

	Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee 2 September 2026
	Report from the Deputy Director Democratic & Corporate Governance
Call-in: Individual Cabinet Member Decision to vary the contract for Integrated Street Cleansing, Waste Collection and Winter Maintenance Service with Veolia	
Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Not applicable
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
List of Appendices:	Three: Appendix 1: Individual Cabinet Member Decision Report to vary the contract for Integrated Street Cleansing, Waste Collection and Winter Maintenance Service with Veolia Appendix 2: Call-In Form Appendix 3: Call-In Protocol
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details on a call-in which has been received, under Standing Order 14, relating to an individual Cabinet Member decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Cleaner Streets, Transport & Public Realm to vary the contract for Integrated Street Cleansing, Waste Collection and Winter Maintenance Service with Veolia.
- 1.2 The call-in has been accepted as valid and therefore needs to be considered by the relevant Scrutiny Committee (in this case Resources & Public Realm) with this report providing details on the decision which has been called-in for review, reasons and alternative action being sought as a result and procedure for dealing with the call-in.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 That the Committee considers the call-in and agrees to one of the following outcomes:

- 2.1.1 The Committee does not wish to refer the matter back to the decision maker or to the Cabinet Member for Cleaner Streets, Transport & Public Realm for reconsideration, at which point the decision is deemed to be confirmed and takes effect immediately following the call-in meeting; or
- 2.1.2 The Committee decides to ask the Cabinet Member for Cleaner Streets, Transport & Public Realm to reconsider the decisions made, in light of any observations of the Committee; or
- 2.1.3 Having had regard to the advice of the Director of Law or Corporate Director of Finance & Resources, the Committee considers the decision is contrary to the Council's Budget or Policy Framework, at which point it refers the matter to the next practicable meeting of the Council, subject to the provisions of Standing Orders.

3.0 Detail

Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context

- 3.1 As detailed within the report on which the called-in decision was based (attached as Appendix 1) the proposed contract variation has been identified as supporting several of the priorities and outcomes set out in Brent's Borough Plan, particularly the strategic priority of a 'Cleaner, Greener Future' which focuses on maintaining clean streets, reducing environmental nuisance, and improving public spaces.
- 3.2 The contract variation has also been identified as increasing the Council's capacity to maintain cleaner streets and public spaces whilst minimising disruption through night-time cleansing and waste collection and in creating a safe borough by helping tackle environmental crime, fly-tipping, littering, and poor environmental conditions that negatively impact residents' perception of safety and wellbeing. These have been identified as additional outcomes contributing towards 'Thriving Communities' and 'A Healthier Brent' by creating cleaner and subsequently healthier public spaces as well as fostering community pride.
- 3.3 The call-in procedure is also recognised as a key element of the Council's governance arrangements in terms of not only supporting effective and efficient decision making but also in providing an opportunity to hold the executive to account, enhancing the Council's activity and delivery of all strategic priorities within the Borough Plan.

Background

3.4 Under the Council's Individual Cabinet Member Scheme of Delegation (Part 3 – Constitution) the Cabinet Member for Cleaner Streets, Transport & Public Realm approved a variation to the contract for Integrated Street Cleansing, Waste Collection and Winter Maintenance Service with Veolia on 6 August 2026. This decision was subsequently published on 12 August 2026 with the report on which the decision was based attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3.5 The decision taken by the Cabinet Member was as follows:

Having consulted with the Leader:

(1) *To approve the variation of the contract for Integrated Street Cleansing, Waste Collection and Winter Maintenance Service with Veolia Environmental Services (UK) Limited to undertake additional works at the cost of £1,540,000 for a period of 12 months as set out below:*

- (a) *To include the provision of two small mechanical street sweepers to address street cleansing;*
- (b) *To widen the scope of the contract to include 5 additional litter pickers in each Brent Connect area to cover town centres and high streets cleaning;*
- (c) *To widen the scope of contract to include nighttime street cleansing and waste collection;*
- (d) *To widen the scope to include a dedicated Persistent Organic Pollutants (PoPS) waste collection 7 days a week;*
- (e) *To widen the scope to include waste collection from unregistered land;*
- (f) *To widen the scope to include a weekend rapid response street cleaning crew; and*
- (g) *To widen the scope to trial an additional resource of a vehicle and two crew members for our Brent Housing Estates.*

3.6 The above decision has subsequently been called-in by six members of the Council (comprised of members from two different political groups), with details of the call-in, including the reasons and alternative action being sought, attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

3.7 Under the call-In procedure, the relevant Scrutiny Committee (in this case Resources & Public Realm) is now required to consider the call-in and decide on the relevant outcome. The procedure for dealing with the call-in and the conduct of the Scrutiny Committee meeting is attached at Appendix 3 of this report, for reference.

4.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement

- 4.1 None specifically applicable to this covering report. The members who have submitted the call-in as well as Lead Cabinet Member have been consulted and advised of the arrangements for consideration of the call-in.

5.0 Financial Considerations

- 5.1 There are no direct financial considerations arising from this covering report. The financial considerations relating to the called-in decision have been detailed within the report on which the decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Cleaner Streets, Transport & Public Realm (attached as Appendix 2) was based.

6.0 Legal Considerations

- 6.1 There are no direct legal considerations arising from this covering report. The procedure for dealing with the call-in and options available to the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee have been set out in Appendix 3 of the report with the legal considerations relating to the called-in decisions having been detailed within the report on which the decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Cleaner Streets, Transport & Public Realm (attached as Appendix 2) was based.

7.0 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

- 7.1 There are no direct Equity, Diversity & Inclusion considerations arising from this covering report.

8.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

- 8.1 There are no direct climate change and environmental considerations arising from this covering report.

9.0 Communication Considerations

- 9.1 There are no direct communication considerations arising from this covering report.

Report sign off:

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