London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Monday 9 November 2026 at 10am

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Gallagher.

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1.	Apologies for Absence		Apologies for absence were received from Thomas Cattermole (Corporate Director Resident & Housing Services) with Spencer Randolph (Director Housing Services) attending as his representative. An apology for lateness was received from Jehan Weerasinghe (Corporate Director Neighbourhoods & Regeneration).
2.	Declarations of Interest		Councillor Grahl declared a personal interest in relation to Agenda Item 10 (Rent Setting Policy Statement) and Agenda Item 11 (Housing Management Policies) as a Council leaseholder. No other 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 12 October 2026 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, Housing or Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committees.
7.	Believe in Brent: Council Plan 2026 - 2030	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To endorse the Council Plan, *Believe in Brent 2026 – 2030*, to progress to Full Council on 16 November 2026 for final approval. (2) To note the Engagement and Evidence Report and Equality Impact Assessment, which accompanied the Council Plan. Eligible for call-in: **No (report and recommendations referred to Council)**
8.	Q1 Corporate Performance Update	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To note the Borough Plan 2026-27 performance report for Q1 as set out in section 3 and Appendix A of the report. (2) To note the development of a new suite of KPIs alongside the new Council Plan and the more streamlined approach to performance reporting during the transition. Eligible for call-in: **Yes** Deadline for submission of call-in: **6pm on Monday 16 November**

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9.	School Place Planning Strategy 2024 - 2028 Third Refresh	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To approve the third refresh of the School Place Planning Strategy 2024-2028, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report. (2) To note the continued focus on planning to ensure both the sufficiency of places and the sustainability of schools, based on varying demand patterns across school planning areas in Brent. (3) To note the early signs of a reversal of declining pupil numbers in some parts of the borough (resulting from a rising birth rate) and that a requirement to accommodate higher demand in some primary planning areas may be required in the future. (4) To note that there continued to be increasing demand for places that meet the needs of children and young people with SEND aged 0-25 and the intention to further develop the SEND estate capital investment programme as Brent's strategy to address this need, as set out in section 4.3-4.5 of the report. (5) To note the school place planning actions completed in the first two years of the strategy and the actions planned for the coming academic year as set out in Section 4 of the report.

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			(6) To note the update on the success measures set out in the original strategy as set out in section 3.2 of the report. Eligible for call-in: **Yes** Deadline for submission of call-in: **6pm on Monday 16 November 2026**
10.	Rent Setting Policy Statement	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To approve Brent Council's new Rent Setting Policy attached as Appendix A to the report. (2) To approve all social rent properties being re-let at full formula rent, subject to compliance with the Rent Standard 2026 and any applicable rent caps or regulatory requirements. (3) To approve ending discounted London Affordable Rent levels on re-let, with eligible properties being let at the full London Affordable Rent applicable at the commencement of each new tenancy. (4) To note that proposals relating to rent flexibilities would be brought back for consideration as part of this financial year's budget report, following consultation with residents.

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11.	Housing Management Policies	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED: (1) To approve the following Housing Management Policies: (a) Anti-Social Behaviour Policy. (b) Compliance Policies (Asbestos, Fire, Gas Safety, Water Safety, Mechanical Electrical Services). (c) Vulnerabilities and Reasonable Adjustments Policy; and (d) Housing Compensation and Remedies Policy. (2) To note and endorse the status and next steps to deliver the policy commitments, as set out within the report. Eligible for call-in: **Yes** Deadline for submission of call-in: **6pm on Monday 16 November 2026**
12.	Housing Management Complaints	All Wards	Cabinet RESOLVED:

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	Performance and Service Improvement Annual Report 2025/26		(1) To note Brent Housing Management's performance in managing and resolving complaints during 2025/26, as set out within the report. (2) To note the Council's latest self-assessment against the Housing Ombudsman's Complaint Handling Code, as set out within the report. (3) To approve the report for submission to the Housing Management Advisory Board and the relevant Scrutiny Committee(s). Eligible for call-in: **Yes** Deadline for submission of call-in: **6pm on Monday 16 November 2026**
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.