

Appendix 4 - general changes and updates to the Constitution

Part 3

- 9.9 The following officers have delegated to them the following powers in relation to all of the Council's services and areas of responsibility:-

(a) Director of Finance

To undertake the S151 statutory role:

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- **Administration of financial affairs**

The Director of Finance will have responsibility for the administration of the financial affairs of the Council.

To be responsible for providing financial advice to Members and officers in their respective roles in order to further effective decision making by the Council, and to be the professional lead for the finance function of the Authority. To ~~operate and~~ advise and ~~assure him/herself there is~~ an effective system of internal control for the Authority, including the provision of an effective internal audit service ~~and an overall framework for insurance~~ and risk management. ~~To operate and advise on an effective overall framework for insurance.~~ To be responsible for advising on the investment strategy for the Council's treasury and pensions assets and to manage these accordingly. Power to incur or prevent any expenditure and to authorise borrowing within any limits approved by Full Council, write off debts, issue instructions on any matter relating to budget preparation, budget monitoring or budget control, power to set and monitor accounting standards, power to specify the format of returns, to require any officer to furnish him or her with any information and to answer any question relevant to the financial management of the authority.

(b) Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations

To undertake the statutory role of and exercise the powers of the Monitoring Officer, including standards and probity:

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- Contribute to the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct through provision of support to the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee and the Audit and Standards Committee. The Monitoring Officer will conduct investigations into matters referred to him or her by the Audit and Standards Committee (or arrange for such investigations to be conducted) and make reports or recommendations in respect of them to the Audit and Standards Committee.

~~To operate and advise on an effective system of internal control for the Authority, including the provision of an effective internal audit and risk management.~~

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Part 4

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Terms of Reference

vi. 8 or more written objections or a petition containing at least 51 signatures have been received, in accordance with the criteria set out below but only if the application does not relate to:

a. alterations to residential buildings including extensions, outbuildings (including garages), walls, vehicular accesses, hardstandings, porches, aerals;

b. satellite television dishes or aerals;

~~c. certificates of lawful use of development; or~~

~~d. prior approvals.~~

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3. DEFINING OUTCOMES IN TERMS OF SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

- The Council has a Borough Plan for the period of ~~2015 to 2019~~2021-19-223 agreed by the Cabinet, Partners for Brent and Full Council. This document includes the corporate objectives of the Council and our shared partnerships priorities with other public agencies. The Borough Plan has been refreshed for 2021/22, and it updates the five priority areas and sets out actions to realise them, refocused in the light of progress since the original plan was agreed. The Borough Plan (refreshed) 2021/22 has been agreed by Cabinet and Full Council. Key performance indicators which relate to the priorities in the plan are monitored on a quarterly basis and reported to CMT and the Cabinet. The Borough Plan references other key relevant documents, including the following:
 - Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
 - ~~Equality Strategy~~Property & Assets Strategy;
 - Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy
 - ~~Employment, Skills & Enterprise Strategy~~;
 - ~~Safer Brent Strategy~~
 - the Black Community Action Plan, and
 - the Poverty Commission Delivery Plan.
- The priorities of the Borough Plan are regularly set out in The Brent Magazine, its website, press releases and targeted campaigns. Service priorities are extensively

consulted on with users and other relevant stakeholders. Departmental Service Plans are discussed annually with Lead Members prior to finalisation.

6. MANAGING RISKS AND PERFORMANCE THROUGH ROBUST INTERNAL CONTROL AND STRONG PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Decision making arrangements are set out in the Constitution. The Council operates a Leader and Cabinet model of decision making. Although some decisions are reserved for Full Council, most are made by the Cabinet, individual cabinet members or by committees, sub-committees or officers. ~~There are currently no decision making powers delegated to individual Members.~~