

Leader – Councillor Muhammed Butt

Update provided verbally under Agenda Item 9 – Leader’s Annual Report.

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Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Reform – Councillor Mili Patel

Top news since my last report:

- 1) **New financial inclusion dashboard** – This was demonstrated to the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee and received positive feedback for its ability to support early intervention and a more joined up approach to support residents in financial hardship.
- 2) **Final themed Brent Health Matters (BHM)** - (BHM) information sessions successfully delivered. This was a cross-departmental programme with approximately 200 internal and external attendees. The same approach will be used for a series of Cost of Living themed events for employees and partners over the coming months – supporting an action called for by full Council.
- 3) **Date for your diary** – we will be holding a visioning event for our Cost of Living outcome based review on the 29th September 2022. These sessions bring together partners working with residents to review the work of the council and bring forward new, co-designed proposals to tackle the cost of living.

Other news:

- 1) I have several reports listed on the Forward Plan for upcoming Cabinet meetings including on the annual procurement strategy and technical reports on the membership of our i4b and FWH Company Boards.

I also attended the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny committee on 6 September 2022 discussing the council's response to the Cost of Living Crisis.

- 2) I am also pleased to confirm we have completed our first initial deep dive into the findings of the Census 2021. These are available on our Brent Open Data website.
- 3) We are also on track to deliver our Brent Labour Manifesto pledge to pioneer a 'Young People's Digital Support Fund'. To date 478 devices and 97 internet connections have been provided to residents. This exceeded our initial aim of 296 devices for young people in the first round. The laptops were distributed via 8 secondary schools, 5 primary schools and the virtual school.

We aim to provide hundreds more devices as part of the next fund which will be launching shortly, once the schools have restarted.

- 4) Lastly, a selection of other key statistics which demonstrate ongoing work within my portfolio:
 - We now have 111,105 residents signed up for MyAccount using the Council's website. This gives residents more control over their relationship with the council.

- We have received 114 applications to our Digital Support Fund. Of these, 73 businesses received a laptop through the fund, with training due to be completed by October 2022.
- On the same theme, 30 laptops and education licences have been provided to support the ESOL programme at Brent Start.
- Finally, there are now 105 Digital Champions across Brent. We are on track to meet our target of 500 champions by 2026.

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Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning – Councillor Shama Tatler

Top news since my last report:

- 1) **July and August Planning Committee** - 363 Edgware Road, a 19 storey building creating 165 new homes and significant commercial space was approved by the Planning Committee, subject to legal agreement and conditions.

In August the Planning Committee also considered several other applications including: Rokesby Place, 2 new homes as part of the Council's infill programme, Hardinge Road, a flat conversion and Salusbury Road, a new light industrial/office unit.

- 2) **Homes in Multiple Occupation** – we are creating supplementary Planning Document – consultation underway 28th July to 22nd September.

The aim of this is to improve the quality of outcomes for HMO occupants and their neighbours in locations where HMOs are considered appropriate.

The Council has recently confirmed an Article 4 direction. This will require planning permission to be obtained for change of use from dwellings to small scale houses in multiple occupation (up to six residents) from 1st November 2022. HMOs of more than six residents are still required to obtain planning permission and the SPD contents also apply to them. The SPD on adoption will coincide with the Article 4 coming into effect and also to provide clarity on how it will interpret Policy BH7 'Accommodation with Shared Facilities or Support' of the recently adopted Local Plan.

Other news:

- 1) I have several reports coming to Cabinet listed on the Forward Plan, but most importantly I'd urge members to digest the Long Term Transport Strategy when it is published, following consultation over the past months.

This is a cross portfolio piece of work setting out 2015-2035 the strategic direction for investment in transport in Brent, with the overarching aim of improving transport options for all and to reduce the negative impacts of travel on the borough.

- 2) Unfortunately like the rest of the local government sector, Brent is facing significant shortages in career grade planning officers, in turn having a knock-on effect on our turnaround times for applications. A review of grades and 2 recruitment campaigns has taken place and is beginning to yield improvements.

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Cabinet Member for Safer Communities and Public Protection – Councillor Harbi Farah

Top news since my last report:

- 1) Unfortunately, summer for the community safety team is anything but quiet and Brent has been no stranger over the summer to some serious crimes which have impacted communities in Craven Park, Neasden and Kilburn.

One shooting is one too many and I'd like to pay tribute to both the emergency services that have responded; our community safety officers that work tirelessly behind the scenes; and finally the strength of the many families impacted.

I have continued to join the Metropolitan Police and Community Safety Officers on walkabouts in affected areas and I continue to be available for any conversation with councillors or residents as needed.

I'd like to remind members and those reading the reports, there are several crimes still the subject of ongoing police investigation.

If you have any detail whatsoever that you think would be helpful to police enquiries, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers completely anonymously online or by: 0800 555 111.

In the meantime, we've submitted applications to the Violence Reduction Unit to increase outreach work in the community alongside CCTV monitoring and additional neighbourhood patrols.

We continue to work with Brent Housing and registered providers where there are known incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Other news:

- 1) I'm really pleased to see that the Brent MPS sent their thanks to the council officers working tirelessly in the CCTV centre, highlighting in particular their professionalism in assisting with enquiries relating to the shootings in Kilburn earlier this summer.
- 2) Finally, a good news story regarding a tenant of Craven Park Road, NW10 who caused widespread nuisance resulting in multiple and frequent complaints of loud music, playing day and night. The tenant chose to ignore the council's abatement notice. Our officers secured sufficient evidence to prosecute and seize audio and amplification equipment under power of warrant. The defendant failed to attend the hearing but was fined £1836 for music noise nuisance.

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Cabinet Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care – Councillor Neil Nerva

Top news since my last report:

- 1) Health Protection and Prevention** – I expect further detail to enter the public domain over the next 4-weeks on the full schedule ongoing routine immunisation and vaccination plans across Brent.

As members will have seen in the media, this winter the NHS and partners will be responsible for several priority vaccinations campaigns covering the Flu, Covid-19, Polio and Monkeypox.

We are as always reliant on the government and colleagues to progress the procurement and deployment of vaccines, but as members will have seen throughout the pandemic; this council and its staff are always on standby to help when asked.

The latest information and updates on each of the above are available through the following links:

Monkeypox:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/monkeypox-cases-confirmed-in-england-latest-updates>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/monkeypox-vaccination-resources/monkeypox-waiting-for-your-vaccination>

Polio:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-children-aged-1-to-9-in-london-to-be-offered-a-dose-of-polio-vaccine>

Covid-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-autumn-booster-resources>

Other news:

- 1) Brent Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)** - The Brent ICP brings together Health, Council and Voluntary Sector partners to tackle local inequalities and improve health and wellbeing outcomes. During 2020 and 2021 the Partnership became a key asset in tackling the impact of the pandemic and evolved quickly and organically to tackle the immense impact COVID-19 had on people and communities, and on the health and care system.

It is still early days in the role of the ICP and it is crucial that local government representation is heard at every level. However, I've included some progress so far in improving outcomes for residents.

As well as supporting the response to the pandemic, the partnership has delivered a number of projects that are improving outcomes for people in Brent.

Some examples of this include:

- Large scale events run by Brent Health Matters to support people living with Diabetes. The events were supported by staff from across the partnership including GPs, Nurses, Community co-ordinators, Community services, Health Educators,
- Voluntary Organisations, Public Health and Mental Health practitioners. Through the event 1009 health checks were given and 70 unwell people needing urgent medical attention were supported. These events received very positive feedback and were attended by groups who present less frequently at traditional health settings.
- Working together through the Dynamic Support Register process which protects children with Learning Disability and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (LD and/or ASD). 9 cases were being supported in June receiving MDT support, preventing risk to the children's health and wellbeing and avoiding escalation in their care needs.
- The implementation of a UTC pilot which introduced a nurse led redirection service supporting people to be cared for in a non-acute setting, helping people receive the right treatment without long waits at UTCs and A&E. The nursing and administrative staff worked as one team with the existing UTC Hello Nurse and Patient Champion supporting a number of people to be cared for closer to home.

2) Mental Health - Improving access to Employment.

This work-stream recognises that in a time where there are more vacancies than jobseekers, one of the most significant barriers to employment is mental health, both common mental illness and severe and enduring mental illness. The council, working with Jobcentre Plus, West London Alliance and a range of employment providers already has a broad offer for people, but we recognise that there are still barriers to accessing their services and we need to raise awareness and make it easier for people.

Therefore, the focus of this work-stream is to support individuals with mental illness to navigate the system and get the right support at the right time to enable them to access meaningful activities and increasing the number of mental health service users supported into employment, training, further education and volunteering opportunities.

The work is focused on:

Service user navigation – establishing employment referral pathways to support people with mental health secure good quality employment. joining up the system – putting together partner forums and task and finish groups with key stakeholders including NHS, WLA, DWP, Shaw Trust and Twinings to work collegiately to ensure systems approach to supporting people with mental health.

Employment opportunities and support – working with referral partners to source, advice and secure employment. In addition, stimulating business appetite for recruiting and supporting those with mental health conditions in the workplace, through our work with DWP on Disability Confident.

Working with DWP who are leading on Disability Confident, we have run a number of sessions jointly to promote Disability Confident to employers and the next session is earmarked for September 2022. Building on Council's level 3 accreditation, we are supporting our health partners and local employers to go through the assessments at levels 1, 2, and 3. With more than 50 employers identified requiring support, DWP and Employment Team are in the process of engagement, support and assessment.

The Mental Health and Employment Task Group have held a number of events. These include:

- Collaborative Coffee Mornings in April bringing together NHS Link Workers, Social Prescribers and Practitioners, DWP, Troubled Families, Brent Works, Family Wellbeing Centres, Brent Hubs, Shaw Trust, Twining Enterprise and partners to promote the employment support and services that are available across Brent to Primary Care Practitioners working with people with mental health condition
- An event was held in June 2022 to showcase to residents all the employment support provision available for mental health service users in Brent
- A successful practitioner event in Spring 2022 showcasing employment support services for those with mental health issues and wider barriers to work "Let's talk about Mental Wellbeing" was held for residents to showcase local employment support and wider support services in July 2022
- Brent's Employment team have also been working with other partners such as Catalyst Housing, Brent Health Matters, MIND and the GP forum promoting the employment and referral pathways

Data for Quarter 1 2022/23 shows that Council's Brent Works Team and Employment Programmes supported 40 people with health issues of which 24 had mental health problems. 8 people were supported into full-time employment. CNWL is also a member of the mental health and

employment forum and they also have a range of employment support and an overview of activity is set out below:

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Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Citizen Experience – Councillor Eleanor Southwood

Top news since my last report:

- 1) **Cost of living crisis** – we are continuing to support residents with the cost of living crisis is driving everything we do.

Over summer, Brent became the first council to hand over its kitchens to a food bank – London’s Community Kitchen - who made over 50000 meals for children who would receive free school meals during term time. Over 80% of ingredients used would otherwise have gone to waste. In addition, 20 people gained hospitality qualifications and were employed cooking the meals.

I’d like to pay tribute to Councillor Ryan Hack for all the work he has done in the background to further the campaign to ensure no one goes hungry this winter.

- 2) **Brent Works’ Job Fair at Wembley Stadium** - The event in July was a huge success and attracted around 150 employers and over 6,400 residents. Feedback from employers has been very positive and we’ll get a better picture of how many interviews and jobs were secured soon. The team will also be doing follow up work with learners at the Village School in support of our ambition to improve employment opportunities for disabled people. Plans are underway to put on an even bigger event next year.

Other news:

- 1) **Meet the Buyer event** - There will be a Meet the Buyer event at the Civic on 21 September in support of our aim to ensure that more Brent businesses are able to benefit from local contracts. The theme of the event is the built environment and buyers with suitable contracts available, in the range of £25k-£100k, will be invited to attend and speak with local suppliers who could deliver this work.
- 2) **Showing our high streets some love** - High Street improvement works continue with a range of parklets/planters being installed across town centres, shutter art commissioned in Wembley and a ‘strong women of Brent’ mural completed. Neasden festival took place in July and events in Church End and Harlesden will take place in September.
- 3) **Joint project with Camden on Kilburn High Road** - We’re embarking on our first joint project with Camden on Kilburn High Road. A major new art installation will be introduced on the Brondesbury railway bridge, spanning almost 21 metres each side. The mural will be a celebration of Kilburn’s rich cultural heritage and local residents are invited to share their ideas and help shape the artwork. A public vote will take place in December to choose the final design, which will be painted next Spring. The project is being delivered by world renowned Wood Street Walls and local Kilburn artist, Linett Kamala from Lin Kam Art.

- 4) Helping SMEs with energy efficiency** - The Council has partnered with Groundwork to deliver a £220000 scheme to provide energy audits and grants to improve energy efficiency, e.g. through better insulation or heating upgrades. We expect to conduct around 50 audits and award about 20 grants, depending on the applications we get. This project will give us great data about the demand for help amongst Brent's SMEs and what kinds of intervention are most effective so we can make the case for future funding

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Cabinet Member for Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Action – Councillor Krupa Sheth

Top news since my last report:

- 1) **Cross-borough working** – The Parks team have been working with Barnet, the GLA and CRT on finalising the Vision for Welsh Harp. We have also been liaising with other services to understand how the WHEEC can be developed to ensure future use for the benefit of the local community.
- 2) **Injection Patching Programme** - since 10th January, around 7300 defects have been repaired to date in over 200 roads. The programme is due to end this month.
- 3) **Street Lighting Energy savings** - Carbon emissions down 8.1%.
- 4) **Healthy Streets and Parking** - £341,000 of funding secured under the Green and Healthy Streets programme enabling us to provide street trees, biodiverse verges, rain gardens, green screens and bug hotels in 4 school streets in the borough.
- 5) **Meadow management during the heatwave** - The service initiated the widening of fire breaks between meadow areas and residential properties to reduce the risk of fire to any property.
- 6) **CCTV Camera Enforcement for School Streets** - Policy agreed by Cabinet June 2022 with new CCTV cameras for 26 permanent school streets to be introduced from September 2022. The team will work closely with the schools and have developed a communications plan for engagement with residents, parents and carers. An officer will be assigned to manage resident's permits and exceptions.

Other news:

- 1) I have several reports coming forward to Cabinet meetings over the coming months, including the Brent Long Term Transport Strategy Review; the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme; and the Highways Maintenance Contract.
- 2) **Dates for your diary** – A Car Free Day event is being held on Saturday 17 September from 12noon to 6pm on Church Road NW10, as part of the wider Church End festival. A section of Church Road will be pedestrianised on the day to accommodate the Church End Festival.

The Car Free Day zone will host a range of cycling activities; the community will have the chance to enjoy a variety of stalls and activities including free smoothies, games, cycle repairs, and cycle lesson taster sessions.

The wider Church End Festival is being held to celebrate the cultural heritage and community in the local area. On the day there will be free face painting, carousel rides, stilt walkers, cultural entertainment, music and as well as the opportunity to enjoy food from around the world.

Also part of the day, there will be an interactive Climate Fair where residents can learn more about the Green Neighbourhood in Church End and Roundwood, and how they can get involved. Residents have the opportunity to meet local Climate Ambassadors, get tips on cutting down food waste, learn how to reduce, reuse and recycle, and find out more on how climate, faith and culture are interconnected.

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Cabinet Member for Housing, Homelessness and Renters Security – Councillor Promise Knight

Top news since my last report:

- 1) Brent Council was awarded highly commended at LGC Awards 2022 for our housing projects and initiatives. Brent was recognised for our ambitious approach to providing new affordable rented homes.
- 2) Our Neighbourhood team have completed the review of waste management strategy and capacity of bins on key sites. New bins have been delivered to sites. However, delivery of project will be phased over three years due to budgetary pressure (£100k per year commitment).
- 3) The Council has committed £30 million to wider estate improvement at St Raphael's Estate which will help deliver a temporary community building (a zero carbon building located next to Sufra), improvements to infrastructure, safety, security and a deployable CCTV.

Other news:

- 1) **The effect of increasing labour and materials costs and rising inflation on New Council Homes Programme.**

We are facing up to a 12% increase on estimated tender prices for upcoming tenders and this has significant implications for the NCHP. The team are currently reviewing all our developments, with the intention to update members on current and future expectations.

- 2) **Key Service Manager Vacancies filled.**

Over the last year the property services team have found it difficult to recruit to our technical vacancies. This has also been an issue for other organisations within the industry so we are delighted to have recruited to two of our Service Manager roles.

- 3) **Data extract for selective licensing complete.**

We are working on being able to designate new areas in the borough for selective licensing when the existing scheme comes to an end next year. A key part of this process is gathering as much data as possible to support the rationale for where we implement the new scheme and to consult on the proposal. All the data has now been collected from various areas of the Council and is being analysed.

- 4) **Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)**

The Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) was activated to help protect rough sleepers during the heatwave. The GLA had emergency accommodation

available that we could refer people to. They are also promoted “Cool Spaces” for people to take refuge during the day. The Outreach Team distributed sun cream and water, as well as giving advice on using Brent libraries, which were designated “Cool Spaces” in the borough.

5) Increase in Housing Needs.

Since April 2022, the Housing Needs Service has seen a 33% increase in demand from families and single people who are either threatened with homelessness or actually homeless. This increase is being driven by evictions from the PRS, linked to affordability issues, due to rising rents across London. Other factors are a combination of the legacy of the lockdowns during the pandemic, when people lost employment or were furloughed, the current cost of living crisis, and the lifting of the PRS eviction ban in September 2021.

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Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools – Councillor Gwen Grahl

Top news since my last report:

1) Uptake on Brent Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme funded by the Department for Education (DfE) is for families eligible for benefits related free school meals. Schools and Family Well-Being Centres can also refer children to the programme directly.

The summer 2022 HAF programme was delivered in partnership with 37 providers who offered activities at 46 locations across Brent, and in doing so made available around 2000 multi-day places across the summer holidays. Recent data indicates over 75% of places were accessed.

Brent HAF providers included Brent schools, as well as community and voluntary sector organisations. Activities on offer included sports and games, dance, drama, music production, film making and art workshops, as well as gardening, cooking and kayaking.

Organisation for the summer 2022 programme has built on learning from previous, HAF programmes in Brent and taking feedback from young people. On 10 August 2022, at the request of the DfE, Brent hosted 3 civil servants from the DfE and the Treasury to visit the HAF programme in Brent. They visited a number of HAF sites and gave extremely positive feedback, saying they were impressed with the creativity and dedication of the programme leaders, as well as the variety of activities on offer.

2) Exam results

Following on from the disruption caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to exams in 2020 and 2021 Ofqual stated, 'that in September 2022, overall A Level, AS Level and GCSE results will be lower than in 2021 when grades were awarded by teacher assessment. Grades will be higher than in 2019, when students last sat summer exams, in recognition of the disruption caused by the pandemic.

It is therefore very pleasing that Brent's provisional A level results present a positive picture. Results for the A*/A and A*-C grades are above this years provisional national average. The overall pass rate for grades A* to E is comparable with the provisional national average.

At GCSE, Brent's performance has increased since 2019 and remains above national averages in the attainment of strong pass grades (9-5), standard pass grades (9-4) and the overall pass grade (9-1).

3) London Road SEND School

The new secondary Special School will provide 150 places for autistic young people. The vision for the new school is one that is rooted in the SEND Strategy 2021-25, so that every child and young person has a right to have their education, health and social care needs met within their local community; every child has the right to attend a good local school and that they 'dream big, achieve well, have choice, control and lead happy and fulfilled lives'.

The tender for the new Special School was launched in July 2022. Submissions are currently being evaluated in the local authority. This process is due to complete in September 2022. Following the 2022 SEND Review, which revealed a significant increase in SEND demand across the country, it is excellent news that Brent will be able to expand its provision for local children.

4) Provision of Free School Meals

Following on from the Right to Food motion passed last full council, officers have been researching our current provision of free school meals and the feasibility of extending it.

At the time of the May 2022 school census the total number of children attending Brent schools in receipt of Free School Meals was 9,796 of a total school cohort of 48,594 (20%). For the same period in 2021, the total number of children eligible for FSM was 8,734 or 18% of the total school cohort of 48,353. Nationally in May 2022 22.5% of pupils were eligible for FSM, up from 20.8% in 2021.

There are 31,346 pupils in Years 3 to 11, of whom 7,117 are currently in receipt of Free School Meals. If all remaining 24,229 children were provided with Free School Meals it would cost £11,094,459 a year (£457.90 per child per year). The actual cost of extending Free School Meals to all children and young people would be slightly lower as some would be likely to choose to continue with packed lunches.

In the current economic climate characterised by ongoing shortfalls in council funding amidst spiralling inflation, we are not in a position to extend provision, but we are currently ahead of other councils in providing universal access to KS1 pupils. Should more funding become available I will be pushing for enhanced provision, particularly with food poverty on the rise across the borough.

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Cabinet Member for Community Engagement, Equalities and Culture – Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson

Top news since my last report:

1) Community Engagement & Equalities

- Following the NCIL and Brent Health Matters You Decide programme that took place in June and July, 59 Projects were successfully awarded funding across the 5 Brent Connects areas. Officers are working hard to ensure that all funding agreements and required due diligence is undertaken by the end of September.
- 21 Love Where You Live (LWYL) applications successful across June and July. The amount projects attract has reverted to £1000.

2) Summer Reading Challenge - over 1000 children joined the campaign in July alone.

3) Women's Euros

- Officers facilitated local residents and groups participation in the filming and workshops: local football players/ schools (Kinja Football Club; Kingsbury High), Zumba Dancers (Maggie), Football Fans (Football Supporters Association), Sujata Banjeree Dance Company, University students (Westminster University; UFCB) and Brent Council staff in the development of the artwork the Supercompensation Cycle which was staged in advance of the finals on 30th July.
- Eight workshops were held to inform the production of the Anthem to accompany the Women's Euros. The nearly 300 participants included Brent Black Music Corporation (BBMC), students from the ICMP, Silver Jubilee Park user group.
- The recording of the Anthem by the full RPO at Cadagon Hall was attended by the Silver Jubilee Park participants.
- For the performance on the 30th as part of the Brent Celebrates the WEURO 22 event, the RPO were joined by 25 local Brent musicians from BBMC, ICMP and Silver Jubilee Park.

4) Citizen Lab consultations - there are multiple live consultations on Citizens Lab, including:

- Church end masterplan/ supplementary planning document
- Have your say on Brent's Air Quality Action Plan
- Leaseholders major works repayments options

5) **NCIL and LWYL Funding**

- Next LWYL opens August 22.
- Launch of next NCIL grant fund opens October 22. This will be a standard round rather than participatory budgeting.
- We will be publicising NCIL across Brent Connect areas utilising social media, flyer distribution, attendance at community events and engagement with Faith-based groups.

Other news:

1) **Brent Refugee Summit**

- Currently scoping an event for the end of the year, in response to motion put forward to full Council in July.
- Initial thoughts are for this to be a partnership event centred on recognising and sharing contributions from organisations to support refugees.

2) **Library Services**

Harlesden Library will be closed from 29 August until February 2023 for refurbishment works throughout the building. The works will also bring into use a new space for community events and activities.

The project has been part funded through a successful bid to Arts Council England and DCMS for £285k.

During this period residents are encouraged to visit their nearest libraries at Kilburn and Willesden Green which are accessible via public transport from Harlesden and will be operating a full service.

Click and collect and essential computer use will be available Monday to Friday 10:30-18:00 from a library contact point based at: The Designworks, Park Parade, Harlesden, London, NW10 4HT.

The Harlesden Hub service will also be relocating to The Designworks during this period. For more information please contact libraries@brent.gov.uk.

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