



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Monday 19 January 2026 at 9.30 am

PRESENT: Councillor M Butt (Chair), Councillor M Patel (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Benea, Donnelly-Jackson, Grahl and Rubin.

1. **Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Krupa Sheth, with Councillor Grahl attending as substitute.

2. **Declarations of interests**

There were no declarations of interests made by Members during the meeting.

3. **Deputations (if any)**

There were no deputations received.

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 8 December 2025 be approved as a correct record.

5. **Matters arising (if any)**

There were no matters arising.

6. **Review of Representation of Political Groups and Appointments**

Councillor Muhammed Butt (as Chair) introduced a report from the Corporate Director Finance and Resources detailing the outcome of a review on the representation of political groups on those Sub Committees appointed by the General Purposes Committee.

Members were advised this review had followed a change in balance between the political groups on the Council, which had involved five members resigning as members of the Labour Group to join the Green Party, leading to their formation as a new political group of Green councillors.

In presenting the report, members noted the impact outlined in terms of the existing allocation of seats on those Sub Committees of General Purposes Committee to which the political balance rules applied, based on the revised overall composition of political groups.

As a result, it was **RESOLVED** on the basis of the current membership of the Council:

- (1) To agree the size of each sub-committee to be appointed by the Committee.
- (2) To agree the allocation of seats to political groups on each of the sub committees in accordance with political balance rules, as detailed in section 3 of the report; and
- (3) To appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs, members and substitutes to each Sub-committee (to be confirmed under Item 8 of the agenda) giving effect to the wishes of the political group(s) allocated the seats.

7. **Appointments to Sub-Committees / Outside Bodies**

Following on from Item 6 above, Councillor Muhammed Butt introduced an item setting out the proposed appointments needing to be made in relation to the Sub Committees appointed by the General Purposes Committee, as a result of the review of representation of Political Groups on its Sub Committees.

As a result, it **RESOLVED** to agree the following change in appointments to the General Purposes Sub-Committees:

Senior Staff Appointments Sub-Committee

councillor Moeen to replace Councillor Farah (in his capacity as former Labour member) as a substitute member on the Committee

M.BUTT (C)	LABOUR
M.PATEL (VC)	LABOUR
KANSAGRA	CONSERVATIVE
KRUPA SHETH	LABOUR
GRAHL	LABOUR

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS:

LABOUR: BENE, DONNELLY-JACKSON, MOEEN, KNIGHT, NERVA, RUBIN

CONSERVATIVE: MAURICE, MISTRY

Senior Staff Appeals Sub-Committee

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Brent Pension Fund Sub-Committee

- Councillor Ahmadi Moghaddam to be reappointed to fill the seat released by the Labour Group as a representative of the Greens.
- The substitute position held by Councillor Ethapemi (in his capacity as a former Labour member) be replaced by a Labour Group vacancy.
- Councillors Farah and Mitchell to be appointed to the two substitute member positions allocated to the Green Group on the Sub Committee

JOHNSON (C)	LABOUR
KENNELLY (VC)	LABOUR
AHMADI MOGHADDAM	GREEN
CHOUDRY	LABOUR
CRABB	LABOUR
KANSAGRA	CONSERVATIVE
MOLLOY	LABOUR

Co-Opted non-voting:

ELIZABETH BANKOLE (UNISON)

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS:

LABOUR: DIXON, MAHMOOD, SHAH, VACANCY

CONSERVATIVE: MAURICE, J.PATEL

GREEN: FARAH, MITCHELL

Brent Pension Board

FULL MEMBERS:

DAVID EWART (C)	INDEPENDENT CHAIR (31.07.2025)
KABIR	LABOUR
SMITH	LABOUR

CHRIS BALA	PENSION SCHEME MEMBER
BOLA GEORGE	TRADE UNION (UNISON) MEMBER
ROBERT WHEELER	TRADE UNION (GMB) MEMBER
VACANCY	EMPLOYER MEMBER (NON-BRENT COUNCIL)

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS:

No provision is included within the Boards Terms of Reference for substitute members.

8. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

There were no items that required the exclusion of the press or public from the meeting.

9. **Any other urgent business**

No items of urgent business were raised at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.34 am

COUNCILLOR MUHAMMED BUTT
Chair