# Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker 2019-2020

(A key and explanatory note for this tracker table is provided at the end of this report).

#### 12 September 2019

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review Date status
Knife Crime Scrutiny Task Group Report and recommendations	Knife Crime Scrutiny Task Group Report and recommendations  RESOLVED: The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee: agreed the report and recommendations of the Knife Crime Scrutiny Task Group and that the report now be referred to the Cabinet for consideration.	Cabinet 14 October 2019  Cabinet Decision/Response:  Decision: RESOLVED: that the recommendations set out in the report of the Knife Crime Task Group be agreed.  (Cabinet 14 October 2019)	Regeneration and Environment  The Safer Brent Partnership  Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement  Strategic Director: The Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	A report on the progress of the implementation of the agreed scrutiny recommendations was anticipated for the RPRSC meeting on 21 April 2020. (12 March 2020). This is now included in the scrutiny committee work programme for consideration on Monday 10 May 2021.	10 May 2021

#### 4 December 2019

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review Date status
Air Quality Scrutiny	RESOLVED:	Cabinet	Regeneration and	The intention is to bring back	
Report	That the Air Quality Scrutiny     Report and	14 January 2020	Environment	progress on implementing the recommendations on	
	recommendations be	Cabinet Decision/Response:	Cabinet Member:	Wednesday 14 April 2021.	14 April

adopted and referred t	to the	Cabinet Member	2021
Cabinet for considerat		for Environment	
2. That the implementation			
the report's	Report and recommendations.	Strategic Director	
recommendations agre		1 -	
the Cabinet be brough			
to the Committee for re		Regeneration and	
in 2020-2021.		Environment	
	Cabinet		
	20 April 2020		
	Cabinet Decision/Response:		
	Cabinet RESOLVED to		
	approve the draft Executive		
	Response to the Air Quality		
	Scrutiny Report and		
	recommendations of the		
	Resources and Public Realm		
	Scrutiny Committee.		

## 29 January 2020

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review Date status
Budget Scrutiny Task	RESOLVED that the Budget	Cabinet	Finance	It is anticipated that progress	
Group Report	Scrutiny Report and	10 February 2020		report on the implementation of	
	recommendations be adopted	Dudget 8 Coursell Tour 2020/04	Cabinet Member:	the agreed Executive Response	
	and referred to the Cabinet for	Budget & Council Tax 2020/21-	Resources	and decisions will be brought to	1 Oct
	consideration.	2022/23 (Appendix D)	and Deputy Leader of the	the scrutiny committee on 1 October 2020.	2020
		Council 19 February 2020	Council	October 2020.	
		Cabinet Decision/Response:	Strategic Director:		
			The Strategic		
		RESOLVED that Cabinet:	Director of		
		To note the report from the	Finance		

Budget Scrutiny Panel in
Appendix D of the report. In
addition, Cabinet agreed at
the meeting to recommend to
Council that any overall
underspend across the
General Fund accrued at the
end of March 2020 be
ringfenced and bought
forward as proposals for
spending on the climate
change emergency. (Cabinet
10 February 2020)

Cabinet 20 April 2020

**Cabinet Decision/Response:** 

Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the draft Executive Response to the Budget Task Group Scrutiny Report and recommendations of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee. (Cabinet 20 April 2020)

Council Decision:
AGREED (6) To note the report
from the Budget Scrutiny
Panel in Appendix D of the
report and approve the
recommendation from Cabinet
that any overall underspend
across the General Fund at
the end of March 2020 is ring
fenced and that proposals are
brought forward for spending

	on the climate change		
	emergency. (Council 19		
	February 2020)		
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## 12 March 2020

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review Date status
Brent Parks Strategy	That a new Brent Parks Strategy encompass the green and open spaces as a whole and include	Cabinet 17 August 2020	Regeneration and Environment	This should be included in the strategy review.	
	measurable targets, including bespoke targets for Brent, to	Cabinet Decision/Response:	Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member		
	facilitate the use of parks and open spaces by a diversity of	Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Executive	for Environment		
	different people in the community and to encourage sporting activities.	Response to the recommendations made by the Resources & Public Realm	Strategic Director The Strategic Director		March 2021.
		Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2020 relating to the Council's Parks Strategy.	Regeneration and Environment		
		Decision: AGREED.			
Brent Parks Strategy	To improve the data on people using the park, which could be used to inform the strategy.	Cabinet 17 August 2020	Regeneration and Environment	This should be included in the strategy review.	
		Cabinet Decision/Response:	Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member		
		Decision: AGREED.	for Environment		March
			Strategic Director The Strategic		2021.
			Director Regeneration and Environment		

Brent Parks Strategy	That provision be made within	Cabinet	Regeneration and	This should be included in the	
<b>,</b>	the strategy and management of	17 August 2020	Environment	strategy review, noting that	
	parks to allow for barbeques in	<b>g</b>		consideration of the provision to	
	designated areas, perhaps with	Cabinet Decision/Response:	Cabinet Member:	allow use of BBQs in	
	the requirement of a permit and	Cabinet Bedision/(Coponice.	Cabinet Member	designated areas would require	
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	perhaps after a trial period to	Decision:	for Environment	further review and	
	test out how this might work.	AGREED.		the Scrutiny Committee will be	
			Strategic Director	kept updated.	
		Cabinet noted that	The Strategic		
		consideration of the provision	Director	The department will be	
		to allow use of BBQs in	Regeneration and	developing a policy paper that	
		designated areas would	Environment	sets the direction for parks over	March
		require further review, in		the coming months.	2021.
		terms of the options		and defining memories	2021.
		available to manage any		The department will need to	
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		change as part of the ongoing		identify the funding that may be	
		development of		needed to develop BBQ sites	
		the strategy, on which the		and then take that forward in	
		Scrutiny Committee would		advance of the peak parks	
		continue to be kept		season next summer.	
		updated.			
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# 14 July 2020

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review Date status
The Public Realm	That the new parking strategy ensure that it is always cheaper to park a bike than park a car in	Cabinet 12 October 2020	Regeneration and Environment	The department will look to raise the lowest parking permit price to the equivalent of the starting	
	Brent, and ensure that the cheapest resident parking permit is more expensive than using a bike hangar.	approve the Executive Response.	Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Environment and Cabinet Member	price for using a cycle hanger, i.e. from the current £25 to £36.	March 2021.
		Decision:	Member		

		AGREED.  Cabinet Decision: That consideration be given to	for Regeneration, Property & Planning		
		raising the lowest parking permit price to the equivalent of the starting price for using a cycle hanger.	Strategic Director: The Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment		
The Public Realm	That 20mph be adopted as the default speed on Brent roads, subject to an environmental audit, and that a timetable be drawn up for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit across the borough.	Cabinet 12 October 2020  Cabinet Decision: That consideration be given to introducing 20mph as the default speed on Brent roads to an extent that reasonably accounts for the feasibility, the cost, the value, the actual impact on traffic and speeding at any given location, and the capacity of the department to deliver this policy at this time.	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Environment and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning  Strategic Director: The Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	This is being considered and a policy paper is being developed. The main consideration is that the borough is already largely considered a 20mph zone, and that any extension will depend on the cost of making that extension, the value and impact that might actually have in real terms on traffic and speeding, and the capacity of the Highways teams to be able to deliver given other competing pressures at this time.	March 2021.
The Public Realm	That unspent balances in the capital budget be reinvested in active travel.	Cabinet 12 October 2020  Cabinet Decision/Response: This recommendation was rejected.  Reason: it is not envisaged that there will be any unspent capital budgets available.  Response:	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Environment and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning	The department will account for this when reviewing and updating the Long Term Transport Strategy or drafting any new strategies.	N/A

		It is not clear what capital budgets are being referred to. Local Implementation Plan funding has been frozen. Brent funded capital is for maintenance only and Section 106 funding is usually scheme specific although we can seek to prioritise.	Strategic Director: The Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment		
The Public Realm	That any future transport strategies and plans include clear measurements and modelling for active transport and the impact on air quality.	Cabinet 12 October 2020  Cabinet Decision: That consideration be given, when reviewing and updating the Long Term Transport Strategy or drafting any new strategies for future transport strategies and plans, to include clear measurements and modelling for active transport and the impact on air quality.	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Environment and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning  Strategic Director: The Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	The department will account for this when reviewing and updating the Long Term Transport Strategy or drafting any new strategies.	March 2021.
The Public Realm	That low traffic streets be rebranded in a way that is clearer for the public, for example 'Healthy Streets' or 'Peaceful Streets'.	Cabinet 12 October 2020  Cabinet Decision: That the Council's low traffic streets policy be branded 'Healthy Neighbourhoods'.	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Environment and for Regeneration, Property &	This has been branded 'Healthy Neighbourhoods'.	March 2021.

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			Planning		
			Strategic Director:		
			The Strategic		
			Director		
			Regeneration and		
	T. (1) O. 1: (1)		Environment		
The Brent Economy	That the Cabinet Member for	Cabinet	Regeneration and		
	Regeneration work with the		Environment		
	West London Prosperity Board	Cabinet Decision/Response:			
	to set up a jobs summit with	Cabinet RESOLVED to	Cabinet Member:		
	large local employers	approve the Executive	Cabinet Member		
	(regardless of sector) to look at	Response.	for Regeneration,		
	ways the public and private		Property &		March
	sectors can work together to	Decision:	Planning		2021.
	support local employment.	AGREED.			2021.
			Strategic Director:		
			The Strategic		
			Director		
			Regeneration and		
			Environment		
Social Welfare in Brent	That the COVID-19 Interest Free	Cabinet	Regeneration and		
	Loans Eligibility Criteria to	20 July 2020	Environment		
	include debt as part of the				
	criteria.	Cabinet Decision/Response:	Cabinet Member:		July
			Cabinet Member		2021
		Cabinet RESOLVED:	for Housing and		2021
			Welfare Reform		
		To support and approve the	Tronaro recionni		
		following recommendations	Strategic Director:		
		made by the Resources &	Strategic Director		
		Public Realm Scrutiny	Customer and		
		Committee being taken	Digital Services		
		forward as part of the	Digital Oct vices		
		development and			
		implementation of the new			
		support funds:			
		support iunus.			
		(a) That the Covid-19			
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		Interest Free Loans eligibility criteria be extended to include debt;			
Social Welfare in Brent	That the department organise a member development session to brief elected members of the Council on the new support funds and when it may be appropriate to refer people to them.	Cabinet 20 July 2020  Cabinet Decision/Response:  Cabinet RESOLVED:  (b) A member development session be arranged on the new support funds and their referral process;	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member: Cllr Eleanor Southwood - Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform  Strategic Director: Strategic Director Customer and Digital Services	A member development session is being arranged on the new support funds and their referral process.	July 2021
Social Welfare in Brent	That the department use the information it has available on vulnerable local people to proactively contact them to advise of the support on offer, and accompany this with a media campaign through social media and traditional media.	Cabinet 20 July 2020  Cabinet Decision/Response:  Cabinet RESOLVED:  (c) The Strategic Director, Customer & Digital Services be requested to consider how best to proactively use data already available to offer advice and support for vulnerable local people;	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member: Cllr Eleanor Southwood - Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform  Strategic Director: Strategic Director Customer and Digital Services	This is being implemented.	July 2021
Social Welfare in Brent	That the department conduct a review of its debt collection processes in the light of the COVID-19 crisis, to ensure that the circumstances of vulnerable	Cabinet 20 July 2020 Cabinet Decision/Response:	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member: Cllr Eleanor	This is being implemented.	July

people adversely affected by the	Cabinet RESOLVED:	Southwood -	2021
epidemic will be taken into		Cabinet Member	
account.	(d) The Strategic Director,	for Housing and	
	Customer & Digital Services	Welfare Reform	
	be requested to undertake a		
	review of debt collection	Strategic Director:	
	processes in light of Covid-19	Strategic Director	
	to ensure that the	Customer and	
	circumstances of vulnerable	Digital Services	
	people adversely affected by		
	the pandemic were fully taken		
	into account.		

## 1 October 2020

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review Date status
Brent Council Procurement Strategy .	That the Council policy on Modern Slavery be published on the Council website.	Cabinet 12 October 2020  Cabinet Decision/Response: Having noted the intention to incorporate the recommendations made by the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee when considering the strategy at their meeting on 1 October 2020, Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Procurement Strategy 2020-2023 as set out in Appendix A of the report to Cabinet 12 October 2020.	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member: Cllr Margaret McLennan The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources  Strategic Director: The Strategic Director of Customer and Digital Services	The Strategy and Partnerships Team are leading this work and will publish on the website when completed.	April 2021.
Brent Council Procurement Strategy	That the Brent Council Procurement Strategy include how fair trade is to be delivered.	Cabinet 12 October 2020 Cabinet Decision/Response:	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member:	The Procurement Strategy under the Sustainability Pillar can add the additional KPIs to support the recommendation.	

		Having noted the intention to incorporate the recommendations made by the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee when considering the strategy at their meeting on 1 October 2020, Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Procurement Strategy 2020-2023 as set out in Appendix A of the report to Cabinet 12 October 2020.	Cllr Margaret McLennan The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources Strategic Director: The Strategic Director of Customer and Digital Services	<ul> <li>Report on the number of suppliers who have signed up to the Fairtrade Mark.</li> <li>Work with the whole supplier base to encourage an increase in the understanding Fairtrade principles and encourage sign up to the Fairtrade</li> </ul>	April 2021.
Brent Council Procurement Strategy .	To consider how Council contracts may be made available to smaller company providers.	Cabinet 12 October 2020  Cabinet Decision/Response: Having noted the intention to incorporate the recommendations made by the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee when considering the strategy at their meeting on 1 October 2020, Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Procurement Strategy 2020-2023 as set out in Appendix A of the report to Cabinet 12 October 2020.	Regeneration and Environment  Cabinet Member: Cllr Margaret McLennan The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources  Strategic Director: The Strategic Director of Customer and Digital Services	The Active Procurement and Community Wealth building pillars of the strategy, in particular, are relevant to this recommendation. For example there is a requirement on Service Areas, in the Active Procurement pillar, to review each major contract at least 18 months before it is due to expire. This includes, amongst other things, consideration of whether having smaller more local suppliers would be a viable option. The Community Wealth building pillar is all about keeping the Brent pound in the Brent economy.	April 2021.
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	That the Violence Against Women Scrutiny report and recommendations be adopted and referred to Cabinet for consideration.	Cabinet 7 December 2020  Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Executive Response to the recommendations made by	Regeneration and Environment  The Safer Brent Partnership  Cabinet Member:	The scrutiny report and the Cabinet's Executive Response is to be considered at the next meeting of the Safer Brent Partnership on the 26th January 2021.	Decem ber 2021.

		the Violence against Women and Girls Scrutiny Task Group, as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report. http://democracy.brent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=455&Mld=6090&Ver=4	Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement  Strategic Director: The Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment		
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 1 That the approach taken by the Council and its officers should align with our contextual safeguarding work and encourage the whole community to play a part – initiatives to raise awareness should not only to be directed at perpetrators or victims.	Decision: Agreed		"	Decem ber 2021.
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 2 That a comprehensive engagement and communications strategy be devised and materials developed to use with a diverse range of different community stakeholders, developed by considering feedback from those with lived experience of domestic abuse and violence against women. The Safer Brent Partnership to share this with elected members.	Decision: Agreed		44	Decem ber 2021.
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 3 That a training and development plan is put in place to improve staff knowledge and skills across staff teams and departments.	Decision: Amended as; That a training and development plan is put in place to improve staff knowledge and skills across staff teams and		"	Decem

	That an audit be carried out what training specialist staff have had and how up to date their knowledge of best practice is, identifying any critical gaps in training and rectify and training insufficiencies within six to nine months.	departments. That an audit be carried out to identify when and what training specialist staff have had and offering a range of courses and learning opportunities to rectify any training insufficiencies within six to nine months.		ber 2021.
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 4 That a plan be developed for how the Council supports the training needs of its partners in the community and voluntary sector.	Decision: Agreed	66	Decem ber 2021.
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 5 That the Council gain Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation and embed best practice.	Decision: Agreed	"	Decem ber 2021.
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 6 That a strategic alliance with at least one other borough be sought, either outside of London or through the Pan London scheme, to facilitate housing for those who need to move for their safety.	Decision: Agreed	"	Decem ber 2021.
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 7 That the Council consider building its own women's refuge that can take older teenaged male children who are dependants of a victim, who may not be accepted in a refuge	Decision: Agreed	66	Decem ber 2021.

	currently - through our council house building programme.			
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 8 Ensure that our commissioned services collect feedback from victims and survivors to use to improve services; and demographic data on ethnicity, languages spoken —to inform Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, and so that we can more accurately assess needs and prioritise resources.	Decision: Agreed	"	Decem ber 2021.
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 9 That safety audits be carried out to identify risks for premises where women need to access support for Violence Against Women and Girls.	Decision: Amended as That safety audits be carried out to identify risks for council premises where women need to access support for Violence Against Women and Girls.	"	Decem ber 2021.
Violence Against Women Scrutiny report	Recommendation 10 That it be ensured that all facilities and services are accessible to disabled women) and that the communications material and websites provide different accessible formats of information for women and girls from all sections of the community and with hearing or visual impairments to contact support services.	Decision: Agreed	"	Decem ber 2021.

## <u>Notes</u>

This is a table to track the progress of scrutiny recommendations made by one of the formal scrutiny committees at Brent Council. It is a standing item on the Committee's agendas, so that the Committee can keep track of the recommendations it has made, the decisions made, implementation status and provoke consideration of outcomes that have for residents, the Council and its statutory partners.

The tracker lists the recommendations made by the committee throughout a municipal year and any recommendations still not fully implemented from previous years since June 2019.

The tracker documents the scrutiny recommendations made, the dates when they were made, the decision maker who can make each decision in respect of the recommendations, the date the decision was made and the actual decision taken. The executive decision taken may be the same as the scrutiny recommendation (e.g. the recommendation was "agreed") or it may be a different decision, which should be clarified here. The tracker also asks if the respective executive decisions have been implemented and this should be updated accordingly throughout the year.

Scrutiny Task Group report recommendations should be included here but referenced collectively (e.g. the name of the scrutiny inquiry and date of the agreement of the scrutiny report and recommendations by the scrutiny committee, along with the respective dates when the decision maker(s) considered and responded to the report and recommendations. The Committee should generally review the implementation of scrutiny task group report recommendations separately with stand-alone agenda items at relevant junctures – e.g. the Executive Response to a scrutiny report and after six months or a year, or upon expected implementation of the agreed recommendation of report. The "Expected Implementation Date" should provide an indication of a suitable time for review.

#### Key:

date of scrutiny committee meeting - For each table, the date of scrutiny committee meeting when the recommendation was made is provided in the subtitle header.

**Subject** – this is the item title on the committee's agenda; the subject being considered.

**Scrutiny Recommendation** – This is the text of the scrutiny recommendation as it appears on the minutes – **in bold**. **Decision Maker** – the decision maker for the recommendation, (**in bold**), eg the Cabinet (for Council executive decisions), full Council (for Council policy and budgetary decisions), or an NHS executive body for recommendations to the NHS. In brackets, (date), the date on which the Executive Response was made.

**Executive Response** – The response of the decision maker (eg Cabinet decision) for the recommendation. This should be the executive decision as recorded in the minutes. The Executive Response should provide details of what, if anything, the executive

will do in response to the scrutiny recommendation. Ideally, the Executive Response will include a decision to either agree/reject/or amend the scrutiny recommendation and where the scrutiny recommendation is rejected, provide an explanation of why. In brackets, provide the date of Cabinet/executive meeting that considered the scrutiny recommendation and made the decision. **Department** – the Council directorate (and/or external agencies) that are responsible for implementation of the agreed executive decision/response. Also provided, for reference only, the relevant Cabinet Member and strategic director.

**Implementation Status** – This is the progress of any implementation of the agreed Executive Response against key milestones. This may cross reference to any specific actions and deadlines that may be provided in the Executive Response. This should be as specific and quantifiable as possible. This should also provide, as far as possible, any evidenced outcomes or improvements resulting from implementation.

**Review Date and status** - This is the expected date when the agreed Executive Response should be fully implemented and when the scrutiny committee may usefully review the implementation and any evidenced outcomes (eg service improvements). (Note: this is the implementation of the agreed Executive Response, which may not be the same as the scrutiny recommendation).