

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

CABINET

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Background Paper 2

Meanwhile Use in Brent Council

Recently founded by Brent Council (Regeneration and Major Projects) and Locality, the Meanwhile Foundation is an independent charity that promotes the temporary use of vacant property and land for community based projects and start ups.

Through the promotion of “meanwhile” uses, the number of vacant premises is reduced, and this can in turn lead to further business investment in the area, generating positive impacts on high streets.

Successful meanwhile projects have already been developed in South Kilburn, Wembley and Willesden Green. Having charitable status, the Foundation can take on the leases and the running of buildings, benefiting from the 80% rates relief (the Council can choose to cover the remaining 20%). The scheme effectively relieves both the Council from the responsibility to manage sub-tenancies and landlords from paying the maintenance costs of redundant properties.