October 25</p>
13.	Brent Purpose Built Student	All Wards	That having noted the recent trends of purpose-built student

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	Accommodation Planning Position Statement		<p>accommodation in Brent, the relevant planning policy provisions, the role of the accommodation in addressing a wide range of positive outcomes and the need for balanced and mixed communities</p> <p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the Brent Planning Position Statement for Purpose Built Student Accommodation as set out in Appendix A of the report for consultation.</p> <p>(2) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director Neighbourhoods and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member Regeneration, Planning and Property to consider the consultation responses under (1) above, the need for any changes, and whether to adopt the Brent Planning Position Statement for Purpose Built Student Accommodation and for this to be a material consideration in respect of decisions on planning applications.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 20 October 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.