

	<p align="center">Full Council 11 July 2022</p>
	<p align="center">Report from the Assistant Chief Executive</p>
<p align="center">Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report</p>	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non Key Decision	N/A - Council
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
Appendices:	One Appendix 1: Committee Work Programme 2022-2023
Background Papers:	None
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 At each meeting of Council, the Chairs of Scrutiny Committees may submit written reports on any matter in respect of which the committees have been consulted or which it has been reviewing and to speak to highlight significant issues to Council, in accordance with Part 2, paragraph 36 of the Brent Council Constitution.
- 1.2 This report provides a brief complementary summary of the activities of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the updates and draft work plan from the Chair of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.

3 Detail

- 3.1. Brent Council has two scrutiny committees: the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee and the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. The Council is also a party to the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2. Brent Council Standing Orders allow for the chairs of the scrutiny committees to report to ordinary council meetings on the activities of their committees¹.

The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

- 3.3. The remit of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee is set out in the Council Constitution under the Terms of Reference for scrutiny committees. The remit of the committee is:

Corporate policy, partnerships and resources; Budget; customer services; commercial services; planning policy; environmental policy; public realm; employment and skills; IT; recycling; regeneration; transport and highways; community safety; property; emergency planning and business continuity.

- 3.4. The committee is also the Council's "crime and disorder committee" for the purposes of Section 19 of the Police & Justice Act 2006 and as such may review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of the crime and disorder functions by the responsible authorities (as defined by section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998) who make up the Safer Brent Partnership, in order to make reports or recommendations to Full Council.

2021/22 update

- 3.5. Since the last update to Full Council on 22 November 2021 the previous Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee met three times.

18 January 2022

- 3.6. The committee considered an item on Healthy Neighbourhoods, presented by Councillors Krupa Sheth (then Lead Member for Environment) and Shama Tatler (then Lead Member for Regeneration, Property & Planning), as a topical item. The committee considered funding of the scheme and the consultation and engagement process.
- 3.7. At this meeting the committee went on to consider how the council was supporting residents, communities and businesses in the borough to recover

¹ Brent Council Constitution, Part 2, paragraph 36.

<http://democracy.brent.gov.uk/documents/s98196/part%20%20May%202020%20Procedural%20Rules.pdf>

from the impact of Covid-19. The committee also received a Q3 financial update and agreed the budget scrutiny task group report. Before closing the meeting committee members reviewed the implementation of the recommendations that had been made by the Violence Against Women and Girls Task Group, chaired by Councillor Donnelly-Jackson.

9 February 2022

- 3.8 The topical issue examined by the committee at this meeting was on flood management, jointly presented by Regeneration and Environment and Thames Water. Members received a report of fire and building safety in the borough and discussed the implications for the council's building control service of the Fire Safety Act 2021 and Building Safety Bill. The committee discussed an item on the council's communications and community engagement work and approach.

9 March 2022- joint meeting with the Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

- 3.9 On 9 March 2022 a joint committee meeting was convened to review the recommendations of the Baroness Casey review of events surrounding the UEFA Euro 2020 Final 'Euro Sunday' at Wembley. The meeting was co-chaired between Councillor Ketan Sheth, Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Mashari, former Chair of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee. Members of both committees focused on the partnership response to the events of 'Euro Sunday', the partners were the Football Association, Wembley Stadium, the Metropolitan Police and Brent Council.
- 3.10 Members of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee scrutinised partners on areas including crowd management, policing, licensing and the increased pressure on the public realm.

9 March

- 3.11 Following the conclusion of the joint scrutiny committee meeting, the Resources and Public Realm continued with its committee meeting. The topical item of this meeting focused on TfL funding for 21/22 and the implications for schemes and initiatives to improve transport infrastructure in the borough.
- 3.12 Members received an update on the council's future workforce strategy, including that the strategy would be prepared in line with a refreshed Borough Plan. The committee received an update on the implementation of the Poverty Commission recommendations. Areas that the committee heard updates on included housing, business, employment, and enterprise, financial inclusion, health and wellbeing and poverty levels.
- 3.13 The chair accepted a deputation from Mr Phillip Grant relating to the Poverty Commission item. Due to technological difficulties the full deputation was not audible. A written version will be sent to the members of the 2022/23 Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.

2022/23 update

- 3.14 Councillor Conneely was appointed as chair of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee at Annual Council on 18 May 2022. The committee had its first formal meeting on 9 June 2022 for a call-in relating to a Cabinet decision on Moreland Gardens.
- 3.15 At its next meeting on 19 July 2022 the committee will agree the work plan for 2022- 2023. The work plan was developed during a work planning session that took place on 8 June 2022 where Cabinet Members and senior officers presented topics for the committee's consideration. The work plan will be regularly reviewed by the committee and accordingly updated where necessary.
- 3.16 The committee will lead a task group in autumn 2022 scrutinising the council's budget. A second task group will be convened later on in the municipal year, the topic for which will be confirmed by the committee.
- 3.17 In accordance with the work plan, the agenda for the rest of the meeting will include the council's medium term financial strategy, digital inclusion strategy and an update on the work the council and partners have delivered to implement Louise Casey's recommendations on managing events in Wembley following the UEFA Euro 2020 Final 'Euro Sunday' match. The work plan of the committee is attached for reference at Appendix 1.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6 Equality Implications

- 6.1 There are no equality implications.

7 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 Councillors will discuss this report at the Council meeting.

Report sign off:

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