

**Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee
Scrutiny Recommendation Tracker 2021-22**

(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
<p>Knife Crime Scrutiny Task Group Report</p>	<p>Knife Crime Scrutiny Task Group Report and recommendations</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Cabinet 14 October 2019</p> <p>Cabinet Decision/Response: RESOLVED: that the recommendations set out in the report of the Knife Crime Task Group be agreed.</p>	<p>Regeneration and Environment - the Safer Brent Partnership</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement</p> <p>Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment</p>	<p>A report on the progress of the implementation of the agreed scrutiny recommendations was considered by the committee on Monday 10 May 2021.</p> <p>It was then resolved to request a further Knife Crime Scrutiny Review update in six months' time.</p> <p>This is programmed for Wednesday 10 November 2021.</p>	<p>10 May 2021</p> <p>New review date: Nov. 2021</p>

12 March 2020

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review date
Brent Parks Strategy	That a new Brent Parks Strategy encompass the green and open spaces as a whole and include measurable targets, including bespoke targets for Brent, to facilitate the use of parks and open spaces by a diversity of different people in the community and to encourage sporting activities.	Cabinet 17 August 2020 Cabinet Decision/Response: Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Executive Response to the recommendations made by the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2020 relating to the Council's Parks Strategy.	Regeneration and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	The strategy is still in development but will include targets based on the recommendations made. Given the current demand on the Parks Service during the pandemic, a completed strategy is proposed towards the end of summer 2021.	March 2021 New review date: Sept 2021
Brent Parks Strategy	To improve the data on people using the park, which could be used to inform the strategy.	Cabinet 17 August 2020 Cabinet Decision/Response: <i>Decision: AGREED.</i>	Regeneration and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	The Parks Service will work with Brent Parks Forum and Friends of Groups as well as Parks for London to understand how this data can be obtained. Details will be included in the strategy to be produced later in 2021.	March 2021 New review date: Sept 2021
Brent Parks Strategy	That provision be made within the strategy and management of parks to allow for barbeques in designated areas, perhaps with the requirement of a permit and perhaps after a trial period to test out how this might work.	Cabinet 17 August 2020 Cabinet Decision/Response: Decision: AGREED. Cabinet noted that consideration of the provision to allow use of BBQs in designated areas would require further review, in terms of the options available to manage	Regeneration and Environment Cabinet Member for Environment Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	Given the increased pressures on the Parks during the pandemic, work on this recommendation has not yet been undertaken. We will seek to understand the position on BBQ's from other London Boroughs who have designated areas to see whether they reduce the number of unauthorised BBQ's which cause damage to parks land and increased demand on the services of the fire brigade.	March 2021 New review date: Sept 2021

		any change as part of ongoing development of the strategy, on which the Scrutiny Committee would be kept updated.		This review will be undertaken by the end of the summer of 2021.	
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14 July 2020

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review date
The Public Realm	That the new parking strategy ensure that it is always cheaper to park a bike than park a car in Brent, and ensure that the cheapest resident parking permit is more expensive than using a bike hangar.	<p>Cabinet 12 October 2020</p> <p>Cabinet Decision/Response: Cabinet RESOLVED to approve the Executive Response.</p> <p>Cabinet Decision: That consideration be given to raising the lowest parking permit price to the equivalent of the starting price for using a cycle hanger.</p>	<p>Regeneration and Environment</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning</p> <p>Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment</p>	<p>The department will look to raise the lowest parking permit price to the equivalent of the starting price for using a cycle hanger i.e. from the current £25 to £36.</p> <p>The Council uses two suppliers for the provision and management of Cycle Hangars in the borough, residents pay £36 for 3 years (subsidised) rising to £72 per annum for a space. This charge includes administration and also cleaning and maintenance of the hangar. The lowest resident annual permit is £25 per year, this is to encourage ownership of greener vehicles in the borough. We have no plans for changes to the emission based permit charges at present, but this can be considered when reviewed in the future.</p> <p>We have secured £300k of S106 developer funding for the expansion of the boroughs cycle hangar network over the next 2 years. Officers have been exploring the options to reduce the cost of a bike hangar space following the 3 year subsidy and have contacted our current suppliers to see if they have the scope to manage this on our behalf and reduce the annual charge residents would have to pay, or whether this can be managed in-house. The team have been focussing on the introduction of school streets in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, but will further explore options in the Spring / Summer. If the option is for a supplier to manage cycle hangar requests, this will require procurement / contract arrangements.</p>	<p>March 2021</p> <p>New review date: July 2022</p>

					This will not be progressed during the current pandemic restrictions, with the target start date for consultation on this proposal no earlier than June 2022.	
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 <i>Cabinet Decision:</i> 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 for Environment and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment		A large percentage of the borough is already 20mph and new safety schemes introduce 20mph speed limits when introduced. Further consideration to a borough wide approach will be given in 2021, but with limited funding available it may not be cost effective at this time.	March 2021 New review date: Sept 2021
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 for Environment and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment		A review of the LTTS is currently underway. A draft plan is scheduled to be taken to Cabinet in Summer 2021 for approval to undertake consultation in Autumn 2021, with the final, revised plan set to be published in early 2022.	March 2021 New review date: Sept 2021

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;	Customer and Digital Services Cllr Eleanor Southwood - Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform Strategic Director Customer and Digital Services	A member development session is being arranged on the new support funds and their referral process. <i>Please note the new RSF was introduced from April 2021 following Cabinet decision on 8 March 2021.</i> https://democracy.brent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=455&MID=6502#A152670 . This was based on recommendations from the Poverty Commission to continue the fund to help our residents to recover from financial losses post Covid and Local Welfare Assistance to be dissolved but all its key support e.g. white goods to be included in RSF. <i>Member development session was completed earlier in the year. Referral routes are clear and members are making optimum use of the new RSF support to help residents including use of hubs, mutual aids and community champions.</i> <i>Lead members are briefed on a weekly/monthly basis on applications, data and trends</i>	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;	Customer and Digital Services Cllr Eleanor Southwood - Cabinet Member for Housing and Welfare Reform Strategic Director Customer and Digital Services	This is being implemented. <i>On-going. Just as one example-In March 2021, the team proactively worked with Housing colleagues to help residents with rent arrears of the value of 389,000.</i> <i>Throughout the year with also worked with our colleagues in Council tax and credited 10,391 accounts with support through Resident Support fund</i> <i>Comms strategy is in place with website, leaflets and Brent magazine. With the Covid Self Isolation framework, SIP payments and general</i>	July 2021

				<p><i>covid support we are signposting our residents to Resident support fund, discretionary payments etc.</i></p> <p><i>Meetings with Mutual aids, CAB, Credit Union, Community champions and internal/external stakeholders take place regularly to update them. A desk aid with all types of support available through Hubs and Customer Access had been shared with all.</i></p> <p><i>In July 2021, we start our proactive work with Housing again as the eviction ban has been lifted.</i></p> <p><i>In September a further Facebook and twitter campaign will start to support young residents starting college/university.</i></p>	
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 people adversely affected by the epidemic will be taken into account.	<p>Cabinet 20 July 2020</p> <p>Cabinet Decision /Response:</p> <p>Cabinet RESOLVED: (d) The Strategic Director, Customer & Digital Services be requested to undertake a review of debt collection processes in light of Covid-19 to ensure that the circumstances of vulnerable people adversely affected by the pandemic were fully taken into account.</p>	<p>Customer and Digital Services</p> <p>Cllr Margaret McLennan – deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources</p> <p>Strategic Director Customer and Digital Services</p>	<p>This was completed in 2020 and a revised policy reported to cabinet in April. The policy: Recordable decision: https://democracy.brent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5452</p> <p>Minute from Cabinet of 6.4.21 item 15: https://democracy.brent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=455&MId=6093&Ver=4</p>	July 2021

1 October 2020

Subject	Scrutiny Recommendation	Decision Maker & Executive Response	Department, Cabinet Member and lead officer	Implementation Status	Review date
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 the Violence against Women and Girls Scrutiny Task Group, as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report. http://democracy.brent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=455&MId=6090&Ver=4	Regeneration and Environment, Safer Brent Partnership Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	The scrutiny report and the Cabinet's Executive Response was considered the Safer Brent Partnership on the 26 January 2021. A report on the progress of the implementation of the agreed scrutiny recommendations should be considered by the committee in January 2022.	Dec 2021

Notes

This is a table to track the progress of scrutiny recommendations made by one of the formal scrutiny committees at Brent Council, with details provided by the relevant lead departments. 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 - 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).