

Leader of the Council - Councillor Muhammed Butt

On the following pages is a breakdown of portfolio responsibilities of our Cabinet Members.

I have listed below the key decisions that the Cabinet have taken since our last meeting of full Council in May 2023. As you will read, this is a Council that is delivering week in, week out on the Brent Labour Manifesto pledges that will transform the place we call home:

Church End Growth Area (CEGA) Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document

Brent's Local Plan (2019-2041) was adopted in February 2022. The Plan sets out the vision and policies for development in the borough up to 2041, which includes the delivery of 23,250 new homes from 2019/20 to 2028/29.

Key to accommodating an increasing population are 8 growth areas, viewed as the most sustainable spatial expression for growth. The Church End Growth Area (CEGA) extends to 26 hectares, comprised of Victorian housing stock, the local town centre and 14 hectares of industrial land allocated for mixed-use regeneration.

The CEGA Masterplan SPD is a long-term, ambitious and comprehensive plan that will help to secure at least 1,300 new homes and infrastructure to maximise opportunities and wellbeing for local residents, businesses and communities, including the provision of education, health, cultural and community facilities, open space and play facilities.

Since early 2021 officers have worked to develop the draft CEGA Masterplan SPD. This included extensive engagement throughout 2021, with a range of partners and stakeholders including residents and local councillors, businesses, community organisations, landowners, developers and statutory bodies.

Community Led Housing in Brent

With growing housing demand and the impact of the cost-of-living increasing pressure on Brent Residents, it is imperative the Council considers all possible avenues for the delivery of affordable housing. In 2018, a scrutiny report on affordable housing was produced by members and recommended that the Council explore Community Led Housing (CLH) as an avenue of delivery, specifically as it favoured co-production with residents.

This report agreed to ring-fence the Brentfield Road site set out in the report for Brent Community Land Trust for the purpose of Community Led Housing. Currently, an indicative scheme of 20 one-bedroom flats comprising a mix of one-bedroom 1 person and 1 bedroom 2 person's properties has been designed, with more work to follow.

Award of Contracts for Enforcement and Collection Agent Services

This report concerned the award of contracts for the provision of the Debt Resolution Service. The report detailed the procurement approach followed, the decision process and added value commitments of the selected enforcement agents and the ongoing commitment to the Council's Ethical Debt Recovery Policy.

Three Enforcement Agent companies will be appointed under contracts, with the specification drafted to ensure that a higher proportion of warrants, County Court Judgements and liability orders will be passed to the best performing provider.

All agents are required to work in accordance with the Council's Ethical Debt Recovery Policy and appropriate professional standards, ensuring that residents of Brent are supported as appropriate.

Authority to Tender Contract to Design, Build, Operate and Maintain the South Kilburn District Heat Network

The South Kilburn District Heat Network will be a network of pipes feeding heat to the buildings in South Kilburn. The use of a district heat network is in-line with GLA policy and Brent's Local Plan.

For South Kilburn, the heat network aims to initially provide low carbon heat but ultimately to provide zero carbon heat to developments in South Kilburn which form part of the South Kilburn Regeneration Programme along with additional connections where appropriate and practicable.

Brent Residential Children's Care Home Outline Project Business Case

This report set out the intention to provide a Residential Children's Care Home in Brent following the successful application for capital funding from the Department for Education (DfE) Children's Home Capital Programme.

The Council faces a number of challenges in securing local residential placements for children and young people. At the time of submitting the funding bid the average distance from the young person's home address to their residential home was 24.4 miles. The average weekly cost of a residential placement was £4,700 per week in August 2022, which was above the national average of £4,500 and the highest residential placement at the time was £10,597.

The project will deliver a four-bed residential step-down home within Brent for looked after adolescents with social, emotional and behavioural needs. The home will provide three bedrooms for a step-down provision to prepare young people who are in residential settings away from the borough for a move into a local fostering placement, supported accommodation (if 16+) or to return home. The remaining one bedroom will be allocated for emergency placements to enable a short-term response for children in crisis.

The proposed residential home would generate an estimated annual cost avoidance saving of at least £169k and up to £461k a year against the children's placement budget.

The capital project is estimated to cost up to £2.2m. The DfE required 50%/50% match funding from the LA as part of the bid submission. Therefore, the Council's contribution will be up to £1.1m for the purchase and remodelling of a residential home to create a four-bed residential home in Brent.

Post-16 Skills Resource Centre

This report presented a proposal to develop a Post-16 Skills Resource Centre for young people and young adults with special educational needs. The proposed Post-16 Skills Resource Centre is outlined in the School Place Planning Strategy 2019-23 refresh, approved by Cabinet in November 2021, and is included within the local partnership SEND Strategy 2021-25.

The intended approach is a Post-16 Skills Resource Centre that would operate from two sites. The Welsh Harp Centre would be developed to provide a horticultural facility with work experience and volunteering opportunities.

The second site would be based in new facilities on the Airco Close site in Kingsbury. The intention is to develop facilities for a Post-16 Skills Resource Centre alongside an expansion of special school provision, as agreed in the SEND Capital Programme, building on the synergies between the two developments.

Authority to Award Contract for Integrated Community Equipment Services

Local authorities have a statutory duty under various legislation including the Care Act 2014, and the Children and Families Act 2014, to make arrangements for the provision of disability aids and "community equipment", to meet the assessed eligible needs of individuals who are resident in their area.

The provision of community equipment supports residents to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and is both a statutory requirement and important in delivering key strategic system priorities, for example hospital discharge and avoidance, a reduction in the use of residential care and a reduced reliance on homecare provision.

2022/23 Quarter 4 (January – March) Performance Report

This report and the performance scorecard set out the position on the Council's performance in the fourth quarter of 2022/23. The content and format of the report and scorecard have been constructed to focus on the previous borough plan.

The new Borough Plan: Moving Brent Forward Together (2023-27) was finalised at Full Council in February 2023 and new performance indicators will be available later this year.

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Cabinet Portfolio remits:

1. Leader of the Council - Cllr Muhammed Butt

Communications
Brent representative on regional and national bodies
Strategies, priorities and plans
Transformation
Digital Strategy

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

Finance, Audit and Pensions
Procurement & Social Value
HR, Legal, and IT
Capital projects
Corporate Performance
Property and assets
Invest 4 Brent & First Wave Housing
Governance & Members Services
Brent Black Community Action Plan
Diversity Ambassador

3. Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Growth - Councillor Shama Tatler

Estate Regeneration
Inclusive Growth Strategy
Planning
Emergency Planning
Local Plan
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
West London Economic Prosperity Board (WLEPB)
Jobs, Economy, Employment and Skills
Brent Starts and Brent Works
Good work standard and London Living Wage
Apprenticeships
Community Wealth Building and Inward Investment
Affordable Workplace strategy
High streets and improvement
Town Centre Managers

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

Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour
Liaison with Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)
Prevent
Building Control

Planning Enforcement
Regulatory Services and Trading Standards
Noise Nuisance and Pest Control
VAWG (Strategy)

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

Public Health
Mental health
Brent Health Matters
Adult Social Care
Health and Wellbeing Board
Liaison with health partners
Brent Start and Brent Works
Affordable Workplace Strategy
Inward Investment

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

Transport planning, strategy and operations
Roads and pavements
Sustainable Travel
Waste Collection and street cleaning
West London Waste Authority
Clean Air and Environmental Health
Climate Emergency Strategy
Parking, Street Lighting
Trees and Ecology
Parks and green spaces
Mortuary and funeral services
Leisure and sports facilities

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

Homelessness and Rough-Sleeping Strategy
New Council Housing Programme (NCHP)
Brent Housing Management
Liaison with Registered and Social Providers
Private Rented Sector regulation

8. Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools - Councillor Gwen Grahl

Early Years Learning
Family Wellbeing Centres
Children's Safeguarding and Social Care
Looked after Children and Corporate Parenting

Social Work
Youth offending
Brent Youth Strategy
Brent Youth Parliament
Pupil referral units
SEND provision and strategy
Brent Family of Schools
School Admissions and school place planning
Schools Forum and schools improvement
Further Education

9. Cabinet member for Customers, Communities and Culture – Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson

Equality and Disability Strategy
Community Engagement
Consultation
Grants
Metroland, Borough of Culture Legacy
Voluntary Sector and Social Enterprise
Brent Libraries
Heritage and Archives
VAWG (Delivery)
Brent Hubs
Food poverty
Council Tax and Business Rates
Welfare support
Customer Services and Accessibility
Citizenship and Registration

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

Top news since my last report:

- **Budget Update** – As you will know, full Council approved the Budget proposals put forward in my last report at November's Budget Setting meeting for 2023/24, however work has already started on the 2024/25 – 2025/26 budget setting process. An updated report will be presented to Cabinet in July, including the year-end outturn report and Q1 forecast report.
- **New Council Homes Programme** – Brent are pushing forward with our new Council Homes Programme to ensure we are doing our bit to tackle the housing crisis in London. There are currently 1093 affordable homes being built by Brent across 18 sites, 257 affordable homes across 7 sites submitted for planning and awaiting determination.
- **GMB Work to Stop Domestic Abuse Charter** – The Council has now formally signed up to the GMB Work to Stop Domestic Abuse Charter.

The Charter wording is as follows:

As an employer who cares about the impact of domestic abuse on our employees, we pledge to:

- *Support employees who are experiencing domestic abuse to access support services and information confidentially.*
- *Ensure that those experiencing domestic abuse will not be disadvantaged within the terms and conditions of their employment and will take all reasonable measures to facilitate any needs in the workplace.*
- *Commit to working/participating with other organisations to facilitate best support for those experiencing domestic abuse.*
- *Provide all employees with access to toolkits, information and our policies on domestic abuse, in a format that is easily and discreetly accessible within the workplace.*
- *Ensure that we have employees trained across our organisation to provide adequate access to support within the workplace for all employees. Staff trained should be representative of our workplace and will include line managers and Trade Union representatives.*

The Council remains committed to tackling domestic abuse and we adopted a Domestic Abuse Policy in 2020, along with appointing a number of domestic abuse champions to support staff facing this issue.

- **Windrush 75** – This year marks the 75th anniversary of HMT Empire Windrush arriving in Britain with more than 800 passengers from the Caribbean, ready to embark on their new lives. Brent Council hosted a series of events to celebrate this, including a free flagship Market Place at the Brent Civic Centre to celebrate

the legacy and contribution of the African-Caribbean community, a Windrush exhibition and a tea party in Gladstone Park.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact via the following email address. Contact: Cllr.Mili.Patel@brent.gov.uk

Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning and Growth - Councillor Shama Tatler

Top news since my last report:

- **Church End Masterplan** – The transformation of Church End and the delivery of 1,300 much-needed new homes is set to begin after Cabinet approval. The approval and adoption of the Church End SPD is a significant step forward for the regeneration of the area, and will include a new town centre market square, at least 1,300 new homes and a new secondary school. There will also be improved streets, crossings and cycle routes throughout the area and to Dollis Hill and Neasden Underground stations.
- **South Kilburn Regeneration Project** – A deal has been signed between Brent Council and Countryside Partnerships to deliver more than 200 new homes on the South Kilburn estate. The latest phase in the estate regeneration programme will see the existing buildings Neville House, Winterleys House and 113-128 Carlton House replaced with brand new, state-of-the-art homes. The new scheme prioritises social housing and will deliver the first homes by Summer 2025 to accommodate existing South Kilburn residents.

We're now almost halfway through our 15-year regeneration programme for South Kilburn and can't wait to get started on the next phase with Countryside Partnerships. Right across the country local authorities are grappling with spiralling inflation and building costs, but despite the challenges, we are really delighted to be able to deliver this brilliant scheme for residents. This project will create more than 200 much-needed new homes, almost half of which will be for existing South Kilburn residents. Not only will local families be given the keys to safe and secure homes, they will also enjoy a healthier environment, with more greenery and trees on their doorstep and a revamped local park.

- **Brent Starts** – Following a recent inspection of the Brent Start Adult Education Service, Ofsted has judged that the service continues to be Good, the second highest score. Brent Start is the largest local authority provider of adult education in west London, with almost 2,500 learners and over 600 courses. Inspectors found that Brent Start provides a highly inclusive, safe and welcoming environment for learners, along with a well-considered curriculum that engages the community and helps support people from disadvantaged backgrounds. It is great that Ofsted has recognised the brilliant work our Brent Start team does for adult education across the borough.

Other news:

- **Brent Design Awards** – Brent held its first ever Brent Design Awards Ceremony in May. The awards were created to celebrate high-quality design in the borough, rewarding the most inspiring buildings and spaces that have a positive impact in the community and enrich the lives of residents.

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

Top news since my last report:

- **Brent's Trading Standards Team** - have once again stepped in to seize illegal smoking products and ensure that businesses have a level playing field. The majority of our local businesses sell products within the law, and provide a great service for our residents, therefore we ensure those that don't play by the rules are reprimanded.

Al-Sham Roastery Ltd trading as Al Sham in Willesden was prosecuted after they were found selling 908-unit packs of illegal cigarettes, 5 unit packs of hand rolling tobacco and 85 packs/tubs of shisha molasses tobacco. The company was fined £900 and was ordered to pay £90 victim surcharge and costs of £1000.

- **Cracking down on illegal and anti-social driving** - Our enforcement officers do a fantastic job of making sure that our streets can be used and enjoyed by all and these powers will mean that they will be able to crack down on flagrant drivers who abuse the rules. The PSPO is in addition to recent PSPOs implemented on 1 February 2023 that were agreed at cabinet.

Enforcement officers will be able to issue fines of up to £1,000 to flagrant drivers responsible for any of the following behaviour:

- Racing
 - Performing stunts with a vehicle
 - Revving of the engine or use of horns as to cause a public nuisance
 - Repeated sudden and rapid acceleration (as a public nuisance)
 - Wilfully causing obstruction on a public highway, whether stationary or moving, including driving in a convoy
 - Driving on footways without a reasonable and lawful excuse.
- We have taken the decision to extend Brent's CCTV Contract with TYCO Fire and Integrated Services for 12 months. The extension period will be from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024.
 - Cricklewood Household Accessories Limited trading as 'Supersave Household' on Cricklewood Broadway, sold a 23cm chef knife to a person under the age of 18. The company pleaded guilty at Willesden Magistrates court. A total of £3175.99 in fines and costs.
 - Successfully obtained a Food Condemnation Order against Lobo Seafood, Harlesden following a joint investigation with the Food Standards Agency. The order given by Willesden Magistrates Court required the disposal and destruction of illegal sheep carcasses.
 - **Successful International Women's Day events** – we hosted a number of events including: the marketplace held in the Brent Civic Centre, our annual

online panel discussion which included Dawn Butler MP and; the She is Summit 2023 for young girls & women (from Years 10 to 13) was held at Brent Civic Centre in the Grand Hall.

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

Top news since my last report:

- **Peer Review** - As part of our ongoing focus on continuous improvement, Adult Social Care welcomed an ADASS Peer Review Team to Brent to review our strengths, areas for development, and plans for 'Working with People' and 'Leadership' in line with the new CQC Assurance Framework.

Positively, the Peer Team identified lots we can be proud of in Brent including our committed, compassionate staff; the energy, ambition, and commitment of our leadership; our self awareness and improvement programme; the strength of our strategic partnerships; our approach to supporting residents with complex needs; recent improvements in our front door; and our commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion.

The Peer Team also identified opportunities for us to drive improvements including building on improvements in the front door further; developing our information, advice, and guidance approach; improving our assessments of carers' needs; developing our workforce strategy; and focusing on supporting residents with learning disability and mental health needs.

Our Adult Social Care team have plans in place to address all of these areas via an Improvement Programme and will be working at pace on this over the coming months.

- **Community Diagnostic Centres** – The NHS is developing three new Community Diagnostic Centres on existing NHS sites in North West London. The larger facility will be located at Ealing Hospital, and there will be two Brent focussed sites at the Wembley Centre for Health and Care and another at the Willesden Centre for Health and Care. This will enable an additional 300,000 diagnostic tests per year to be provided across the three new centres by 2024/25.

Other news:

- **Implementation of the Enhanced Access Hub Service** - this service provides additional at scale access to primary care on weekdays from 6.30pm to 8pm and Saturdays from 9am to 5pm. All Primary Care Networks have mobilised an Enhanced Access Hub service providing one hour of extended provision per 1,000 patients. Patients are able to book into the service via their GP or through NHS 111.
- **Promoting activity through Brent Health Matters** – As an addition to the advice and support from the Brent Health Matters Clinical Team, physical activity advice and referral to programmes is also offered.

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

Top news since my last report:

- **Winter Resilience Programme** - We are at the end of “pothole season” where adverse weather conditions have given rise to multiple potholes appearing on the roads. To address the worst locations along our main routes, a Winter Resilience programme of 49 large patch repairs at multiple locations has already been done by the previous contractor FM Conways. A further programme of £200k of large patch repairs on main roads has been issued to new contractors O’Hara’s. Our injection patching contractor started their latest programme of repairs on the 1st of March. They will be in the borough around three months, concentrating on residential roads, picking up all surface highways defects along identified routes. As of 1st June, 90 roads were visited, and 2,568 repairs had been undertaken.
- **Planned Footway Maintenance** – Six footway schemes, carried over from last year, are currently under construction by our new contractors. Work commenced in April and will be completed in July. The roads are: Fernbank Avenue, Sandringham Road, Beverley Drive (Stag Lane to Roundabout), Greenhill Road, Winchester Avenue (Princes Avenue to Girton Avenue) and Sherborne Gardens.
- **Coronation Day Celebrations** – Highways Management approved 11 resident-led street parties to celebrate the Kings Coronation. The events took place between the 6th and 8th May. To support residents to host street parties, Brent Council waived the costs of road closures and of suspending parking bays in those streets. We also supplied cones and supplies free of charge.

Other news:

- 283 new lamp column chargers were installed by the end of May, bringing the total number in the borough to 609. These were placed in areas of high demand and will be managed by Siemens / Ubitricity.
- Roundwood Playground is now refurbished and opened to the public on 26 May. New and updated play areas are being introduced in Sherrins Farm and Monks Park and Bramshill Playground refurbishment is also commencing.
- This Summer we will also be launching our first pilot street for the BEE Colourful street project. This will involve engaging with the community and providing them with seeds, pots, compost, plants etc. to ‘green up’ and increase biodiversity across Brent.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact via the following email address. Contact: Cllr.Krupa.Sheth@brent.gov.uk

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

Top news since my last report:

The private rented sector (PRS) in Brent has seen rapid growth over the last eleven years, with around 58,000 homes in the borough privately rented (46% of the total dwellings). Renters in private accommodation make up the largest proportion of occupants in our borough.

Brent's private rented sector (PRS) has been subject to small selective licensing schemes for the past eight years. Councils have the Government's consent to implement schemes if they are both under 20% of their total private rented stock and under 20% of the borough's geographical area.

To date the Council had licensed 17,930 properties including 6,660 Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs). Licensing has been used strategically to deal with problems of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and to improve conditions associated with the PRS.

The Council has operated a licence condition and compliance inspection regime, along with proportionate enforcement action, to target non-compliant landlords and improve properties. This has led to over 8,240 properties being improved for the years January 2015 to October 2022.

Over the same period, over 2,200 housing notices have been served on private landlords and there have been 191 prosecutions resulting in fines and costs totalling £1.9m.

The Brent-Labour Manifesto 2022 sets out rationale for further landlord licensing in the borough as part of this Council's administration's agenda for "safe, secure and decent housing", and to protect the safety and wellbeing of renters through high standards.

Confirmation from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) will now be required for any selective licensing scheme where the percentage of either stock or geographical area is over the 20% threshold.

At the forthcoming meeting of Cabinet on the 17th July Phase 2 of our Selective Licensing programme will go forward for approval, with a report setting out the evidence, reason and justification for the designation.

If approved the designation will cover 18 wards of Alperton, Barnhill, Brondesbury Park, Cricklewood & Mapesbury, Kenton, Kilburn, Kingsbury, Northwick Park, Preston, Queens Park, Queensbury, Roundwood, Stonebridge, Sudbury, Tokyngton, Welsh Harp, Wembley Central, and Wembley Hill.

I hope that all members will join me in supporting the council's work in this vital area, so we can drive up standards with every power we have.

Other news:

The Council's response to the regulator's damp and mould survey has been assessed and they have concluded that there has not been a breach of standards.

We will continue to build on this work to ensure that all of our homes are safe, secure and a great place to call home.

The regulator stated:

"...that the council has processes and procedures in place and is able to assess damp and mould with regular oversight, and there is no evidence at this time of serious detriment to tenants or a breach of our consumer standards.

In reaching this conclusion we noted the council has a stock condition survey in place, and any hazards identified are passed to its surveyors on a weekly basis with Category 1 hazards sent immediately. We also noted the council's plans to work with its Private Housing Team to carry out inspections focussing on those properties known to be susceptible to damp and mould."

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact via the following email address. Contact: Cllr.Promise.Knight@brent.gov.uk

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

Top news since my last report:

Cabinet approves new children's residential care home in Brent

Brent Council have secured match-funding to build a brand-new residential care home in our borough. There is currently a national shortage of suitable placements which has caused cost pressures, as well as making it more difficult for children to remain within Brent, close to their schools and communities.

This will make a huge difference for some of our most vulnerable children, meaning they can access support and care within our borough at a lower cost.

Brent's Children's Services Department rated 'Good' by Ofsted

It is excellent news that Brent has passed its recent Ofsted ILACS inspection with a rating of 'good'. The department was rated 'good' in all four criteria, showing the consistency of the services it provides for young people. This is testament to the hard work and dedication of Brent Council's staff, in particularly in children's social work.

The department has faced significant challenges since the last inspection in 2018, including ongoing funding shortfalls and an increase in demand in some areas. An action plan will now be formulated based on the report's recommendations, and the ILACS report will also appear before the Corporate Parenting Committee, as well as Scrutiny later in the year.

Preparations on track to deliver Universal Free School Meals in Primary Schools

Officers are working closely with local schools ahead of the roll out of Sadiq Khan's policy to deliver free school meals to every primary school in London for one year from September.

Brent Council have sent out a questionnaire to all primary schools to ensure that the policy can be implemented on time. It will happen in addition to Marcus Rashford's flagship Holiday Activities and Food Programme, which will be supplemented in Brent by an additional £1 million of local funding via our Family Food Programme. Pressure will continue on the government to commit to free school meals nationally with the Scottish and Welsh governments also introducing universal provision.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact via the following email address. Contact: Cllr.Gwen.Grahl@brent.gov.uk

Cabinet member for Customers, Communities and Culture - Councillor Fleur Donnelly-Jackson

Top news since my last report:

Windrush 75

Windrush 75 celebrations took place across the borough this month. To acknowledge this milestone Brent Council hosted a 'Windrush 75 Market' as part of the Windrush 75 network national celebrations of the Windrush generation. The council also delivered a 'Windrush 75 Tea Party' in collaboration with Lin Kam Art to provide the opportunity to bring the community together to celebrate the achievements of the Windrush community.

New immigration advice service

Our new Immigration Service with our partner North West London Law Centre started this month. On Monday's they will be at the Civic Centre and on Wednesday they will be at Brent Hubs Kilburn.

Resident Support Fund/Household Support Fund

For the financial year 2022/23 - £5m is available to help residents with the cost of living. The criteria from April 2023 has been changed to £1000 maximum per application to ensure we can distribute our remaining funding as widely as possible.

Resident Support Fund	April 2023	May 2023	June-up to 14 June 2023	Total
Applications accepted	476	483	167	1126
Total Spend	£369,541	£386,693	£186,010	£942,244

Family Food Fund

Cabinet agreed to fund £1m to support families with children who are not entitled to free school meals but are on low income.

In preparation for the summer holidays, we are preparing our communications campaign.

The form for support will go live on 1 July 2023 on the website for residents to apply directly.

We anticipate supporting 2500 children through this fund in the year.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact via the following email address. Contact: Cllr.Fleur.Donnely-Jackson@brent.gov.uk