

London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Monday 19
January 2026 at 10am

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

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1.	Apologies for Absence		<p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Knight (Cabinet Member for Customer Experience, Resident Support & Culture) and Councillor Krupa Sheth (Cabinet Member for Public Realm and Enforcement).</p> <p>The Leader also took the opportunity to welcome Councillor Moeen to Cabinet in her newly appointed role as Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion.</p>
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 8 December 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.	LGA Corporate Peer Challenge - Progress Review report	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To note the feedback and next steps emerging from the</p>

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			<p>Corporate Peer Challenge Progress Review.</p> <p>(2) To note Appendix B of the report setting out the updated Brent Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 26 January 2026</p>
8.	Q3 Financial Forecast 2025-26	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To note the overall financial position and the actions being taken to manage the issues arising, as detailed within the report.</p> <p>(2) To note the savings delivery tracker, as detailed within Appendix A of the report.</p> <p>(3) To note the prudential indicators for treasury management as detailed within Appendix B of the report.</p> <p>(4) To approve the virements, as detailed in section 9.19 of the report.</p> <p>(5) To approve the amendments to the capital budget as set out in paragraphs 12.2 -12.4 of the report.</p>

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			<p>(6) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Regeneration to allocate the Pride in Place Impact Fund budget to specific projects in line with the thematic areas linked to the Borough Plan, as set out in paragraph 12.3 of the report.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 26 January 2026</p>
9.	Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2025-26	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To note the overall financial performance as detailed within the 2025-26 Mid-Year Treasury report and approve its referral on to Full Council in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice.</p> <p>(2) To note that the Council had been fully compliant with the prudential indicators as set by Council in February 2025.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: No (report and recommendations referred to Council)</p>
10.	Proposal for Buckinghamshire Pension Fund to join London CIV	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the admission of the Buckinghamshire Pension</p>

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			<p>Fund to join the London CIV.</p> <p>(2) To approve the amendments outlined to the Shareholder Agreement and Articles of Association as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report (classified as containing exempt information).</p> <p>(3) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Finance and Resources (s151 officer) or their nominee on the operational elements to enable the admission.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 26 January 2026</p>
11.	Brent Digital Roadmap 2026-28	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <p>(1) To approve the Brent Council Digital Roadmap 2026-28, as detailed within the report.</p> <p>(2) To approve a capital budget of £4,435,455 in 2026/27 (in addition to the budget of £817,554 for 2026/27 approved by Cabinet in 2021) and of £4,313,408 in 2027/28. This budget to be funded by prudential borrowing.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p>

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			<p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 26 January 2026</p>
12.	Phase II Capital Investment Programme for School Place Sufficiency for Children and Young People with SEND	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the proposed SEND Phase II Capital Programme using £10.6m from the High Needs Capital Grant Allocation provided by the Department for Education as detailed in paragraph 3.2.2 (Option 2) of the report in order to complete the identified works within the programme.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 26 January 2026</p>
13.	Brent Council's School Admission Arrangements and Schemes of Co-ordination 2027/2028	All Wards	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To agree (“determine”) the proposed admission arrangements for Brent community schools and schemes of co-ordination for all maintained schools and academies in Brent for the 2027/2028 academic year as detailed within Appendices 1 and 2 of the report. (2) To note the scheme of co-ordination in place for the 2027-2028 offer year for co-ordinated applications to start school in years Reception, 3, 7 and 10. (3) To note that the determined admission arrangements for 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 will be updated in April 2026 to

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			<p>change the name of Malorees Infant School to Malorees Primary School following the amalgamation of the Malorees Infant and Junior schools.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 26 January 2026</p>
14.	South Kilburn District Heat Network - Tender Outcome & Financial Model Report	Kilburn	<p>Cabinet RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To approve the selection of Vital Energi Utilities Limited as the South Kilburn District Heat Network (SKDHN) Main Contractor preferred bidder for the contract value of £37,768,947 following the completion of the Design, Build, Operate and Maintain (DBOM) contractor procurement process set out in the report. (2) To approve an increase in the total capital budget for the SKDHN of £36,000,000. The funding for the budget is set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report and includes £12,000,000 of external borrowing. (3) To note that there will be a preferred bidder stage as set out in paragraph 3.2.31 of the report following satisfactory completion of the standstill period. (4) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director Neighbourhoods and Regeneration in consultation with the

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			<p>Lead Member for Climate Action and Community Power to finalise the contract and to award the contract to the SKDHN Main Contractor preferred bidder as required by Contract Standing Order 88 following satisfactory completion of the preferred bidder stage.</p> <p>(5) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, in consultation with the Lead Member for Climate Action and Community Power, for approval of agreements with off-takers for bulk (building-level) and retail (consumer-level) heat supplied by the SKDHN in perpetuity.</p> <p>(6) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, in consultation with the Lead Member for Climate Action and Community Power, to change the allocation of Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy and Carbon Offset Fund according to available balances.</p> <p>Eligible for call-in: Yes</p> <p>Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 26 January 2026</p>
15.	Exclusion of Press and Public		There were no items that required the exclusion of the press or public.
16.	Any other urgent business		There were no items of urgent business.

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			<p>Following on from the update provided within the Q3 Financial Forecast, Councillor Mili Patel (as Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources) took the opportunity to remind residents that consultation on the Council's budget proposals for 2026-27 remained open until 30 January 2026.</p> <p>It was hoped as many residents, business and local partners as possible would be able to participate in the consultation to ensure their views were shared on the local priorities identified in relation to investment, savings and future operation of the Council in advance of the final budget proposals being presented to Cabinet in February 2026 and then referred on to Council for formal approval.</p>