



**Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny
Committee**
21 September 2023

**Report from the Corporate Director
of Communities and Regeneration**

Scrutiny Recommendations Tracker

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key Decision
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
List of Appendices:	2 Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Recommendations and Information Request Tracker 2022-23 Appendix 2 – Scrutiny Recommendations and Information Request Tracker 2023-24
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the latest scrutiny recommendations tracker to the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That:

The committee note the recommendations, suggestions and information requests.

3.0 Background

Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context

- Borough Plan 2023-2027 – all strategic priorities

- 3.1 The Recommendations Tracker tabled in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 at the 21 September 2023 meeting relates to the both the 2022/23 and 2023/24 municipal year.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee may not make executive decisions. Scrutiny recommendations therefore require consideration and decision by the appropriate decision maker; the Cabinet or Full Council for policy and budgetary decisions.
- 3.4 The 2022/23 and 2023/24 scrutiny recommendations tracker, outlined in Appendix 1 and 2 provides a summary of the scrutiny recommendations made during those municipal years, in order to track executive decisions and any implementation progress. It also includes suggestions of improvement and information requests, as captured in the minutes of the committee meetings.

4.0 Procedure for Recommendations from Scrutiny Committees

- 4.1 Where scrutiny committees make recommendations to the Cabinet, 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.
- 4.2 Where scrutiny committees develop 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 an 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 to external decision makers (e.g. NHS bodies), 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 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement

5.1 The recommendations, suggestions for improvement and information requests are established by the Community and Wellbeing Committee. Beyond this there is no formal consultation or engagement.

6.0 Financial Considerations

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

7.0 Legal Considerations

7.1 Section 9F, Part 1A 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.

7.2 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.

8.0 Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

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

9.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

9.1 None for the purposes of this report.

10.0 Communication Considerations

10.1 None for the purposes of this report.

Report sign off:

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