



**Resources and Public Realm  
Scrutiny Committee**  
13 July 2021

**Report from the Assistant Chief  
Executive**

**Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker**

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	Non-Key
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	One: Appendix 1 - Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker July 2021
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None.
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**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker table to the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.

**2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 That the progress of the previous recommendations of the committee be noted.

**3.0 Detail**

3.1 In accordance with Part 4 of the Brent Council Constitution (Standing Orders of Committees) Brent Council scrutiny committees may make recommendations to the Full Council or the Cabinet with respect to any functions which are the responsibility of the executive, or of any functions which are not the responsibility of the executive, or on matters which affect the borough or its inhabitants.

3.2 The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee may not make executive decisions and scrutiny recommendations therefore require consideration and decision by the appropriate decision maker; the Cabinet or Full Council for policy and budgetary decisions.

- 3.3 The scrutiny recommendation tracker table attached at Appendix 1 provides a summary of scrutiny recommendations made during the municipal year, in order to track executive decisions and any implementation progress.
- 3.4 Scrutiny recommendations include through scrutiny task groups and scrutiny reports agreed by the committee, as well as other scrutiny recommendations agreed in committee.
- 3.5 The scrutiny recommendation tracker table includes:
- Each scrutiny recommendation made and the date it was made, (which will be as is recorded in the committee minutes)
  - Identification of the decision maker (e.g. Cabinet)
  - The Executive response (e.g the Cabinet decision), which may be different from the scrutiny recommendation
  - The date the Executive response/decision was made
  - An implementation review date.

Recommendations are removed from the tracker when they have been rejected or when implemented successfully and the review date has passed.

- 3.6 The Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker enables the scrutiny committee to track whether their recommendations have been agreed, what actually was agreed (if different) and ask about any outcomes arising from the scrutiny recommendations, for example, service improvements, value for money savings and outcomes for residents.
- 3.7 Recommendations are removed from the tracker when they have been rejected or when implemented successfully and the review date has passed. Any that have not been implemented may be referred to the scrutiny recommendation tracker for the next committee cycle.

#### **4.0 Procedure for Recommendations from Scrutiny Committees**

- 4.1 Where scrutiny committees make reports or recommendations to the Cabinet, as soon as this has been confirmed, these will be referred to the Cabinet requesting an Executive Response and the issue will be published on the Council's Forward Plan. This will instigate the preparation of a report to Cabinet and the necessary consideration of the response, the technical feasibility, financial implications, legal implications and equalities implications etc.
- 4.2 Where scrutiny committees make reports or recommendations to Full Council (e.g. in the case of policy and budgetary decisions), the same process will be followed, with a report to Cabinet to agree Executive response, and thereafter, a report to Full Council for consideration of the scrutiny report and recommendations along with the Cabinet's response.
- 4.3 Where scrutiny committees have powers under their terms of reference to make reports or recommendations external decision makers (e.g. NHS bodies), where they do this, the relevant external decision maker shall be notified in writing, providing them with a copy of the committee's report and recommendations, and requesting a response.

4.4 Once the Executive response has been agreed, the scrutiny committee shall receive a report to receive the response and the committee may review implementation of the executive's decisions after such a period as these may reasonably be implemented (review date).

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications for the purposes of this report.

## **6.0 Legal Implications**

6.1 Section 9F, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, *overview and scrutiny committees: functions*, requires that Executive Arrangements by a local authority must ensure that its overview and scrutiny committees have the power to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are or are not the responsibility of the executive, or on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area.

6.2 Section 9Fe, *duty of authority or executive to respond to overview and scrutiny committee*, requires that the authority or executive;-

(a) consider the report or recommendations,

(b) respond to the overview and scrutiny committee indicating what (if any) action the authority, or the executive, proposes to take,

(c) if the overview and scrutiny committee has published the report or recommendations, publish the response, within two months beginning with the date on which the authority or executive received the report or recommendations.

## **7.0 Equality Implications**

7.1 There are no equality implications for the purposes of this report.

## **8.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders**

8.1 None for the purposes of this report.

**Report sign off:**

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