

Council Meeting

18 January 2005

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMITTEE

Agenda item 15.1

5. Agenda item 10: Comments on the work of Cabinet

(i) The following Comment received from Councillor Monroe Palmer:

"Would the Cabinet member comment on the effect of the wholesale removal of traffic calming measures in Barnet"

(ii) The following Comment received from Councillor Susette Palmer:

"Would the cabinet member comment on the reductions to the library service."

6. Amendments to items on the Agenda

(i) Agenda Item 8.2: Motion in the name of Councillor Ansuya Sodha

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger

"Motion to read...."

Council condemns all forms of domestic violence, recognising that such violence involves not just males on their female partners, but females on male partners, violence within same sex relationships and inter-generational violence.

Council welcomes and supports the action taken by Barnet Council staff and others including the work done by the Barnet Domestic Violence Forum. (The Forum chaired by Lesley Williams of Williams & Co Solicitors, includes representatives from the Police, the Council, Magistrates, Barnet Women's Aid, Jewish Women's Aid, Victim Support, and the Domestic Violence Support Service). Council will continue to work closely with the Police in tackling the perpetrators and supporting the victims of domestic violence.

Council recognises the efforts that have been made across council departments, (Housing, Children and families, Education, Cultural and Corporate services) to deal with the implications of domestic violence for our residents.

Council acknowledges the success of Barnet's Sanctuary Project which has been recognised as a model of good practice by the ODPM, Audit Commission and Greater London Authority. (In its 2004 Annual Report, the GLA's London Domestic Violence Forum highlights the Barnet Sanctuary Project...."*In LB Barnet, the Domestic Violence Support Services (DVSS) is a key partner in Barnet's newly inaugurated Sanctuary Project. This installs security measures in the homes of domestic violence survivors, helping them to remain there and maintain contact with family, friends, schools and other support networks. The local authority's Homeless Prevention Manager secured ODPM funding for the project and it is offered to anyone who presents, or is likely to present, to the Housing Department as homeless due to domestic violence*")

Council will continue to support both the Barnet women's refuge and the Barnet Jewish women's refuge, and the Christian Action HA project (Elevate) which supports victims of domestic violence.

Barnet Council is aware that a Best Value Review of Community Safety is currently being undertaken - and considers that it would be premature to anticipate any recommendation with regard to the possible creation of a post of co-ordinator for Domestic Violence services."

(ii) Agenda item 9.1 Administration Policy Item:
Amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen:

“Delete all the words after “reducing” and add all the following:
“public participation, increasing litigation and divisive rationalisation. Council resolves to
condemn this wasteful and ineffective regime.”

R S Goddard
Head of Committee