

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 12 April, 2005, at 7.00pm

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Agenda and Timetable

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	<u>Part 1 - Statutory formalities/ Announcements (15 minutes)</u>	7.00pm – 7.15pm	
1.	Prayer		
2.	Apologies for absence		
3.	Minutes of last meeting held on 1 March 2005		1 - 24
4.	Official announcements		
5.	Declarations of interest		
6.	Any business remaining from last meeting		
	<u>Part 2 -- Question Time (30 minutes or until 7.45pm, whichever is the longer)</u>	7.15pm – 7.45pm	
7.	Questions to the Leader and Cabinet		To be circulated separately
	Part 3 — Members' Motions (60 minutes)	7.45pm – 8.45pm	
8.	Motions in the order in which notice has been given		
8.1	From Councillor Wayne Casey		
	"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 notes the residents' petition calling for the provision of lighting in Simmonds Mead NW7 and agrees that the effectiveness of the Mill Hill Broadway CCTV scheme will be impaired if this open space, approximate to the Broadway, remains in darkness. Council urges the Cabinet to support the petition and consider providing a lighting scheme for this area."		

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8.2	From Councillor Lynne Hillan		
	<p>Council is appalled at the rise in Crime, particularly violent crime, both locally and nationally.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Council also notes the statement by the Borough Commander that Barnet is no longer a "Safe" Borough</p> <p>Council understands that, nationally, over 40 per cent of Police time is now spent on paperwork as opposed to catching criminals</p> <p>Council however welcomes Barnet Council initiatives that have outlawed outdoor drinking in the town Centres of Finchley, Hendon and North Finchley.</p> <p>Council further welcomes Barnet Council's implementation of CCTV in at least one extra area per year.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Council urges Cabinet to support Conservative party plans for 370 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.</p>		

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8.3	From Councillor Monroe Palmer		
	<p>This Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - concerned at its present inability, through the planning process, to act in the best interests of local residents in relation to the proliferation of mobile telephone masts; - welcomes the Private Member's Bill recently introduced by Andrew Stunell MP to give local Councils greater powers in this regard, and in particular (a) to prohibit any development without planning permission and (b) to allow a local Council to have regard to health issues on a precautionary basis; and - instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Members of Parliament within the Borough to urge them to support for this Bill." 		
8.4	From Councillor Kath McGuirk		
	<p>"Council condemns the scrapping of the pest control service in 2004. Council regrets the subsequent increase in rat and other pest populations, and the impact of the loss of the service on residents unable to afford huge bills from private contractors. Council believes that the pest control service is vital to ensure that all residents, and particularly those on low incomes"</p> <p>Councillor McGuirk has requested under the Council's Constitution, Part 4, Section 1, 31.5 that if the item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.5	From Councillor Alan Schneiderman		
	<p>"Council welcomes the number of police officers in Barnet rising to 544. Council supports Barnet Police, and notes that the borough remains one of the safest in which to live and work in London.</p> <p>In contrast, Council recalls that the administration axed Barnet's Neighbourhood Warden service and has inflicted massive cuts to the Street Enforcement Service.</p>		

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	<p>Council condemns the £300,000 of cuts to the youth service, which reduce the budget by one-third, especially when Barnet's investment in young people is already among the lowest in London. Council believes that diverting young people away from becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour, and from becoming the victims of crime, should be a key priority for the Council.</p> <p>Council regrets that any boom-and-bust Tory government would freeze investment in public services, and thereby cut police numbers in Barnet and jeopardise the remaining youth service budget."</p> <p>Councillor Schneiderman has requested under the Council's Constitution, Part 4, Section 1, 31.5 that if the item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.6	From Councillor Monroe Palmer:		
	<p>Council believes that current parking policies in Barnet are in need of review. Businesses and individuals are fined whilst loading and unloading without any observation time being observed.</p> <p>Council urges Cabinet to introduce a five minute observation time particularly, but not only, outside business premises so that vehicles that are being loaded and unloaded are not given penalty tickets</p>		
8.7	From Councillor Gill Sargeant		
	<p>Council urges Cabinet to bring forward proposals to the Cabinet meeting in June, following consultation with ward councillors, for the Council's involvement and support for the development of infrastructure within the Grahame Park estate now that the SRB has ended."</p> <p>Councillor Sargeant has requested under the Council's Constitution, Part 4, Section 1, 31.5 that if the item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		

8.8	From Councillor Daniel Hope		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mobile Phone Masts</u></p> <p>Council notes that Mobile Phone Masts are being erected in Barnet.</p> <p>Council notes the Government made £22.5 billion from the sale of 3G Licenses in 2000.</p> <p>Council notes PPG 8, which permits Mobile Phone operators to erect masts without full Planning Permission.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Council resolves to support such plans that would require all new phone masts to receive planning consent in order to be erected.</p>		
	Break	8.45pm – 9.00pm	
9	Part 4 – Policy Development (60 minutes)	9.00pm – 10.00pm	
9.1	Administration Policy Item. Hospital Cleanliness in our Borough		25
9.2	Opposition Policy Item Community and Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commercial recycling - Alternative Fuel vehicles - Council internal environmental policy - Microgeneration of energy 		26- 27
	Part 5 – Accountability (20minutes)	10.00 pm- 10.20pm	
10	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes) –		
10.1	From Councillor Kath McGuirk: "To comment on the work of Cabinet with regard to promoting the recycling of plastics and cardboard."		

10.2	From Councillor Gill Sargeant: "To comment on the work of Cabinet with regard to the development of Colindale, the regeneration of the Grahame Park estate, and the provision of transport, schools, and healthcare infrastructure."		
11.	Questions to council representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)		None
	Part 6 – Statutory Council Business (40 minutes)	10.20pm – 11.00pm	
12.	Reports from Cabinet 29 March 2005 (i) Safer Communities Strategy (ii) London Local Authorities Act 2004 and promotion of a 9 th Bill.		To be circulated separately
13.	Reports from overview and scrutiny committees		
14.	Reports from Other Committees		
14.1	Report of the Special Committee (Constitution Review) 6 April 2005		To be circulated separately
15.	Reports of Officers		
15.1	Chief Executive Results of by-election, 7 April, 2005 – Colindale Ward		To be circulated separately
15.2	Democratic Services Manager/Head of Committee		28 - 40
1.	Amendments to items on the Agenda		
2.	Executive decisions exempted from the call – in process		
3.	Vacancies on School Governing Bodies		
4.	Representation of the Council on Outside Bodies		
15.3	Monitoring Officer		

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