

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Council of the LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET will be held on TUESDAY the 17th day of MAY 2005 at 7.00 o'clock in the evening, at the Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 and all the members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend.

The business to be transacted at the meeting is as follows:-

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| 1. To offer prayer | |
| 2. To elect the Mayor (Report of the Democratic Services Manager) | 1 |
| 3. To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the London Borough Council held on 12 April 2005 | 2 -50 |
| 4. To receive apologies for absence | |
| 5. To receive Official Announcements | |
| 6. To elect the Leader of the Council | |
| 7. To appoint the Leader and nine other members to the Cabinet, and decide whether to appoint one of them to be Deputy Leader. | |
| 8. To note the appointment as the Leader of the Opposition of the Leader of the largest political group other than the group of which the Leader of the Council is a member. | |
| 9. To appoint the standing committees, overview and scrutiny committees, and the Standards Committee, and a Chairman and Vice-Chairman (if desired) for each. (The views of the Special Committee (Constitution Review) dated 11 May, 2005 which are included in Item 1 of the report of the Democratic Services Manager refer) | To be circulated separately |
| 10. Report of the Leader of the Council – Delegation of Executive Functions | To be circulated separately |
| 11. To approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the Municipal Year 2005/2006 as follows:
Ordinary meetings of the Council at 7pm | |
| (a) 28 June, 2005 | |
| (b) 13 September, 2005 | |
| (c) 8 November, 2005 | |

- (d) 20 December, 2005
 - (e) 31 January, 2006
 - (f) 7 March, 2006 (*including Mayoralty nomination and Council tax)
 - (g) 11 April, 2006
 - (h) 16 May, 2006 (*Annual Meeting)
12. Appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies School Governing (Items 13.4.2 (ii) and 13.4.2 (vi) of the attached report of the Democratic Services Manager
 13. To consider any other business dealt with in Part 6 at an Ordinary Council meeting, as follows: (40 minutes)
 - 13.1 Reports from Cabinet
 - 13.2 Reports from Overview and Scrutiny Committees
 - 13.3 Reports from other council committees
 - 13.4 Reports of officers.
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 2. Report of the Democratic Services Manager
 - (i) Political balance calculation and allocation of seats on committees, etc. Item to be circulated separately
 - (ii) Appointment or nomination of representatives to Outside Bodies 52 - 97
 - (iii) Representation of the Council on the Artsdepot Trust Ltd
 - (iv) Amendments to the Constitution
 - (v) Approval of revised calendar of meetings of Committees, Sub – Committees, Panels, forums, etc.
 - (vi) Vacancies on School Governing Bodies
 3. Report of the Monitoring Officer, if any

Democratic Services Manager

List of Background Papers

Any non-exempt reports of officers relating to the reports referred to in Agenda item 13 above.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should contact Janet Rawlings, telephone 020 8359 2156.

Town Hall
Hendon NW4 4BG
9 May, 2005

Annual Council Meeting

17 May 2005

AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

- (a) The Mayor is elected by the council from among the councillors.
- (b) The Mayor is elected annually and the election must be the first business transacted at the Annual Meeting of the council.
- (c) In the case of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to any other vote he or she may have.
- (d) The Mayor shall, unless he or she resigns or becomes disqualified, continue in office until his or her successor becomes entitled to act as Mayor; that is, until the new Mayor has taken the declaration of acceptance of office. In the present circumstances, the term of office will be until the Annual Meeting in 2006 which is expected to be on 16 May 2006.
- (f) Deputy Mayor

In accordance with paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Deputy Mayor is appointed by the Mayor from among the councillors.

JOHN MARR
Democratic Services Manager

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET held at
The Town Hall, Hendon, NW4, on Tuesday, 12 April, 2005

PRESENT:

- *The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Wendy Prentice)
- *The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Brian Coleman, AM, FRSA)

Councillors:

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| *Steve Blomer | *Arun Ghosh BSc BVSC AH | *Susette Palmer BA (Hons) |
| *Maureen Braun | Mphil CBIOL MIBIOL, | *Kanti Patel MEng, MCIOB |
| *Fiona Bulmer | MAPHV, MRSM | FFB, MCM |
| *Terry Burton | *Brian Gordon, LL.B | *Barry Rawlings |
| *Anita Campbell | *Eva Greenspan BA, LL.B | *Colin Rogers |
| *Wayne Casey BA (Hons) | *Christopher Harris | *Paul Rogers |
| MIIA | *Helena Hart | *Brian Salinger |
| *Danish Chopra | *Lynne Hillan | *Gill Sargeant |
| *Jack Cohen | *Sean Hooker, BA (Hons) | *Joan Scannell |
| *Melvin Cohen | *Daniel Hope | *Alan Schneiderman |
| *Katia David BSc, MBA, JP | *Anne Hutton | *Gerard Silverstone |
| *Jeremy Davies BA (Hons), | *Mark Langton | *Agnes Slocombe |
| CPFA | *Malcolm Lester FCCA | *Ansuya Sodha MBA (Middx) |
| *Peter Davis Ctext, FTI, | *Victor Lyon, BA (Hons) | DipM (CIM), Cert Ed |
| FCFI | *Kitty Lyons | *Susan Steinberg |
| *Aba Dunner MCIJ | *John Marshall | *Leslie Sussman, MBE |
| Kevin Edson | *Linda McFadyen | *Andreas Tambourides |
| *Olwen Evans ACIS | *Kath McGuirk | *Soon-Hoe Teh |
| *Claire Farrier | *David Mencer | *Jim Tierney |
| *Anthony Finn B.Sc (Econ) | *Alison Moore | Allan Turner |
| FCA | *Jazmin Naghar | *Phil Yeoman |
| *Mike Freer | *Robert Newton | *Zakia Zubairi |
| | *Matthew Offord | Vacancy |
| | *Monroe Palmer OBE FCA | |

*denotes Member present

193. WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR ZAKIA ZUBAIRI

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Zakia Zubairi as the new Member for Colindale Ward.

194. PRAYER (Agenda Item 1):

The Mayor's Chaplain offered prayer.

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2):

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Allan Turner, and from Councillors Phil Yeoman, Barry Rawlings, Colin Rogers and Kath McGuirk for lateness.

- 196. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2005 (Agenda Item 3):**
RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1 March 2005 be approved.
- 197. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda Item 4):**
A minute's silence was held to remember Lord James Callaghan and Pope John-Paul II who had passed away.
- 198. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION (Agenda Item 4a and 15.2.7)**
Moved by the Deputy Mayor, duly seconded and
RESOLVED –
- 1. That we, the Members of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet, hereby express to the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Wendy Prentice, our appreciation of the excellent service she has rendered to the London Borough of Barnet as its Mayor during the period May 2004 to May 2005 and for the friendly and conscientious way in which she has performed the duties of that office. We also note how ably supported she has been by her Escort, her husband Edward.**
We offer her our gratitude for the concern that she has shown at all times to promote the welfare of the London Borough and its residents, particularly, for her willingness to support the many organisations and individuals who called on her time and services during her year of office. We congratulate her on the success of her appeal for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.
We compliment her on the manner in which she represented the Borough and upheld the dignity of her office on all occasions.
 - 2. That the foregoing resolution be engrossed over the common seal of the Corporation and presented to the Worshipful the Mayor.**

The Mayor expressed her gratitude to the Council for passing the resolution.

- 199. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Agenda Item 5):**
Councillor Jack Cohen declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 15.2.2 (ii) as was a season ticket holder for Barnet Football Club.
- 200. QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS (Agenda Item 7):**
Questions were put to the Leader and the relevant Members of the Cabinet. Those questions, together with the original answers provided and the text of any supplementary questions and answers are set out in the Appendix to these minutes.
- 201. MEMBERS' MOTIONS (Agenda Item 8):**
The Mayor stated that, using her discretion under Rule 34.2, she would allow 20 minutes each for Motions 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 and then put the remaining Motions and Amendments to the vote without debate.
- 202. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**
Councillor Joan Scannell, duly seconded, moved that the order of business relating to the Motions be varied so that Motion 8.8 would be considered after Motion 8.2.
Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.
The Worshipful the Mayor confirmed that her ruling referred to in Minute 201 now applied to Motions 8.1, 8.2 and 8.8.

203. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR WAYNE CASEY (Agenda item 8.1)

Motion 8.1 in the name of Councillor Wayne Casey was moved.

An amendment in the name of Councillor Matthew Offord was moved. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment moved by Councillor Matthew Offord was declared carried. Ten Members demanded a division on voting. Upon being taken, the results of the division were declared as follows:

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent when vote taken
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Maureen Braun	Steve Blomer	The Mayor	Danish Chopra
Fiona Bulmer	Anita Campbell	Brian Coleman	Kevin Edson
Terry Burton	Wayne Casey		Paul Rogers
Melvin Cohen	Jack Cohen		Allan Turner
Katia David	Jeremy Davies		
Peter Davis	Claire Farrier		
Aba Dunner	Arun Ghosh		
Olwen Evans	Sean Hooker		
Anthony Finn	Anne Hutton		
Mike Freer	Mark Langton		
Brian Gordon	Kitty Lyons		
Eva Greenspan	Linda McFadyen		
Christopher Harris	Kath McGuirk		
Helena Hart	David Mencer		
Lynne Hillan	Alison Moore		
Daniel Hope	Monroe Palmer		
Malcolm Lester	Susette Palmer		
Victor Lyon	Barry Rawlings		
John Marshall	Colin Rogers		
Jazmin Naghar	Gill Sargeant		
Robert Newton	Alan Schneiderman		
Matthew Offord	Agnes Slocombe		
Kanti Patel	Ansuya Sodha		
Brian Salinger	Soon-Hoe Teh		
Joan Scannell	Jim Tierney		
Gerard Silverstone	Phil Yeoman		
Susan Steinberg	Zakia Zubairi		
Leslie Sussman			
Andreas Tambourides			

For 29
 Against 27
 Not Voting 2
 Absent 4
 Vacancy 1

The amendment was therefore declared carried.

Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED - Council reiterates its commitment to the provision of CCTV in Mill Hill Broadway and confirms the importance of good street lighting in the effective implementation of any CCTV scheme. Council also welcomes the first phase of its programme of additional cameras at High Barnet, Burnt Oak including Watling Park, Cricklewood, Friary Park, and the extra camera installed in Hendon. Council notes that this brings the total number of cameras in Barnet to over 80. Council resolves to implement the full CCTV programme in combination with next year's ambitious PFI street lighting scheme, both of which will assist in this administration's corporate priority of tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough.

204. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR LYNNE HILLAN (Agenda item 8.2 and 15.2.11)

Motion 8.2 in the name of Councillor Lynne Hillan was moved.

An amendment in the name of Councillor Sean Hooker was moved. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment moved by Councillor Sean Hooker was declared carried. Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – Council is appalled at the rise in Crime, particularly violent crime, both locally and nationally.

Council notes the increase in overall crimes in Barnet by 16 per cent, the highest in London, and the growth in violent crimes by 36 per cent over the past year.

Council also notes the statement by the Borough Commander that Barnet is no longer a “Safe” Borough

Council understands that, nationally, over 40 per cent of Police time is now spent on paperwork as opposed to catching criminals

Council however welcomes Barnet Council initiatives that have outlawed outdoor drinking in the town Centres of Finchley, Hendon and North Finchley.

Council further welcomes Barnet Council's implementation of CCTV in at least one extra area per year.

Council understands that if more Police time could be spent on the streets, then their presence, coupled with Barnet Council's anti-Crime initiatives would cut disorder.

Council urges Cabinet to support the Borough Commander in his efforts to get more Police for Barnet and to press for these Officers to work on the front line to cut the crime blighting this Borough, instead of being tied to their desks with red tape and paperwork that helps no-one.

205. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR DANIEL HOPE (Agenda item 8.8)

Motion 8.8 in the name of Councillor Daniel Hope was moved with an amendment also moved by Councillor Daniel Hope.

Amendments in the name of Councillor Monroe Palmer and Councillor Colin Rogers were moved. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote, the amendments moved by Councillor Monroe Palmer and Councillor Colin Rogers were declared lost. The substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

Council notes that Mobile Phone Masts are being erected in Barnet.

Council notes the Government made £22.5 billion from the sale of 3G Licenses in 2000.

Council notes PPG 8, which effectively prohibits planning authorities from considering health concerns.

Council notes Conservative party proposals that would allow local people to have their say over the erection of masts, by making sure that these require full Planning Permission, and allow healthcare concerns to be taken into account.

Council resolves to support such plans.

206. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MONROE PALMER (Agenda Item 8.3)

Motion 8.3 in the name of Councillor Monroe Palmer was put to the vote without debate and the motion was lost.

207. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR KATH MCGUIRK (Agenda Item 8.4 and 15.2.1a)

Motion 8.4 in the name of Councillor Kath McGuirk and an amendment in the name of Councillor Danish Chopra were put to the vote without debate. The amendment and the substantive the motion were declared lost.

208. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ALAN SCHNEIDERMAN (Agenda Item 8. and 15.2.1b)

Motion 8.5 in the name of Councillor Alan Schneiderman and an amendment in the name of Councillor Claire Farrier were put to the vote without debate. The amendment and the substantive motion were declared lost.

209. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MONROE PALMER (Agenda Item 8.6)

Motion 8.6 in the name of Councillor Monroe Palmer was put to the vote without debate and the motion was lost.

210. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR GILL SARGEANT (Agenda Item 8.7)

Motion 8.7 in the name of Councillor Gill Sargeant was put to the vote without debate and the motion was lost.

211. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

In accordance with the Agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 9.03pm.

212. ADMINISTRATION POLICY ITEM (Agenda Item 9.1)

Councillor Fiona Bulmer proposed the item and moved that it be adopted. An amendment in the name of Councillor Linda McFadyen was moved. Debate ensued. Upon being to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor Linda McFadyen was declared lost. Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – Council notes the superbug MRSA, which every year kills as many as 5,000 people who are admitted to hospital.

Council is dismayed that figures just released show local Barnet General and Chase Farm NHS trust to have the highest infection rate in the UK. This is even worse than last year's result, when the hospital trust had the fourth worst rate in the country. We believe this situation cannot be allowed to continue and urgent action is needed.

Council notes the government's obsession with targets and form filling; we believe this has created a bloated bureaucracy that is undermining patient care nationally and in Barnet in particular.

Council believes our residents deserve the best possible levels of healthcare. We believe this involves cutting back on bureaucracy, investing in technology to keep wards clean, focusing on clinical priorities, and allowing doctors and nurses to use their own professional judgement.

Council notes Conservative policy to reduce wasteful bureaucracy and invest in NHS frontline staff to clean up hospitals. Council calls on Cabinet to encourage the Primary Care Trust (PCT) to support such moves to reduce MRSA in our hospitals. We understand that this can be the only way to ensure that the health of Barnet's residents can be protected should they be admitted to hospital.

213. OPPOSITION POLICY ITEM (Agenda Item 9.2, 15.2.9 and 15.2.11)

Councillor Sean Hooker proposed the item and moved that it be adopted. Amendments in the name of Councillor Susette Palmer, Councillor Matthew Offord and Councillor Jeremy Davies were moved. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment moved by Councillor Susette Palmer was declared lost. The amendments moved by Councillor Matthew Offord and Councillor Jeremy Davies were declared carried. The substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED - That this Council notes:

The environmental initiatives and actions produced by this administration since 2002 including:

Energy Efficiency

- **Barnet Homes ongoing programme of enhancements to the housing stock, including a range of energy efficiency improvements that will ensure that new homes built as a result of regeneration programmes will usually exceed those they replace in terms of their energy efficiency, reducing CO₂ emissions and residents' fuel bills.**
- **The 2.5% improvement in energy efficiency across all housing types in Barnet, equivalent to a reduction in CO₂ emissions of 17,953 tonnes**
- **Energy Efficiency measures incorporated into the Council's property assets including: Building Energy Management Systems to control the heating in larger buildings, installation of commercial condensing boilers in larger buildings, and Combined Heat and Power in main swimming pools.**
- **20 Council sites supplied with green energy together with the whole of the street lighting portfolio.**
- **Council parking meters powered by solar panels.**
- **This administration's creation of an Energy Efficiency Advisor, focussing on Council and social housing tenants and reducing fuel poverty.**
- **Barnet's active engagement in the Warm Front scheme, the Energy Action Partnership and the Home Repairs Assistance (HRA) grants for energy efficiency improvements.**
- **An energy advice line providing general energy efficiency advice and signposting for sources of grant funding and discounts on energy efficiency measures.**
- **The distribution of 1000 energy efficient light-bulbs to vulnerable households throughout Barnet.**

Renewable Energy

- **School talks on renewable energy and energy efficiency delivered by the Council's Waste & Sustainability Team, as part of a wider environmental educational programme.**
- **The installation of a number of solar thermal panels installed in schools and the successful application of grants under the Clear Skies initiative.**
- **The harvesting of rain water into one school to date.**
- **The success of our bid for funding for a solar panel (photovoltaic panels generating electricity) for St James school, Colindale.**

- The work between the Waste & Sustainability Team, Education Service Architects and REAL to integrate renewable energy into major programmes for school rebuilding works.
- The training event on renewable energy and energy efficiency for planning and other relevant council and Barnet Homes staff in March 2005.

Recycling

- The 8 percent recycling rate achieved under the last administration in 2002 and the 20 percent recycling rate achieved now.
- The successful compulsory recycling pilot, covering 21,000 households, that achieved a recycling increase of 18 percent.
- The comprehensive publicity campaign that has been underway since summer 2003 to promote recycling services.
- An outreach letter sent to 320 Community Groups, Residents' Associations, Faith and Ethnic Groups requesting that they circulate leaflets, display posters and include articles on recycling in their newsletters to reach specific audiences.
- Articles agreed for inclusion in 26 newsletters to date, reaching over 14,000 households.
- Recycling Service displays held at 40 community events, festivals and libraries since January 2004.
- The Schools Recycling Service which provides a free recycling collection service for paper, cans and glass and the participation rate of 88% of Barnet's schools.
- Work is continuing to involve those schools who have yet to make use of the service.
- Barnet Schools Recycling Challenge, designed to increase recycling at school and at home.
- Cycler the rapping robot who visited 2000 school children in Barnet in 2004 and 2005.
- Approximately 25 schools actively working on Barnet Environmental Action for Real in Schools (BEARS) projects.
- The successful BEARS conference held in July 2003 which was attended by over 100 children from 8 schools attended.
- Over 600 school pupils from all over Barnet who learnt more about recycling and sent in their designs and ideas for a recycling poster in a Schools Recycling Poster Competition.
- The setting up of white paper recycling at North London Business Park on 9 April 2004.
- A Waste Audit of Hendon Town Hall carried out with Waste Watch Business Network and facilities managers at the Town Hall to identify areas where the council can improve its own environmental performance.
- A survey by Friends of the Earth published in March 2004 that assessed the quality of kerbside recycling services provided by all English local authorities, in terms of the proportion of households served, the range of materials collected and the frequency of collections. Barnet was ranked the 4th best doorstep collection service in England and the only London Borough in the top ten.

Council recognises the important environmental work on-going within the London Borough of Barnet, this administration's commitment to the environment and resolves to thank its staff for the work they do and further seeks that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport establishes a dialogue with the Carbon Trust in order to establish an environmental audit to assist in the reduction of carbon emissions through the council's work, housing, property and vehicle fleets.

Council requests Cabinet to refer the matter to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

214. COMMENTS ON THE WORK OF THE CABINET (Agenda item 10 and 15.2.10)

Councillor Kath McGuirk commented

I know this might seem a bit repetitive. This is the fifth time in eighteen months I have brought this up in the Council Chamber. It is an important issue, but I think we need to move this issue forward, not backwards, and I hope Councillor Offord is not going to recycle his many speeches and mention, you did not put in the budget, the green ways and compulsory recycling. But I would like to point out to Councillor Offord that the Tories in the past voted against the kerbside recycling. And now a lot of the issues you mentioned in your amendment to the last item were actually initiatives of the former Labour and Lib Dem Administration. And the working schools was actually promoted by the former Councillor Pauline Coakley-Webb so I think it is very hard and a bit mean of you to actually try and claim credit for all this. But let's be honest. This is an important issue for local residents. As I was taking a leisurely stroll through the Garden Suburb this morning, for what reason I do not know, I saw many empty recycling boxes but not totally empty. Many of them still had cardboard in them. So it is clear that residents either believe or want to recycle cardboard within the kerbside collection. The compulsory scheme is all very well but expanding the service to allow residents to recycle plastics and cardboards is the best way of increasing recycling so that people are enthused about it. It is about promoting and enabling people to do what they want.

This Council would then smash its target of 30% recycling of waste easily. All right, it is not cheap. There have been lots of cheap things going on in this Chamber tonight but it is an investment to the future. A Labour Council in Barnet would take this matter forward. We simply have no time to waste. I hope tonight we can get a commitment from Councillor Offord that he will work with his senior officers who have done a splendid job on waste minimisation and promoting recycling in this borough to date. But I hope he can take it forward and there will be an investigation and investment in looking to bring in cardboard and plastic to the kerbside recycling collection.

Councillor Matthew Offord responded

I think that Councillor McGuirk's question demonstrates that Barnet's Labour Group has abandoned trying to achieve a 30% recycling target. I will not do that.

Councillor Gill Sargeant commented:

Thank you very much, and I welcome that I have only got a minute because I think everybody would be asleep beyond one minute, even though I think this is an extremely important issue. It is difficult to check that everybody was still awake.

The key point I wanted to make is what I have to say about the Grahame Park regeneration in fact affects all the regeneration estates in Barnet. The Labour Group supports the regeneration of the Grahame Park Estate but we are concerned about how far it progresses and as quickly as possible, but can I just say, as our support is conditional upon solutions being found to the outstanding problems that must be addressed.

At the Planning meeting, the Labour Committee Members won a public commitment that the plans would change as the detailed planning was undertaken, and most important of these is that the need for the Council to get to grips with improving the local infrastructure.

I am afraid we on this side are very uncertain to the extent at which the local infrastructure will be improved. I had a question earlier about the SRB because at the end of the SRB there is no yet confirmed development on what is going to happen to the infrastructure and I am extremely worried that building these intense estates with increasing numbers that we are just not going to get sufficient infrastructure and despite the lateness of the hour, I think this is an extremely important issue and we are very concerned about what is going to happen in the future.

Councillor Melvin Cohen responded:

Madam Mayor, I am equally concerned about infrastructure and how matters are governed by the Colindale Development Framework. This assesses the area-wide infrastructure requirements including schools, health facilities, open spaces and highways and transport.

The development scheme we provide, in many cases, enhances the infrastructure of Grahame Park, and associated Section 106 Agreements for the scheme and the adjoining East Camp Development will provide over £20million of new infrastructure invested in Colindale. And Choices for Grahame Park will be taking forward the improvements for the community in Grahame Park as part of the approved redevelopment scheme. And the Council's Housing Regeneration Service will be working closely with its partners and Choices to ensure appropriate infrastructure and housing provision.

And I would like to remind Councillor Sargeant about the Priority One bid for Opportunity Borough status that we have now got £12million, £9million for part of the bid and £3million from 106 contributions in connection with the Aerodrome Road bridge. We have got some £5million approximately of public transport and highways improvements. Education £5.5million. Library replacement £2.1million. Health Centre £1.8million. Nursery £1.2million. Welfare centre £2.1million. Log cabin and adventure playground £386,000. Housing Office £506,000. New Grahame Park open space £250,000. Open space maintenance £80,000, £80,000 employment and training. £1million!

Councillor Wayne Casey commented:

Thank you very much Madam Mayor.

Madam Mayor, the Cabinet Member gave an assurance in this Chamber that he would support any reasonable costs associated with the management plan for the sustainable conservation of Sheepwash Pond in Mill Hill. A management plan has been developed at the expense of the London Wildlife Trust and has been contributed to by members of the Mill Hill Preservation Society. I understand that this assurance has now been withdrawn.

If my understanding is correct and I hope it is not, would the Cabinet Member explain the basis for this decision? Either he disputes the costs associated with the management plan or he disputes the details of the plan itself. If he does neither then the costs are by definition reasonable and the only explanation is that he is now going back on his word which, knowing Councillor Offord, I am sure is not the case.

Councillor Matthew Offord responded:

Thank you Madam Mayor, I will rattle through this. It was not actually my word. It was the word of Council.

We are all very pleased to see a copy of the management plan five months after we agreed it and, as previously stated, I am happy for the Council to fund the removal of the terrapins at the cost identified. This initial funding was agreed immediately so that the Trust could deal with this issue without delay. However, I am not sure why the Trust are refusing to apply for this funding via the LA21 Grants Scheme which is for environmental improvements such as this.

It is important that Council money is accounted for correctly and that audit trails are in place. To this end, the Trust were asked to write a letter stating the amount requested and the reason so that the money can be released.

This would be the case whichever fund the money is taken from. The Council motion in September stated that should the Cabinet agree the Council will consider providing reasonable funding. Accepting the offer of funding for the terrapin removal does not exclude further funding of work in the plan. However, Council budgets are limited and I am aware that a figure of £5,000 for five years has been included in the management plan which I believe to be excessive. There are grants available from other sources for work such as this and I would like to see that these options are exhausted first.

215. STATUTORY COUNCIL BUSINESS (Agenda Items 12, 14 and 15)

In accordance with Procedure Rule 43, the Worshipful the Mayor allocated 17 minutes for Agenda Item 12, 17 minutes for Agenda Item 14 and six minutes for Agenda Item 15.

216. REPORT OF CABINET 29 MARCH 2005 (Agenda Item 12):

Councillor Victor Lyon moved reception and adoption of the Report of Cabinet dated 29 March, 2005 with the following recommendations:

**1. SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY 2005 – 2008 (Council 16/04/02)
(Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods & Community Safety – Agenda Item 7):**

(1) That Council approve the amended draft Safer Communities Strategy 2005-2008.

2. LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT 2004 AND THE PROMOTION OF A NINTH BILL (Council 26/10/04) (Report of the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Environment– Agenda Item 10):

(1) That the Resolution of this Council passed at a Meeting of the Council held on 26 October 2004 to promote a Bill in the present Session of Parliament, pursuant to which the Bill entitled “A Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London; and for related purposes”; “A Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London and upon Transport for London; and for related purposes” and “A Bill to provide for the prohibition of smoking in places of work in Greater London” have been deposited in Parliament, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

(2) That the Head of Committee advise the Association of London Government (ALG) accordingly.

Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED – That the Report of Cabinet dated 29 March 2005 be approved and adopted.

217. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL (CONSTITUTION REVIEW) COMMITTEE 6 APRIL 2005 (Agenda Item 14):

Councillor Victor Lyon moved reception and adoption of the Report of the Special (Constitution Review) Committee dated 6 April, 2005 with the following recommendations:

(1) That the changes to the sections/parts of the Constitution listed below and as set out in detail in Appendix A to the Report be approved:-

Article 9 – The Standards Committee

Article 12 – Table of Chief Officers

Article 14 – Finance Contracts, Land Disposal and Legal matters

Part 3 - Responsibility for Functions

Part 4, Section 3 – Panels and Consultative Bodies

Part 4, Section 4 – Public Participation

Financial Regulations –

▪ **Part 1 Financial Management**

▪ **Part 2 Financial Administration**

(2) **That:**

(i) **subject to the Cabinet Resources Committee agreeing to increase the Members' Allowances budget by £2,333, the number of members comprising the Licensing Panel of Chairman be increased to six and that membership be selected from the Licensing Committee;**

(ii) **the Council make the further appointment**

(iii) **the Cabinet Resources Committee, on 28 April, be requested to increase the Members' Allowances budget.**

(3) **That, with effect from the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Council:-**

(i) **the new Overview and Scrutiny structure comprise one Cabinet Overview and Overview Committee and five standing Overview and Scrutiny Committees, as follows, closely aligned to the Corporate Plan priorities:**

- **Resources, Performance and Partnerships**
- **First Class Education and Children**
- **Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development**
- **Supporting the Vulnerable in our Community**
- **Tackling Crime and Housing**

(ii) **the Terms of Reference for the new Overview and Scrutiny structure be as set out in Appendix B to this Report;**

(iii) **in relation to "call – in", a system of strengthened "specification of items for debate" which will involve members specifying written reasons for items they wish closely to scrutinise at the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved.**

(4) **That, with effect from the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Council, the introduction of a new, stand alone Audit Committee in the Council's Committee structure, with Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix C to this report be approved.**

(5) **That the Democratic Services Manager be instructed to make the appropriate changes to the Council's Constitution.**

Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED – That the Report of the Special (Constitution Review) Committee dated 6 April 2005 be approved and adopted.

218. COLINDALE BY-ELECTION - Report of the Chief Executive (Agenda Item 15.1):

The Chief Executive reported the results of the by-election in the Colindale Ward on 7 April 2005 and confirmed that Zakia Zubairi was elected as Councillor for that Ward.

219. REPORTS EXEMPTED FROM THE CALL-IN PROCESS (Agenda Item 15.2.2):

The Democratic Services Manager reported that, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Rules in the Council's Constitution, the Chairman of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee had considered the decisions detailed in the Democratic Services Manager's report, and had agreed that the decisions proposed were reasonable in the circumstances indicated and that they could be treated as matters of urgency and thus be exempted from the call-in requirements.

220. VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES (Report of the Democratic Services Manager - Agenda Item 15.2.3):

The Democratic Services Manager's report set out details of the appointments or nominations to be made.

Nominations in the names of Councillors Joan Scannell and Alison Moore were moved.

RESOLVED – That the following persons be appointed or nominated as the case may require to fill the vacancies referred to for the period indicated:

VACANCY REFERENCE	PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION	PERSON APPOINTED OR NOMINATED
P2.2	Barnet Hill JMI and Nursery School	Defer
VP33.1	Beis Yaacov Primary School	Defer
P.44.3	Broadfields Primary School	Defer
NP.46.2	Brookhill Nursery School	Ms Janet Renton
P.23.1	Brookland Infant and Brookland Junior Schools	Defer
P.10.3	Brunswick Park Primary School	Defer
P.29.1	Childs Hill School	Defer
P.11.1	Church Hill School	Defer
P.11.2	Church Hill School	Defer
P.14.3	Coppetts Wood Primary School	Ms M Mitchell
P.39.1	Courtland JMI School	Defer
P.41.1	Dollis Infant School	Defer
P.41.4	Dollis Infant School	Defer
Tba	Edgware Junior and Edgware Infant and Nursery Schools	Mr Keith Dyll
Tba	Edgware Junior and Edgware Infant and Nursery Schools	Mrs Barbara Sherling
Tba	Edgware Junior and Edgware Infant and Nursery Schools	Mr Vinay Sharma
Tba	Edgware Junior and Edgware Infant and Nursery Schools	Councillor Joan Scannell
P.45.2	Grasvenor Avenue Infant School	Defer
P.48.2	Hampden Way Nursery School	Defer
P.09.3	Monkfrith JMI School	Defer
SP.02.2	Northway School	Defer
SP.03.2	Oakleigh School	Defer
VP14.2	St Catherines RC JMI School	Defer
VP32.2	St Johns CE Primary, N11	Defer
VP.21a.1	St Johns NW4	Defer
VP.16.1	St Josephs RC Junior School	Defer
P.16.1	Summerside Primary School	Defer
P.33.1	The Hyde Primary School	Defer
P.50.4	The Orion Primary and Goldbeaters Primary Schools	Defer
P.1a.3	Underhill Infant School	Defer
P.27.3	Wessex Gardens Primary School	Defer
S.13.1	Whitefield School	Defer

221. REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES (Report of the Democratic Services Manager - Agenda Items 15.2.4 and 15.2.6):

The Democratic Services Manager's report set out details of the appointments or nominations to be made.

Upon nominations in the names of Councillors Joan Scannell and Alison Moore, it was

RESOLVED – That the following persons be appointed or nominated as the case may be to fill the vacancies referred to for the period indicated:

VACANCY REFERENCE	PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION	PERSON APPOINTED OR NOMINATED
1002	Almshouse Charities of Samuel Atkinson and Others	Defer
1167	Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute Council	Defer
9800	School Organisation Committee	Defer (Cllr Barry Rawlings unsuccessful)
1155a	Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education	Cllr Christopher Harris (Cllr Zakia Zubairi unsuccessful)

222. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS – PANEL OF LICENSING CHAIRMEN (Report of the Democratic Services Manager - Agenda item 15.2.8).

A nomination in the name of Councillor Susette Palmer was moved.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Susette Palmer be appointed to the Panel of Licensing Chairmen.

223. PART 7 OF THE COUNCIL’S CONSTITUTION: MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE CHARTS (Report of the Democratic Services Manager - Agenda item 15.2.12).

RESOLVED – That the Democratic Services Manager make the necessary amendments to the Council’s Constitution.

The meeting finished at 10.37pm

Council Questions to Cabinet Members
12 April 2005
Questions and Responses

Question No. 1**Councillor Olwen Evans**

Could the Cabinet member for Environment and Transport please comment on the improvements being made to roads in this Borough?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Repairing roads and pavements is one of the council's key priorities. During the last financial year 2004/05 the Council invested around £11 million, resurfacing a total of 268 roads – over 73 miles of the borough's total 419 mile road length.

This is one of the biggest road improvement programmes in London and has been made possible through the use of Prudential Borrowing. This has made a step change in road condition - that is on target to ensure that by 2007/2008 the backlog of road maintenance inherited from the past Liberal/Labour administration will be eliminated.

The improvement has also seen an overall reduction in the number of potholes being reported to the council's emergency service over recent months. The improvements have been achieved through efficient management systems and supported by effective technical processes.

Supplementary Question No. 1**Councillor Olwen Evans**

Thank you Madam Mayor

Can I ask Councillor Offord, how are the improvement schemes received by the public, have you had any reaction from them?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I have had many reactions Councillor Evans, but am sure she will be pleased to know that the Liberal Democrats in Chipping Barnet recently put out the leaflet, and in that leaflet they said how it was a waste of money resurfacing our roads, and I also understand a letter was actually sent to the Chipping Barnet Liberal Democrats asking them, which roads, were a waste of time resurfacing, so we can explain to the residents in those roads that Liberal Democrats would not have done that, pointing out the good work that we've done. I can tell Councillor Evans that the recent 2004 Annual Resident Survey shows that repairs, approval for repairs have gone up to 41% from 24%; that means it's been a remarkable 17% improvement from members of the public, much better than the London-wide average of 28%.

Question No. 2**Councillor Monroe Palmer**

Could the Cabinet member explain why no members of the Cabinet attended the joint meeting of Cabinet ICT and Performance & Best Value briefing session on 20th January? This meeting was billed as 'a forum for discussion around some of the key issues facing the authority'.

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

I originally accepted the invitation but on the day had an issue at work which delayed me meaning I could not get to the Town Hall in time.

Supplementary Question No. 2**Councillor Monroe Palmer**

Thank you for your answer Councillor Freer, but as Modernising Core Systems and Information Technology are so central to all aspects of Council's activities, do you not Councillor Freer think it strange that not one single Cabinet member turned up, I notice your reasons but not one single cabinet member turned up to a meeting, which was billed as a joint meeting of Cabinet ICT and Performance and Best Value Briefing Session, does that not, Councillor Freer, mean that you are not interested in democracy?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

No.

Question No. 3**Councillor David Mencer**

If the Council will re-open Edgware Library on Sundays to benefit those members of the Jewish community and others that are not able to use their local library at other times?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Edgware Library was opened on Sunday afternoons for the period of time that Hendon Library was closed for re-furbishment and so that customers who use Hendon on Sundays had an alternative library to use in that part of the borough along with Golders Green. When Hendon re-opened last October the temporary arrangement at Edgware ceased.

The resources available to the council are limited and it has been necessary in the current year to reduce opening hours and the Mobile Library fleet from two vehicles to one.

It is therefore not possible to consider extending Sunday opening to other libraries at present. Should it be possible in future to extend opening hours further, Sunday opening may be considered as part of the overall pattern of hours across the network of libraries?

In the meantime members of the Jewish community and others that are not able to use their local library at other times will be referred to the three libraries that offer this service, Hendon, Golders Green and Chipping Barnet.

Supplementary Question No. 3**Councillor David Mencer**

Can I tell the Cabinet Member that this answer comes as a considerable disappointment to many residents in my community? Many Jewish residents found the use of the Library on Sunday as a real boost in the arm because they cannot go there at other times at the weekend, so this is a real disappointment, so that, you know, is a long way of saying no. It also deprives a place for me to hold my surgery, which is a great loss to the people of Hale. The third thing of course, is that our local MP Andrew Dismore is campaigning on this issue and this just one more reason, just one more reason that Jewish residents, non-Jewish residents, Christians, Protestants, Catholics, Asian, where ever in the world they may come from are going to vote for Andrew Dismore when it comes to the election on the 5th May.

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Can I remind Councillor Mencer that he's a councillor he is not the MP yet for Hendon, yet dependent and if he thinks I'm going to make allowances for him to hold his surgeries at the Library then again he's mistaken. I'm sure Madam Mayor that Councillor Mencer doesn't want us to discriminate against other Faiths and communities and can I remind him that Hendon Library and Golders Green Libraries both are open on a Sunday, which is very, very near for your constituent.

Question No. 4**Councillor Robert Newton**

Is the Lead Member for Local Public Service Agreements confident that the Council will deliver on Local Public Service Agreement targets?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

We continue to make excellent progress on LPSAs and look forward to receiving the first tranche of reward monies in the near future. The Council's staff have worked extraordinarily hard to deliver these stretching targets. In particular our highways team who have delivered the best roads in London. We inherited a financial black hole and highways full of potholes. Our excellent work here has delivered remarkable improvements. The use of prudential borrowing has made a step change in the road condition. We are now turning our attention to the footway backlog inherited.

One area of concern is burglary and robberies where our partners in the metropolitan Police are responsible for delivering the target. Regrettably they have been unable to deliver the LPSA target. The target when set was challenged by our colleagues but the ODPM insisted. I am confident that when the Conservative Home Secretary delivers to extra Police to Barnet the rise in crime seen under this Government will be curtailed.

Supplementary Question No. 4**Councillor Robert Newton**

Would the Cabinet Member please join me in thanking the Council's Corporate Performance Office and all the other staff involved, for the excellent results to date?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

Madam Mayor, all of our staff who were involved in delivering these stretching targets need to be congratulated, not least the corporate performance office that monitor them rigidly to deliver the stretched targets and the money that will flow, and I would point out that members of the opposition who continually call for this department to be closed down are seriously misguided as these results show.

Question No. 5**Councillor Susette Palmer**

How many old people's homes are likely to lose the mobile service if one library is sold?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

13 homes will lose their service. These are Eaton Court, Hammers Lane [serves Cottage Homes], Hanover Court, Hertswood Court, Highwood Court, Homestead, Hyde Court, King's Lodge, Livingstone Court, Nazareth House, The Priory, Provincial House and Weston Court.

Supplementary Question No. 5**Councillor Susette Palmer**

Councillor David, what alternative provision are we making for people in Old Peoples' Homes who have lost the mobile library service?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

The home library service Councillor Palmer.

Question No. 6**Councillor Agnes Slocombe**

When will the Council take action against motorbikes and mopeds riding around in parks and disturbing residents – particularly around the children's play area in Cressingham Park Road - in the weekends, evenings and at half-term?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

As soon as the issue is brought to its attention. This is a widespread problem across the borough and indeed across the whole of London. The police are aware of this nuisance and do what they can to target offenders. Officers in the Street Enforcement Service will assist them in the preparation of evidence that can be used to secure an Anti-Social Behaviour Order – I can assure you that I will not hesitate for such action to be used around the children's play area in Cressingham Park Road and indeed any other areas in which it occurs.

Question No. 7**Councillor Brian Coleman**

How many pay and display machines have been out of action in the last 6 months and what have been the main causes and what is the average time taken to repair them?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

In the last six-month period for which figures are available (August 2004 to January 2005) 481 individual pay and display machines were out of action at some time. These faulty machines were identified from 3057 inspection requests, arising from the public, parking attendants or on-line reporting systems.

There can be many reasons for machines failing but the more common problems are coins found to be jammed together, which in some cases is deliberate and in others is a result of the machine needing to accept a wide variety of coin sizes leading to thin coins jamming together if they are inserted in rapid succession. Other key issues have related to the ability of the solar cells to keep the accumulator sufficiently charged leading to power failure. A significant problem in some machines being unserviceable for extended periods is that some 50 attacks have taken place - all targeted at a weakness identified in a particular machine. The nature of the attack, which combines force and power tools, is to render the machines unusable and repair with the same components is demonstrated to result in further attack and theft.

The average time to return a machine to service was 1.8 days but the full break down is as follows:

- 1671 were returned to service by a company engineer within 2 working days of the defect report
- 63 in 3 days
- 40 in 4 days
- 30 in 5 days
- 54 in 6 or more days.

Supplementary Question No. 7**Councillor Brian Coleman**

Can the Cabinet Member assure me that he is making all efforts to improve these not particularly good figures, and will he ask his officers to look at the papers when the contract for the supply of parking metres was originally awarded, and perhaps re-examine that contract, and perhaps reverse the decision that I made wrongly under extreme pressure from the officers over the suppliers?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I hope this is the only time that I will actually ever be speechless in the Chamber. Of course, we will certainly look at that and I will discuss that with the officers.

Question No. 8**Councillor Susette Palmer**

How many schools are likely to lose the mobile service if one mobile is sold?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Three schools will lose their service though this needs some refining.

Moss Hall School will lose its service entirely.

Joel Nursery (a pre-school establishment) will lose its service entirely.

Clitterhouse Infant School and Clitterhouse Junior School are very busy sites and are currently visited weekly; the intention is that they would each be visited fortnightly under the proposed new timetable.

Supplementary Question No. 8**Councillor Susette Palmer**

With the renewed worry about children learning to read, can I ask what alternative provision we are able to make for these schools that have lost the mobile library service. I'm particularly concerned about Clitterhouse, which is a small school and which is quite a long way from any fixed library.

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Thank you Madam Mayor

Clitterhouse School, if you read the answer Councillor Palmer says it will have a visit but it will be every two weeks.

Question No. 9**Councillor Gill Sargeant**

Could the Cabinet Member confirm when the football pitch on Grahame Park will be opened?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

I have received confirmation that the expected date for which the community can start using the facility will now be 18 April, 2005.

This will allow for the clerk of the works to prepare his report regarding the various 'snagging issues' with the facility and then give time to the contractor to deal with matters. The electricity sub station has been put in place and the building is in the process of being made available for the community to use.

Time will be set aside for the Leisure Services and school based staff to receive the necessary and appropriate training in order to manage the facility as best and as safely as possible.

St James School has been informed that the facility will be available from Monday 18 April and they have already delivered their programme to the Leisure Services which indicates that they will be using the facility from 9.00am – 3.15pm each school day.

Question No. 10**Councillor Brian Coleman**

Could the Cabinet member outline the action he has taken following the information that the Warden Housing Association property in Parklea Close that suffered a serious fire in January did not have a smoke alarm fitted?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

In the light of the fire in Parklea Close, Councillor Coleman (as GLA member for Barnet and Camden and vice chairman of the LFEPA) and I wrote to the Chief Executives of all the RSL's operating in the Borough, making them aware of the fire and of the need to ensure that all had fitted smoke detecting equipment in their premises.

Whilst some replies are still outstanding, most have responded positively and confirmed that they have either fitted alarms or have programmes that will ensure that all are fitted in the near future. Barnet Homes have also confirmed that the programme of installing alarms in properties that the Council own and that they manage has been completed. There are still a small number of properties where they have not been able to obtain access and all of the tenants of those properties have been written to, in an attempt to re-arrange access or to ask the tenants to ensure that they have had one fitted themselves.

In addition Mark Brown from Hendon fire station attended the last meeting of the Housing Association Liaison Group to press the case for installation and to offer the services and advice of the Fire service to all the RSLs that operate in the Borough. I also attended that meeting specifically to reinforce the message that I believe is now getting home.

The Fire service are approaching all RSLs to get a named member of staff responsible for work in the area of fire safety.

A poster has been distributed to all RSLs in the borough, which advertises free home safety checks for all residents. This poster has also been displayed elsewhere across the Borough

We continue to work closely with the Fire service to deliver on our LPSA targets to reduce accidental dwelling fires and associated fire related injuries in the borough.

Supplementary Question No. 10

Councillor Brian Coleman

Madam Mayor, can I congratulate Councillor Salinger on his prompt and effective action on this matter. Can I also ask him if he will ask his officers to look at the issue of provision of domestic sprinklers in the massive regeneration schemes that we are proposing across the borough?

Answer by Councillor Salinger

I thank him for his comments and certainly I will look with officers, look at that in the light of advice available at the time.

Question No. 11

Councillor Susette Palmer

The RAF East Camp site has S106 money towards Library services of £250 000 - it is not mentioned if this is towards a new one or existing budget - to be called in by the council within 10 years. Is this likely to be spent on a new library or to enhance services at Grahame Park?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

The Grahame Park Section 106 agreement is to provide that Choices for Grahame Park Limited (Choices), subject to commencing the development permitted by the planning permission, will construct a new library at Grahame Park to cost no more than £1,272,000 (inclusive of fees, expenses and VAT). An additional contribution of £100,000 is to be made by Choices for furnishing and fitting out the new library.

The contribution of £250,000 required by the Council under the RAF East Camp Section 106 agreement is to be used to enhance the services at the new library at Grahame Park. The triggers for the payment of the RAF East Camp library contribution are:

- the identification of the specific use of the contribution by the Council (affording St George reasonable opportunity to comment)
- the giving of notice by the Council to St George that the new library construction at Grahame Park is about to commence.

The 10 year time frame within which the Council can serve the notice to St George requiring the £250,000 is to give sufficient flexibility to the Council, given the likely phasing of the construction of the new library at Grahame Park by Choices.

Question No. 12**Councillor Mark Langton**

Is the Cabinet Member aware of the exorbitant fines being demanded as clamping release fees on the High Street in Tally Ho in front of the Cherry Tree pub? What action can the Council take to remedy this situation and ensure unsuspecting residents are not fleeced?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

The Council has no regulatory control over the levels of any fees or charges applied by private companies on private land in connection with the immobilisation of vehicles.

Supplementary Question No. 12**Councillor Mark Langton**

The reply to question 27 is slightly more helpful. I accept it is always going to be the case that some people would try it on, by pretending not to have noticed the signs warning them not to park somewhere, but it is a question of the warnings and the approach being reasonable rather than a rip-off. Can the Cabinet member update us as to what progress is being made with the sites owners?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I can't give you any more information than I have at question 27, and I'm glad that you find that useful, but I will write to you in due course.

Question No. 13**Councillor Brian Coleman**

Has Councillor Salinger and his Officers examined the licensing policy of the London Borough of Wandsworth and the media comments of Councillor Edward Lister, the Leader and does he agree with Councillor Lister in his Opposition to 24 hour Licensing?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

I have read the Wandsworth policy but I do not agree with Councillor Lister.

My fundamental free market belief is that the 'market place' will determine if there is a future for 24-hour licences. To date the Council have not had any applications for 24 hour licences and indeed when the government gave the go ahead for 24 hour drinking over the last two 'new year' celebrations, not a single drinking establishment in Barnet took up the option. I do not anticipate that any pub in Barnet will in fact apply for such a permanent licence, but if any applications are received they will have to be determined by a panel of the licensing committee.

Supplementary Question No. 13**Councillor Brian Coleman**

Well I'm certainly disappointed Madam Mayor to be honest, in Councillor Salinger's answer. Councillor Langton has just referred to a notorious pub in North Finchley, which has since been closed down for rowdy and drunken behaviour. Would Councillor Salinger agree with me that 24-hour licensing will do nothing to improve the Law and Order situation in this Borough?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

Can I just reiterate what I said in the reply. This is my personal view, but I believe that the free market will take care of such issues. That is borne out by the absence of any applications here, as far as I understand it. The pub that closed in Tally Ho may have had problems with rowdiness but the reason it closed was because the owners decided to close it.

Question No. 14**Councillor Susette Palmer**

Does the Cabinet member intend to stagger lunchtime closing hours on different days so that someone working in an area has a chance of using the library service in their lunch hour?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

The closure of small libraries for lunch is not new, and most libraries do not close for lunch. Eleven of the sixteen libraries are open over the full lunch period. Of the smaller community libraries, Osidge and Burnt Oak remain open over the lunch period. The town centre libraries in Edgware, Mill Hill, Church End, North and East Finchley, Golders Green and East Barnet and the two large area libraries at Hendon and Chipping Barnet are also open. There is therefore the opportunity to visit a library between one and two at all these sites as an alternative to a library that is closed between one and two. The libraries that close for lunch are not close to each other, the nearest being South Friern, for which the nearest alternative would be East Finchley, and Friern Barnet for which the nearest alternative would be North Finchley.

Supplementary Question No. 14

Councillor Susette Palmer

Should more money become more available, I hope that the Cabinet member would be prepared to reconsider this lunch hour closing? It just so happens that my ward Library is one of the ones which is shut in the lunch hour, and it is difficult for some of the students and people that work there because there is no where for them to go during that hour.

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Yes, should money come our way, which is very unlikely, but should money come our way, I assure Councillor Palmer that I will be looking into it further.

Question No. 15

Councillor Anita Campbell

If Barnet Football Club are promoted will the Council hold a Civic Reception to recognise this achievement?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

I am sure I join with all members of Council in Congratulating Barnet Football Club on their likely promotion. The matter of a Civic Reception is for the Mayor to decide, but I would remind Members that on the last occasion they were promoted I was Mayor and I provided the Club with a Civic Reception.

Supplementary Question No. 15

Councillor Anita Campbell

Madam Mayor.

Would the Council Leader join me in congratulating Barnet Football Club and their supporters, now that they have secured promotion to the Football League? Will he also join me and Councillor Sean Hooker so that we can all three parties call upon the Mayor to hold out the hand of friendship for the Club by holding a Civic Reception and an open bus top parade, and what is he going to do to ensure the club is not expelled from the league in three years time?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

I thank Councillor Anita Campbell for what she said and also for her supplementary. She will know, unless, perhaps she's forgotten that as well as she seemed to do when she was Mayor, of the various initiatives that we been taking to make sure that there is a long-term future for the Club.

Question No. 16

Councillor Brian Gordon

A resident of my Ward recently received a parking ticket for the very short time that she was obtaining change from a shop to put into a pay and display machine. Isn't this very unfair?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Based on different interpretations of what is considered a "very short time" I find that I cannot give you a qualified answer. However, you might be interested to know that the Conservative Party has recently announced plans that would bring relief for many motorists, including your resident, by introducing a standard five-minute grace period in some restricted parking zones. I hope you agree with me that this would allow motorists to get change for meters in the knowledge that they would not be ticketed for doing so, as both motorists and wardens would be aware that a "very short time" would mean five minutes.

Supplementary Question No. 16

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Offord, I am indeed pleased to note that our party is intending to increase the period for motorists to put their money in the Pay and Display machines. Would you endorse my view, that Controlled Parking Zones are designed to ease traffic flow and make parking fairer rather than to be a device for traffic wardens to lie in wait and pounce on motorists.

Would you also join with me in condemning the Labour party, the Labour party for its nasty anti-car policies?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Yes.

Question No. 17

Councillor Wayne Casey

What efforts is the LEA making to support Copthall School in its opposition to the extension of the existing mobile 'phone mast on its premises?

Answer by Councillor John Marshall

As Councillor Casey knows the Labour Government has made it very difficult for the Council successfully to oppose the installation of mobile phone masts. However we have had some successes including several in the Hampstead Garden Suburb Ward.

Currently the Valuer is holding discussions which are aimed at stopping the upgrade of the existing 02 mast and looking to its relocation away from the school. This Council is being fully supportive of the wishes of the school and parents. I only wish the government had been too. Another reason for change on May 5th. I hope that Councillor Casey will congratulate the Council on this positive development.

Supplementary Question No. 17

Councillor Wayne Casey

Thank you very much Madam Mayor.

I do welcome the Cabinet member's assurance that the Council is supporting Copthall School in its opposition to the enhancement of this mobile telephone mast, but could the Cabinet member confirm something for me. Is it not the case that the legislation that governs the planning of mobile phone masts is largely the legislation, although not entirely, but largely the legislation left over from the last Conservative Government and was supported by him when he was the Member of Parliament for Hendon South?

Answer by Councillor John Marshall

Can I thank the honourable member for reminding me of better days, but can I point out to him that there's been a Labour Government for eight years. If they wanted to change the legislation, they could have done so, and their failure to do so is another reason for voting Conservative on the 5th May.

Question No. 18**Councillor Colin Rogers**

What was the cost of providing staff who work in the Fenella building with brand new desks in February, and why were new desks provided when staff themselves say there was nothing wrong with the old desks? Although staff were informed the old desks were going to be crushed, how many of these perfectly good desks were offered for re-use by local charities, offered to staff to have at home, or offered to furniture recycling projects and how many were re-used in this way?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

The Council does not apologise for seeking to provide a safe and comfortable working environment for its staff. An in-principle decision to take steps to enhance the poor conditions in which Benefits staff worked was taken when the service moved into Housing. The decision to make this investment in office furniture (desks, chairs and storage furniture) rather than other aspects of the working environment was the result of extensive discussion with staff. There were also Health and Safety considerations. A Health and Safety Officer from HR and a Unison representative had previously carried out a number of work station assessments. None of them complied with the required standards. The specific furniture ordered was also chosen in consultation with staff, Health and Safety and Occupational Health.

The previous desks were not "perfectly good". No-one knows exactly how old they were but many of them moved with the service to Fenella in 1987. Many of them were chipped, splintered or otherwise damaged. Only one member of staff (out of 93) insisted on keeping their old desk. Council tax staff were offered the opportunity to take over any that were in good condition but most had outlived their useful life.

Supplementary Question No. 18**Councillor Colin Rogers**

Thank you Madam Mayor.

The Cabinet member has dodged two or three questions, so we'll try again. I was interested in finding out what was the cost of the new furniture and how many desks were offered to re-use to local charities or furniture recycling projects?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Madam Mayor, when this question came in, I said to myself not because I'm cynical, but I thought this must have something to do with trees, you know, destroying more trees to make more desks and all the rest of it. But I think that they're totally confused on that side and a big bunch of hypocrites, hypocrites! We buy desks for our staff that they say they care for, rubbish! You don't care about the staff what a stupid question to ask. Why don't you ask some of your colleagues to give you some questions to ask Councillor Rogers if you don't know what to ask; yes, we bought desks for our staff because we value them, something that you just don't know what it means.

Question No. 19**Councillor Brian Gordon**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that he is sympathetic to the idea of a zebra crossing being placed in Hale Lane, Edgware, on the section between The Grove and Priory Field Drive? There are many elderly people and children who cross the road at that section and it can be extremely dangerous at busy times.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I am always sympathetic to road safety measures that protect elderly people and children at locations where they are needed.

The site on Hale Lane will be appraised as part of this year's Traffic Management Budget and reported to the 24th May meeting of the Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee for a decision.

Supplementary Question No. 19

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Offord, thank you for your confirmation that the matter of a possible new zebra crossing in the part of Hale Lane I was referring to, is being considered. Please would you be tempted to push ahead with this idea, with the knowledge that when you do put the new zebra crossing there, I should invite you down, to stand with me for a photograph and we will get lots more votes in Hale. Not that that should be the reason for doing it, but it is worth thinking about.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Thank you Councillor Gordon.

As I made clear, we do everything in terms of road safety for all road users. I, certainly, am quite happy with what you put down and I'm sure that the Area Environment Sub-Committee will come to the same conclusion.

Question No. 20

Councillor Sean Hooker

Given that our top local football club, Barnet FC have secured promotion to the Football League, will the Council be marking this momentous achievement with a traditional open top bus parade and a Civic Reception?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

It will be up to the Mayor to decide in what manner the Council might mark their likely promotion. I would refer Councillor Hooker to my earlier answer.

Supplementary Question No. 20

Councillor Sean Hooker

Thank you Madam Mayor.

I also would like to extend my congratulations to Barnet Football Club and I hope they will have a successful period in the Football League and go from strength to strength. I know that many other Councillors, Councillor Salinger who is a regular person there and Jack Cohen, and of course Terry Burton also are big fans of the Club. Now, I wouldn't usually ask this Councillor Lyon, but because of the disruption that was going on just a minute ago, I didn't quite hear your answer to Councillor Anita Campbell's question, so could you please repeat it, especially in the part about what you want to do with the club in terms of taking it forward, its future in the Borough?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

Yes.

The question was about an open top bus Madam Mayor, I thought, when I responded, I made it quite clear that not only I congratulated the Club and mentioned what I had done when I was Mayor, but also what the initiatives we have, and will be taking to try to secure the future of the club, which is what the supplementary question was.

Question No. 21

Councillor David Mencer

If the Cabinet Member could explain what action the Council is taking to ensure that Moat Mount Open Space and its car park are not the venue for anti-social behaviour during the evening and night?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

50m of the hedge along the A1 has been laid (a traditional form of management) reducing its height and opening up sight lines into the car park. A group of people from the Youth Referral team have also opened up sight lines along the paths through the site and vision lines through the site, opening up vistas from the paths.

Supplementary Question No. 21**Councillor David Mencer**

Thank you Madam Mayor.

Can I thank the Cabinet member for the answer he has given me, but the actions which have been taken have been of some considerable help, but again, they will cause a lot of disappointment to the manager of this excellent facility.

Does he know that a simple lock and key will solve this problem, a simple lock and key? Can you hear me, a simple lock and key will solve this problem, will stop the undesirable activities which are happening there, will stop young children, happening upon things which they shouldn't happen upon. And doesn't it also show a fair bit of hypocrisy from the Conservative side, who got quite a bit of publicity over activities happening on Hampstead Heath, but when this is happening here, in Hale, in my Ward, will do nothing about it.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Thank you for that supplementary.

I'm not quite sure exactly what kind of activities that you're referring to and you didn't actually ask that in your question. But in regard to locking of the gate, that is something that Councillor Gordon has asked me on many occasions, so he has actually jumped the boat on this one. But the problem with locking the gate there in particular, is that it has been tried in the past over the other side of the road and the gate has been super glued, the gate had been knocked off. Also the keys used to lock the gates, you are able to get them very easily from the local hardware store. But in addition, at that particular site, when I've driven past, you can look through the holes in the hedge and a lock and a key wouldn't do anything to prevent the problem you described, so I have considered that but I don't feel that it would be cost-effective to actually put a lock on that particularly gate at the site.

Question No. 22**Councillor Brian Gordon**

What efforts are being made by our Council to pressurise the Mayor of London to keep his excessive budget down, as far as it will impact on the Council Tax for 2005/6?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

Events have superseded Councillor Gordon's question. Our GLA Member and the Conservative Group on the GLA worked extremely hard to cut the Mayor of London's budget, but were unsuccessful, as a two-thirds majority of the Members is required. Although I am pleased that the Mayor's original budget came down to 5.5%, which added 0.71% to Barnet's precept, I am very surprised that the Government has not taken action itself because it threatened to cap any Authority which exceeded an increase of 5%.

Supplementary Question No. 22**Councillor Brian Gordon**

Councillor Lyon, do you not agree that we cannot separate Ken Livingstone's wasteful and irresponsible policies from those of the Labour Party and that the Government shall stand condemned for failing to clamp-down on the London Mayor's incompetent administration.

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

I can only suggest that possibly the Labour Party is extremely sorry at this stage, that they re-admitted him to membership.

Question No. 23

Councillor Agnes Slocombe

In light of the fact that learning mentors would undoubtedly have the support of all councillors as a positive contribution to the lives of some of our most vulnerable children for whom we are all responsible as corporate parents, what is the specific form of learning mentor for children living in care and when will this begin?

Answer by Councillor Christopher Harris

Councillor Slocombe, we have a variety of mentoring processes for LAC in place.

- All looked after children have a social worker and foster parent / residential kept worker who are trained and expected by us to prioritise their education which is after all one of the council's LPSA
- We have established (with Enfield and Barnardos) an independent Children's Rights service, which is available to support all of our LAC with any issues - including education. This service will (on request) provide individual children with their own 'advocates'
- The care plans and progress of all of our LAC are reviewed regularly by independent Reviewing Officers who we have required to pay particular attention to educational issues.
- Every school has a lead teacher for LAC
- If LAC need extra tuition or support we always provide it

And finally;

- There is of course our much publicised (most recently in the Independent) 'champions scheme'.

This has helped Barnet improve its care for LAC and resulted in external recognition and should also improve the life chances of Looked after Children.

Supplementary Question No. 23

Councillor Agnes Slocombe

Councillor Harris, I thank you for some of the facts that you given me, but you haven't given me the specific question I asked you. I asked you when it will begin; you never said or has it already begun, could you then provide me with the figures that will ensure the performance has improved and also have you got one-to-one mentoring? Thank you.

Answer by Councillor Christopher Harris

Councillor Slocombe, I'm very happy to provide you with up to date figures if I can write to you with those.

Certainly, all of this process has already begun, and yes, perhaps is a little bit about the definition of what you mean by the word mentoring. But I can assure you that every single young person who wants a tutor for one-to-one educational improvement, who is a looked after child in our care does get that tutor. I would also like to add that actually, just so that you are aware, in amongst our efforts to improve the educational attainment of these young people, which we see is very important for them for having decent life chances, we set up a very innovative scheme which the Chief Executive is himself part of, where many of our senior officers are tracking the educational achievement of these young people, that's at the moment for the GCSE year.

We are looking at expanding it to other years and we are also looking at bringing back young people who have achieved extremely well in the Borough. This is an idea I put forward and we are pursuing, for them to come and talk to existing looked after children to inspire them, so the people have gone on to Cambridge or other Universities, we want them to come back and talk to the looked after children so I do take what you say very seriously Councillor Slocombe. I hope we will see the improvement in the results and I will write to you with the current results that we have at the moment. Thank you.

Question No 24

Councillor Brian Gordon

Can more recycling boxes be supplied, free of charge (or larger boxes) to households with large families for whom one or two boxes are just not sufficient for all the items they are being required to place in them?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Yes, additional boxes and lids are provided for free to residents for recycling. If a resident wishes to order additional boxes and lids they should contact ECT on 020 8371 3670 or email barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk.

Supplementary Question No 24

Councillor Brian Gordon

Can the Cabinet member please ensure that the telephone numbers for the new recycling boxes run efficiently, the boxes are properly emptied at all times and that the lids are replaced on them by the refuse collectors, after collection, rather than being thrown all over the pavement as does occasionally happen.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

These are problems that we have been experiencing within the borough, but I would remind Councillor Gordon that this isn't actually a service that the local authority provides itself, but is performed on our behalf by ECT. I have spoken to the Head of Service about this and we are looking at performance indicators and recommendations that ECT actually comply with, in order to prevent the kind of issues that he has described.

Question No. 25

Councillor Gill Sargeant

When is the present date for signing the agreement with Choices for Grahame Park?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

No date has been fixed for the formal signing of a development agreement with Choices for Grahame Park.

Question No. 26

Councillor Brian Gordon

Would you not agree that keeping Barnet's Council Tax to an absolute minimum should be our overriding objective when setting our Budget?

Answer by Councillor Anthony Finn

I agree that it is essential that council tax should be kept as low as possible whilst striving to improve council services in a sound financial environment.

Supplementary Question No. 26

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Finn, would you accept the congratulations of this Council for achieving one of the lowest Council Tax increases in London, and would you join with me in urging the public to bear this in mind when voting in the Barnet Constituencies in the forthcoming general election?

Answer by Councillor Anthony Finn

This is a difficult question to answer Madam Mayor, but I accept the congratulations on behalf of the Cabinet and my group who have endorsed the actions I've taken, and as they say in the classics "I do with a little bit of help from my friends". We will continue to remind the public about it. We haven't got to tell them as are fully aware of what we are doing. They are fully aware of Conservative values and they are fully aware what they will be doing on May the 5th.

Question No. 27

Councillor Mark Langton

Is the Cabinet Member willing to consider the adoption of the area in question outside the Cherry Tree pub to end the profiting at the expense of residents?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

The area in question is not owned by the Council and I am not convinced that Council resources would be best employed in seeking its acquisition. In any event, there will be an enforcement issue irrespective of ownership and a more benign management process by the current owners, with more attention to providing drivers with better information, would probably give the result you seek and I have asked officers to pursue this.

Question No. 28

Councillor Brian Gordon

Could you please put in a request on behalf of the motorists of Barnet for all speed and bus lane cameras in the Borough to be turned off for a week in order to give drivers a temporary reprieve from this most despised and unfair form of motorist persecution?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I understand the sentiments you are trying to address but to do so would give a green light for all the 'boy racers' and abusive motorists such cameras were originally intended to identify. Over the past couple of years this Council has preferred to erect speed-actuated warning signs that encourage those drivers travelling at inappropriate speeds to slow down, thus achieving the desired outcome without making criminals out of motorists.

Most bus lane cameras are mounted inside individual buses under the direct control of Transport for London. Rather than switch off the cameras on the roads in Barnet the considered action is to evaluate the effectiveness of bus lanes and remove those where they make congestion worse, like we have done at East Finchley.

Supplementary Question No. 28

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Offord again, I hope you don't consider that I am a boy-racer, but I do confess, I have had more than my fair share of driving penalties and so have many equally responsible drivers who have had to advise, sometimes professionally and I'm not canvassing for that, on these issues. Do you not, I'm sure you will agree, that the obsessive use of cameras has, whether we like it or not, made criminals out of many motorists, to use your language, and has taken away the commonsense and human discretion which Police Officers were previously able to apply.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Thank you Councillor Gordon.

I think you are quite correct that speed cameras have been used in this fashion and is certainly not a way I wish them to be used. I think he should just think himself lucky that he doesn't actually live in North Wales where the Chief Inspector will crackdown on anyone going anything up to 1mph over the speed limit.

Question No. 29**Councillor David Mencer**

What guidance would the Cabinet Member give to my residents who have never had rats on their property before, but now report the infestation of their properties?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

The owners/occupiers of properties infested by rats are themselves responsible for taking action to control infestations. They may choose to treat the infestation themselves but if they do not feel competent to do this I would suggest they engage the services of one of the many professional pest control companies trading in the London area. The latest Barnet/Enfield edition of Yellow Pages carries 45 (forty five) 'box' adverts for companies offering such services and other companies have lineage adverts.

Residents should be aware that recurring problems with rats are commonly a sign of drainage defects and again the owner/occupier of properties will generally be responsible for ensuring that drainage on their property is properly maintained.

They should also ensure that food stuffs are not left lying around in the garden (even if intended for birds) as this encourages rats and enables them to feed.

Supplementary Question No. 29**Councillor David Mencer**

Can the Cabinet member maybe come clean and finally admit now that cancelling the Rat Catchers Service was the most absurd action, he could ever have possibly enacted in his time in this Council. It has come back to bite him, I'm sure that all of us are knocking on the doors, as we are knocking on the doors again and again, and again and again it comes up, the rat catchers, the rat catchers, the rat catchers. Does he not admit, that suggesting to residents of Barnet who have never had rats before, and suddenly are infested with them that they should look in the Yellow Pages, is preposterous. We are letting the people of this borough down and on May the 5th you will be reminded of it again.

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

It might be of interest to Councillor Mencer to know that this Borough was recently inspected by officers from DEFRA who are responsible for the whole question of enforcing the legislation that relates to Pest Control and they have at least verbally, and we are still awaiting for it in writing, confirmed that the actions that this Council takes to deal with pests and with rats in particular, meets the requirements of the Law.

To look in Yellow Pages when dealing with pest control is what most people have done in this borough, probably in the entire 40 years that this borough has been in existence. There are over 45 companies with box ads in yellow pages offering pest control services and it was only ever a small minority of the pest control work that was carried out in this borough that was ever done by Council officers. Now, I accept that there are, there is a growing problem of pest control but it is not one, frankly, that any Council can deal with. Every Council up and down this land is facing a problem. The one thing that we have not had which for many, many years used to do more than anything else to control the rat population in this country, was to have a long hard winter because that used to wipe out large proportions of the rat population and that we haven't had for some time. But to blame the Council for the growing rat population is frankly utter nonsense. People have got to learn that they are a nuisance and that there are measures that they can take around their own homes in terms of public health and public safety that they need to take for themselves.

The Council will carry out controls and baiting where it is on our land and we will make sure that it happens on other peoples' land, and as I said at the last Council meeting we are looking, we are still looking at the possibility of re-introducing a service, but it is going to have to be self-financing and it will be aimed at helping people who are owner/occupiers who genuinely cannot afford to pay for the service themselves.

Question No. 30

Councillor Brian Gordon

Would you please join with me in expressing concern regarding the possibility of a mobile telephone mast being erected at the northern end of Mowbray Road, Edgware, right next to a nursery school?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Yes, I share your concerns in the locating of mobile telephone masts in sensitive residential areas, particularly close to schools and nurseries. I believe that the (past) government has not done nearly enough to deal with genuine environmental and health concerns. It has not done nearly enough to allow councils such as Barnet to deal with the concerns of local people nor has it reacted quickly enough to the expansiveness and mast erecting fever of some of the mobile communications companies.

These masts pose a far more serious threat to the environment now than when planning policy concerning telecommunications was first drafted. Planning guidance should be substantially altered to provide a better balance between the environment and commercial concerns. Operators should have to justify the need for a new mast when environmental; health or safety concerns are raised.

Supplementary Question No. 30

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Offord, thank you for your helpful reply.

Could you join with me in expressing the hope that the electronic equipment, in question, will not be placed on the Mowbray Parade site? Numerous residents have contacted me and I know my colleagues, the Edgware Councillors, on this particular subject, and a letter from yourself to the Installation Company in question to back-off, I'm sure could be very effective. Is there any chance of such a letter, do you think?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Thank you Councillor Gordon

I don't really think it's my place to actually interfere within a democratic process that currently exists; I don't feel that my opinion would have much weight either. However, I do agree with your sentiments. Recently in my own ward we been persistently fighting an application for a mobile mast, and as soon as one is defeated then a second appears. I am particularly concerned with some of the comments that have been said tonight, that it was actually a Conservative government that introduced this legislation. It actually was, and that was fine, because the legislation was appropriate for the time, but since that period, the industry has moved on a great deal and we find now that these masts are appearing everywhere. As Councillor Marshall did actually point out, this Government has had eight years to address the problem, but they were too busy I realise, introducing student tuition fees and also imprisoning people without them going to a trial first, but I'm sure that the next Conservative government will address this issue and it will also allay your concerns.

Question No. 31**Councillor Agnes Slocombe**

Given the fact that the inclusion of plastics and cardboard is one of the most frequently requested issues raised by residents, and would allow the Council to build on the existing scheme and really increase our rates of recycling, when will the Council introduce the Labour Group's policy to include plastics and cardboard within the kerbside recycling scheme?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

It would not increase our rate of recycling but more likely reduce it, as the targets imposed on all councils are weight based. What you suggest would result in a lower weight of recyclables being collected and more frequent disposal journeys for the collection vehicles as these items, particularly cardboard, are more bulky making the collection less efficient.

And since when was it Labour Group policy? It was not included in the range of items for collection when the original contract with ECT was agreed under your administration and you failed to include the £4,940,250, costed by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee needed to introduce plastic and cardboard collections in your so called budget at the last council meeting.

Your question demonstrates that Barnet's Labour Group has abandoned trying to achieve a 30% recycling target. I will not do that.

Supplementary Question No. 31**Councillor Agnes Slocombe**

(tape inaudible) because there is so much waste of cardboard and plastic in the bins, if somebody is able to do something to use it, whereby the Council would thenthat's why I put the question, not that you won't do it, there has to be some time when somebody will have to look at what the other boroughs do, so what's wrong with this one. Thank you.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Other boroughs do actually do it, I think that Harrow does it but they won't be achieving their target. As you know, it is all about weight. Plastics and cardboard is bulky and it doesn't contain any weight. If we do that it will not be cost-effective and we will not reach the targets imposed upon this Council by the past Labour government, we've repeated this again and again in the Council Chamber. We do take plastics and cardboard at our Summers Lane Civic Amenity Site, residents can take it there.

Question No. 32**Councillor Brian Gordon**

The Leader will no doubt be aware that since the last Council Meeting the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone has once again made highly offensive remarks, by asking a Jewish newspaper journalist whether he was a "German war criminal" and accusing him of behaving like a "concentration camp guard". In view of Barnet's large Jewish community, the many other religious and racial minorities within the Borough, and the amount of money his office extorts from our tax-payers, could the Leader please write to the Mayor expressing his disgust at his continued arrogant and insensitive conduct, for which he invariably refuses to apologise?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

Councillor Gordon is of course correct that I am aware of the Mayor of London's remarks, as indeed is the whole country. I congratulate our GLA Member, Councillor Brian Coleman for the sterling work he did as Chairman of the GLA in attempting to make the Mayor apologise. I feel at this stage it would be pointless to write, as I believe Mr Livingstone must be well aware of the general revulsion his remarks caused. I can only hope that electors in Barnet where there is, of course, a large Jewish population, will remember what Mr Livingstone said, but doggedly refused to apologise.

Supplementary Question No. 32**Councillor Brian Gordon**

Leader, I will join with you in congratulating Councillor Coleman in his well-publicised condemnation of the Mayor for his refusal to apologise, however, I do think we must keep up the campaign against Livingstone's extremism and his offensive and dangerous tongue. Do you not think it essential, I'll ask you again in this context, that we do not allow the activities of Livingstone to be divorced from the Labour Party and that people should remember this when they vote on May the 5th. Livingstone is Labour.

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

Councillor Gordon, I entirely agree and I think that during, not only this campaign, but other campaigns, the residents of this borough will well remember those remarks but particularly the obstinate way, that the Mayor of London refused to apologise and I'm sure will take it into account when they decide how they are going to vote.

Question No. 33**Councillor David Mencer**

What action would the Council take against a supplier to the Council who raised the price of their service, yet at the same time reduced the quantity and quality of the service?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

Each case would be assessed on its merits.

Question No. 34**Councillor Aba Dunner**

Would the Cabinet member consider that a cafe/kiosk/meeting place would benefit the public in respect of Princes Park in the Golders Green Ward?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I believe that a café/kiosk would be a real asset for Princes Park as it would encourage more people to make use of the attractive space, introduce greater investment in the area and allow a 'full-time' presence that would deter vandalism and other anti-social behaviour from occurring. The Council has recently advertised for people to submit tenders to run such a café/kiosk in the Park.

Question No. 35**Councillor David Mencer**

If the Cabinet Member will list the amount paid by Barnet to Logica for each of the last five years and if he will list the amount budgeted to be paid to Logica for the next two years?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

Barnet has not had a contractual relationship with Logica for the majority of the last five years. Logica is a sub contract provider to the HBS partnership following the transfer of some IT services to Hyder Business Services under the previous administration. The amounts paid to Hyder Business Services are set out annually in the council's accounts.

Question No. 36**Councillor Aba Dunner**

Would the Cabinet member care to advise Council what progress has been made in relation to the collection of rents/licence fees in the Council's parks and open spaces.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

For many years there has not been effective management or collection in the rents and fees of many of the kiosks in our parks. Six months ago a dedicated member of staff was assigned to review all such leases and compile a backlog of those who have failed to pay rents due.

These have now been completed and identified some occupiers who entered properties several years ago without even signing a lease and continue in their occupation today without having paid a penny in rent. In addition, action has been taken to ensure the compliance of leases, some of which have been woefully ignored and the Council picking up the financial bill for repairs and renewals that were the responsibility of the leaseholders. There are still some outstanding issues that are being dealt with by the Councils' Property and Valuation officers and I will continue to make these a matter of priority.

Question No. 37

Councillor David Mencer

If the Cabinet Member will list (i) the amount of debt owed by Barnet for each of the last three years, (ii) the amount paid in interest on that debt during the same period, and (iii) the proportion of the Council Budget that is spent on interest?

Answer by Councillor Anthony Finn

Year	Total debt outstanding at 31.March	Interest Paid in year GF and HRA	Interest as proportion of Net Budget Requirement
	£'000	£'000	%
2001/02	39,012	5,408	1.8
2002/03	30,000	4,563	1.5
2003/04	0	3,401	1.0

The Council decided in March 2004 to restructure its long-term debt and as a result we were debt free as at 31 March 2004.

Question No. 38

Councillor Olwen Evans

Will the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport join me in thanking Barnet's Winter Maintenance Team? Does he agree that in the recent "big freeze" they did this Borough proud by ensuring all potentially slippery roads and pavements were comprehensively salted, and accidents therefore avoided?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

The recent cold spell lasted 17 days, from 19 February to 7 March 2005, and during all this time the Meteorological Office had a continuous red alert warning flag, indicating the expectation of snow or severe frost. During this period our gritting vehicles gritted the borough's network on a total of 25 occasions:

- 16 times the Council's seven primary, or Priority 1, routes,
- 7 times the seepage routes, (the Council's coldest network and/or with ground water problems) and
- 2 times the secondary routes, our Priority 2 and 3, routes). This is the majority of the Borough's network and takes nearly two days to complete.

In addition we carried out five precautionary grittings on footways in the borough that are heavily used and are on steep gradients. During this time we have spread some 2,000 tonnes of salt.

During this cold spell, the mean daytime temperature was only 5 degrees Celsius and this compares with an average temperature of 10 degrees during the same period over the last 10 years. This cold period has made this year's winter maintenance season the coldest in our records.

The total number of grittings for the whole season (from October) so far is 73 and this compares with our second highest in the last 15 years of 54, which was last year.

Our own staff in the Highways Maintenance section indeed “did this Borough proud” during the cold spell switching from their normal daytime highway repairs to looking after the Boroughs 416 miles of roads with a 3 shift system to cover all the fluctuations in weather conditions from rain, frost, ice, sleet and snow in each 24 hour period.

Each shift consisted of a winter maintenance controller, 8 drivers and a loader. During the busiest week there were 30 staff committed to gritting the roads, footways to stations and keeping grit bins topped up. In addition, Street Sweeping staff were switched to gritting Town Centres and Secondary Shopping parades during the worst weather conditions.

Question No. 39

Councillor David Mencer

What was the number of parking tickets issued by LBB parking attendants in:

2004/2005

2003/2004

2002/2003

2001/2002, and

2000/2001?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Year	Monthly output per Parking Attendant
2004/5	327
2003/4	360
2002/3	347
2001/2	349
2000/1	345

Question No. 40

Councillor Brian Gordon

Would the Cabinet Member for the Environment care to comment as to whether Barnet residents believe that the condition of roads and pavements has improved since this administration took office?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Residents’ surveys undertaken following works show that in overall terms 90% of residents welcome the improvements. Residents have frequently added their own compliments such as ‘The road was completed on time with the minimum disruption. The road was left in a very clean state. Well done and thanks to all’ or ‘It makes a great difference to the environment when the road and pavements are in good condition.’

This has been echoed by the recent 2004 annual resident’s survey. Early findings show the satisfaction rating for Road Repairs has gone from 24% to 41%, a remarkable 17% improvement, and compares extremely well with a London Average of 28%.

Question No. 41

Councillor Robert Newton

Would the Cabinet Member please advise, with regard to the 32,742 plus new residential units projected to be built in the Borough by 2016 (Answer to question No. 48 on 14 September 2004):

- a) The estimated cost of the infrastructure provision required to adequately support the projected development both within and outside the Borough, split between the different infrastructure providers.
- b) The proportion of the estimated expenditure that is the responsibility of the Borough and outside authorities/agencies respectively.
- c) What the estimated contribution towards the infrastructure costs from Section 106 Agreements will be.

Answer by Councillor Melvin Cohen

In response to points a, b and c, costs of infrastructure are assessed on either an area by area basis through development frameworks (e.g. Colindale & Cricklewood, Brent Cross, West Hendon) or through individual planning application and impact assessments, which ultimately result in Section 106 planning obligations and contributions towards infrastructure improvements. If the Member would like to be provided with copies of these planning Section 106 agreements, which set out individual section 106 infrastructure contributions, then the planning service will be happy to supply.

The housing provision anticipated in Barnet over the next 10 – 15 years involves many individual developments, which will be the subject of separate planning permissions. Each development will be the subject of infrastructure impact assessments. It is possible to monitor and find out by looking at Section 106 Heads of Agreement, contained within the individual reports to be planning committees. Unfortunately, it is not feasible to aggregate together historic data and anticipate the impact of future schemes in the manner that Councillor Newton sets out above. However, infrastructure assessments are to be drawn up for major regeneration schemes the details of which are to be set out in planning reports or area development frameworks. Infrastructure contributions from outside agencies, such as the PCT, Transport for London, ODPM are also assessed on an area or individual development approach. Until such schemes come forward it is not feasible to provide total estimates of external infrastructure costs. It should also be noted that considerable investment in the borough's infrastructure would be derived from private development and private investment.

Question No. 42

Councillor Robert Newton

Would the Cabinet Member please advise:

- a) How many London Boroughs have "opportunity borough" status, what the criteria are for inclusion and what it means for the Boroughs?
- b) How much funding is available for the Boroughs to bid for?
- c) Which other local authorities outside Greater London are eligible to bid for the same funding source.
- d) What are the rules for bidding and whether there are any restrictions on the number of successful bidders, projects or amount per project?
- e) What the timescale is for making bids and what the estimated cost to the Borough would be of joining in the bidding process.

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

I am pleased to reply that a total of £235m is being made available under the Growth Areas Fund over two years 2006/07 and 2007/08.

The fund is available to the three newest growth areas - Milton Keynes South Midlands; Ashford; and the London Stansted-Cambridge-Peterborough corridor; and to the four opportunity boroughs in London, Barnet, Barking & Dagenham, Brent and Islington.

Bidding guidance has been issued. This gives examples of types of projects that might attract support and these include:

Revenue: masterplanning and economic visioning.

Capital: affordable housing, highways and other infrastructure, land acquisition, employment and business development, access to and provision of greenspace, community facilities and transport improvements.

GoL have advised that they expect a maximum of two bids per opportunity borough. There is no express limit to the size of any bid although Revenue bids should be at least £50,000 and capital bids £250,000.

Bidding is a two stage process with initial Expressions of Interest to be submitted by 29 April 2005 and full formal proposals by 3 September 2005. There is no cost as such to join the bidding process over and above the staff time required to prepare the bids.

You will see that Barnet is only one of four London Boroughs to have been successful which reflects the excellent work being done by my Administration.

Question No. 43

Councillor Robert Newton

The Draft Colindale Development Framework (November 2003) states in Paragraph 5.5 that "LUL are concerned about the impact of additional passengers at Colindale on the Northern Line capacity.....LUL consider the line is at capacity through Central London and therefore a line capacity study is required".

Would the Cabinet Member please advise:

- a) Whether a line capacity study has been provided and, if so, with what result.
- b) What increase in line capacity will result from the re-signalling projected for 2011?
- c) Whether the increased capacity arising from the re-signalling will be sufficient to cope with the projected housing development in Colindale and other parts of the Borough of Barnet and in other Boroughs that are served by the Northern Line.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

TfL London Underground Ltd. have stated that the borough will benefit from the Northern Line Upgrade which will improve capacity by 23% by 2012. There is still some uncertainty as to what this will provide in terms of technical solutions. The train service through the central area will go up to around 25 trains per hour during the peaks, although exact timetables have not yet been determined for each branch. There are capacity issues in the central area specific to the Northern Line, however, this is where there are other line choices available with spare capacity.

Train frequency at peak movement periods will increase from 20 to a maximum of 24 trains per hour in the peak periods on each of the High Barnet and Edgware branches.

The envisaged improvements to the Underground service will help to meet the additional movement demands placed by an increased population. This will need to be complemented with increased movement capacity across all transport modes including buses, cycling and walking. Increased capacity will be achieved in an incremental manner and will naturally be focused around the regeneration areas where there will be greatest predicted increase in movements. Transport for London has a key role to play having a strategic transport planning role as well as being a major transport operator of both buses and Tube. They are uniquely placed to overview development trends and aspirations in north-west London and have due regard for events in other boroughs. A dialogue is on-going with them regarding the movement needs of Barnet up to 2016.

Question No. 44**Councillor Robert Newton**

I would refer the Cabinet Member to his predecessor's answers given to Council Policy Conference Questions 40, 42 and 44 on 13 February 2003 and Question 29 at the Council meeting on 13 January 2004 and should be pleased to learn:

- a) How many homes have been built in the Borough since 1997 on land formerly used for business purposes.
- b) What contribution well distributed local employment opportunities in the Borough can make to reducing the length of journeys to work.

Answer by Councillor Melvin Cohen

Point a)

The council will be monitoring as part of the Local Development Framework, employment related development and changes of use, including housing developments. This will form part of the Annual Monitoring Report to be submitted to Statutory Consultees and also returns to the Greater London Authority (GLA) as part of the London Development Database. The first AMR will be produced next year.

The adopted UDP policy (Policy EMP 1.1) is that the council will normally resist changes of use from land use generating employment to land uses which do not.

The revised UDP policy (EMP 1 and EMP 2) is to protect employment sites although outside the UDP's identified employment sites, permission may be granted if there is no realistic prospect of re-use, in which case mixed-use development is proposed.

The Planning Service has monitored the Revised UDP policies. None of the identified employment sites in the revised UDP have been redeveloped, apart from proposed residential development at Barnet Trading Estate, Hadley Manor and Bittacy Hill (Gas Works) Site. These total approximately 200 proposed residential units. There are approximately 100 units, which are in various stages of construction on Moon Lane, Lancaster Road and Henry Road.

The primary Industrial sites and business parks are as follows:-

From the table above no residential development has taken place on the sites listed below:

Mill Hill Industrial Estate
Garrick Industrial Estate
Bunns Lane Works
Connaught Business Park
Colindale Business Centre
Colindeep Technology Park
Granard Business Centre
Brunswick Industrial Estate
Finchley Industrial Estate
Falkland Road
Prickler Hill
Grenville Place

Industrial Business Park

Northern Telecom, Brunswick Park

Industrial Estates:

Barnet Trading Estate

Lancaster Road

Park Road, Barnet

Lancaster Road

New Barnet

Hadley Manor Trading Estate

Bunns Lane Works

Moxon Street, Barnet

Bunns Lane, Mill Hill

Bittacy Business Centre

Falkland Road

Bittacy Hill, Mill Hill East

High Barnet

Brunswick Industrial Estate

Queens Road

Brunswick Park Road, Brunswick Park

High Barnet

Mill Hill Industrial Estate

Pricklers Hill

Flower Lane, Mill Hill

High Barnet

Garrick Industrial Estate

Connaught Business Centre

Garrick Road, West Hendon

The Hyde

Finchley Industrial Estate

High Road, North Finchley

Business/Technology Parks:

Colindale Business Centre

Colindale Avenue

Colindeep Technology Park

Colindeep Lane

Grenville Place

The Hale

Granard Business Centre

Bunns Lane, Mill Hill

Point b)

The majority of people who work and live in Barnet do not work on identified employment sites. The largest employment sectors are in retail, hotel, catering, distribution, banking, insurance, finance, and public services and these jobs are mostly located in Barnet's town centres, schools, hospitals, local government offices and university campuses. A growing proportion work from home....approximately 10% according to the 2001 census. People living in Barnet contribute to London's role as a major world city and have jobs in the City and West End.

Employment uses are found throughout the borough and people can choose to live near where they work. This is not a simple equation because in some households different members will make journeys to work that may be in opposite directions, people move jobs and may not want to move home, or alternatively, may move home and not move jobs. For some people the choice of means to travel to work may be critical rather than the length of journey.

The 2001 census indicates that approximately 33% of Barnet residents travel to work or college by car. 25% travel by underground and 10% travel by bus. Approximately 7% walk or cycle.

**Council Questions to Cabinet Members
12 April 2005
Questions and Responses**

Question No. 1

Councillor Olwen Evans

Could the Cabinet member for Environment and Transport please comment on the improvements being made to roads in this Borough?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Repairing roads and pavements is one of the council's key priorities. During the last financial year 2004/05 the Council invested around £11 million, resurfacing a total of 268 roads – over 73 miles of the borough's total 419 mile road length.

This is one of the biggest road improvement programmes in London and has been made possible through the use of Prudential Borrowing. This has made a step change in road condition - that is on target to ensure that by 2007/2008 the backlog of road maintenance inherited from the past Liberal/Labour administration will be eliminated.

The improvement has also seen an overall reduction in the number of potholes being reported to the council's emergency service over recent months. The improvements have been achieved through efficient management systems and supported by effective technical processes.

Supplementary Question No. 1

Councillor Olwen Evans

Thank you Madam Mayor

Can I ask Councillor Offord, how are the improvement schemes received by the public, have you had any reaction from them?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I have had many reactions Councillor Evans, but am sure she will be pleased to know that the Liberal Democrats in Chipping Barnet recently put out the leaflet, and in that leaflet they said how it was a waste of money resurfacing our roads, and I also understand a letter was actually sent to the Chipping Barnet Liberal Democrats asking them, which roads, were a waste of time resurfacing, so we can explain to the residents in those roads that Liberal Democrats would not have done that, pointing out the good work that we've done. I can tell Councillor Evans that the recent 2004 Annual Resident Survey shows that repairs, approval for repairs have gone up to 41% from 24%; that means it's been a remarkable 17% improvement from members of the public, much better than the London-wide average of 28%.

Question No. 2**Councillor Monroe Palmer**

Could the Cabinet member explain why no members of the Cabinet attended the joint meeting of Cabinet ICT and Performance & Best Value briefing session on 20th January? This meeting was billed as 'a forum for discussion around some of the key issues facing the authority'.

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

I originally accepted the invitation but on the day had an issue at work which delayed me meaning I could not get to the Town Hall in time.

Supplementary Question No. 2**Councillor Monroe Palmer**

Thank you for your answer Councillor Freer, but as Modernising Core Systems and Information Technology are so central to all aspects of Council's activities, do you not Councillor Freer think it strange that not one single Cabinet member turned up, I notice your reasons but not one single cabinet member turned up to a meeting, which was billed as a joint meeting of Cabinet ICT and Performance and Best Value Briefing Session, does that not, Councillor Freer, mean that you are not interested in democracy?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

No.

Question No. 3**Councillor David Mencer**

If the Council will re-open Edgware Library on Sundays to benefit those members of the Jewish community and others that are not able to use their local library at other times?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Edgware Library was opened on Sunday afternoons for the period of time that Hendon Library was closed for re-furbishment and so that customers who use Hendon on Sundays had an alternative library to use in that part of the borough along with Golders Green. When Hendon re-opened last October the temporary arrangement at Edgware ceased.

The resources available to the council are limited and it has been necessary in the current year to reduce opening hours and the Mobile Library fleet from two vehicles to one.

It is therefore not possible to consider extending Sunday opening to other libraries at present. Should it be possible in future to extend opening hours further, Sunday opening may be considered as part of the overall pattern of hours across the network of libraries?

In the meantime members of the Jewish community and others that are not able to use their local library at other times will be referred to the three libraries that offer this service, Hendon, Golders Green and Chipping Barnet.

Supplementary Question No. 3**Councillor David Mencer**

Can I tell the Cabinet Member that this answer comes as a considerable disappointment to many residents in my community? Many Jewish residents found the use of the Library on Sunday as a real boost in the arm because they cannot go there at other times at the weekend, so this is a real disappointment, so that, you know, is a long way of saying no. It also deprives a place for me to hold my surgery, which is a great loss to the people of Hale. The third thing of course, is that our local MP Andrew Dismore is campaigning on this issue and this just one more reason, just one more reason that Jewish residents, non-Jewish residents, Christians, Protestants, Catholics, Asian, where ever in the world they may come from are going to vote for Andrew Dismore when it comes to the election on the 5th May.

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Can I remind Councillor Mencer that he's a councillor he is not the MP yet for Hendon, yet dependent and if he thinks I'm going to make allowances for him to hold his surgeries at the Library then again he's mistaken. I'm sure Madam Mayor that Councillor Mencer doesn't want us to discriminate against other Faiths and communities and can I remind him that Hendon Library and Golders Green Libraries both are open on a Sunday, which is very, very near for your constituent.

Question No. 4**Councillor Robert Newton**

Is the Lead Member for Local Public Service Agreements confident that the Council will deliver on Local Public Service Agreement targets?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

We continue to make excellent progress on LPSAs and look forward to receiving the first tranche of reward monies in the near future. The Council's staff have worked extraordinarily hard to deliver these stretching targets. In particular our highways team who have delivered the best roads in London. We inherited a financial black hole and highways full of potholes. Our excellent work here has delivered remarkable improvements. The use of prudential borrowing has made a step change in the road condition. We are now turning our attention to the footway backlog inherited.

One area of concern is burglary and robberies where our partners in the metropolitan Police are responsible for delivering the target. Regrettably they have been unable to deliver the LPSA target. The target when set was challenged by our colleagues but the ODPM insisted. I am confident that when the Conservative Home Secretary delivers to extra Police to Barnet the rise in crime seen under this Government will be curtailed.

Supplementary Question No. 4**Councillor Robert Newton**

Would the Cabinet Member please join me in thanking the Council's Corporate Performance Office and all the other staff involved, for the excellent results to date?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

Madam Mayor, all of our staff who were involved in delivering these stretching targets need to be congratulated, not least the corporate performance office that monitor them rigidly to deliver the stretched targets and the money that will flow, and I would point out that members of the opposition who continually call for this department to be closed down are seriously misguided as these results show.

Question No. 5

Councillor Susette Palmer

How many old people's homes are likely to lose the mobile service if one library is sold?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

13 homes will lose their service. These are Eaton Court, Hammers Lane [serves Cottage Homes], Hanover Court, Hertswood Court, Highwood Court, Homestead, Hyde Court, King's Lodge, Livingstone Court, Nazareth House, The Priory, Provincial House and Weston Court.

Supplementary Question No. 5

Councillor Susette Palmer

Councillor David, what alternative provision are we making for people in Old Peoples' Homes who have lost the mobile library service?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

The home library service Councillor Palmer.

Question No. 6

Councillor Agnes Slocombe

When will the Council take action against motorbikes and mopeds riding around in parks and disturbing residents – particularly around the children's play area in Cressingham Park Road - in the weekends, evenings and at half-term?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

As soon as the issue is brought to its attention. This is a widespread problem across the borough and indeed across the whole of London. The police are aware of this nuisance and do what they can to target offenders. Officers in the Street Enforcement Service will assist them in the preparation of evidence that can be used to secure an Anti-Social Behaviour Order – I can assure you that I will not hesitate for such action to be used around the children's play area in Cressingham Park Road and indeed any other areas in which it occurs.

Question No. 7**Councillor Brian Coleman**

How many pay and display machines have been out of action in the last 6 months and what have been the main causes and what is the average time taken to repair them?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

In the last six-month period for which figures are available (August 2004 to January 2005) 481 individual pay and display machines were out of action at some time. These faulty machines were identified from 3057 inspection requests, arising from the public, parking attendants or on-line reporting systems.

There can be many reasons for machines failing but the more common problems are coins found to be jammed together, which in some cases is deliberate and in others is a result of the machine needing to accept a wide variety of coin sizes leading to thin coins jamming together if they are inserted in rapid succession. Other key issues have related to the ability of the solar cells to keep the accumulator sufficiently charged leading to power failure. A significant problem in some machines being unserviceable for extended periods is that some 50 attacks have taken place - all targeted at a weakness identified in a particular machine. The nature of the attack, which combines force and power tools, is to render the machines unusable and repair with the same components is demonstrated to result in further attack and theft.

The average time to return a machine to service was 1.8 days but the full break down is as follows:

- 1671 were returned to service by a company engineer within 2 working days of the defect report
- 63 in 3 days
- 40 in 4 days
- 30 in 5 days
- 54 in 6 or more days.

Supplementary Question No. 7**Councillor Brian Coleman**

Can the Cabinet Member assure me that he is making all efforts to improve these not particularly good figures, and will he ask his officers to look at the papers when the contract for the supply of parking metres was originally awarded, and perhaps re-examine that contract, and perhaps reverse the decision that I made wrongly under extreme pressure from the officers over the suppliers?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I hope this is the only time that I will actually ever be speechless in the Chamber. Of course, we will certainly look at that and I will discuss that with the officers.

Question No. 8

Councillor Susette Palmer

How many schools are likely to lose the mobile service if one mobile is sold?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Three schools will lose their service though this needs some refining. Moss Hall School will lose its service entirely. Joel Nursery (a pre-school establishment) will lose its service entirely. Clitterhouse Infant School and Clitterhouse Junior School are very busy sites and are currently visited weekly; the intention is that they would each be visited fortnightly under the proposed new timetable.

Supplementary Question No. 8

Councillor Susette Palmer

With the renewed worry about children learning to read, can I ask what alternative provision we are able to make for these schools that have lost the mobile library service. I'm particularly concerned about Clitterhouse, which is a small school and which is quite a long way from any fixed library.

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Thank you Madam Mayor

Clitterhouse School, if you read the answer Councillor Palmer says it will have a visit but it will be every two weeks.

Question No. 9

Councillor Gill Sargeant

Could the Cabinet Member confirm when the football pitch on Grahame Park will be opened?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

I have received confirmation that the expected date for which the community can start using the facility will now be 18 April, 2005.

This will allow for the clerk of the works to prepare his report regarding the various 'snagging issues' with the facility and then give time to the contractor to deal with matters. The electricity sub station has been put in place and the building is in the process of being made available for the community to use.

Time will be set aside for the Leisure Services and school based staff to receive the necessary and appropriate training in order to manage the facility as best and as safely as possible.

St James School has been informed that the facility will be available from Monday 18 April and they have already delivered their programme to the Leisure Services which indicates that they will be using the facility from 9.00am – 3.15pm each school day.

Question No. 10

Councillor Brian Coleman

Could the Cabinet member outline the action he has taken following the information that the Warden Housing Association property in Parklea Close that suffered a serious fire in January did not have a smoke alarm fitted?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

In the light of the fire in Parklea Close, Councillor Coleman (as GLA member for Barnet and Camden and vice chairman of the LFEPA) and I wrote to the Chief Executives of all the RSL's operating in the Borough, making them aware of the fire and of the need to ensure that all had fitted smoke detecting equipment in their premises. Whilst some replies are still outstanding, most have responded positively and confirmed that they have either fitted alarms or have programmes that will ensure that all are fitted in the near future. Barnet Homes have also confirmed that the programme of installing alarms in properties that the Council own and that they manage has been completed. There are still a small number of properties where they have not been able to obtain access and all of the tenants of those properties have been written to, in an attempt to re-arrange access or to ask the tenants to ensure that they have had one fitted themselves.

In addition Mark Brown from Hendon fire station attended the last meeting of the Housing Association Liaison Group to press the case for installation and to offer the services and advice of the Fire service to all the RSLs that operate in the Borough. I also attended that meeting specifically to reinforce the message that I believe is now getting home.

The Fire service are approaching all RSLs to get a named member of staff responsible for work in the area of fire safety.

A poster has been distributed to all RSLs in the borough, which advertises free home safety checks for all residents. This poster has also been displayed elsewhere across the Borough

We continue to work closely with the Fire service to deliver on our LPSA targets to reduce accidental dwelling fires and associated fire related injuries in the borough.

Supplementary Question No. 10

Councillor Brian Coleman

Madam Mayor, can I congratulate Councillor Salinger on his prompt and effective action on this matter. Can I also ask him if he will ask his officers to look at the issue of provision of domestic sprinklers in the massive regeneration schemes that we are proposing across the borough?

Answer by Councillor Salinger

I thank him for his comments and certainly I will look ,with officers, look at that in the light of advice available at the time.

Question No. 11

Councillor Susette Palmer

The RAF East Camp site has S106 money towards Library services of £250 000 - it is not mentioned if this is towards a new one or existing budget - to be called in by the council within 10 years. Is this likely to be spent on a new library or to enhance services at Grahame Park?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

The Grahame Park Section 106 agreement is to provide that Choices for Grahame Park Limited (Choices), subject to commencing the development permitted by the planning permission, will construct a new library at Grahame Park to cost no more than £1,272,000 (inclusive of fees, expenses and VAT). An additional contribution of £100,000 is to be made by Choices for furnishing and fitting out the new library.

The contribution of £250,000 required by the Council under the RAF East Camp Section 106 agreement is to be used to enhance the services at the new library at Grahame Park. The triggers for the payment of the RAF East Camp library contribution are:

- the identification of the specific use of the contribution by the Council (affording St George reasonable opportunity to comment)
- the giving of notice by the Council to St George that the new library construction at Grahame Park is about to commence.

The 10 year time frame within which the Council can serve the notice to St George requiring the £250,000 is to give sufficient flexibility to the Council, given the likely phasing of the construction of the new library at Grahame Park by Choices.

Question No. 12

Councillor Mark Langton

Is the Cabinet Member aware of the exorbitant fines being demanded as clamping release fees on the High Street in Tally Ho in front of the Cherry Tree pub? What action can the Council take to remedy this situation and ensure unsuspecting residents are not fleeced?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

The Council has no regulatory control over the levels of any fees or charges applied by private companies on private land in connection with the immobilisation of vehicles.

Supplementary Question No. 12**Councillor Mark Langton**

The reply to question 27 is slightly more helpful. I accept it is always going to be the case that some people would try it on, by pretending not to have noticed the signs warning them not to park somewhere, but it is a question of the warnings and the approach being reasonable rather than a rip-off. Can the Cabinet member update us as to what progress is being made with the sites owners?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I can't give you any more information than I have at question 27, and I'm glad that you find that useful, but I will write to you in due course.

Question No. 13**Councillor Brian Coleman**

Has Councillor Salinger and his Officers examined the licensing policy of the London Borough of Wandsworth and the media comments of Councillor Edward Lister, the Leader and does he agree with Councillor Lister in his Opposition to 24 hour Licensing?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

I have read the Wandsworth policy but I do not agree with Councillor Lister.

My fundamental free market belief is that the 'market place' will determine if there is a future for 24-hour licences. To date the Council have not had any applications for 24 hour licences and indeed when the government gave the go ahead for 24 hour drinking over the last two 'new year' celebrations, not a single drinking establishment in Barnet took up the option. I do not anticipate that any pub in Barnet will in fact apply for such a permanent licence, but if any applications are received they will have to be determined by a panel of the licensing committee.

Supplementary Question No. 13**Councillor Brian Coleman**

Well I'm certainly disappointed Madam Mayor to be honest, in Councillor Salinger's answer. Councillor Langton has just referred to a notorious pub in North Finchley, which has since been closed down for rowdy and drunken behaviour. Would Councillor Salinger agree with me that 24-hour licensing will do nothing to improve the Law and Order situation in this Borough?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

Can I just reiterate what I said in the reply. This is my personal view, but I believe that the free market will take care of such issues. That is borne out by the absence of any applications here, as far as I understand it. The pub that closed in Tally Ho may have had problems with rowdiness but the reason it closed was because the owners decided to close it.

Question No. 14**Councillor Susette Palmer**

Does the Cabinet member intend to stagger lunchtime closing hours on different days so that someone working in an area has a chance of using the library service in their lunch hour?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

The closure of small libraries for lunch is not new, and most libraries do not close for lunch. Eleven of the sixteen libraries are open over the full lunch period. Of the smaller community libraries, Osidge and Burnt Oak remain open over the lunch period. The town centre libraries in Edgware, Mill Hill, Church End, North and East Finchley, Golders Green and East Barnet and the two large area libraries at Hendon and Chipping Barnet are also open. There is therefore the opportunity to visit a library between one and two at all these sites as an alternative to a library that is closed between one and two. The libraries that close for lunch are not close to each other, the nearest being South Friern, for which the nearest alternative would be East Finchley, and Friern Barnet for which the nearest alternative would be North Finchley.

Supplementary Question No. 14**Councillor Susette Palmer**

Should more money become more available, I hope that the Cabinet member would be prepared to reconsider this lunch hour closing? It just so happens that my ward Library is one of the ones which is shut in the lunch hour, and it is difficult for some of the students and people that work there because there is no where for them to go during that hour.

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Yes, should money come our way, which is very unlikely, but should money come our way, I assure Councillor Palmer that I will be looking into it further.

Question No. 15**Councillor Anita Campbell**

If Barnet Football Club are promoted will the Council hold a Civic Reception to recognise this achievement?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

I am sure I join with all members of Council in Congratulating Barnet Football Club on their likely promotion. The matter of a Civic Reception is for the Mayor to decide, but I would remind Members that on the last occasion they were promoted I was Mayor and I provided the Club with a Civic Reception.

Supplementary Question No. 15**Councillor Anita Campbell**

Madam Mayor.

Would the Council Leader join me in congratulating Barnet Football Club and their supporters, now that they have secured promotion to the Football League? Will he also join me and Councillor Sean Hooker so that we can all three parties call upon the Mayor to hold out the hand of friendship for the Club by holding a Civic Reception and an open bus top parade, and what is he going to do to ensure the club is not expelled from the league in three years time?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

I thank Councillor Anita Campbell for what she said and also for her supplementary. She will know, unless, perhaps she's forgotten that as well as she seemed to do when she was Mayor, of the various initiatives that we been taking to make sure that there is a long-term future for the Club.

Question No. 16

Councillor Brian Gordon

A resident of my Ward recently received a parking ticket for the very short time that she was obtaining change from a shop to put into a pay and display machine. Isn't this very unfair?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Based on different interpretations of what is considered a "very short time" I find that I cannot give you a qualified answer. However, you might be interested to know that the Conservative Party has recently announced plans that would bring relief for many motorists, including your resident, by introducing a standard five-minute grace period in some restricted parking zones. I hope you agree with me that this would allow motorists to get change for meters in the knowledge that they would not be ticketed for doing so, as both motorists and wardens would be aware that a "very short time" would mean five minutes.

Supplementary Question No. 16

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Offord, I am indeed pleased to note that our party is intending to increase the period for motorists to put their money in the Pay and Display machines. Would you endorse my view, that Controlled Parking Zones are designed to ease traffic flow and make parking fairer rather to be a device for traffic wardens to lie in wait and pounce on motorists.

Would you also join with me in condemning the Labour party, the Labour party for its nasty anti-car policies?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Yes.

Question No. 17**Councillor Wayne Casey**

What efforts is the LEA making to support Copthall School in its opposition to the extension of the existing mobile 'phone mast on its premises?

Answer by Councillor John Marshall

As Councillor Casey knows the Labour Government has made it very difficult for the Council successfully to oppose the installation of mobile phone masts. However we have had some successes including several in the Hampstead Garden Suburb Ward.

Currently the Valuer is holding discussions which are aimed at stopping the upgrade of the existing 02 mast and looking to its relocation away from the school. This Council is being fully supportive of the wishes of the school and parents. I only wish the government had been too. Another reason for change on May 5th. I hope that Councillor Casey will congratulate the Council on this positive development.

Supplementary Question No. 17**Councillor Wayne Casey**

Thank you very much Madam Mayor.

I do welcome the Cabinet member's assurance that the Council is supporting Copthall School in its opposition to the enhancement of this mobile telephone mast, but could the Cabinet member confirm something for me. Is it not the case that the legislation that governs the planning of mobile phone masts is largely the legislation, although not entirely, but largely the legislation left over from the last Conservative Government and was supported by him when he was the Member of Parliament for Hendon South?

Answer by Councillor John Marshall

Can I thank the honourable member for reminding me of better days, but can I point out to him that there's been a Labour Government for eight years. If they wanted to change the legislation, they could have done so, and their failure to do so is another reason for voting Conservative on the 5th May.

Question No. 18**Councillor Colin Rogers**

What was the cost of providing staff who work in the Fenella building with brand new desks in February, and why were new desks provided when staff themselves say there was nothing wrong with the old desks? Although staff were informed the old desks were going to be crushed, how many of these perfectly good desks were offered for re-use by local charities, offered to staff to have at home, or offered to furniture recycling projects and how many were re-used in this way?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

The Council does not apologise for seeking to provide a safe and comfortable working environment for its staff. An in-principle decision to take steps to enhance the poor conditions in which Benefits staff worked was taken when the service moved into Housing. The decision to make this investment in office furniture (desks, chairs and storage furniture) rather than other aspects of the working environment was the result of extensive discussion with staff. There were also Health and Safety considerations. A Health and Safety Officer from HR and a Unison representative had previously carried out a number of work station assessments. None of them complied with the required standards. The specific furniture ordered was also chosen in consultation with staff, Health and Safety and Occupational Health.

The previous desks were not "perfectly good". No-one knows exactly how old they were but many of them moved with the service to Fenella in 1987. Many of them were chipped, splintered or otherwise damaged. Only one member of staff (out of 93) insisted on keeping their old desk. Council tax staff were offered the opportunity to take over any that were in good condition but most had outlived their useful life.

Supplementary Question No. 18

Councillor Colin Rogers

Thank you Madam Mayor.

The Cabinet member has dodged two or three questions, so we'll try again. I was interested in finding out what was the cost of the new furniture and how many desks were offered to re-use to local charities or furniture recycling projects?

Answer by Councillor Katia David

Madam Mayor, when this question came in, I said to myself not because I'm cynical, but I thought this must have something to do with trees, you know, destroying more trees to make more desks and all the rest of it. But I think that they're totally confused on that side and a big bunch of hypocrites, hypocrites! We buy desks for our staff that they say they care for, rubbish! You don't care about the staff what a stupid question to ask. Why don't you ask some of your colleagues to give you some questions to ask Councillor Rogers if you don't know what to ask; yes, we bought desks for our staff because we value them, something that you just don't know what it means.

Question No. 19

Councillor Brian Gordon

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that he is sympathetic to the idea of a zebra crossing being placed in Hale Lane, Edgware, on the section between The Grove and Priory Field Drive? There are many elderly people and children who cross the road at that section and it can be extremely dangerous at busy times.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I am always sympathetic to road safety measures that protect elderly people and children at locations where they are needed.

The site on Hale Lane will be appraised as part of this year's Traffic Management Budget and reported to the 24th May meeting of the Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee for a decision.

Supplementary Question No. 19

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Offord, thank you for your confirmation that the matter of a possible new zebra crossing in the part of Hale Lane I was referring to, is being considered. Please would you be tempted to push ahead with this idea, with the knowledge that when you do put the new zebra crossing there, I should invite you down, to stand with me for a photograph and we will get lots more votes in Hale. Not that that should be the reason for doing it, but it is worth thinking about.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Thank you Councillor Gordon.

As I made clear, we do everything in terms of road safety for all road users. I, certainly, am quite happy with what you put down and I'm sure that the Area Environment Sub-Committee will come to the same conclusion.

Question No. 20

Councillor Sean Hooker

Given that our top local football club, Barnet FC have secured promotion to the Football League, will the Council be marking this momentous achievement with a traditional open top bus parade and a Civic Reception?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

It will be up to the Mayor to decide in what manner the Council might mark their likely promotion. I would refer Councillor Hooker to my earlier answer.

Supplementary Question No. 20

Councillor Sean Hooker

Thank you Madam Mayor.

I also would like to extend my congratulations to Barnet Football Club and I hope they will have a successful period in the Football League and go from strength to strength. I know that many other Councillors, Councillor Salinger who is a regular person there and Jack Cohen, and of course Terry Burton also are big fans of the Club. Now, I wouldn't usually ask this Councillor Lyon, but because of the disruption that was going on just a minute ago, I didn't quite hear your answer to Councillor Anita Campbell's question, so could you please repeat it, especially in the part about what you want to do with the club in terms of taking it forward, its future in the Borough?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

Yes.

The question was about an open top bus Madam Mayor, I thought, when I responded, I made it quite clear that not only I congratulated the Club and mentioned what I had done when I was Mayor, but also what the initiatives we have, and will be taking to try to secure the future of the club, which is what the supplementary question was.

Question No. 21

Councillor David Mencer

If the Cabinet Member could explain what action the Council is taking to ensure that Moat Mount Open Space and its car park are not the venue for anti-social behaviour during the evening and night?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

50m of the hedge along the A1 has been laid (a traditional form of management) reducing its height and opening up sight lines into the car park. A group of people from the Youth Referral team have also opened up sight lines along the paths through the site and vision lines through the site, opening up vistas from the paths.

Supplementary Question No. 21

Councillor David Mencer

Thank you Madam Mayor.

Can I thank the Cabinet member for the answer he has given me, but the actions which have been taken have been of some considerable help, but again, they will cause a lot of disappointment to the manager of this excellent facility.

Does he know that a simple lock and key will solve this problem, a simple lock and key? Can you hear me, a simple lock and key will solve this problem, will stop the undesirable activities which are happening there, will stop young children, happening upon things which they shouldn't happen upon. And doesn't it also show a fair bit of hypocrisy from the Conservative side, who got quite a bit of publicity over activities happening on Hampstead Heath, but when this is happening here, in Hale, in my Ward, will do nothing about it.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Thank you for that supplementary.

I'm not quite sure exactly what kind of activities that you're referring to and you didn't actually ask that in your question. But in regard to locking of the gate, that is something that Councillor Gordon has asked me on many occasions, so he has actually jumped the boat on this one. But the problem with locking the gate there in particular, is that it has been tried in the past over the other side of the road and the gate has been super glued, the gate had been knocked off. Also the keys used to lock the gates, you are able to get them very easily from the local hardware store. But in addition, at that particular site, when I've driven past, you can look through the holes in the hedge and a lock and a key wouldn't do anything to prevent the problem you described, so I have considered that but I don't feel that it would be cost-effective to actually put a lock on that particularly gate at the site.

Question No. 22

Councillor Brian Gordon

What efforts are being made by our Council to pressurise the Mayor of London to keep his excessive budget down, as far as it will impact on the Council Tax for 2005/6?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

Events have superseded Councillor Gordon's question. Our GLA Member and the Conservative Group on the GLA worked extremely hard to cut the Mayor of London's budget, but were unsuccessful, as a two-thirds majority of the Members is required. Although I am pleased that the Mayor's original budget came down to 5.5%, which added 0.71% to Barnet's precept, I am very surprised that the Government has not taken action itself because it threatened to cap any Authority which exceeded an increase of 5%.

Supplementary Question No. 22

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Lyon, do you not agree that we cannot separate Ken Livingstone's wasteful and irresponsible policies from those of the Labour Party and that the Government shall stand condemned for failing to clamp-down on the London Mayor's incompetent administration.

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

I can only suggest that possibly the Labour Party is extremely sorry at this stage, that they re-admitted him to membership.

Question No. 23

Councillor Agnes Slocombe

In light of the fact that learning mentors would undoubtedly have the support of all councillors as a positive contribution to the lives of some of our most vulnerable children for whom we are all responsible as corporate parents, what is the specific form of learning mentor for children living in care and when will this begin?

Answer by Councillor Christopher Harris

Councillor Slocombe, we have a variety of mentoring processes for LAC in place.

- All looked after children have a social worker and foster parent / residential kept worker who are trained and expected by us to prioritise their education which is after all one of the council's LPSA
- We have established (with Enfield and Barnardos) an independent Children's Rights service, which is available to support all of our LAC with any issues - including education. This service will (on request) provide individual children with their own 'advocates'
- The care plans and progress of all of our LAC are reviewed regularly by independent Reviewing Officers who we have required to pay particular attention to educational issues.
- Every school has a lead teacher for LAC
- If LAC need extra tuition or support we always provide it

And finally;

- There is of course our much publicised (most recently in the Independent) 'champions scheme'.

This has helped Barnet improve its care for LAC and resulted in external recognition and should also improve the life chances of Looked after Children.

Supplementary Question No. 23

Councillor Agnes Slocombe

Councillor Harris, I thank you for some of the facts that you given me, but you haven't given me the specific question I asked you. I asked you when it will begin; you never said or has it already begun, could you then provide me with the figures that will ensure the performance has improved and also have you got one-to-one mentoring? Thank you.

Answer by Councillor Christopher Harris

Councillor Slocombe, I'm very happy to provide you with up to date figures if I can write to you with those.

Certainly, all of this process has already begun, and yes, perhaps is a little bit about the definition of what you mean by the word mentoring. But I can assure you that every single young person who wants a tutor for one-to-one educational improvement, who is a looked after child in our care does get that tutor. I would also like to add that actually, just so that you are aware, in amongst our efforts to improve the educational attainment of these young people, which we see is very important for them for having decent life chances, we set up a very innovative scheme which the Chief Executive is himself part of, where many of our senior officers are tracking the educational achievement of these young people, that's at the moment for the GCSE year. We are looking at expanding it to other years and we are also looking at bringing back young people who have achieved extremely well in the Borough.

This is an idea I put forward and we are pursuing, for them to come and talk to existing looked after children to inspire them, so the people have gone on to Cambridge or other Universities, we want them to come back and talk to the looked after children so I do take what you say very seriously Councillor Slocombe. I hope we will see the improvement in the results and I will write to you with the current results that we have at the moment. Thank you.

Question No 24

Councillor Brian Gordon

Can more recycling boxes be supplied, free of charge (or larger boxes) to households with large families for whom one or two boxes are just not sufficient for all the items they are being required to place in them?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Yes, additional boxes and lids are provided for free to residents for recycling. If a resident wishes to order additional boxes and lids they should contact ECT on 020 8371 3670 or email barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk

Supplementary Question No 24

Councillor Brian Gordon

Can the Cabinet member please ensure that the telephone numbers for the new recycling boxes run efficiently, the boxes are properly emptied at all times and that the lids are replaced on them by the refuse collectors, after collection, rather than being thrown all over the pavement as does occasionally happen.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

These are problems that we have been experiencing within the borough, but I would remind Councillor Gordon that this isn't actually a service that the local authority provides itself, but is performed on our behalf by ECT. I have spoken to the Head of Service about this and we are looking at performance indicators and recommendations that ECT actually comply with, in order to prevent the kind of issues that he has described.

Question No. 25

Councillor Gill Sargeant

When is the present date for signing the agreement with Choices for Grahame Park?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

No date has been fixed for the formal signing of a development agreement with Choices for Grahame Park.

Question No. 26

Councillor Brian Gordon

Would you not agree that keeping Barnet's Council Tax to an absolute minimum should be our overriding objective when setting our Budget?

Answer by Councillor Anthony Finn

I agree that it is essential that council tax should be kept as low as possible whilst striving to improve council services in a sound financial environment.

Supplementary Question No. 26

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Finn, would you accept the congratulations of this Council for achieving one of the lowest Council Tax increases in London, and would you join with me in urging the public to bear this in mind when voting in the Barnet Constituencies in the forthcoming general election?

Answer by Councillor Anthony Finn

This is a difficult question to answer Madam Mayor, but I accept the congratulations on behalf of the Cabinet and my group who have endorsed the actions I've taken, and as they say in the classics "I do with a little bit of help from my friends". We will continue to remind the public about it. We haven't got to tell them as are fully aware of what we are doing. They are fully aware of Conservative values and they are fully aware what they will be doing on May the 5th.

Question No. 27

Councillor Mark Langton

Is the Cabinet Member willing to consider the adoption of the area in question outside the Cherry Tree pub to end the profiting at the expense of residents?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

The area in question is not owned by the Council and I am not convinced that Council resources would be best employed in seeking its acquisition. In any event, there will be an enforcement issue irrespective of ownership and a more benign management process by the current owners, with more attention to providing drivers with better information, would probably give the result you seek and I have asked officers to pursue this.

Question No. 28

Councillor Brian Gordon

Could you please put in a request on behalf of the motorists of Barnet for all speed and bus lane cameras in the Borough to be turned off for a week in order to give drivers a temporary reprieve from this most despised and unfair form of motorist persecution?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I understand the sentiments you are trying to address but to do so would give a green light for all the 'boy racers' and abusive motorists such cameras were originally intended to identify. Over the past couple of years this Council has preferred to erect speed-actuated warning signs that encourage those drivers travelling at inappropriate speeds to slow down, thus achieving the desired outcome without making criminals out of motorists.

Most bus lane cameras are mounted inside individual buses under the direct control of Transport for London. Rather than switch off the cameras on the roads in Barnet the considered action is to evaluate the effectiveness of bus lanes and remove those where they make congestion worse, like we have done at East Finchley.

Supplementary Question No. 28

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Offord again, I hope you don't consider that I am a boy-racer, but I do confess, I have had more than my fair share of driving penalties and so have many equally responsible drivers who have had to advise, sometimes professionally and I'm not canvassing for that, on these issues. Do you not, I'm sure you will agree, that the obsessive use of cameras has, whether we like it or not, made criminals out of many motorists, to use your language, and has taken away the commonsense and human discretion which Police Officers were previously able to apply.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Thank you Councillor Gordon.

I think you are quite correct that speed cameras have been used in this fashion and is certainly not a way I wish them to be used. I think he should just think himself lucky that he doesn't actually live in North Wales where the Chief Inspector will crackdown on anyone going anything up to 1mph over the speed limit.

Question No. 29

Councillor David Mencer

What guidance would the Cabinet Member give to my residents who have never had rats on their property before, but now report the infestation of their properties?

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

The owners/occupiers of properties infested by rats are themselves responsible for taking action to control infestations. They may choose to treat the infestation themselves but if they do not feel competent to do this I would suggest they engage the services of one of the many professional pest control companies trading in the London area. The latest Barnet/Enfield edition of Yellow Pages carries 45 (forty five) 'box' adverts for companies offering such services and other companies have lineage adverts.

Residents should be aware that recurring problems with rats are commonly a sign of drainage defects and again the owner/occupier of properties will generally be responsible for ensuring that drainage on their property is properly maintained.

They should also ensure that food stuffs are not left lying around in the garden (even if intended for birds) as this encourages rats and enables them to feed.

Supplementary Question No. 29

Councillor David Mencer

Can the Cabinet member maybe come clean and finally admit now that cancelling the Rat Catchers Service was the most absurd action, he could ever have possibly enacted in his time in this Council. It has come back to bite him, I'm sure that all of us are knocking on the doors, as we are knocking on the doors again and again, and again and again it comes up, the rat catchers, the rat catchers, the rat catchers. Does he not admit, that suggesting to residents of Barnet who have never had rats before, and suddenly are infested with them that they should look in the Yellow Pages, is preposterous. We are letting the people of this borough down and on May the 5th you will be reminded of it again.

Answer by Councillor Brian Salinger

It might be of interest to Councillor Mencer to know that this Borough was recently inspected by officers from DEFRA who are responsible for the whole question of enforcing the legislation that relates to Pest Control and they have at least verbally, and we are still awaiting for it in writing, confirmed that the actions that this Council takes to deal with pests and with rats in particular, meets the requirements of the Law.

To look in Yellow Pages when dealing with pest control is what most people have done in this borough, probably in the entire 40 years that this borough has been in existence. There are over 45 companies with box ads in yellow pages offering pest control services and it was only ever a small minority of the pest control work that was carried out in this borough that was ever done by Council officers. Now, I accept that there are, there is a growing problem of pest control but it is not one, frankly, that any Council can deal with. Every Council up and down this land is facing a problem. The one thing that we have not had which for many, many years used to do more than anything else to control the rat population in this country, was to have a long hard winter because that used to wipe out large proportions of the rat population and that we haven't had for some time. But to blame the Council for the growing rat population is frankly utter nonsense. People have got to learn that they are a nuisance and that there are measures that they can take around their own homes in terms of public health and public safety that they need to take for themselves.

The Council will carry out controls and baiting where it is on our land and we will make sure that it happens on other peoples' land, and as I said at the last Council meeting we are looking, we are still looking at the possibility of re-introducing a service, but it is going to have to be self-financing and it will be aimed at helping people who are owner/occupiers who genuinely cannot afford to pay for the service themselves.

Question No. 30

Councillor Brian Gordon

Would you please join with me in expressing concern regarding the possibility of a mobile telephone mast being erected at the northern end of Mowbray Road, Edgware, right next to a nursery school?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Yes, I share your concerns in the locating of mobile telephone masts in sensitive residential areas, particularly close to schools and nurseries. I believe that the (past) government has not done nearly enough to deal with genuine environmental and health concerns. It has not done nearly enough to allow councils such as Barnet to deal with the concerns of local people nor has it reacted quickly enough to the expansiveness and mast erecting fever of some of the mobile communications companies.

These masts pose a far more serious threat to the environment now than when planning policy concerning telecommunications was first drafted. Planning guidance should be substantially altered to provide a better balance between the environment and commercial concerns. Operators should have to justify the need for a new mast when environmental; health or safety concerns are raised.

Supplementary Question No. 30

Councillor Brian Gordon

Councillor Offord, thank you for your helpful reply.

Could you join with me in expressing the hope that the electronic equipment, in question, will not be placed on the Mowbray Parade site? Numerous residents have contacted me and I know my colleagues, the Edgware Councillors, on this particular subject, and a letter from yourself to the Installation Company in question to back-off, I'm sure could be very effective. Is there any chance of such a letter, do you think?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Thank you Councillor Gordon

I don't really think it's my place to actually interfere within a democratic process that currently exists; I don't feel that my opinion would have much weight either. However, I do agree with your sentiments. Recently in my own ward we been persistently fighting an application for a mobile mast, and as soon as one is defeated then a second appears. I am particularly concerned with some of the comments that have been said tonight, that it was actually a Conservative government that introduced this legislation. It actually was, and that was fine, because the legislation was appropriate for the time, but since that period, the industry has moved on a great deal and we find now that these masts are appearing everywhere. As Councillor Marshall did actually point out, this Government has had eight years to address the problem, but they were too busy I realise, introducing student tuition fees and also imprisoning people without them going to a trial first, but I'm sure that the next Conservative government will address this issue and it will also allay your concerns.

Question No. 31

Councillor Agnes Slocombe

Given the fact that the inclusion of plastics and cardboard is one of the most frequently requested issues raised by residents, and would allow the Council to build on the existing scheme and really increase our rates of recycling, when will the Council introduce the Labour Group's policy to include plastics and cardboard within the kerbside recycling scheme?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

It would not increase our rate of recycling but more likely reduce it, as the targets imposed on all councils are weight based. What you suggest would result in a lower weight of recyclables being collected and more frequent disposal journeys for the collection vehicles as these items, particularly cardboard, are more bulky making the collection less efficient.

And since when was it Labour Group policy? It was not included in the range of items for collection when the original contract with ECT was agreed under your administration and you failed to include the £4,940,250, costed by the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee needed to introduce plastic and cardboard collections in your so called budget at the last council meeting.

Your question demonstrates that Barnet's Labour Group has abandoned trying to achieve a 30% recycling target. I will not do that.

Supplementary Question No. 31

Councillor Agnes Slocombe

(tape inaudible) because there is so much waste of cardboard and plastic in the bins, if somebody is able to do something to use it, whereby the Council would thenthat's why I put the question, not that you won't do it, there has to be some time when somebody will have to look at what the other boroughs do, so what's wrong with this one. Thank you.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Other boroughs do actually do it, I think that Harrow does it but they won't be achieving their target. As you know, it is all about weight. Plastics and cardboard is bulky and it doesn't contain any weight. If we do that it will not be cost-effective and we will not reach the targets imposed upon this Council by the past Labour government, we've repeated this again and again in the Council Chamber. We do take plastics and cardboard at our Summers Lane Civic Amenity Site, residents can take it there.

Question No. 32**Councillor Brian Gordon**

The Leader will no doubt be aware that since the last Council Meeting the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone has once again made highly offensive remarks, by asking a Jewish newspaper journalist whether he was a “German war criminal” and accusing him of behaving like a “concentration camp guard”. In view of Barnet’s large Jewish community, the many other religious and racial minorities within the Borough, and the amount of money his office extorts from our tax-payers, could the Leader please write to the Mayor expressing his disgust at his continued arrogant and insensitive conduct, for which he invariably refuses to apologise?

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

Councillor Gordon is of course correct that I am aware of the Mayor of London’s remarks, as indeed is the whole country. I congratulate our GLA Member, Councillor Brian Coleman for the sterling work he did as Chairman of the GLA in attempting to make the Mayor apologise. I feel at this stage it would be pointless to write, as I believe Mr Livingstone must be well aware of the general revulsion his remarks caused. I can only hope that electors in Barnet where there is, of course, a large Jewish population, will remember what Mr Livingstone said, but doggedly refused to apologise.

Supplementary Question No. 32**Councillor Brian Gordon**

Leader, I will join with you in congratulating Councillor Coleman in his well -publicised condemnation of the Mayor for his refusal to apologise, however, I do think we must keep up the campaign against Livingstone’s extremism and his offensive and dangerous tongue. Do you not think it essential, I’ll ask you again in this context, that we do not allow the activities of Livingstone to be divorced from the Labour Party and that people should remember this when they vote on May the 5th. Livingstone is Labour.

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

Councillor Gordon, I entirely agree and I think that during, not only this campaign, but other campaigns, the residents of this borough will well remember those remarks but particularly the obstinate way, that the Mayor of London refused to apologise and I’m sure will take it into account when they decide how they are going to vote.

Question No. 33**Councillor David Mencer**

What action would the Council take against a supplier to the Council who raised the price of their service, yet at the same time reduced the quantity and quality of the service?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

Each case would be assessed on its merits.

Question No. 34

Councillor Aba Dunner

Would the Cabinet member consider that a cafe/kiosk/meeting place would benefit the public in respect of Princes Park in the Golders Green Ward?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

I believe that a café/kiosk would be a real asset for Princes Park as it would encourage more people to make use of the attractive space, introduce greater investment in the area and allow a 'full-time' presence that would deter vandalism and other anti-social behaviour from occurring. The Council has recently advertised for people to submit tenders to run such a café/kiosk in the Park.

Question No. 35

Councillor David Mencer

If the Cabinet Member will list the amount paid by Barnet to Logica for each of the last five years and if he will list the amount budgeted to be paid to Logica for the next two years?

Answer by Councillor Mike Freer

Barnet **has not** had a contractual relationship with Logica for the majority of the last five years. Logica is a sub contract provider to the HBS partnership following the transfer of some IT services to Hyder Business Services under the previous administration. The amounts paid to Hyder Business Services are set out annually in the council's accounts.

Question No. 36

Councillor Aba Dunner

Would the Cabinet member care to advise Council what progress has been made in relation to the collection of rents/licence fees in the Council's parks and open spaces.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

For many years there has not been effective management or collection in the rents and fees of many of the kiosks in our parks. Six months ago a dedicated member of staff was assigned to review all such leases and compile a backlog of those who have failed to pay rents due. These have now been completed and identified some occupiers who entered properties several years ago without even signing a lease and continue in their occupation today without having paid a penny in rent. In addition, action has been taken to ensure the compliance of leases, some of which have been woefully ignored and the Council picking up the financial bill for repairs and renewals that were the responsibility of the leaseholders. There are still some outstanding issues that are being dealt with by the Councils' Property and Valuation officers and I will continue to make these a matter of priority.

Question No. 37**Councillor David Mencer**

If the Cabinet Member will list (i) the amount of debt owed by Barnet for each of the last three years, (ii) the amount paid in interest on that debt during the same period, and (iii) the proportion of the Council Budget that is spent on interest?

Answer by Councillor Anthony Finn

Year	Total debt outstanding at 31.March	Interest Paid in year GF and HRA	Interest as proportion of Net Budget Requirement
	£'000	£'000	%
2001/02	39,012	5,408	1.8
2002/03	30,000	4,563	1.5
2003/04	0	3,401	1.0

The Council decided in March 2004 to restructure its long-term debt and as a result we were debt free as at 31 March 2004.

Question No. 38**Councillor Olwen Evans**

Will the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport join me in thanking Barnet's Winter Maintenance Team? Does he agree that in the recent "big freeze" they did this Borough proud by ensuring all potentially slippery roads and pavements were comprehensively salted, and accidents therefore avoided?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

The recent cold spell lasted 17 days, from 19 February to 7 March 2005, and during all this time the Meteorological Office had a continuous red alert warning flag, indicating the expectation of snow or severe frost. During this period our gritting vehicles gritted the borough's network on a total of 25 occasions:

- 16 times the Council's seven primary, or Priority 1, routes,
- 7 times the seepage routes, (the Council's coldest network and/or with ground water problems) and
- 2 times the secondary routes, our Priority 2 and 3, routes).This is the majority of the Borough's network and takes nearly two days to complete.

In addition we carried out five precautionary grittings on footways in the borough that are heavily used and are on steep gradients. During this time we have spread some 2,000 tonnes of salt.

During this cold spell, the mean daytime temperature was only 5 degrees Celsius and this compares with an average temperature of 10 degrees during the same period over the last 10 years. This cold period has made this year's winter maintenance season the coldest in our records. The total number of grittings for the whole season (from October) so far is 73 and this compares with our second highest in the last 15 years of 54, which was last year.

Our own staff in the Highways Maintenance section indeed "did this Borough proud" during the cold spell switching from their normal daytime highway repairs to looking after the Boroughs 416 miles of roads with a 3 shift system to cover all the fluctuations in weather conditions from rain, frost, ice, sleet and snow in each 24 hour period.

Each shift consisted of a winter maintenance controller, 8 drivers and a loader. During the busiest week there were 30 staff committed to gritting the roads, footways to stations and keeping grit bins topped up. In addition, Street Sweeping staff were switched to gritting Town Centres and Secondary Shopping parades during the worst weather conditions.

Question No. 39

Councillor David Mencer

What was the number of parking tickets issued by LBB parking attendants in:

2004/2005

2003/2004

2002/2003

2001/2002, and

2000/2001?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Year	Monthly output per Parking Attendant
2004/5	327
2003/4	360
2002/3	347
2001/2	349
2000/1	345

Question No. 40

Councillor Brian Gordon

Would the Cabinet Member for the Environment care to comment as to whether Barnet residents believe that the condition of roads and pavements has improved since this administration took office?

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

Residents' surveys undertaken following works show that in overall terms 90% of residents welcome the improvements. Residents have frequently added their own compliments such as 'The road was completed on time with the minimum disruption. The road was left in a very clean state. Well done and thanks to all' or 'It makes a great difference to the environment when the road and pavements are in good condition.'

This has been echoed by the recent 2004 annual resident's survey. Early findings show the satisfaction rating for Road Repairs has gone from 24% to 41%, a remarkable 17% improvement, and compares extremely well with a London Average of 28%.

Question No. 41

Councillor Robert Newton

Would the Cabinet Member please advise, with regard to the 32,742 plus new residential units projected to be built in the Borough by 2016 (Answer to question No. 48 on 14 September 2004):

- a) The estimated cost of the infrastructure provision required to adequately support the projected development both within and outside the Borough, split between the different infrastructure providers.
- b) The proportion of the estimated expenditure that is the responsibility of the Borough and outside authorities/agencies respectively.
- c) What the estimated contribution towards the infrastructure costs from Section 106 Agreements will be.

Answer by Councillor Melvin Cohen

In response to points a,b and c, costs of infrastructure are assessed on either an area by area basis through development frameworks (e.g. Colindale & Cricklewood, Brent Cross, West Hendon) or through individual planning application and impact assessments, which ultimately result in Section 106 planning obligations and contributions towards infrastructure improvements. If the Member would like to be provided with copies of these planning Section 106 agreements, which set out individual section 106 infrastructure contributions, then the planning service will be happy to supply.

The housing provision anticipated in Barnet over the next 10 – 15 years involves many individual developments, which will be the subject of separate planning permissions. Each development will be the subject of infrastructure impact assessments. It is possible to monitor and find out by looking at Section 106 Heads of Agreement, contained within the individual reports to be planning committees. Unfortunately, it is not feasible to aggregate together historic data and anticipate the impact of future schemes in the manner that Councillor Newton sets out above. However, infrastructure assessments are to be drawn up for major regeneration schemes the details of which are to be set out in planning reports or area development frameworks. Infrastructure contributions from outside agencies, such as the PCT, Transport for London, ODPM are also assessed on an area or individual development approach. Until such schemes come forward it is not feasible to provide total estimates of external infrastructure costs. It should also be noted that considerable investment in the borough's infrastructure would be derived from private development and private investment.

Question No. 42

Councillor Robert Newton

Would the Cabinet Member please advise:

- a) How many London Boroughs have “opportunity borough” status, what the criteria are for inclusion and what it means for the Boroughs?
- b) How much funding is available for the Boroughs to bid for?
- c) Which other local authorities outside Greater London are eligible to bid for the same funding source.
- d) What are the rules for bidding and whether there are any restrictions on the number of successful bidders, projects or amount per project?
- e) What the timescale is for making bids and what the estimated cost to the Borough would be of joining in the bidding process.

Answer by Councillor Victor Lyon, Leader of the Council

I am pleased to reply that a total of £235m is being made available under the Growth Areas Fund over two years 2006/07 and 2007/08.

The fund is available to the three newest growth areas - Milton Keynes South Midlands; Ashford; and the London Stansted-Cambridge-Peterborough corridor; and to the four opportunity boroughs in London, Barnet, Barking & Dagenham, Brent and Islington.

Bidding guidance has been issued. This gives examples of types of projects that might attract support and these include:

Revenue: masterplanning and economic visioning.

Capital: affordable housing, highways and other infrastructure, land acquisition, employment and business development, access to and provision of greenspace, community facilities and transport improvements.

GoL have advised that they expect a maximum of two bids per opportunity borough. There is no express limit to the size of any bid although Revenue bids should be at least £50,000 and capital bids £250,000.

Bidding is a two stage process with initial Expressions of Interest to be submitted by 29 April 2005 and full formal proposals by 3 September 2005. There is no cost as such to join the bidding process over and above the staff time required to prepare the bids.

You will see that Barnet is only one of four London Boroughs to have been successful which reflects the excellent work being done by my Administration.

Question No. 43**Councillor Robert Newton**

The Draft Colindale Development Framework (November 2003) states in Paragraph 5.5 that “LUL are concerned about the impact of additional passengers at Colindale on the Northern Line capacity.....LUL consider the line is at capacity through Central London and therefore a line capacity study is required”.

Would the Cabinet Member please advise:

- a) Whether a line capacity study has been provided and, if so, with what result.
- b) What increase in line capacity will result from the re-signalling projected for 2011?
- c) Whether the increased capacity arising from the re-signalling will be sufficient to cope with the projected housing development in Colindale and other parts of the Borough of Barnet and in other Boroughs that are served by the Northern Line.

Answer by Councillor Matthew Offord

TfL London Underground Ltd. have stated that the borough will benefit from the Northern Line Upgrade which will improve capacity by 23% by 2012. There is still some uncertainty as to what this will provide in terms of technical solutions. The train service through the central area will go up to around 25 trains per hour during the peaks, although exact timetables have not yet been determined for each branch. There are capacity issues in the central area specific to the Northern Line, however, this is where there are other line choices available with spare capacity.

Train frequency at peak movement periods will increase from 20 to a maximum of 24 trains per hour in the peak periods on each of the High Barnet and Edgware branches.

The envisaged improvements to the Underground service will help to meet the additional movement demands placed by an increased population. This will need to be complemented with increased movement capacity across all transport modes including buses, cycling and walking. Increased capacity will be achieved in an incremental manner and will naturally be focused around the regeneration areas where there will be greatest predicted increase in movements. Transport for London has a key role to play having a strategic transport planning role as well as being a major transport operator of both buses and Tube. They are uniquely placed to overview development trends and aspirations in north-west London and have due regard for events in other boroughs. A dialogue is on-going with them regarding the movement needs of Barnet up to 2016.

Question No. 44**Councillor Robert Newton**

I would refer the Cabinet Member to his predecessor's answers given to Council Policy Conference Questions 40, 42 and 44 on 13 February 2003 and Question 29 at the Council meeting on 13 January 2004 and should be pleased to learn:

- a) How many homes have been built in the Borough since 1997 on land formerly used for business purposes.
- b) What contribution well distributed local employment opportunities in the Borough can make to reducing the length of journeys to work.

Answer by Councillor Melvin Cohen

Point a)

The council will be monitoring as part of the Local Development Framework, employment related development and changes of use, including housing developments. This will form part of the Annual Monitoring Report to be submitted to Statutory Consultees and also returns to the Greater London Authority (GLA) as part of the London Development Database. The first AMR will be produced next year.

The adopted UDP policy (Policy EMP 1.1) is that the council will normally resist changes of use from land use generating employment to land uses which do not.

The revised UDP policy (EMP 1 and EMP 2) is to protect employment sites although outside the UDP's identified employment sites, permission may be granted if there is no realistic prospect of re-use, in which case mixed-use development is proposed.

The Planning Service has monitored the Revised UDP policies. None of the identified employment sites in the revised UDP have been redeveloped, apart from proposed residential development at Barnet Trading Estate, Hadley Manor and Bittacy Hill (Gas Works) Site. These total approximately 200 proposed residential units. There are approximately 100 units, which are in various stages of construction on Moon Lane, Lancaster Road and Henry Road.

The primary Industrial sites and business parks are as follows:-

From the table above no residential development has taken place on the sites listed below:

Mill Hill Industrial Estate
Garrick Industrial Estate
Bunns Lane Works
Connaught Business Park
Colindale Business Centre
Colindeep Technology Park
Granard Business Centre
Brunswick Industrial Estate
Finchley Industrial Estate
Falkland Road
Prickler Hill
Grenville Place

Industrial Business Park

Northern Telecom, Brunswick Park

Industrial Estates:

Barnet Trading Estate
Park Road, Barnet

Lancaster Road
Lancaster Road
New Barnet

Hadley Manor Trading Estate
Moxon Street, Barnet

Bunns Lane Works
Bunns Lane, Mill Hill

Bittacy Business Centre
Bittacy Hill, Mill Hill East

Falkland Road
High Barnet

Brunswick Industrial Estate
Brunswick Park Road, Brunswick Park
Mill Hill Industrial Estate
Flower Lane, Mill Hill

Queens Road
High Barnet
Pricklers Hill
High Barnet

Garrick Industrial Estate
Garrick Road, West Hendon

Connaught Business Centre
The Hyde

Finchley Industrial Estate
High Road, North Finchley

Business/Technology Parks:

Colindale Business Centre
Colindale Avenue

Colindeep Technology Park
Colindeep Lane

Grenville Place
The Hale

Granard Business Centre
Bunns Lane, Mill Hill

Point b)

The majority of people who work and live in Barnet do not work on identified employment sites. The largest employment sectors are in retail, hotel, catering, distribution, banking, insurance, finance, and public services and these jobs are mostly located in Barnet's town centres, schools, hospitals, local government offices and university campuses. A growing proportion work from home....approximately 10% according to the 2001 census. People living in Barnet contribute to London's role as a major world city and have jobs in the City and West End.

Employment uses are found throughout the borough and people can choose to live near where they work. This is not a simple equation because in some households different members will make journeys to work that may be in opposite directions, people move jobs and may not want to move home, or alternatively, may move home and not move jobs. For some people the choice of means to travel to work may be critical rather than the length of journey.

The 2001 census indicates that approximately 33% of Barnet residents travel to work or college by car. 25% travel by underground and 10% travel by bus. Approximately 7% walk or cycle.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2005/2006

Council (All Members of the Council)

Cabinet

(Note : The Leader of the Council plus 9 Members)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1 Leader	Brian Salinger		
2 Deputy Leader	Kanti Patel		
3	Christopher Harris		
4	Katia David		
5	John Marshall		
6	Matthew Offord		
7	Anthony Finn		
8	Mike Freer		
9	Melvin Cohen		
10	Fiona Bulmer		

(Note: Cabinet Committees are appointed by the Leader and not by the Council Annual Meeting)

The Council on 20 April , agreed 2 substitutes per Political Group on certain committees. Where this is the case this is picked up in the schedules which follow.

The principle was also established for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees – therefore, as you will see this is being applied to the new O and S Committees, as well as the Audit Committee,

Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee (11 seats)

(Note: membership to consist of 11 non-Cabinet Councillors)

	Conservative (6)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1 (Ch)	Wendy Prentice		
2 (VC)	Helena Hart		
3	Peter Davis		
4	Eva Greenspan		
5	Maureen Braun		
6	Andrew Harper		

7		Phil Yeoman	
8		Alison Moore	
9		Danish Chopra	
10		Barry Rawlings	
11			Jack Cohen

Substitutes

(Note: 2 for each political group)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1	Victor Lyon	Alan Schneiderman	Monroe Palmer
2	Leslie Sussman	Kath McGuirk	Wayne Casey

Resources, Performance and partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(Note: membership to consist of 7** Non-Cabinet Councillors)

	Conservative (4)	Labour (2**)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1. (Ch)	Peter Davis		
2.(VC)	Leslie Sussman		
3.	Susan Steinberg		
4.	Brian Coleman		
5.		David Mencer	
6.		Ansuya Sodha	
7.			Wayne Casey

Substitutes

(Note: 2 for each political group)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Andrew Harper	Alison Moore	Jeremy Davies
	Danish Chopra	Monroe Palmer

First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(Note: membership to consist of 7** Non-Cabinet Councillors)

	Conservative (4)	Labour (2**)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1. (Ch)	Kevin Edson		
2.(VC)	Jazmin Naghar		

3.	Andrew Harper		
4.	Gerard Silverstone		
5.		Anne Hutton	
6.		Agnes Slocombe	
7.			Susette Palmer

3 voting voluntary-aided school representatives
2 voting parent governor representatives

Substitutes

(Note: 2 for each political group)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Susan Steinberg	Barry Rawlings	Jack Cohen
	Alan Schneiderman	Sean Hooker

Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(Note: membership to consist of 8*Non-Cabinet Councillors)

	Conservative (4)	Labour (3**)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1. (Ch)	Lynne Hillan		
2.(VC)	Olwen Evans		
3.	Joan Scannell		
4.	Wendy Prentice		
5.		Kath McGuirk	
6.		Colin Rogers	
7.		Jim Tierney	
8.			Jeremy Davies

Substitutes

(Note: 2 for each political group)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Maureen Braun	Agnes Slocombe	Sean Hooker
	Gill Sargeant	Jack Cohen

Supporting the Vulnerable in our Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee (7 seats)

(Note: membership to consist of 7** Non-Cabinet Councillors)

	Conservative (4)	Labour (2**)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1. (Ch)	Helena Hart		
2.(VC)	Maureen Braun		
3.	Robert Newton		
4.	Wendy Prentice		
5.		Linda McFadyen	
6.		Zakia Zubairi	
7.			Monroe Palmer

Substitutes

(Note: 2 for each political group)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Jazmin Naghar	Arun Ghosh	Jack Cohen
	Paul Rogers	Susette Palmer

Tackling Crime and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

(Note: membership to consist of 7** Non-Cabinet Councillors)

	Conservative (4)	Labour (2**)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1. (Ch)	Brian Gordon		
2.(VC)	Terry Burton		
3.	Daniel Hope		
4.	Malcolm Lester		
5.		Anita Campbell	
6.		Gill Sargeant	
7.			Sean Hooker

Substitutes

(Note: 1 for each political group)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Jazmin Naghar	Alan Schneiderman	Susette Palmer
	Allan Turner	Jack Cohen

2 non – voting co-opted tenant representatives appointed by Barnet Housing

Audit Committee (7 seats)

(Note : membership to consist of 7 Non-Cabinet Councillors)

	Conservative (4)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1. (Ch)			Wayne Casey
2.(VC)	Brian Coleman		
3.	Daniel Hope		
4.	Malcolm Lester		
5.	Leslie Sussman		
6.		Claire Farrier	
7.		Mark Langton	
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			

Substitutes

(Note: 2 for each political group)

Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Aba Dunner	Alison Moore	Monroe Palmer
Terry Burton	Danish Chopra	Jeremy Davies

General Functions Committee (7 seats)

	Conservative (4)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1 (Ch)	Joan Scannell		
2 (VC)	Brian Salinger		
3	Kevin Edson		
4	Kanti Patel		
5		Steve Blomer	
6		Soon – Hoe Teh	
7			Jeremy Davies

Substitutes

(Note: 2 for each political group)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1	Wendy Prentice	Kath McGuirk	Jack Cohen
2	Robert Newton	Kitty Lyons	Monroe Palmer

Planning and Environment Committee (21 seats)

(Note: 21 Members of the Council) –

	Conservative (11)	Labour (8)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1 (Ch)	Peter Davis		
2 (VC)	Eva Greenspan		
3	Olwen Evans		
4	Victor Lyon		
5	Andreas Tambourides		
6	Gerard Silverstone		
7	Melvin Cohen		
8	Maureen Braun		
9	Malcolm Lester		
10	Wendy Prentice		
11	John Marshall		
12		Jim Tierney	
13		Agnes Slocombe	
14		Allan Turner	
15		Gill Sargeant	
16		Barry Rawlings	
17		Alison Moore	
18		David Mencer	
19		Alan Schneiderman	
20			Jack Cohen
21			Jeremy Davies

Substitutes

(Note: One for each ward)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1	Fiona Bulmer	Claire Farrier	Monroe Palmer
2	Leslie Sussman	Zakia Zubairi	Sean Hooker
3	Terry Burton	Soon – Hoe Teh	
4	Brian Coleman	Colin Rogers	
5	Daniel Hope	Steve Blomer	
6	Robert Newton	Kitty Lyons	
7	Chris Harris	Ansuya Sodha	
8	Matthew Offord	Anne Hutton	
9	Helena Hart		
10	Katia David		
11	Andrew Harper		

Appeals Committee 1 (7 seats)

	Conservative (3)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (0)
1 (Ch)	Terry Burton		
2 (VC)	Wendy Prentice		
3	Victor Lyon		
4		No Nominations submitted	

Substitutes (2 for each political group)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1	Joan Scannell		

Appeals Committee 2 (7 Seats)

	Conservative (3)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (0)
1 (Ch)	Maureen Braun		
2 (VC)	Robert Newton		
3	Wendy Prentice		
4		No nominations submitted	

Substitutes (2 for each political group)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1	Lynne Hillan		

Appeals Committee 3 (8 Seats)

	Conservative (3)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1 (Ch)	Leslie Sussman		Susette Palmer
2 (VC)	Victor Lyon		
3	Joan Scannell		
4		No nominations submitted	

Substitutes (2 for each political group)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1	Robert Newton		Monroe Palmer
			Wayne Casey

Licensing Committee (15 Members of the Council)

	Conservative (8)	Labour (6)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1.C	Brian Coleman		
2.VC	Eva Greenspan		
3	Maureen Braun		
4	Wendy Prentice		
5	Olwen Evans		
6	Terry Burton		
7	Joan Scannell		
8	Peter Davis		
9		Stefve Blomer	
10		Claire Farrier	
11		Agnes Slocombe	
12		Soon – Hoe Teh	
13		Jim Tierney	
14		Ansuya Sodha	
15			Susette Palmer

Standards Committee (3 seats)

(Note : 3 non-executive Councillors (one from each political group), with six substitute members (two from each political group) and four independent co-opted members)

	Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1	Leslie Sussman	Agnes Slocombe	Jack Cohen

Substitutes

	Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1	Victor Lyon	Soon – Hoe Teh	Monroe Palmer
2	Brian Coleman		

Independent Members of the Standards Committee Three have indicated their willingness to continue.

1. Mrs Susan Riddle (CI 1/3/05)
2. Mr Stephen Ross (CI 1/3/05)
3. Rev Bernd Koschland
4. Marguerite Argles

Chief Officers Appointments Panel (7 seats)

(Note: to include at least the Leader of the Council (or another member of the Executive). Appointments to this Panel will be made by the Council as and when required)

Chief Officers Disciplinary and Capability Investigating Panel (5 seats)

(Note: Appointments to this Panel will be made by the Council as and when required)

Chief Officers Disciplinary Panel (5 seats)

(Note: to include at least the Leader of the Council (or another member of the Executive)(membership must be different from any investigating panel). Appointments to this Panel will be made by the Council as and when required.)

Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee (4 seats)

	Conservative (2)	Labour (2)
1	Matthew Offord	Arun Ghosh
2	Christopher Harris	Ansuya Sodha
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Special Committee to deal with Constitution (7 seats)

	Conservative (4)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1 (Ch)	Kanti Patel		
2 (VC)	Brian Salinger		
3	Joan Scannell		
4	Daniel Hope		
5		NO nominations submitted	
6			
7			Jack Cohen

Substitutes

(Note: 2 for each political group)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1	Melvin Cohen		Monroe Palmer
2	Eva Greenspan		Jeremy Davies

Corporate Joint Negotiation and Consultation Committee (14 seats)

(Note: Employees' (Staff Side) appoint Vice-Chair)

	Conservative (7)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1(Ch)	Katia David		
2	Malcolm Lester		
3	Anthony Finn		
4	Brian Salinger		
5	Terry Burton		
6	Joan Scannell		
7	Kanti Patel		
8		Ansuya Sodha	
9		Mark Langton	
10		Soon – Hoe Teh	
11		Jim Tierney	
12		Claire Farrier	
13			Jeremy Davies
14			Monroe Palmer

Substitutes : The Constitution of the JNCC permits 3 substitutes per side

	Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1.	Peter Davis	Danish Chopra	Sean Hooker

Teachers Joint Negotiation and Consultation Committee (10 seats)

(Note: Employees' (Staff Side) appoint Vice-Chair)

	Conservative (5)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1(Ch)	John Marshall		
2	Lynne Hillan		
3	Christopher Harris		
4	Jazmin Naghar		
5	Kevin Edson		

6		Anne Hutton	
7		David Mencer	
8		Barry Rawlings	
9		Alison Moore	
10			Susette Palmer

Substitutes

The JNCC Constitution permits 6 substitutes per side

	Conservative (2)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1	Susan Steinberg	Arun Ghosh	Sean Hooker
2	Andrew Harper	Ansuya Sodha	Jack Cohen

Corporate Joint Consultation (Health, Safety & Welfare) Committee **(6 seats)**

(Note: Employees' (Staff Side) appoint Vice-Chair)

	Conservative (3)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1(Ch)	Wendy Prentice		
2	Katia David		
3	Malcolm Lester		
4	Brian Salinger		
5		Steve Blomer	
6		Arun Ghosh	Sean Hooker

Substitutes

The JNCC Constitution permits the Employers' Side to appoint 5 substitutes

	Conservative (2)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1	Leslie Sussman	Allan Turner	Monroe Palmer
2	Robert Newton	Paul Rogers	

Finchley Area Forum (2 seats)

(Note: Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be appointed
Councillors for the following wards will be permanent members of the
Forum – Woodhouse, West Finchley, Finchley Church End, Garden
Suburb, Golders Green, Childs Hill and East Finchley)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1 (Ch)	Leslie Sussman		

2 (VC)	Andrew Harper		
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Golders Green/Childs Hill Area Forum (2 seats)

(Note: Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be appointed
Councillors for the following wards will be permanent members of the
Forum – Woodhouse, West Finchley, Finchley Church End, Garden
Suburb, Golders Green, Childs Hill and East Finchley)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1 (Ch)	Jazmin Naghar		
2 (VC)	John Marshall		

Barnet Area Forum (2 seats)

(Note: Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be appointed
Councillors for the following wards will be permanent members of the
Forum – Underhill, High Barnet, East Barnet, Oakleigh, Brunswick Park,
Coppetts and Totteridge)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1 (Ch)	Daniel Hope		
2 (VC)	Kevin Edson		

Whetstone Area Forum (2 seats)

(Note: Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be appointed
Councillors for the following wards will be permanent members of the
Forum – Underhill, High Barnet, East Barnet, Oakleigh, Brunswick Park,
Coppetts and Totteridge).

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1 (Ch)	Gerard Silverstone		
2 (VC)	Terry Burton		

Hendon Area Forum (2 seats)

(Note: Chairman and Vice Chairman to be appointed
Councillors for the following wards will be permanent members of the
Forum – Hale, Edgware, Burnt Oak, West Hendon, Colindale, Hendon
and Mill Hill).

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1 (Ch)	Brian Gordon		

2 (VC)	Anthony Finn		
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Edgware , Mill Hill and Burnt Oak Area Forum (2 seats)

(Note: Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be appointed
Councillors for the following wards will be permanent members of the
Forum – Hale, Edgware, Burnt Oak, West Hendon, Colindale, Hendon
and Mill Hill)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1 (Ch)	Brian Gordon		
2 (VC)	Malcolm Lester		

APPOINTMENTS TO SUB-COMMITTEES, PANELS AND OTHER BODIES

2005/2006

Pension Fund Management Advisory Panel (3 seats)

(Note : one member from each political group. This is an informal body and not a council committee)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1 (Ch)	Mike Freer		
2		Ansuya Sodha	
3			Jeremy Davies

Substitutes

(Note: 1 for each political group)

	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1	John Marshall	Danish Chopra	Monroe Palmer

Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee (7 seats)

(Note: 1 member of the Council for each ward in the area, with a substitute Member for each ward)

	Conservative (3)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1 (Ch)	Eva Greenspan		
2 (VC)	John Marshall		
3	Melvin Cohen		
4		Colin Rogers	
5		Jim Tierney	
6		Alan Schneiderman	
7			Jack Cohen

Substitutes

	Conservative (3)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1	Leslie Sussman	Alison Moore	
2	Andrew Harper	Kitty Lyons	
3	Christopher Harris	Anne Hutton	Monroe Palmer

Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee (7 seats)

(Note: One member of the Council for each ward in the area, with a substitute member for each ward)

	Conservative (6)	Labour (1)
1 (Ch)	Katia David	
2 (VC)	Victor Lyon	
3	Daniel Hope	
4	Peter Davis	
5	Gerard Silverstone	
6	Terry Burton	
7		Soon – Hoe Teh

Substitutes

	Conservative (6)	Labour (1)
1	Wendy Prentice	Barry Rawlings
2	Brian Coleman	
3	Andreas Tambourides	
4	Fiona Bulmer	
5	Brian Salinger	
6	Olwen Evans	

Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee (7 seats)

(Note: One member of the Council for each ward in the area, with a substitute member for each ward.)

	Conservative (2)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1 (Ch)	Maureen Braun		
2 (VC)	Malcolm Lester		
3		Agnes Slocombe	
4		Claire Farrier	
5		Gill Sargeant	
6		Steve Blomer	
7			Jeremy Davies

Substitutes

	Conservative (2)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1	Matthew Offord	Allan Turner	Sean Hooker
2	Helena Hart	Zakia Zubairi	
3		David Mencer	
4		Ansuya Sodha	

Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee (7 seats)

(Note: One member of the Council for each ward, with a substitute member for each ward)

	Conservative (3)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1 (Ch)	Christopher Harris		
2 (VC)	Andrew Harper		
3	Leslie Sussman		
4		Kath McGuirk	
5		Colin Rogers	
6		Anne Hutton	
7			Monroe Palmer

Substitutes

	Conservative (3)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1	Melvin Cohen	Alison Moore	Jack Cohen
2	Jazmin Naghar	Jim Tierney	
3	Mike Freer	Alan Schneiderman	

Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee (7 seats)

(Note: One member of the Council for each ward, with a substitute member for each ward.)

	Conservative (6)	Labour (1)
1 (Ch)	Olwen Evans	
2 (VC)	Wendy Prentice	
3	Fiona Bulmer	
4	Robert Newton	
5	Kevin Edson	
6	Andreas Tambourides	
7		Paul Rogers

Substitutes

	Conservative (6)	Labour (1)
1	Terry Burton	Soon – Hoe Teh
2	Katia David	
3	Peter Davis	
4	Gerard Silverstone	
5	Brian Coleman	
6	Lynne Hillan	

Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee (7 seats)

(Note: One member of the Council for each ward, with a substitute member for each ward.)

	Conservative (2)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1 (Ch)	Joan Scannell		
2 (VC)	Anthony Finn		
3		Linda McFadyen	
4		Zakia Zubairi	
5		Steve Blomer	
6		Ansuya Sodha	
7			Sean Hooker

Substitutes

	Conservative (2)	Labour (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)
1	Helena Hart	Claire Farrier	Wayne Casey
2	Maureen Braun	Gill Sargeant	
3		David Mencer	
4		Agnes Slocombe	

Social Services Review Panels

The Panels will be appointed by the Democratic Services Manager under delegated powers as at present. They will comprise one Independent chairman from the current Investigating Officers/Independent Persons pool, one Councillor and one Service Manager from a different area within Social Services.

Panel of Six Sub – Committee Chairman (from the membership of the Licensing Committee (CI 12/4/05))

	Conservative (4)	Labour (1)	Lib Dem (1)
1	Maureen Braun		
2	Olwen Evans		
3	Brian Coleman		
4	Wendy Prentice		
5		Steve Blomer	
6.			Susette Palmer

Cabinet Committees Memberships

Resources :

Councillors : Kanti Patel (C)
 Brian Salinger
 Anthony Finn
 John Marshall
 Mike Freer

ICT

Councillors: Mike Freer (c)
 Brian Salinger
 Anthony Finn
 Katia David
 Matthew Offord

Equalities and Social Inclusion

Councillors: Katia David (C)
 Melvin Cohen
 Kanti Patel

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

General

3.1 All the local authority functions that are not mentioned in the first two tables, or reserved to Council in Article 4, are executive functions. These are the responsibility of

- Individual members of the Executive (the Leader and members of the Cabinet)
- The Cabinet Meeting
- Cabinet Committees
- Area Sub-Committees (see 3.10 below)
- Joint Committees (see Article 11)
- Officers (see section 6 below)

Cabinet Members

1.1. Set out below is a table in the first column of which are listed the names, addresses and wards of Cabinet Members.

1.2 The second column sets out each Cabinet member's functions and the third column summarises what has been delegated.

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
Cllr. Brian Salinger 32 The Ridgeway London N11 3LJ Oakleigh Ward LEADER	The Leadership of the council. Specific individual responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communications, media relations and marketing• Community Safety• Law and probity issues	The Leader may discharge any function of the Executive.

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr. Christopher Harris 124 Britten Close, London, NW11 7HF</p> <p>Golders Green Ward</p> <p>CHILDREN</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to the Children Act 2004. In particular, to enhance the Council's corporate parenting role and to champion the causes of all children in the London Borough of Barnet, optimising opportunities to reduce and remove disadvantage.</p> <p>Includes Children's Social Services and the Youth Offending Team and the advantages offered by working with other agencies to secure a seamless approach to all aspects of children's services. To drive forward the Youth Justice Plan and ensure its approval annually, by full Council. Also to be involved in, and promote, discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr Katia David 16 Oakleigh Park South Whetstone London N20 9JU</p> <p>High Barnet Ward</p> <p>CULTURE, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND HR</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to culture, community engagement, customer care and the effective management of human resources. In particular, to build upon the Council's leadership role in embracing diversity and inclusiveness, removing inequality and promoting the London Borough of Barnet's reputation as a centre of cultural excellence and activity for all and to encourage tourism. To allow staff to reach their full potential to the benefit of the Council and to promote a culture of learning and achievement.</p> <p>Promotion of all aspects of the arts (includes libraries, learning and museums), including events held on council land (including parks) and in council buildings, ensuring that each person and group in the community has opportunities for involvement.</p> <p>Set the strategic direction for the development of effective community involvement in all aspects of the Council's work.</p> <p>Development of effective HR planning, policies and initiatives.</p> <p>To be involved in, and promote discussions in relation to any matters contained within the portfolio.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Sub-Committees as set out in paragraph 3.10 below. • Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, as set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr. John Marshall 66 Sandringham Gardens London N12 0PJ</p> <p>Garden Suburb Ward</p> <p>EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to education and lifelong learning. In particular, to raising and enhancing standards, ongoing education and services to schools, Early Years Provision and the Youth Service. Positively to encourage integration of all schools within the London Borough of Barnet into the community to achieve the best possible opportunities for education and lifelong learning.</p> <p>All matters associated with schools (Community, Voluntary and Foundation) and the teaching and development of children and young persons and the optimising of opportunities to further the same (including pre-school preparation).</p> <p>Positively to encourage and promote adult education to minimise literacy and numeracy problems in adults and to offer opportunities for developing and enhancing their skills and to further this via the current Lifelong Partnership contract with Barnet College, and to encourage other institutions which provide such opportunities.</p> <p>Also to be involved in, and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr. Matthew Offord 6 Cousins Court Alwyn Gardens NW4 4XW</p> <p>Hendon Ward</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to the environment and transport. In particular, promoting the reputation of the London Borough of Barnet as a clean and green borough, with a transport infrastructure designed to meet the needs of today and the challenges of the future. This to include the development of a waste minimisation strategy.</p> <p>Also to promote the better integration of privately rented properties into the borough's housing framework, including the distribution of grants, as necessary, for the adaptation of private properties, to further care in the community.</p> <p>All matters relating to the development and management of the environment, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the street scene including pavements and all classes of roads; • parking provision • refuse and recycling • graffiti removal • waterways • parks and open spaces • trees (includes public highways, council housing estates and in parks) • allotments • transport and transport initiatives. • Environmental health and trading standards <p>Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Sub-Committees as set out in paragraph 3.10 below. • Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, as set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr. Mike Freer 23 Claverley Grove Finchley London N3 3DG</p> <p>Finchley Church End Ward</p> <p>POLICY AND PERFORMANCE</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to performance, CPA and best value, budget strategy, medium term financial plan and Housing Benefits .</p> <p>In particular the effectiveness and value in performance of council services, risk management, Asset Management Plan, IT and the distribution of all grants, except those relating to the adaptation of properties in the private sector, after consultation with appropriate portfolio holders. The development of partnerships to further the Council's Community and Corporate Plans and an effective consultation structure.</p> <p>To secure the most beneficial terms for services and goods provided to the council.</p> <p>All aspects of performance and delivery of council services, and to instigate such interventions as required, including consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, as necessary, to secure best value.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below. In addition this cabinet Member may approve grants to voluntary organisations, up to £20,000 per annum.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
	<p>Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	
<p>Cllr Anthony Finn 4 Cheyne Walk Hendon London NW4 3QJ</p> <p>Hendon Ward</p> <p>REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to regeneration.</p> <p>In particular, economic and strategic development, town centre regeneration, and policies and opportunities for the enhancement and enrichment of the London Borough of Barnet.</p> <p>To promote partnerships and opportunities for the economic development of the borough.</p> <p>Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Sub-Committees as set out in paragraph 3.10 below. • Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, as set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr Kanti Patel MBEng MCI OB FFB MCMI Poonam Villa 12a Woodside Lane North Finchley N12 8RG</p> <p>High Barnet Ward</p> <p>RESOURCES</p>	<p>Deputy Leadership of the council.</p> <p>The monitoring of the council's budget and to instigate such interventions as necessary to ensure spending is kept within the limits determined by council.</p> <p>Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>In addition this Cabinet Member has the power to agree virements up to £250,000 in consultation with Cabinet Resources Committee and to accept the highest bid on a proposed property disposal subject to that bid not exceeding £1,000,000 and no more than 10% below the estimated disposal value.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr. Fiona Bulmer 14 Sellwood Drive Barnet Herts EN5 2RL</p> <p>Underhill Ward</p> <p>COMMUNITY SERVICES</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to social care, housing and the emerging public health agenda (including health partnerships).</p> <p>In particular, promoting the best possible adult social services and seamless care in the community by working with and optimising all opportunities offered by the health authorities and other providers to further these aims.</p> <p>In particular working with the Barnet Homes, Housing Associations and other providers, to secure the optimum provision and associated environmental, neighbourhood development and social facilities for all those members of the community not living in private accommodation, or for those who require public sector housing.</p> <p>All matters related to public sector housing.</p> <p>Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr Melvin Cohen 146 Broadfields Avenue Edgware HA8 8SS</p> <p>Golders Green Ward</p> <p>PLANNING AND LICENSING SERVICES</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to planning, development plans, building and property construction and licensing , other than matters relating to the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>To include all aspects of the development and development control service, Building Control. Naming and numbering of streets and properties.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, as set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

3.3 Cabinet Members general powers may be summarised as

1. To discharge the executive functions that fall within their portfolio, whether or not they are also delegated to officers except for matters specifically reserved to Council, Cabinet or cabinet committees.
2. To consider consultation documents, other than those referred to the Executive and, in consultation with the appropriate officers determine whether the Council's response needs to be approved by them or by the appropriate Director or Chief Officer.
3. To authorise inviting tenders for and acceptance of tenders or quotations in accordance with the Contract Procedure rules. Acceptance must be following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources or the Leader in cases where the Cabinet Member for Resources is the appropriate portfolio holder.
4. To approve any non-statutory plan or strategy requiring approval by the Executive and not reserved to the Cabinet for decision in paragraph 3.8.

3.4 Except in cases of urgency, they will not normally take delegated decisions if they

- involve something other than the implementation of an annual Performance Management Plan or a decision previously taken by Council, Committee or Cabinet.
- are key decisions as defined in Article 13 of the Constitution.

Council Meeting

17 MAY 2005

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Agenda item 13.4

1. Garden Suburb By-election

I have to report formally the results of the by-election held in Garden Suburb Ward on 5 May 2005.

The results were as follows:

Garden Suburb Ward

CHAMBERLAIN, Primrose	42
DUNN, Miranda Green	242
HARPER, Andrew	3365
HARRIS, Majorie	1834
MURRELL, Kenneth	1154

Andrew Harper was therefore duly elected as Councillor for the Garden Suburb Ward.

Leo Boland
Chief Executive

Council
17 May, 2005
membership of Committees and Political Balance

Council on....., when approving the establishment Committee, agreed to reduce the number of Appeals Committees to one, with effect from the 2005 Annual Meeting.

The Council also on 12 April, 2005, agreed, with effect from the Annual Meeting to

- (i) restructure the Overview and Scrutiny Committees into six Overview and Scrutiny Committees; and
- (ii) introduce a new Audit Committee

The opportunity has also been taken to review the membership of the Planning and Environment Committee. For some time there has been concern that the size of the Committee, with 21 Members, is extremely unwieldy and is not conducive to good governance or the enhancement of the planning process. It is therefore proposed to reduce the membership on this Committee to

All the forgoing developments impact on the make – up of the Committees insofar as achieving political balance is concerned.

Political Balance : Background

The Council must allocate seats on committees and other prescribed bodies so as to give effect to the political balance rules under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The political proportionality rules also apply to those outside bodies dealing with local government matters to which the council appoints three or more representatives. They therefore apply to the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee. The calculation indicates that the allocation must be two Conservative and two Labour.

The Council appoints or nominates members to a variety of special statutory bodies, or informal or consultative bodies that are not council committees or sub-committees. The political balance rules do not apply to these.

The consultative bodies established for consultation with staff are also not regarded as council committees subject to the political balance rules. Each has a special composition.

The Regulations provide an exception from the political balance requirements where a committee is established to discharge functions in part of an authority's area, and

- (a) consists entirely of members elected for wards which comprise the area, and
- (b) either the area or its population does not exceed two-fifths of the total for the authority.

This allows the six area planning and environment sub-committees to be constituted on a ward member basis and still comply with the law.

The political group with the majority of seats on the council is entitled to a majority of seats on all the relevant Committees.

Achieving Political Balance

For the purposes of this paper, the political balance calculations have been based on the following political split. :

Conservatives	:33
Labour	: 24
Liberal	
Democrat	: 6

Enclosure 1 demonstrates the current situation, which includes 11 Overview and Scrutiny Committees, 10 of which have 7 members, one 11, and five Appeals Committees consisting of nine members.

Enclosure 2 demonstrates the effect on political balance of reducing the number of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to six, the Appeals Committees to one and the inclusion of the Audit Committee, retaining 11 Members for the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee and otherwise on the same make – up as currently, with the Audit Committee having a proposed membership of seven.

It is not possible to achieve political balance on this basis. The Liberal Democrat Group would not be entitled to seats on two relevant committees. It would then be necessary to reduce two Committees by one seat each and for the Conservative Group to agree to relinquish their majority on three Committees.

Enclosure 3 exemplifies the foregoing comment. The choice on where the adjustments are made rests with the political groups.

If the objective is for the Liberal Democrat group to have a seat on each committee, a total of 114 seats would need to be achieved. **Enclosure 4** demonstrates how this could be achieved.

However, there have been some concerns expressed in the past over the size of the Planning and Environment Committee and that it is unwieldy and not conducive to good governance either. Having two thirds of Councillors either as members or substitutes of this Committee is disproportionate and unnecessary . It can create difficulties in terms of the numbers of Members

who feel unable to pre-comment on matters coming before the Committee because of concerns that they might prejudice their participation in the decision making process. There are also difficulties with public perceptions of impartiality when some Members are also part of the Executive or the Regeneration and Development OSC.

With that in mind, **Enclosures 5 and 6** demonstrate how political balance could be achieved if the Planning and Environment Committee were reduced to either 9 or 11 members respectively, resulting in a total number of seats of 103 and 106 respectively.

These calculations would allow for the Liberal Democrat Group to have a seat on each committee, but would mean that the Conservative Group would not have an absolute majority on four committees, but a working majority only. If one of these options was to be pursued, again the decision as to which Committees the conservative group would hold a working majority would be a matter for that Group.

Recommendation : instructions are requested on

- (1) the size of the Planning and Environment Committee;**
- (2) the make up of the Committees which are subject to the political balance calculations.**

Janet Rawlings
Principal Democratic Services Officer

Enclosure 1

**Political Balance Allocation on Committees and Sub-Committees
2004/05**

Committee	Total Seats	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	6	4	1
Audit and Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Education and Children Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Planning and Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Community, Recreation, Leisure & Arts Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Health and Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Human Resources and Equalities Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
General Functions Committee	7	4	2	1
Planning and Environment Committee	21	11	8	2
Appeals (1)	9	4	4	1

Committee	Total Seats	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Appeals (2)	9	4	5	-
Appeals (3)	9	4	5	-
Appeals (4)	9	4	5	-
Appeals (5)	9	4	5	-
Total	147	77	55	14
Political balance		77 (76.9)	56 (55.9)	14 (13.9)
Discrepancy		0	0	0

Enclosure 2

Committee	Total Seats	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	6	4	1
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Overview and Scrutiny	7	4	2	1
General Functions Committee	7	4	2	1
Planning and Environment Committee	21	11	8	2
Appeals (1)	9	4	4	1
Audit	7	4	2	1
Total	90	49	30	11
Required to achieve political balance		47	34	9
Discrepancy		+2	-4	+2

Enclosure 3

Committee	Total Seats	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	6	4	1
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	6	3	3	0
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	7	3	3	1
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	7	4	2	1
General Functions Committee	7	4	2	1
Planning and Environment Committee	21	11	8	2
Appeals (1)	8	3	5	0
Audit	13	7	5	1
Total	94	49	36	9
Political balance		49	36	9
discrepancy		0	0	0

Enclosure 4

Committee	No of members	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem
Cab O and S Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
O and S Cttee 10 Members	10	5	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
General Functions Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
P and E Cttee Members	21	11	8	2
Appeal Cttee Members	19	5	4	1
Audit	9	5	3	1
Total	114	60	43	11
Political balance		60	43	11
discrepancy		0	0	0

Enclosure 5

Committee	No of members	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem
O and S Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Ctee Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee 10 Members	10	5	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
General Functions Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
P and E Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
Appeal Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
Audit	10	5	4	1
Total	103	54	39	10
Political balance		54	39	10
discrepancy		0	0	0

Enclosure 6

Committee	No of members	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem
O and S Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
General Functions Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
P and E Cttee Members	11	6	4	1
Appeal Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
Audit	11	6	4	1
Total	106	56	40	1
Political balance		56	40	10
discrepancy		0	0	0

Enclosure 7

Committee	No of members	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem
Cab O and S Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
O and S Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
O and S Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
O and S Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
O and S Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
General Functions Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
P and E Cttee Members	15	8	6	1
Appeal Cttee Members	15	6	8	1
Audit	11	6	4	1
Total	106	56	40	10
Political balance		56	40	10
discrepancy		0	0	0

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

Agenda item 13.4.2

1. Political Balance calculation and allocation of seats

A full report will be circulated separately, following the Special Committee (Constitution Review) on 11 May, 2005.

2. Representation of the Council on Outside Bodies

Appendix A lists in bold the vacancies in the Council's representation on Outside Bodies.

The Group Secretaries have been advised of the vacancies.

Members are asked to note that the Association of London Government Education Forum has been discontinued and that nominations are no longer required for the Association of London Government Lead Member for Equalities due to a change in the way this postholder is appointed.

In addition, the North London Chamber of Commerce (Barnet) has been restructured and no longer requires a representative from the borough.

Friern Barnet Voluntary Care for the Elderly has a Council representative appointed as a condition of the previous award of a grant, but it is no longer in receipt of grant aid. Council is asked to agree that appointments to this body need no longer be made. The current appointment expires on 17 May 2005.

RECOMMEND:

- 1. That the Council make appointments to fill the vacancies reported.**
- 2. That the Council agree that no further representatives will be appointed to Friern Barnet Voluntary Care for the Elderly.**

3. Representation of the Council on Artsdepot Trust Ltd

The Administration wishes to change its representation on the Artsdepot Trust Ltd, by replacing Councillor Brian Salinger with Councillor Daniel Hope.

Details of the conditions relating to appointments to this body and current representatives are shown below:

Organisation: Artsdepot Trust Ltd

Special Conditions:

- (a) No more than three Directors to be appointed by the Council.
- (b) Directors appointed by the Council in accordance with the Articles shall be appointed by notice to the Trust for a period of three years subject to the power of the Council at any time to remove and replace a Director so

appointed for the remainder of the period. In any event, one of the Directors shall be reappointed or replaced by the Council in each year. Where no Director has served for a term of three years, then the Council shall reconsider the appointment of the Director who has been longest appointed as a Director but as between Directors who were appointed on the same day then (unless the Directors affected agree otherwise between themselves) the appointment to be reconsidered shall be determined by lot.

No. of Representatives:: 3

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Appointed 14/05/2003)	0228a Member
Period of appointment:	14/05/2003 to 13/05/2006	
2 - Councillor Peter Davis	(Appointed 18/11/2004)	0228b Member
Period of appointment:	26/11/2004 to 25/11/2007	
3 - Councillor Katia David	(Appointed 06/07/2004)	0228c Member
Period of appointment:	07/07/2004 to 25/11/2005	

RECOMMEND: That Council approve the replacement of Councillor Brian Salinger with Councillor Daniel Hope as the Council's representative on the Artsdepot Trust Ltd.

4. Amendments to the Constitution

As a consequence of the Council's approval of changes to the Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee structure at the last meeting, certain changes are required to be made to the Council's Constitution.

The changes relate to the following:

- (i) Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Committees : proposed changes are shown on Appendix B and relate to the new Committees and provides an overview of the scope of their scrutiny
- (ii) Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions : proposed changes are shown on Appendix B and provide for the inclusion of the Audit Committee in the list of Committees performing Council functions, together with the Committee's terms of reference. Council are asked to note that the actual make – up of the Committee will be inserted once decisions have been taken on the membership of Committees, referred to in (1) above.
- (iii) Part 4 – Rules of Procedure - Section 2 Committee and Sub – Committees, paragraph 1 - Substitute members and quorum. Draft proposals will be circulated in the light of recommendations made by the Special Committee (Constitution Review) dated 11 May,2005, relating to membership of committees. The final changes will reflect the Council's decisions on Committee memberships.

A quorum comprises one quarter of the membership of the Committee, unless the Council or statute has specified some other figure.

- (iv) Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules : Table 1

Draft proposals for inserting under the "Membership" heading will be circulated in the light of recommendations made by the Special Committee (Constitution Review) dated 11 May, 2005, relating to membership of committees. The final changes will mirror the Council's decisions on Committee memberships

RECOMMEND –

- (1) That, in relation to the Council's Constitution:**
- (i) the proposed changes to Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Committees, as set out in Appendix B, be approved.**
 - (ii) the proposed changes to Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions be approved**
 - (iii) the following changes mirror the Council's decisions on the membership of Committees, referred to in Item (1) above:**
 - Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions : membership of Audit Committee**
 - Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules : Table 1: Membership of Committee**
 - (iv) the changes to Section 2 Committee and Sub – Committees - paragraph 1 - Substitute members and quorum reflect the Council's decisions on the membership of Committees, referred to in Item (1) above.**
- (2) That the Democratic Services Manager be instructed to make the changes to the Council's Constitution.**

5. Approval of revised Calendar of Meetings, Sub – Committees, Panels, panels, forums, etc.

Since the General Functions Committee approved the Calendar of Meetings for 2005/2006 there have been a number of developments which now necessitate changes.

The changes include:

- (i) the new date of the May Cabinet (previously notified to Members);**
- (ii) altering the date of the Shadow Cabinet to correspond with the changed May Cabinet. Members of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee will also be aware of the additional meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which has been scheduled to deal with the May Cabinet's decisions;**
- (iii) rescheduling the June Cabinet with associated changes to the supporting meetings, which includes Shadow Cabinet and Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee;**
- (iv) rescheduling the October Cabinet meeting and the Shadow Cabinet and Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- (v) one change to the date of the Cabinet Resources Committee**
- (vi) allocation of dates to the new Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Audit Committee**
- (vii) changes to the dates of the Area Planning Sub - Committees, with effect from the July cycle.**

The proposed changes were sent to the Group Secretaries and copied to the

Group Leaders and Whips and a Revised Calendar is attached at Appendix C.

RECOMMEND – That the revised Calendar of Meetings for 2005/2006 , as shown at Appendix C, be approved.

6. Vacancies on School Governing Bodies

Appendix D lists (in bold) all current vacancies now needing to be filled in the Council's representation on school governing bodies. There are a number of other vacancies on governing bodies which are due to reconstitute over the course of the next year. However, as this may lead to a reduction in the number of LEA governors on those bodies, it is not proposed to fill those vacancies until the position at each school is clarified. The table below gives numbers for all LEA governors, including those vacancies which are not presently being filled.

The governing body of Dollis Infant School will shortly be reconstituted with the effect that the number of LEA governors will reduce from four to three. Therefore, although there are two vacancies on this governing body, only one needs to be filled. The governing body of Monkfrith JMI School has reconstituted, reducing its LEA governors by one, so the vacancy at this school reported to the last Council meeting has now been deleted.

In order to reflect the political balance of the Council, the political balance on school governing bodies (as at 5 May 2005) should be: -

Conservative	152
Labour	111
Liberal Democrat	28
Total	291

The current balance on school governing bodies is: -

Conservative	149
Labour	93
Liberal Democrat	20
Vacancies	29
Total	291

All persons appointed will hold office for four years from the date of appointment or until the governing body has been reconstituted under the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003 if this has not already occurred.

The Group Secretaries have been advised of the vacancies.

RECOMMEND: That the Council make appointments to fill the vacancies reported.

John Marr
Democratic Services Manager

Register of Appointments and Nominations on Outside Bodies

1. Organisation: Adoption and Permanency Panel

Special Conditions:

(a) Term of office is for three years. If a representative resigns or does not complete their term of office, the person appointed to replace that representative will serve the unexpired term of office.

(b) Representatives must be Members of the Council, one appointed from each of the main political parties.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Susan Steinberg	(Expires 30/06/2005)	0111
		Member
Period of appointment:	01/07/2002 to 30/06/2005	
2 - Councillor Agnes Slocombe	(Appointed 26/11/2002)	0112
		Member
Period of appointment:	26/11/2002 to 25/11/2005	

2. Organisation: Age Concern Barnet

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Malcolm Lester	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0005
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Terry Burton	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0006
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

3. Organisation: Almshouse Charities of Samuel Atkinson and Others

Special Conditions:

Persons appointed need not be Members of the Council but they must be nominated by the Councillors representing the Edgware Ward.

Appointment is four years, or for the remaining unexpired term if an appointee is replaced mid-term.

No. of Representatives: 3 (Representative Trustees)

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Joan Scannell	(Resigned 02/12/2003)	1002
		Member
Period of appointment:	09/07/2003 to 06/12/2004	
2 - Mrs Jackie Page	(Appointed 20/03/2002)	1003
		Member
Period of appointment:	20/03/2002 to 19/03/2006	
3 - Councillor Brian Gordon	(Appointed 26/11/2002)	1004
		Member
Period of appointment:	26/11/2002 to 25/11/2006	

4. Organisation: Association of London Government - Children, Young People and Families Forum

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils make nomination (usually lead member for Children's Services where they exist or Education or Social Care where they do not). Appointments, including nine-member steering group and officer positions made by Leaders' Committee.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 deputy

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 -New Vacancy

**ALGCYPF1
Nominee**

2 -New Vacancy

**ALGCYPF2
Deputy**

5. Organisation: Association of London Government - Crime & Public Protection Forum

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils make nominations (usually lead member for community safety/ policing matters). Appointments, including nine-member steering group and officer positions, made by Leaders' committee.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 deputy

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Brian Salinger (Expires 17/05/2005)

**0208
Nominee**

Period of appointment: 27/08/2004 to 17/05/2005

2 - Councillor Malcolm Lester (Expires 17/05/2005)

**0208a
Deputy**

Period of appointment: 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005

6. Organisation: Association of London Government - Culture & Tourism Forum

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils make nominations (usually lead member for culture, tourism or sport). Appointments, including nine-member steering group and officer positions, made by Leaders' committee.

No. of Representatives: 1 + deputy

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Katia David (Expires 17/05/2005)

**0202
Nominee**

Period of appointment: 27/08/2004 to 17/05/2005

2 - Councillor Victor Lyon (Expires 17/05/2005)

**0202a
Deputy**

Period of appointment: 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005

7. Organisation: Association of London Government - Economic Development Forum

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils make nominations (usually lead member for economic development, Europe, regeneration or planning). Appointments, including nine-member steering group and officer positions, made by Leaders' committee.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 deputy

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Melvin Cohen	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0209
Period of appointment:	27/08/2004 to 17/05/2005	Nominee
2 - Councillor Kanti Patel	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0209a
Period of appointment:	27/08/2004 to 17/05/2005	Deputy

8. Organisation: Association of London Government - Grants Committee

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils nominate directly one voting member and up to four named deputies.

No. of Representatives: 1 + up to 4 deputies

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Michael Freer	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0109
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member
2 - Councillor Katia David	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0109a
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Substitute
3 - Councillor Anthony Finn	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0109b
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Substitute
4 - Councillor Christopher Harris	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0109c
Period of appointment:	15/12/2004 to 17/05/2005	Substitute

9. Organisation: Association of London Government - Greater London Provincial Council

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils nominate a deputy representative to the GLPC Employers Side. The Leaders' Committee will constitute the GLPC Employers Side. However, it will not normally meet to deal with day to day matters. Instead these will be dealt with by a meeting of deputy representatives nominated by the boroughs.

No. of Representatives: 2 deputies

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Katia David	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0204
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Deputy
2 - Councillor Leslie Sussman	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0204a
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Deputy

10. Organisation: Association of London Government - Health & Social Care Forum

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils make nominations (usually lead member for social services or health). Appointments, including nine-member steering group and officer positions, made by Leaders' committee.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 deputy

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Fiona Bulmer	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0207
Period of appointment:	07/07/2004 to 17/05/2005	Nominee
2 - Councillor Helena Hart	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0207a
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Deputy

11. Organisation: Association of London Government - Housing Forum

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils make nominations (usually lead member for housing). Appointments, including nine-member steering group and officer positions, made by Leaders Committee.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 deputy

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0206
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Nominee
2 - Councillor Fiona Bulmer	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0206a
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Deputy

12. Organisation: Association of London Government - London Caribbean Partnership

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

1 Member + 1 deputy.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Agnes Slocombe	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0110 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Katia David	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0110a Deputy
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

13. Organisation: Association of London Government - London Housing Unit Committee

Special Conditions:

Annual appointment. Usually the Leader is nominated.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 deputy

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	6400 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Brian Gordon	(Expires 17/05/2005)	6401 Deputy
Period of appointment:	15/09/2004 to 17/05/2005	

14. Organisation: Association of London Government - London Housing Unit Executive Sub-Committee

Special Conditions:

Annual appointment. Usually the Lead Member for Housing is nominated.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 deputy

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	6402 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Brian Gordon	(Expires 17/05/2005)	6403 Deputy
Period of appointment:	15/09/2004 to 17/05/2005	

15. Organisation: Association of London Government - S101 Leaders Committee

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils nominate one voting member (usually the Leader, but not necessarily) and up to two named deputies. All three members will receive papers for meetings. The council's representative will also be the representative to the company ALG Limited, unless alternative arrangements are made.

No. of Representatives: 1 + up to 2 deputies

Current Representatives	Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Victor Lyon (Expires 17/05/2005)	0198 Member
Period of appointment: 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Anthony Finn (Expires 17/05/2005)	0198a Deputy
Period of appointment: 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Brian Salinger (Expires 17/05/2005)	0198b Deputy
Period of appointment: 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

16. Organisation: Association of London Government - Transport & Environment Committee

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Councils nominate directly (usually lead member for transport and / or environmental issues). One voting member and up to four named deputies.

No. of Representatives: 1 + up to 4 deputies

Current Representatives	Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Brian Coleman (Expires 17/05/2005)	0227 Member
Period of appointment: 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Matthew Offord (Expires 17/05/2005)	0227a Deputy
Period of appointment: 27/08/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Gerard Silverstone (Expires 17/05/2005)	0227b Deputy
Period of appointment: 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Councillor Melvin Cohen (Expires 17/05/2005)	0227c Deputy
Period of appointment: 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
5 - Councillor Andreas Tambourides (Expires 17/05/2005)	0227d Deputy
Period of appointment: 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

17. Organisation: Barnet Borough Arts Council

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Three representatives must be Members of the Council.

No. of Representatives: 4

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Peter Davis	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0022 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Wendy Prentice	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0023 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Susan Steinberg	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0024 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Head of Customer Care	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0025 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

18. Organisation: Barnet Care Attendant Scheme Management Committee

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

(a) Representatives must be Members of the Council;

(b) Preferably, one representative should be the Cabinet Member for Social Care.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Soon-Hoe Teh	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0032 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Terry Burton	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0033 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

19. Organisation: Barnet Community and Police Consultative Group

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Representatives must be Members of the Council

The Group suggests that appropriate appointees would be Members dealing with the issue of community safety or with an interest in a broad spectrum of groups within the community, such as youth and minority groups, or dealing with health, social care or the environment.

No. of Representatives: 6 members plus 6 substitutes

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Olwen Evans	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1032 Member
Period of appointment:	02/03/2005 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Christopher Harris	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1033 Member
Period of appointment:	07/07/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Aba Dunner	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1034 Member
Period of appointment:	02/03/2005 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1035 Member
Period of appointment:	07/07/2004 to 17/05/2005	
5 - Councillor Soon-Hoe Teh	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1036 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
6 - Councillor Sean Hooker	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1037 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
7 - Councillor Victor Lyon	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1038 Substitute
Period of appointment:	02/03/2005 to 17/05/2005	
8 - Councillor Melvin Cohen	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1039 Substitute
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
9 - Councillor Gerard Silverstone	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1040 Substitute
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
10 - Councillor Terry Burton	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1041 Substitute
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
11 - Councillor Alan Schneiderman	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1042 Substitute
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
12 - Councillor Susette Palmer	(Expires 17/05/2005)	1043 Substitute
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

20. Organisation: Barnet Community Homes

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

A charity set up to run the Council's former Residential Care Homes for Older People. One representative is required, who does not have to be a Councillor.

No. of Representatives: 1

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Fiona Bulmer	(Expires 17/05/2005)	9898 Member
Period of appointment:	07/07/2004 to 17/05/2005	

21. Organisation: Barnet Housing Aid Centre

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

The Management Committee shall be constituted with up to 15 Members. Three must be elected representatives of the Local Authority who will be non-voting members.

No. of Representatives: 3

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Allan Turner	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0044 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0045 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Brian Gordon	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0046 Member
Period of appointment:	15/09/2004 to 17/05/2005	

22. Organisation: Barnet Housing Associations Liaison Group

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

The representatives must include the Cabinet Member for Housing and Environmental Health and the Director of Social Affairs (or his representative for Housing or his representative for Social Services).

No. of Representatives: 4

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0047 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Brian Gordon	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0048 Member
Period of appointment:	15/09/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Head of Housing	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0049 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Director of Social Affairs	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0050 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

23. Organisation: Barnet Voluntary Service Council

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

(a) Representatives must be Members of the Council.

(b) One representative is invited to serve on the Board of Trustees.

(c) The Council may from time to time invite any person holding office within the area of benefit to become an ex-officio member of the Council provided always that such person on leaving office ceases to be a member.

(d) The Council may co-opt persons having special knowledge or experience and for such period as the Council determine provided always that the numbers of co-opted persons shall not exceed at any time one fourth of the representative members of the Council.

No. of Representatives: 3

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Fiona Bulmer	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0029
Period of appointment:	07/07/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member
2 - Councillor Terry Burton	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0030
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member
3 - Councillor Helena Hart	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0031
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member

24. Organisation: Brent Cross Association Limited

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

(a) Clause 17 of the Articles of Association entitles the Council to authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Association, i.e one person only.

(b) The representative is a non-voting member.

No. of Representatives: 1

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Melvin Cohen	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0055
Period of appointment:	15/09/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member

25. Organisation: Continuing Care Review Panel

Special Conditions:

- (a) Annual appointment (to be renewed at Annual Council).
- (b) The representative will only be required to sit on the Panel if the review does not concern a Barnet Borough resident.
- (c) Councillors are not eligible for appointment, and neither are the chairman, chief executive or a non-officer member of any health service body. The person appointed would usually be an officer with relevant expertise, but this need not necessarily be the case.

No. of Representatives: 1

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Ms Helena Davis	(Expires 17/05/2005)	4526
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/01/2005 to 17/05/2005	

26. Organisation: Court of the City University (Northampton College)

Special Conditions:

Annual appointment.

No. of Representatives: 1

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Eva Greenspan	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0058
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

27. Organisation: Darlands Lake Nature Reserve Management Group

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

One Councillor from Totteridge Ward

One Councillor from Mill Hill Ward

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Brian Coleman	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0010
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Jeremy Davies	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0011
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

28. Organisation: Disability Action in the Borough of Barnet

Special Conditions:
Annual appointment.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives

		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Robert Newton	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0060
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Director of Social Affairs	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0061
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

29. Organisation: East Finchley Neighbourhood Centre Management Committee

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Representatives must be Members of the Council and should be serving councillors from any of the wards of East Finchley, Finchley Church End, Garden Suburb, West Finchley and Woodhouse.

No. of Representatives: 5

Current Representatives

		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Colin Rogers	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0169
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Leslie Sussman	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0170
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Kitty Lyons	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0171
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Councillor John Marshall	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0172
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
5 - Councillor Mark Langton	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0173
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

30. Organisation: Eleanor Palmers Charity

Special Conditions:

(a) The person appointed may, but need not, be a Member of the Council and the fact that a trustee ceases to be a Member of the Council during a term of office as trustee does not affect the trusteeship.

(b) The person appointed shall through residence, occupation or employment or otherwise have special knowledge of the area of benefit, ie the former Urban Districts of Barnet and East Barnet

(c) Appointments are for four years.

No. of Representatives: 4 (Nominative Trustees)

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mr Stephen Payne	(Expires 08/06/2005)	1054
		Member
Period of appointment:	10/09/2003 to 08/06/2005	
2 - Mr Martyn Woolf	(Expires 12/06/2005)	1055
		Member
Period of appointment:	13/06/2001 to 08/06/2005	
3 - Ms Helena Davis	(Appointed 13/05/2003)	1056
		Member
Period of appointment:	09/06/2003 to 08/06/2007	
4 - Mr S Lane	(Appointed 13/05/2003)	1057
		Member
Period of appointment:	09/06/2003 to 08/06/2007	

31. Organisation: Finchley Charities

Special Conditions:

(a) Representatives may, but need not, be Members of the Council and the fact that a trustee ceases to be a Member of the Council during a term of office as trustee does not affect the trusteeship.

(b) The trustee's term of office runs from the date of the Council meeting at which the appointment is made.

(c) The person appointed shall through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise have special knowledge of the area of benefit, i.e. the former Borough of Finchley.

(d) Each appointment shall be made for 2 or 4 years according to the vacancy particulars, at a meeting convened and held according to the ordinary practice of the Council.

No. of Representatives: 4

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mr Roland Carpenter	(Expires 11/06/2005)	1058
		Member
Period of appointment:	12/06/2003 to 11/06/2005	
2 - Mr Andrew Galatopolous	(Expires 11/06/2005)	1059
		Member
Period of appointment:	12/06/2003 to 11/06/2005	
3 - Mr Colin Rogers	(Expires 11/06/2005)	1060
		Member
Period of appointment:	12/06/2001 to 11/06/2005	
4 - Mr Peter Hart	(Expires 11/06/2005)	1061
		Member
Period of appointment:	12/06/2001 to 11/06/2005	

32. Organisation: Friend in Need Community Centre

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

The Grants Committee at their meetings on 4 and 9 March 1992 appointed Grant Aid to this organisation for 1992/93 subject to Member level representation on the organisation's Management Committee.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 substitute

Current Representatives

		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Susan Steinberg	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0190
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Terry Burton	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0191
		Substitute
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

33. Organisation: Friends of Barnet Borough Libraries

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

(a) The representative and substitute representative must be Members of the Council.

(b) Attendance of meetings is in a liaison capacity.

(c) It has previously been suggested that it is appropriate if the Member representative is from within the Constituency for the body or near to it.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 substitute

Current Representatives

		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Alan Schneiderman	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0075
		Member
Period of appointment:	27/08/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Wendy Prentice	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0076
		Substitute
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

34. Organisation: Friern Park Centre Management Committee

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Representatives must be Members of the Council and be a serving Councillor from any of the wards of Coppetts, East Finchley, Oakleigh, Totteridge, West Finchley and Woodhouse.

No. of Representatives: 5

Current Representatives

		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Alison Moore	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0164
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Gerard Silverstone	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0165
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Brian Coleman	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0166
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Councillor Jim Tierney	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0167
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
5 - Councillor Alan Schneiderman	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0168
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

35. Organisation: Grahame Park Interim Partnership Board

Special Conditions:

Annual appointment.

The representatives should comprise two Councillors and two officers. Initial appointees were the Cabinet Member for Housing, Ward Member for Colindale, Director of Environment and Head of Housing, and deputies were Chairman of the Hendon Area Forum, Ward Member for Colindale and an officer from Housing. The Board would like any replacements to hold the same offices or similar level of seniority.

No. of Representatives: 4 +3 Deputies

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0236a
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member
2 - Councillor Gill Sargeant	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0236b
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member
3 - Director of Environment	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0236c
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member
4 - Head of Housing	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0236d
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member
5 - Councillor Matthew Offord	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0236e
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Deputy
6 - Councillor Danish Chopra	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0236f
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	Deputy
7 - Ms Nicky Bird	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0236g
Period of appointment:	07/07/2004 to 17/05/2005	Deputy

36. Organisation: Greater London Enterprise Ltd

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Melvin Cohen	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0234
Period of appointment:	15/09/2004 to 17/05/2005	Member
2 - Councillor Terry Burton	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0235
Period of appointment:	15/09/2004 to 17/05/2005	Substitute

37. Organisation: Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute Council

Special Conditions:

- (a) One representative must be a Garden Suburb Ward member.
- (b) The other two representatives must not be elected members of the Council.
- (c) Appointments are for three years and must be ratified by the Institute before taking effect.

No. of Representatives: 3

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor John Marshall	(Resigned 18/11/2003)	1167
		Member
Period of appointment:	08/07/2003 to 07/07/2006	
2 - Mr Gerald Shamash	(Appointed 08/07/2003)	1168
		Member
Period of appointment:	08/07/2003 to 07/07/2006	
3 - Ms Marjorie Harris	(Appointed 08/07/2003)	1169
		Member
Period of appointment:	08/07/2003 to 07/07/2006	

38. Organisation: Hampstead Heath Management Committee (City of London)

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

The representative must be a Member of the Council.

No. of Representatives: 1

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Melvin Cohen	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0099
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

39. Organisation: Health and Social Care Partnership Board

Special Conditions:

4 representatives - to include the Cabinet Members for Health and Social Services and Children and a representative from each of the two main opposition groups. The Board meets four times a year. The term of office will run in the first instance from January 2002 to March 2003, and annually thereafter.

No. of Representatives: 4

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Fiona Bulmer	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0600
		Member
Period of appointment:	07/07/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Sean Hooker	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0600a
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Claire Farrier	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0600b
		Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Councillor Christopher Harris	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0600c
		Member
Period of appointment:	27/08/2004 to 17/05/2005	

40. Organisation: Heritage of London Trust

Special Conditions:

Annual appointment.

No. of Representatives: 1

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Anthony Finn	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0100 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

41. Organisation: LGAs Urban Commission

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Authorities are entitled to appoint up to two representatives to attend meetings of the Commission - either two elected members or one member and one officer. Barnet Council has 7 votes.

Meetings of the LGA Urban Commission are held twice a year.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Victor Lyon	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0223 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Brian Coleman	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0225 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

42. Organisation: LHC - Building Components and Services

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

The representatives and substitute must be Members of the Council.

No. of Representatives: 2 + 1 substitute

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

1 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0116 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Melvin Cohen	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0117 Member
Period of appointment:	15/09/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor John Marshall	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0118 Substitute
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

43. Organisation: Local Government Association

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

(1) Representatives must be Members of the Council.

(2) Votes are allocated on the basis of population. Barnet has seven votes which are taken by the Administration, who will decide on the allocation between their representatives.

No. of Representatives: 4

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Philip Yeoman	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0214 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Victor Lyon	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0215 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0216 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Councillor Anthony Finn	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0217 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

44. Organisation: London Local Authority Arts Forum

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

Only elected members of a local authority will be requested on the Forum. One should be the Cabinet Member dealing with culture and the arts.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Katia David	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0084 Member
Period of appointment:	27/08/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Peter Davis	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0085 Member
Period of appointment:	15/12/2004 to 17/05/2005	

45. Organisation: London Youth Games Limited

Special Conditions:

(a) Annual appointment.

(b) The representative must be a Member of the Council.

(c) The substitute is to be an Officer.

No. of Representatives: 1 + 1 substitute

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Peter Davis	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0124 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Head of Education	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0125 Substitute
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

46. Organisation: Management Committee for Rowley Green Common

Special Conditions:

Annual appointment.

No. of Representatives: 4 (2 members & 2 officers)

Current Representatives

		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Katia David	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0159 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Wendy Prentice	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0160 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Mr Matthew Mardling	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0161 Member
Period of appointment:	27/10/2004 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Head of Environmental Services	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0162 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

47. Organisation: National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

The Council's representatives on this body must include the Head of Environmental Services or their representative (G.P. Cttee. Dec. 2/6/75-8(e)).

No. of Representatives: Up to 5

Current Representatives

		Vac Ref
1 - Head of Environmental Services	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0132 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Mr Ray Phillips	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0132a Member
Period of appointment:	02/03/2005 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Mr David Norton	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0132b Member
Period of appointment:	02/03/2005 to 17/05/2005	

48. Organisation: New Barnet Community Association General Committee

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

The persons appointed must be Members of the Council.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives

		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Olwen Evans	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0192 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor Wendy Prentice	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0193 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

49. Organisation: New Barnet Community Association Management Committee

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

The person appointed to the New Barnet Community Association Management Committee must be a Member of the Council serving on the New Barnet Community Association General Committee.

No. of Representatives: 1

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Councillor Olwen Evans | (Expires 17/05/2005) | 0194
Member |
| Period of appointment: | 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005 | |

50. Organisation: North London Waste Authority

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

The persons appointed must be elected members.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Councillor Brian Coleman | (Expires 17/05/2005) | 0133
Member |
| Period of appointment: | 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005 | |
| 2 - Councillor Melvin Cohen | (Expires 17/05/2005) | 0134
Member |
| Period of appointment: | 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005 | |

51. Organisation: Oakhill Woods Nature Reserve Management Group

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

No. of Representatives: 5 (3 members & 2 officers)

Current Representatives

Vac Ref

- | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Councillor Susan Steinberg | (Expires 17/05/2005) | 0135
Member |
| Period of appointment: | 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005 | |
| 2 - Councillor Terry Burton | (Expires 17/05/2005) | 0136
Member |
| Period of appointment: | 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005 | |
| 3 - Councillor Daniel Hope | (Expires 17/05/2005) | 0137
Member |
| Period of appointment: | 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005 | |
| 4 - Mr Matthew Mardling | (Expires 17/05/2005) | 0138
Member |
| Period of appointment: | 26/08/2004 to 17/05/2005 | |
| 5 - Head of Environmental Services | (Expires 17/05/2005) | 0139
Member |
| Period of appointment: | 19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005 | |

52. Organisation: School Organisation Committee

Special Conditions: Annual appointment.

1. The Council appoints seven Members as representatives.
2. The organisation meets about once a term, i.e. about three times a year . Meetings start at 7.30pm, with pre-meetings at 7.00pm.

No. of Representatives: 7

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mrs Vanessa Gearson	(Vacant 29/03/2005)	9800 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
2 - Councillor John Marshall	(Expires 17/05/2005)	9801 Member
Period of appointment:	07/07/2004 to 17/05/2005	
3 - Councillor Christopher Harris	(Expires 17/05/2005)	9802 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
4 - Councillor Matthew Offord	(Expires 17/05/2005)	9803 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
5 - Councillor Fiona Bulmer	(Expires 17/05/2005)	9804 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
6 - Councillor Susan Steinberg	(Expires 17/05/2005)	9805 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	
7 - Councillor Jack Cohen	(Expires 17/05/2005)	9806 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

53. Organisation: Wright Community Development Trust

Special Conditions:

Representative should be the Lead Member for Housing.
Annual appointment.

No. of Representatives: 1

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Brian Salinger	(Expires 17/05/2005)	0237 Member
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 17/05/2005	

NOTE : The membership of each Committee is subject to a final decision by Council on 17 May 2005 : Also, the Council will be determining which of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will have a membership of 10.

CABINET OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Membership

11 Non-executive Councillors

Terms of Reference

1. Scrutinising Cabinet and other Executive decisions as appropriate before they are implemented by means of the call-in arrangements in Rule 16 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

RESOURCES, PERFORMANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Membership

9 or 10 Non-executive Councillors

Terms of Reference

To perform the scrutiny role in relation to:

1. The overall performance, effectiveness and value for money of council services, including the planning, implementation and outcomes of all corporate improvement strategies;
3. The effectiveness of the council's partnerships in furthering the council's community and corporate plans, communication and public consultation;
3. The robustness of Best Value reviews and implementation of Best Value improvement plans;
4. The council's Information and Communications Technology systems including e-government, investment, implementation and service delivery.
5. Scrutinising the Council's annual budget process, reviewing and scrutinising its performance in relation to budget management, and assisting the Council in developing the three year budget strategy.
6. The financial management of resources available to the council including property and asset acquisitions and disposals, reviewing the council-wide property and asset strategy and the capital investment programme.
7. The promotion of customer care and the development of community involvement with all aspects of the Council's work;

8. The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

Additionally, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, to perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety

FIRST CLASS EDUCATION AND CHILDREN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Membership

9 or 10 Non-executive Councillors
3 voting voluntary-aided school representatives
2 voting parent governor representatives

Terms of Reference

To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

1. The Council's functions as an education authority including raising and enhancing standards in schools, services to schools, Early Years Provision and the Youth Service for clients up to the age of 19;
2. The provision of opportunities for ongoing education, skills development and training including adult education and literacy;
3. Services for children, young people and their families including Children's Social Services, the Council's corporate parenting role, the Youth Offending Team and the Youth Justice Plan.
4. Local NHS services and health-related issues which impact upon the health of Barnet children and young people aged up to 18, in accordance with the powers granted under Section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001.
5. Cultural and recreational services including sports and leisure facilities, libraries, arts, museums, countryside sites and public events;
6. Any other:
 - non-educational issues relevant to supporting vulnerable children and young people in Barnet or improving their life chances, directly or in partnership with others;
 - issues relevant to the provision and development of first class education and lifelong learning in Barnet, directly or in partnership with others;
 - issues relevant to the promotion and development of culture, recreation, sport and tourism, directly or in partnership with others.

Additionally, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, to perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

CLEANER, GREENER, TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Membership

9 or 10 non-executive Councillors

Terms of Reference

To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

1. Development and management of the environment including the Council's functions in relation to roads and pavements, refuse and recycling, street cleansing, graffiti removal, street lighting, waterways, green spaces, parks trees and allotments;
2. Transportation services and transport planning;
3. The Council's environmental health and consumer protection functions;
4. The Council's role in relation to regeneration and development including economic and strategic development, building and property construction, town centre regeneration and associated matters;
5. The functions of the Council as local planning authority including planning policy and development control;
6. The Council's property, design and building control services;
7. The Unitary Development Plan (UDP), Section.106 Agreements and Local Development Frameworks.
8. Any other issues relevant to the promotion of a cleaner greener Barnet, directly or in partnership with others.

Additionally, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, to perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Membership

9 or 10 non-executive Councillors

Terms of Reference:

To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

1. Community care services for older people and vulnerable adults including those who have physical disabilities, sensory impairment, learning disabilities, mental health needs or other special needs, and such preventative, advice and advocacy (including welfare rights), transport, respite and other services as may be needed to help people remain independent in their own homes;
2. The promotion of effective partnerships with health and other agencies in the public, private and voluntary sectors to support the above.
3. Local NHS services and health-related issues which impact upon the health of adult Barnet residents aged 18 and over, in accordance with the powers granted under section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001.
4. Any other issues relevant to supporting vulnerable adults in the community or promoting good health in Barnet, directly or in partnership with others.

Additionally, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, to perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

TACKLING CRIME AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Membership

9 or 10 non-executive Councillors

2 non-voting co-opted tenant representatives appointed by Barnet Housing Consultative Panel

Terms of Reference

To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

1. The supply and development of social housing in the borough with associated environmental, neighbourhood and social facilities, in partnership with other housing providers;

2. The assessment of housing need, allocation of housing resources, provision of services for people who are homeless and prevention of homelessness, including the role of the public, voluntary and private housing sectors;
3. The arm's length management, maintenance and improvement of the Council's housing stock by Barnet Homes, in consultation with tenants and leaseholders;
4. The operation of the housing benefits service;
5. The development, promotion and management of all aspects of community safety, including the various roles of the council, the police and other public agencies, the business and voluntary sectors and the wider community;
6. Any other issues relevant to the Council's functions as a housing authority or tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough, directly and in partnership with others.

Additionally, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, to perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

Part 3

Responsibility for Functions

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(Section revised Council 12 April 2005)

References: Chapter 5, Guidance

The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000

Section 13, Local Government Act 2000

Explanatory Note

1. The Local Government Act 2000 divides the functions of the local authority between the full Council (and its Committees) and the Executive. The Council is no longer the body responsible for all the activities of the local authority in the borough.

The Council's statutory duties are now broadly:

1. Approval of the budget and statutory policy framework.
2. Constitutional and quasi-legislative functions.
3. Dealing with applications for licences, approvals, consents, permissions (including planning permission) and registrations; and related regulation and enforcement action.

All other functions of the local authority are functions of the Executive, i.e. the Leader and Cabinet, and cannot be exercised by the Council (Section 13 (10) Local Government Act 2000).

This Part of the Constitution is the Scheme of Delegation that sets out the detailed arrangements for the allocation and discharge of responsibilities.

2. The principles of the Scheme of Delegation are that functions are delegated from the Council and the Executive to subordinate bodies and persons by exception rather than specifically.

This Part of the Constitution, therefore, also sets out the decisions that are reserved to specific decision takers and cannot be taken by subordinate decision takers.

3. It is a general legal principle that although delegation involves conferring authority on subordinate bodies and individuals, this does not mean that the delegator gives up the authority to act or take decisions. That general principle is expressly recognised in Section 15(9) of the Local Government Act 2000:-

"Any arrangements made by virtue of this section by an executive leader, executive member or committee for the discharge of any functions by an executive, member, committee or officer are not to prevent the executive leader, executive, member or committee by whom the arrangements are made from exercising those functions".

1. ALLOCATION OF LOCAL CHOICE FUNCTIONS

Schedule 2 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 sets out the local choice functions that can be allocated to the Executive or to the Council or to Council Committees. The following table shows which body is responsible for each of these. The bodies are described in the table in section 2.

Function	Decision making body
1. Any function under a Local Act.	1. The Executive
2. Determining an appeal against any decision made by or on behalf of the authority where there is a right of appeal to a Council Committee. (This excludes matters where statutory arrangements exist).	2. Appeals Committee
3. The appointment of housing benefit review boards.	This is no longer a function of the local authority
4-6. Making arrangements for appeals against exclusion of pupils, school admission and appeals by governing bodies.	4-6. The Council but delegated to the Head of Committee Administration.
7-8. Do not apply.	
9. Conducting best value reviews.	9. The Executive has the legal duty, which it will discharge through the approval of an action plan. The Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee will oversee a review and evaluate and analyse the findings.
10-15. Any function relating to contaminated land and statutory nuisances.	10-15 Planning and Environment Committee with delegation to Area Committees and Officers.

Function	Decision making body
16. & Planning and other information 17. notices.	16. & Planning and Environment 17. Committee, with delegation to Area Committees and Officers, except in so far as the notice relates to an executive function.
18. Highways agreements.	18. Planning and Environment Committee, with delegation to Area Committees and Officers, except in so far as the agreement relates to an executive function.
19. Appointments.	19. The Council, with delegation to the General Functions Committee.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations sets out the Council functions that are not allocated to the Executive. The following table sets out the body responsible for these.

Many decisions are taken by Officers or Sub-Committees under delegated powers. Delegation to Officers is set out in section 6 below. The division of responsibility between Planning and Environment Committee and the Area Committees is also set out below.

(Note: amendments relating to a single Appeals Committee are to take effect as soon as practicable following implementation of the new licensing regime on 7 February 2005)

Body responsible	Functions	Membership
Council	Council can discharge all non-executive functions but most are delegated to committees or officers.	All members of the Council.
Council acting as the Licensing Authority	Agreeing and reviewing the Statement of Licensing Policy.	All Members of the Council
Licensing Committee	All functions under the Licensing Act 2003 and associated Regulations, not otherwise delegated to the Licensing Sub-Committee	15 Non-executive Councillors, based on overall political proportionality of the Council.

Body responsible	Functions	Membership
Licensing Sub-Committee	All functions under the Licensing Act 2003 and associated Regulations, as delegated to it by the Licensing Committee	<p data-bbox="1043 192 1406 412">Three Members of the Licensing Committee, to include one from the Panel of six Chairmen appointed by that Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 450 1406 779">The Democratic Services Manager selects Members to form the Licensing Sub-Committee as required, having regard to Member availability and the areas that they represent.</p> <p data-bbox="1043 817 1315 965">The Democratic Services Manager arranges suitable hearing times.</p>

Body responsible	Functions	Membership
<p>Audit Committee</p>	<p>1.Ensuring that the Council’s financial reports, annual financial statements, Statement of Internal Control and the action taken by the Council to implement fully a risk management system are balanced, fair, conform to accountancy standards and meet prevailing best practice.</p> <p>2.Reassuring the Council that the scope and depth of external audit work and the annual External Audit Plan are sufficient and conducted competently, including communication with the external auditor on audit findings and material weaknesses in accounting and internal control systems, including endorsing the annual External Auditor’s Letter. Meeting independently with the external auditor periodically, ensuring the independence and objectivity of the external auditor and in matters relating to the provision of non-audit services.</p> <p>3. Satisfying the Council that the internal auditor carries out sufficient systematic reviews of the internal control arrangements, both operational (relating to effectiveness, efficiency and economy) and</p>	<p><i>NOTE: Once the Council has taken the decisions about the make – up of Committees, these details will be entered here.</i></p> <p>The proportionality rules apply to the membership of this Committee.</p>

Body responsible	Functions	Membership
	financial . 4. Reviewing the major findings of any relevant internal council investigations by the Corporate Anti Fraud Team into control weaknesses, fraud, whistle blowing or misconduct and the management's response. 5. Reporting as appropriate to the Council and Cabinet	
Appeals Committee	Determining an appeal or application where there is a right of appeal to a Council committee. This does not include matters which are the responsibility of the Licensing Committee or the Licensing Sub-Committee, nor does it include special statutory appeal or review bodies. It does include:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications and appeals relating to Sex Shops, Sex Cinemas and Sex Encounter Establishments • Staffing appeals relating to grading (but not the placing of individuals in a career grade), dismissal and relegation (including by centrally employed teaching staff) 	The composition of the Committee will be inserted once the Council has taken the decision The Democratic Services Manager selects each Committee in turn having regard to member availability and the areas that they represent. The Democratic Services Manager arranges daytime or evening meetings to suit the wishes of appellants.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeals relating to renovation, disabled facilities, home repair assistance and common parts facilities grants 	

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEES ETC 2005 - 2006

Appendix C

- Notes:** (a) Normally meetings will commence at 7 pm and will be held at the Town Hall, Hendon unless otherwise arranged.
 (b) Area Forums meet at other venues.
 (c) Meetings not included will be arranged as and when required.

		2005										2006													
1	Reserved for Barnet Civic Network	-	30/3									9/11				27/3									
2	Corporate JNCC	-										24/11											13/7		
3	Teaching JNCC	-																							
4	Health Safety and Welfare JNCC	-	31/3																						
5	Standards Committee	-	24/3																						
6	Area Forums - Golders Green; Whetstone; Edgware, Burnt Oak & Mill Hill	Tue																							
7	Area Forums – Finchley; Barnet; Hendon	Wed	13/4																						
8	Area Environment. Subs	Tue																							
9	Finchley & Golders Grn. Area Planning Sub	Mon	4/4	9/5	6/6																				
						Thur 14/7	Thurs 11/8	Mon 5/9																	
10	Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub	Tue	5/4	10/5	7/6	12/7	9/8	6/9																	
11	Hendon Area Planning Sub	Wed	6/4	11/5	8/6	13/7	10/8	7/9																	
12	Resources, Performance and Partnerships Overview & Scrutiny																								
13	First Class Education and Children Overview & Scrutiny																								
14	Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview & Scrutiny																								
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16	Tackling Crime and Housing Overview & Scrutiny																								
17	Audit Committee																								
18	General Functions Committee	Thur																							

19	Cabinet Briefing Meeting.	Mon	28/2	18/4		16/5	20/6	-	22/9		21/11		Tue 3/1	13/2	20/3		Tue 30/5	10/7				
20	Cabinet Resources	Thur	17/3	28/4		16/6	21/7		26/9		10/11		5/1	16/2	30/3		18/5	6/7				
21	Shadow Cabinet	-	22/3	26/5			5/7	23/8	6/10		29/11		17/1	21/2	28/3		6/6	& 20/7 Or 17/7 -				
22	Planning and Environment Committee	Wed	20/4	25/5	22/6	27/7	24/8	21/9	Thur 20/10		30/11	4/1	25/1	22/2	29/3	17/5	7/6	5/7	2/8	30/8		
23	Cabinet - Formal Meeting	Mon	Tue 29/3	31/5			7/7		Tue 30/8	11/10	5/12		23/1	27/2	3/4		12/6	24/7				
24	Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Mon	11/4	23/5	15/6		1/8		12/9	27/10	19/12		30/1	6/3	10/4		19/6	31/7				
25	Party Group Meetings for Council	Thur	7/4	12/5				8/9	Wed 2/11		15/12		26/1	2/3	6/4	11/5	22/6					
26	Council	Tue	12/4					13/9	8/11		20/12		31/1	*7/3	11/4		27/6					
27	Council - Annual Meeting	Tue		17/5												16/5						

(* Includes Mayoralty nomination and Council Tax) (\$ Includes Statement of Accounts
+ Audit Committee meet s to consider SAS610 report from Auditors)

Other notes:

* leave late Sept/Oct Planning Subs as they are

& This can stay as it is or be moved to 17/7, which would avoid any overlaps, whichever is preferable

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Register of Appointments and Nominations on School Governors

1. Organisation: Barnet Hill JMI and Nursery School

No. of Representatives: 3

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mr Gordon Massey	(Expires 27/06/2005)	P.2.1
Period of appointment:	28/06/2001 to 27/06/2005	Labour
2 - Mr J Tyler	(Disqualified 13/06/2003)	P.2.2
Period of appointment:	27/07/2001 to 26/07/2005	Conservative
3 - Councillor Linda McFadyen	(Appointed 10/09/2002)	P.2.3
Period of appointment:	10/09/2002 to 09/09/2006	Labour

2. Organisation: Broadfields Primary School

No. of Representatives: 3

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mrs L Evans	(Appointed 18/01/2005)	P.44.1
Period of appointment:	19/01/2005 to 18/01/2009	Conservative
2 - Dr P Bhattacharyya	(Appointed 01/03/2005)	P.44.2
Period of appointment:	02/03/2005 to 01/03/2009	Labour
3 New Vacancy		P.44.3

3. Organisation: Brookland Infant and Brookland Junior Schools

No. of Representatives: 4

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mr Simon Berger	(Deceased 20/09/2004)	P.23.1
Period of appointment:	02/04/2004 to 01/04/2008	Labour
2 - Mr Jeffrey Leifer	(Appointed 01/04/2004)	P.23.2
Period of appointment:	02/04/2004 to 01/04/2008	Labour
3 - Councillor Leslie Sussman	(Appointed 01/04/2004)	P.23.3
Period of appointment:	02/04/2004 to 01/04/2008	Conservative
4 - Councillor John Marshall	(Appointed 01/04/2004)	P.23.4
Period of appointment:	02/04/2004 to 01/04/2008	Conservative

4. Organisation: Brunswick Park Primary School

No. of Representatives: 3

Current Representatives Vac Ref

- 1 - Ms Elizabeth Lawrence (Appointed 09/07/2002) P.10.1
Period of appointment: 09/07/2002 to 08/07/2006 Conservative
- 2 - Mr Robert Pavitt (Appointed 14/05/2003) P.10.2
Period of appointment: 14/05/2003 to 13/05/2007 Conservative
- 3 - **Councillor Daniel Hope** (Resigned 24/06/2004) P.10.3
Period of appointment: 26/07/2001 to 26/07/2005 Conservative

5. Organisation: Church Hill School

No. of Representatives: 3

Current Representatives Vac Ref

- 1 - **Ms Kelly Liza Tebb** (Resigned 02/03/2005) P.11.1
Period of appointment: 19/03/2002 to 18/03/2006 Labour
- 2 - **Mr Stanley Blitz** (Resigned 09/09/2004) P.11.2
Period of appointment: 19/11/2002 to 18/11/2006 Conservative
- 3 - Mrs Joanna Tambourides (Appointed 14/05/2003) P.11.3
Period of appointment: 14/05/2003 to 13/05/2007 Conservative

6. Organisation: Courtland JMI School

No. of Representatives: 3

Current Representatives Vac Ref

- 1 - **Mrs J Burton** (Resigned 13/07/2003) P.39.1
Period of appointment: 09/07/2000 to 08/07/2004 Liberal Democrat
- 2 - Mr K Dyall (Appointed 06/07/2004) P.39.2
Period of appointment: 09/07/2004 to 08/07/2008 Conservative
- 3 - Mrs A Pottinger (Appointed 06/07/2004) P.39.3
Period of appointment: 09/07/2004 to 08/07/2008 Labour

7. Organisation: Dollis Infant School

No. of Representatives: 4 (reducing to 3)

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mr Vinod Sodha	(Resigned 27/09/2004)	P.41.1
Period of appointment:	11/01/2001 to 10/01/2005	Labour
2 - Councillor Wayne Casey	(Appointed 10/09/2002)	P.41.2
Period of appointment:	10/09/2002 to 09/09/2006	Liberal Democrat
3 - Councillor Jeremy Davies	(Appointed 26/07/2001)	P.41.3
Period of appointment:	27/07/2001 to 26/07/2005	Liberal Democrat
4 - Mr G O Williams	(Resigned 30/09/2002)	P.41.4
Period of appointment:	24/10/2001 to 23/10/2005	Labour

8. Organisation: Grasvenor Avenue Infant School

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mrs Pat Dunton	(Appointed 18/01/2005)	P.45.1
Period of appointment:	19/01/2005 to 18/01/2009	Conservative
2 - Mr J Tyler	(Disqualified 30/05/2003)	P.45.2
Period of appointment:	27/07/2001 to 26/07/2005	Conservative

9. Organisation: Hampden Way Nursery School

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mrs J G Lodhi	(Appointed 06/07/2004)	P.48.1
Period of appointment:	09/07/2004 to 08/07/2008	Conservative
2 - Mrs Sandra Hope	(Resigned 15/09/2004)	P.48.2
Period of appointment:	19/05/2004 to 18/05/2008	Conservative

10. Organisation: Northway School

No. of Representatives: 3

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mrs M Stannard	(Appointed 16/12/2003)	SP.02.1
Period of appointment:	06/01/2004 to 05/01/2008	Conservative
2 - Mr Hugh Rayner	(Resigned 25/11/2003)	SP.02.2
Period of appointment:	09/07/2002 to 08/07/2006	Conservative
3 - Ms Dadia Conti	(Appointed 08/07/2003)	SP.02.3
Period of appointment:	01/09/2003 to 31/08/2007	Labour

11. Organisation: The Orion Primary and Goldbeaters Primary Schools

No. of Representatives: 4

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Ms Nargis Narenthira Period of appointment:	(Appointed 14/09/2004) 15/09/2004 to 14/09/2008	P.50.1 Labour
2 - Councillor Gill Sargeant Period of appointment:	(Appointed 14/09/2004) 15/09/2004 to 14/09/2008	P.50.2 Labour
3 - Mr Vinay Sharma Period of appointment:	(Appointed 14/09/2004) 15/09/2004 to 14/09/2008	P.50.3 Conservative
4 - Mr J Hart Period of appointment:	(Resigned 04/11/2004) 15/09/2004 to 14/09/2008	P.50.4 Conservative

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AGENDA ITEM 13.4.2

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

7. Representation of the Council on Outside Bodies

Barnet Care Attendant Scheme Management Committee has changed its name and drawn up a revised governing document, as a result of which Council representation is no longer required. Therefore, the vacancies relating to this organisation on Appendix A to my report no longer require to be filled.

Recommend: That the Council notes that Council representation on Barnet Care Attendant Scheme Management Committee is no longer required.

8. Appointment of Standing Committees and a Chairman and Vice – Chairman for each Standing Committee

Introduction

Council on 26 October, 2004, when approving the establishment of a Licensing Committee, agreed to reduce the number of Appeals Committees to one, with effect from the 2005 Annual Meeting.

The Council also on 12 April, 2005, agreed, with effect from the Annual Meeting to

- (i) restructure the Overview and Scrutiny Committees into six Overview and Scrutiny Committees; and
- (ii) introduce a new Audit Committee

Political Balance : Background

The Council must allocate seats on committees and other prescribed bodies so as to give effect to the political balance rules under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

The political proportionality rules also apply to those outside bodies dealing with local government matters to which the council appoints three or more representatives. They therefore apply to the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee. The calculation indicates that the allocation must be two Conservative and two Labour. However, the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee is not included in the calculation relating to achieving political balance.

The Council appoints or nominates members to a variety of special statutory bodies, or informal or consultative bodies that are not council committees or sub-committees. The political balance rules do not apply to these bodies.

The consultative bodies established for consultation with staff are also not regarded as council committees subject to the political balance rules. Each has a special composition.

The Regulations provide an exception from the political balance requirements where a committee is established to discharge functions in part of an authority's area, and

- (a) consists entirely of members elected for wards which comprise the area, and
- (b) either the area or its population does not exceed two-fifths of the total for the authority.

This allows the six area planning and environment sub-committees to be constituted on a ward member basis and still comply with the law.

The political group with the majority of seats on the council is entitled to a majority of seats on all the relevant Committees.

Achieving Political Balance

The political balance calculations are based on the following political split. :

Conservatives	:33
Labour	: 24
Liberal	
Democrat	: 6

However, in determining political balance for 2005/06, the issues set out in the introduction to this item must be borne in mind.

With that in mind, the Special Committee (Constitution Review), met on 11 May to consider the issues. Details of the members' attending the meeting and a synopsis of their considerations are set out in Appendix 1.

The Special Committee (Constitution Review) agreed to recommend the Council to adopt the model set out in Appendix B to achieve political balance. The Committee noted that the Labour Group had indicated that their support of this model was conditional upon a member of that Group chairing the Appeals Committee to reflect their majority on that Committee.

Recommendations have still to be made as to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that will comprise ten members.

As far as the appointment of substitutes are concerned, the Council on 20 April, 2004, agreed to the appointment of two substitutes for each political group for certain committees and Overview and Scrutiny Committees. It is therefore recommended that this principle also applies to the new Audit Committee.

Appendix C also identifies all of the other Council Committees and Panels and their compositions.

Appendix D identifies the bodies to which the political balance calculations do not apply.

The Group Secretaries have been advised of the situation.

Recommend:

- (1) That on the basis that the Council is made up of 63 members comprising three political groups (Conservative 33 members, Labour 24 members, Liberal Democrat 6 members), the allocation of seats on committees subject to the political balance regulations be as set out in Appendix B.**
- (2) That the allocation of seats on Committees and other bodies appointed by the Council and on sub – committees and other bodies appointed by council committees should be in accordance with Appendices C and D**
- (3) That the principle of establishing the appointment of two substitutes for each political group be applied to the Audit Committee.**
- (4) That each political group be invited to nominate members for seats in accordance with the principles set out in (1), (2) and (3) above and the allocations set out in Appendices C and D , and that the Council and Council committees appoint committees, sub – committees and other relevant bodies in accordance with those principles and allocations, subject to the Council’s final decision as to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that will comprise the 10 – member Committee.**

Non-Council Members of Committees and other Bodies - Nominations

Nominations have been sought for Non-Council Members of Committees and other bodies as indicated below:

First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Council on 13 May, 2003, agreed that with effect from 2004/2005 the period of appointments of voluntary school representatives on the then Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee be for a period of two years.

It is proposed the appointments made on 18 May, 2004, continue for the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the period 2005/2006.

Recommend : That the following be appointed to serve as voting voluntary – aided school representatives on the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2005/2006 : -
(i)Mr Denis Carey, representative of the Roman Catholic Church;

**(ii) Ms Cathy Goldin, representative of the Persons who Appoint Foundation Governors to Voluntary Aided Jewish Schools ; and
(iii) Ms Gladys Vendy representative of the Church of England.**

Tackling Crime and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Constitution provides for two non – voting co-opted tenant representatives to be appointed to this Committee. The Council, on 21 October, 2003, agreed that these appointments should be made by the Barnet Housing Consultative Panel.

Recommend : That the two non – voting co-opted tenant representatives on the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2005/2006 be appointed by the Barnet Housing Consultative Panel.

Independent Members of the Standards Committee

The Council at their Annual Meeting on 14 May 2002 appointed four independent people to serve on the Standards Committee, one of whom was appointed as Chairman. Two of the Members subsequently stood down and the Council, on 1 March appointed Mr Stephen Ross to that Committee with immediate effect and Mrs Susan Riddle with effect from 17 May, 2005.

The independent people have all their confirmed their willingness to continue,

Recommend:

- (1) That, Ms Marguerite Argles, JP, Reverend Berndt Koschland, Mrs Susan Riddle and Mr Stephen Ross be appointed to serve as Independent Persons on the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2005/2006.**
- (2) That Reverend Berndt Koschland be appointed Chairman and Ms Marguerite Argles JP be appointed Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2005/2006.**

9. Calendar of meetings 2005/06

Item 13.4.5 of my report refers to a revised Calendar of meetings for Committees, Sub – Committees, Panels. forums, etc

Since the revised calendar was circulated, one or two anomalies have come to light.

Therefore, the amendments set out in the recommendation are also for the Council's consideration.

Recommend- That the Calendar of meetings, as amended by the following be approved:

- **Alter Teaching JNCC from 23 June to 21 June, 2005**
- **Alter Tackling Crime and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee from 9 June to 27 June, 2005**
- **Alter First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee from 28 June to 30 June, 2005.**

- **Alter Audit Committee from 31 October to 10 October - to ensure that all legislation relating to the SAS610 report from the Auditors can be complied with.**

10. Minutes of meeting held on 12 April 2005

Item 3 of the Agenda for this meeting relates to Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April.

Minute 200 relates to Questions to Cabinet Members. Set out below is the complete Supplemental Question 31.

“There is so much waste of cardboard and plastics in the bins. If somebody is able to do something to use it, whereby the council would then increase its recycling rate and help the environment, then that's for the good and that's why I put the question. There has to be some time when this council will have to look at what other boroughs do to recycle plastics and cardboard. So what's wrong with Barnet doing just that and reviewing this? Thank you.”

Recommend- That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April be approved by the inclusion of completed Supplemental Question 31 as set out below:

“There is so much waste of cardboard and plastics in the bins. If somebody is able to do something to use it, whereby the council would then increase its recycling rate and help the environment, then that's for the good and that's why I put the question. There has to be some time when this council will have to look at what other boroughs do to recycle plastics and cardboard. So what's wrong with Barnet doing just that and reviewing this? Thank you.”

11. Amendments to the Constitution

I mentioned in Item 4 of my report that consequent upon the Council's decision on the membership of Committees and Sub – Committees, changes would also be required to the following
Part 4 – Rules of Procedure – Section 2 Committee and Sub – Committees – paragraph 1 – Substitute members and quorum.
Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules : Table 1

Attached are proposed amendments which have been drafted in accordance with the model recommended by the Special Committee (Constitution Review), dated 11 May, 2005, which are subject to the Council's final decisions on:

- (i) the proposed membership of Committees; and
- (ii) the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that will comprise Members.

Recommend – That subject to the Council's decisions on the proposed membership of Committees and Sub – Committees and on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that will comprise ten members the amendments to the Constitution as set out in Appendices E and F be approved.

12. Motion in the name of Councillor Salinger

The following has been received:-

That, in accordance with Paragraph 14.1.2 of the Council Procedure Rules the Council Suspend the requirements of paragraph 1 of the Council's Procedure Rules to enable Cllr. Salinger to move the following Motion:

“Council notes the General election results for the three Parliamentary Constituencies in the London Borough of Barnet.

Council congratulates the three successful Candidates in that election, and wishes them well in their work to represent the people of this Borough at Westminster.”

John Marr
Democratic Services Manager

Appendix A

Special Committee (Constitution Review) : 11 May 2005.

Present:

Councillor Victor Lyon, BA (Hons) : Chairman

Councillor Anthony Finn : Vice- Chairman

Councillors :

Mike Freer (substituting for Councillor Joan Scannell)

Daniel Hope

Alison Moore

Phil Yeoman

Apologies were received from Councillors Jack Cohen, Monroe Palmer (substitute) and Joan Scannell.

The Chairman invited Councillor Wayne Casey to address the Committee on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group.

Constitution Review 2005 : Membership of Committees and Political Balance

The Committee considered the report of the Officers concerned. Also circulated at the meeting was a further paper showing an alternative approach to achieving political balance. Debate ensued. During the debate, the meeting was adjourned for five minutes to enable members to consider the alternative suggestion.

The outcome of the debate was that the Special Committee agreed to recommend the Council to adopt the model set out below to achieve political balance. The Committee noted that the Labour Group had indicated that their support of this model was conditional upon a member of the Group chairing the Appeals Committee to reflect their majority on that Committee.

Committee	No of members	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem
Cab O and S Members	11	6	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	10	5	4	1
O and S Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
O and S Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
O and S Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
O and S Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
General Functions Cttee Members	9	5	3	1
P and E Cttee Members	21	11	8	2

Appeal Cttee Members	15	6	8	1
Audit	11	6	4	1
Total	113	59	43	11
Political balance		59 (59.1)	43(43.0)	11 (10.7)
discrepancy		0	0	0

Appendix B

Committee	No of members	Cons	Lab	Lib Dem
Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Members	11	6	4	1
Overview and Scrutiny Members	10	5	4	1
Overview and Scrutiny Members	9	5	3	1
Overview and Scrutiny Members	9	5	3	1
Overview and Scrutiny Members	9	5	3	1
Overview and Scrutiny Members	9	5	3	1
General Functions Members	9	5	3	1
Planning and Environment Members	21	11	8	2
Appeals Committee Members	15	6	8	1
Audit	11	6	4	1
Total	113	59	43	11
Political balance discrepancy		59 (59.1)	43(43.0)	11 (10.7)
		0	0	0

Political Balance Allocation on Committees and Sub-Committees

Committee	Total Seats	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee	11	6	4	1
*Overview and Scrutiny Members	10	5	4	1
*Overview and Scrutiny Members	9	5	3	1
*Overview and Scrutiny Members	9	5	3	1
*Overview and Scrutiny Members	9	5	3	1
*Overview and Scrutiny Members	9	5	3	1
General Functions Members	9	5	3	1
Planning and Environment Members	21	11	8	2
Appeals Committee Members	15	6	8	1
Audit	11	6	4	1
Licensing	8	6	1	
Special Committee to deal with the Constitution	7	4	2	1
Standards Committee	3	1	1	1
Chief Officers Appointments Panel	7	4	2	1
Chief Officers Disciplinary & Capability Investigating Panel	5	3	1	1
Chief Officers Disciplinary Panel	<u>5</u>	3	1	1

* The Overview and Scrutiny Committees are :

- Resources, Performance and Partnerships
- First Class Education and Children
- Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development
- Supporting the Vulnerable in our Community
- Tackling Crime and Housing

Appointments to the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee are Conservative 2, Labour 2.

Planning and Environment Committee – will have 21 Members which Council can appoint to on a ward basis and achieve political balance. For wards with split representation the allocation of seats will be:-

Underhill Ward	-	1 Conservative Seat
Hale Ward	-	1 Labour Seat

Area Planning and Environment Sub-Committees – one member per ward. For Wards with split representation the allocation of seats will be:-

Underhill Ward	-	1 Conservative Seat
Hale Ward	-	1 Labour Seat

Bodies to which the Political Balance Rules do not apply

Corporate JNCC, Teachers JNCC, Corporate Joint Consultation (Health, Safety & Welfare)	Consultative bodies with agreed constitutions.
Social Services Review Panels (Children and Community Care)	Special statutory bodies appointed by the Democratic Services Manager. Social Services Review Panels are dealt with as an outside body.
Standing Committee for Religious Education	Treated as outside bodies to which appointments are made by the Council
Adoption and Permanency Panel	
School Organisation Committee	A statutory body but not a Committee of the Council – treated as an outside body
Pension Fund Management Advisory Panel	Not a committee, one member from each political group.
Consultative Forums	Not committees.