

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 28 June, 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 17 May, 2005		1 - 70
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
	<u>Part 3 — Members' Motions (60 minutes)</u>	7.45pm – 8.45pm	
8.	Motions in the order in which notice has been given		
8.1	From Councillor Steve Blomer		
	Council welcomes and supports the petition signed by residents living in the area of Stoneyfields Park, Edgware, about unacceptable anti-social behaviour in the park at night and urges the Executive to do the same.		

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	<p>Council regrets that the administration has failed to take action to deal with the nuisance behaviour, that the Council has failed to lock the park at night, and that the community hall at the rear of Fairmead Crescent has been allowed to fall into disrepair.</p> <p>Councillor Blomer has requested, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 31.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules, that if the item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting, it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.2	From Councillor Linda McFadyen		
	<p>Council notes its support on 9 September 2003 for the Government's Civil Partnership registration scheme to support stable families, and to provide legal recognition to the relationships of registered same-sex couples, which will benefit many Barnet residents. Council welcomes and supports the Civil Partnership Act, which will come into effect from 5th December.</p> <p>Council calls upon the Executive to ensure the Barnet Registration Service is ready and fully prepared to register civil partnerships, and that the partnerships registration service is advertised to the LGBT community.</p> <p>Councillor McFadyen has requested, in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 31.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules, that if the item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting, it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		

8.3	From Councillor Ansuya Sodha		
	<p>Council notes that this week is national Poop Scoop Week 2005, from 27 June to 3 July, organised by the charity <i>Dogs Trust</i> to promote responsible dog ownership and that it is a dog owner's duty to clean up after their dog.</p> <p>Council notes that uncollected dog waste is not just a nuisance, but a public health risk to young children because dog waste containing the roundworm <i>Toxocara</i> can affect sight if the eggs of the parasite are swallowed.</p> <p>Council supports the implementation, by the previous administration, of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, which means an offence is committed if a person in charge of a dog fails to clean up its waste. Council believes that dog waste bins are essential to encourage dog owners to be responsible.</p> <p>Council regrets the recent problems with dog waste in parks in West Hendon, notably York Park, and regrets the Council's failure to empty the dog waste bins often enough to ensure that responsible dog owners can safely dispose of their dog's waste.</p> <p>Council urges the Cabinet to ensure that there are enough dog waste bins in West Hendon and throughout the borough - and that these are emptied often enough - to encourage dog owners to be responsible. Council also urges the Cabinet to support and take an active part in Poop Scoop Week 2006.</p>		

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8.4	<p>From Councillor Susette Palmer</p>		
	<p>Identity Cards and Barnet</p> <p>This Council Notes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Labour Government has returned to its aim of introducing compulsory ID cards for all adults in Britain. • That the Treasury is insisting that this policy be self-financing – that the citizen must pay or face fines and imprisonment • That the Government has reported that this will cost £93 per person. • That the London School of Economics (The Observer, Sunday May 29th 2005) has reported that the costs of the technology will be more likely to be £300 per person. • That The Times has also reported a rise, to double that of the Government figures (Tuesday 31st May 2005) • That the Independent reported that the US Government has approached the UK government in asking for compatible technologies in order for US government agencies to obtain access to the information held (Friday 27th May 2005). 		

	<p>This Council Believes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That this is an unacceptable infringement of civil liberties and a further domination of Government over the citizen. • That it is unacceptable for the citizens of Barnet to have to fork out up to £300 per person, costing them an estimated £75 million, no matter their ability to pay. • That this implies costs to the Council itself in terms of ensuring compatibility to operations. <p>This council resolves:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To submit its objection to this policy and legislation to the Government, specifically Charles Clarke and Gordon Brown • To ask Cabinet to investigate future costs and risks involved to council operations as result of ID cards coming into operation • To ask the borough's Members of Parliament to state their position on ID cards. 		
8.5	From Councillor Monroe Palmer		
	<p>Road-Charging This council notes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Transport Secretary, Alastair Darling is proposing the introduction of variable rate Pay As You Go road-charging. • That this system will cost as much as £1.34 per mile in peak rate traffic • That Londoners already face the extension of the GLA Congestion Charge 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the system will be administered by a satellite GPS system compulsorily attached to personal vehicles. <p>This Council believes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That this is a radical but extremely flawed system • That Barnet’s residents will be double-whammed for using their cars • That it eliminates any incentive to use pollution-efficient vehicles • There is no indication of whether the money is going to the Treasury or straight to improving transport for public and private use as well as environmental improvements. • There is no indication as to who will foot the bill for the equipment, though it is likely to be the taxpayer • That once the technology is in place, it is open-ended for further price increases • There is no local say involved in the amounts charged • That drivers will find it difficult to judge their budget • That the government has no need to track the location of all vehicles <p>This Council Resolves –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To register its opposition with all three major party leaders on these grounds • To ask Cabinet to promote the use of greener fuel efficiencies throughout Barnet and its own vehicle fleet 		
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8.6	From Councillor Offord		
	<p>Council notes the bottleneck on the A406 North Circular Road between New Southgate and Green Lanes that causes misery to all road users.</p> <p>Council believes that work is necessary on this section to increase capacity and improve traffic flow.</p> <p>Council however condemns the half-hearted current Transport for London (TfL) plans for this section. Their proposals will result in fewer lanes available to motorists, which we believe will actually cause more congestion.</p> <p>Council welcomes the initiative taken by the administration to work with Enfield Council to find a more sustainable and effective solution to the long-term traffic problems on the A406.</p> <p>Council urges Cabinet to support this partnership with Enfield Council to produce a comprehensive, long-term scheme that will both increase capacity on this section of the North Circular and cut the queues that have long plagued the road.</p>		
8.7	From Councillor Gerard Silverstone		
	<p>Council notes the campaign, led by celebrity chef, Jamie Oliver, to make School Meals more nutritious for children in order to help combat childhood health problems such as obesity.</p>		

	<p>Council welcomes the scheme piloted by Barnet Council at four of the Borough's schools that has seen kitchen staff trained in how to prepare healthy meals for children. This makes Barnet only the second local authority in the Country to act after the campaign to improve school dinners was launched.</p> <p>Council further welcomes the news that 14 other Barnet schools will join the initiative over this year.</p> <p>Council urges Cabinet to ensure this scheme is rolled out to all primary schools should the trial prove a success.</p>		
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10	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes) –		
11.	Questions to council representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)		None
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7.	Calendar of Meetings		
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15.2	Monitoring Officer		

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