

London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Monday 7
September 2026 at 10am

PRESENT: Councillor Muhammed Butt (Chair), Councillor Grahl (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Amadi, Dixon, Johnson, Kelcher, Knight.

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1.	Apologies for Absence		Apologies for absence were received from: • Rachel Crossley (Corporate Director Service Reform & Strategy) with Rhodri Rowland (Director Strategic Commissioning and Capacity Building) attending as her representative; and • Jehan Weerasinghe (Corporate Director Neighbourhoods & Regeneration) with Gerry Ansell (Director Inclusive Regeneration & Climate Action) 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 27 July 2026 be approved as a correct record of the meeting.
4.	Matters Arising (if any)		None identified.
5.	Petitions (if any)		5.1 Opposition to installation of perimeter fencing College Green Open Space Councillor Muhammed Butt (as Leader of the Council) welcomed James Hogan (as lead petitioner and Chair of the College Green Preservation Society) to the meeting, who he advised was attending

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			to present a petition opposing the installation of perimeter fencing around College Green Open Space. In thanking the Leader of the Council for the opportunity to present the petition, James Hogan began by detailing the history of College Green Open space, which he advised had been established by All Souls College Oxford in 1913 and currently consisted of land for allotment, scout and open space provision as well as a nursery. He further explained that in response to continued proposals to build houses on the open space, the College Green Preservation Society had been formed in 1988 with a nursery subsequently encouraged to move to the Green as further protection albeit with clarification provided that the open space currently shared with the local scout group did not form part of the nursery site. In noting the vulnerability of open space in the area, the loss of spaces within Willesden, Kensal Green and Harlesden were highlighted as examples and in outlining the concerns of the petitioners, Mr Hogan felt it important to remind members that when establishing the land, All Souls College had issued a legally binding covenant stating that nothing on it could be used for any purpose which could be regarded as nuisance, damage or annoyance to the vendors in the neighbourhood, or which may lessen the value on the estate. As a result, he pointed out, local residents were opposed to the proposals being developed by the nursery in seeking to further screen their site, given the impact it was felt this would have in restricting access and blocking the view of the existing open space

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			and associated detrimental impact on the character of the area and value of surrounding properties, with the petitioners also seeking to raise these concerns direct with All Souls College Oxford. Given the petitioners concerns over the vulnerability of open space in the area, opposition was also expressed in relation to any land-grab by the nursery arising from the erection of the proposed screening, with the expansion of buildings on the existing nursery site and installation of a fence, alongside further appropriation of land shared with the scouts, highlighted as having already created a physical and psychological barrier and residents concerned about the impact of further potential development, should any additional screening be permitted. Reiterating that the open space to which the screening proposal related did not form part of the nursery site, Mr Hogan pointed out that the petitioners (alongside the Preservation Society) were therefore keen to ensure that the shared space remained open reflecting its value as an important part of the community and vital aspect of the character of the area. In concluding, he therefore called upon the Council and nursery to respect the wishes of the community and refrain from taking away one of the last remaining open spaces in the area in order to preserve its ongoing access for all to use and see. In thanking Mr Hogan for his presentation, the Leader then invited Councillor Jake Rubin (as Cabinet Member for Children’s Services,

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			Employment and Climate Action) to respond to the points raised. Having thanked James Hogan for attending the meeting to ensure that the views of all those who had signed the petition were represented, along with the Preservation Society for the care and commitment shown in seeking to protect and maintain College Green, Councillor Rubin began by assuring the petitioners that the potential impact any additional screening could have on the open nature of the space, local amenity and wider impact on the community had been recognised. At the same time, however, he also felt it important to recognise the need to ensure the nursery was able to maintain appropriate safeguarding arrangements for children using their outdoor space. In recognising the balance needing to be maintained, he therefore advised that in order to address the issues highlighted, Council officers were undertaking a review of the current fencing arrangements, which would include consideration of the necessary safeguarding requirements alongside relevant legislation and Department for Education guidance. Once that review had been completed, an assurance was provided that the findings along with any recommendations would be shared with all relevant stakeholders, including the nursery, scout group and local residents in order to enable a way forward to be identified. As a final contribution and in summing up, Councillor Muhammed Butt (as Leader of the Council) reaffirmed the assurance provided to

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			review the issues highlighted and engage further with all relevant stakeholders in seeking to identify a way forward.
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.	Brent's Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Framework and Action Plan 2026-2030	All Wards	Prior to considering the report, Cabinet NOTED the following representations received at the meeting: Whilst welcoming the Council's acknowledgment of the need to do better in seeking to meet the needs of traveller communities in Brent and recognising that some progress had been made, John O'Donnell (representing residents from the Lynton Close Travelers site) supported by Bernie Corcoran (as a fellow resident) and Rhianna Ketley (London Gypsy and Travellers Association), having thanked the Leader of the Council for the opportunity to speak, advised he was also seeking to outline concerns which remained in relation to development of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Framework. Members were advised these related to the limited progress made in terms of the identification and provision of temporary sites, despite this being raised as a priority by community members in view of the severe overcrowding on the Lynton Close site impacting on the health, safety and wellbeing of residents. As such he advised residents were keen to ensure the Council moved forward as quickly as possible in seeking to identify suitable temporary sites to address the overcrowding concerns outlined and avoid Travellers needing to move to unallocated transit sites whilst

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			permanent provision was being developed. Having thanked Mr O'Donnell for attending the meeting and representations received the Leader then invited Councillor Robert Johnson (as Cabinet Member for Housing, Homelessness and Renters Security) to respond to the comments made prior to formally introducing the report on the Framework. In taking the opportunity to thank those present for attending to ensure the views of the traveller community at Lynton Close were represented, Councillor Johnson, in seeking to address the concerns highlighted, confirmed that an independent search company had been commissioned to support the identification of temporary traveller sites. Highlighting that the provision of any sites (once identified) would also require the necessary planning consent to be obtained Councillor Johnson advised that the Council remained committed to making alternative accommodation available, although it was acknowledged this would be through the Council's temporary accommodation supply, as opposed to pitch sites. In highlighting examples of the other measures also introduced to support the community on the Lynton Close site, Councillor Johnson ended by once again acknowledging the concerns highlighted and committing to presenting the findings of the independent search company back to Cabinet, in order for any feasible sites identified to be taken forward. Having noted the representations made and commitment identified

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			to continue working with the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities to achieve positive outcomes, build trust and ensure their needs continued to be met, Cabinet RESOLVED to approve Brent's new Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Framework and Action Plan 2026-2030 (as set out within Appendix A of the accompanying report). Eligible for call-in: Yes Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 14 September 2026
8.	Future Commissioning and Delivery Options for Best Start Family Hubs Support Services	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To approve the insourcing of the majority of Best Start Family Hubs Support Services from 1 April 2027, creating a fully integrated Council-led Family Hub and Early Help model that strengthened accountability, consistency of practice, quality assurance, service integration and value for money. (2) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Community Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Employment and Climate Action, to take all necessary steps to implement the transition, including consultation, workforce arrangements, service mobilisation and any associated operational decisions required to ensure continuity of provision.

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			Eligible for call-in: Yes Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 14 September 2026
9.	Outcome of informal consultation on the amalgamation of Roe Green Infant School and Roe Green Junior School	Queensbury	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To note the feedback received during informal consultation on the proposal to amalgamate Roe Green Infant and Roe Green Junior School. (2) To approve a period of formal consultation, through the publication of a statutory notice, on proposals to: • Close Roe Green Junior School. • Expand the age range of Roe Green Infant School to admit children aged between 3 – 11. • Change the name of Roe Green Infant School to Roe Green Primary School. Eligible for call-in: Yes Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 14 September 2026

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10.	Proposal to expand Phoenix Arch Special School on the Strathcona Site	Preston	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To note the responses received during formal consultation on the proposal to expand Phoenix Arch Special School. (2) To approve the expansion of Phoenix Arch Special School by 50 places utilising the Strathcona site from September 2027. Eligible for call-in: Yes Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 14 September 2026
11.	Delivering Brent's 2024-2028 EDI Ambitions: Two Years On	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To endorse the progress made in Year 2 of the EDI Strategy 2024-2028, Anti-Racism Action Plan, and EDI Board priorities. (2) To agree that the information in the accompanying report be turned into public-facing communications materials highlighting Year 2 achievements. Eligible for call-in: Yes Deadline for submission of call-in: 6pm on Monday 14 September 2026

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12.	Treasury Management Outturn Report 2025-26	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To note the overall financial performance for 2025 - 26, as set out within the report. (2) To approve submission of the report to Full Council for approval in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice. Eligible for call-in: No (report referred to Council for final approval)
13.	Exclusion of Press and Public		There were no items that required the exclusion of the press or public.
14.	Any other urgent business		There were no items of urgent business.