

	Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee 23 April 2025
	Report from the Deputy Director, Democratic and Corporate Governance
Establishment of Kerbside Management Scrutiny Task Group	
Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Not Applicable
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:	None
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee to establish a task group to conduct an in-depth review of Brent's current kerbside management strategies and assess whether further value could be added to foster a more sustainable, inclusive, and connected community.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 For the Resources and Public Realm Committee to agree the establishment of the Kerbside Management Scrutiny Task Group, noting the membership and terms of reference outlined below.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context

3.1.1 The work of the proposed task group aligns with the council's commitment to creating long-lasting positive change in Brent for the benefit of local communities. Through its review, it will specifically support the Borough Plan 2023-2027 priorities by further enabling:

- Thriving Communities
- A Cleaner, Greener Future
- A Healthier Brent
- Prosperity and Stability in Brent

3.2 Background

3.2.1 A scrutiny task group is proposed to assess how kerbside space in Brent could be more effectively utilised to promote sustainable and inclusive travel, enhance public spaces, and ensure equitable community benefits and environmental outcomes.

3.2.2 Brent Council's declaration of a climate and ecological emergency in July 2019 set in motion an ambitious commitment to achieve borough-wide carbon neutrality by 2030—recognising the scale and urgency of the climate crisis.

3.2.3 The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated pre-existing inequalities, with the most vulnerable communities hit hardest—many of whom were already at heightened risk from the worsening impacts of climate change.

3.2.4 Alongside these challenges, the council continues to face growing financial pressures, highlighting the ongoing necessity for creative, climate-friendly approaches to policy and income generation in alignment with the Borough Plan. The Task Group will explore innovative, cost-effective solutions wherever possible.

Terms of Reference

3.2.5 The terms of reference for the Task Group will be to:

- **Review Kerbside Use:** Assess the wide range of kerbside uses and identify opportunities to enhance existing council strategies, policies, practices, and measures for optimal community benefits and environmental sustainability.
- **Undertake Stakeholder Engagement:** Gather insights from cabinet members, senior departmental officers, and any other relevant stakeholders.
- **Draw on Expert Advice:** Leverage expert knowledge and best practices from local authorities and other relevant bodies.
- **Formulate Recommendations:** Develop robust recommendations and agree a draft report for submission to the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Membership

3.2.6 It is proposed that the Task Group will consist of the following non-executive members:

- Cllr Mary Mitchell (Chair)
- Cllr Anthony Molloy
- Cllr Saqib Butt
- Cllr Janice Long
- Cllr Jayanti Patel
- Cllr Ajmal Akram

Timeline

3.2.3 It is envisaged that the Task Group will present its findings and recommendations to the Resources and Public Realm Committee in July 2025. If approved, the Committee will then present a recommendations report to Cabinet for consideration in September 2025.

4.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement

4.1 Ward members and other relevant stakeholders will be engaged as part of the Kerbside Management Scrutiny Task Group Review, with insights reported back to the Resources and Public Realm Committee in July 2025.

5.0 Financial Considerations

5.1 There are no financial considerations for the purposes of this report.

6.0 Legal Considerations

6.1 There are no legal considerations for the purposes of this report.

7.0 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

7.1 There are no EDI considerations for the purposes of this report.

8.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

8.1 The work of the proposed task group will support the Borough Plan 2023-2027 priorities for 'A Cleaner, Greener Future' and 'A Healthier Brent'. It will also align with key strategies and policies, including the Brent Climate & Ecological Emergency Strategy 2021-2030, the Brent Long-Term Transport Strategy 2015-2035, and the Brent Active Travel Implementation Plan 2024-2029.

9.0 Communication Considerations

9.1 There are no communication considerations for the purposes of this report.

Report sign off:

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