

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 13 September , 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 28 June, 2005		1 - 41
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 Phil Yeoman Council is delighted that London will host the Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012. Council congratulates the London 2012 team led by Lord Coe, supported by the Mayor of London, Greater London Authority, the Government and all three main political parties, on bringing the 2012 Olympics to London.		

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	<p>Council believes the Olympics will bring huge benefits to Barnet and the whole of London, encouraging a legacy of regeneration and jobs, improvements to public transport, and world-class sports facilities for our children's future.</p> <p>Council asks the Cabinet to write to the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games and the Olympic Delivery Authority to pledge the London Borough of Barnet's support to work in partnership for a successful Olympics.</p> <p>Councillor Yeoman has requested, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 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>		
8.2	<p>From Councillor Brian Salinger</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>London Bombings</u></p> <p>Council notes with deep sadness the London Bombings of 7 July, attacks on our City that killed more than 50 and injured at least 700 innocent people.</p> <p>Council further notes that at least 8 residents of the Borough were among those killed by the atrocities.</p> <p>Council condemns utterly the individuals and organisations responsible for this outrage. We believe their wicked act was aimed to drive a wedge between the communities that exist in harmony in our great and diverse city.</p>		

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	<p>Council by contrast pays enormous tribute to the very brave and effective response of all the emergency services, transport staff, hospital personnel, as well as members of the public that lent a hand to their fellow citizens in their hour of need.</p> <p>Council believes that without their sterling work, more people would have been killed in the terrorist attacks.</p> <p>Council welcomes the multicultural harmony of the London Borough of Barnet. This is a Borough where residents, of all faiths and creeds, live and work in peace together, united in condemnation of the bombings.</p> <p>Council resolves to stand steadfast against the hate and oppression these extremist individuals and their cohorts stand for, and to work with all the communities and organisations in the Borough to ensure that there is no place for such evil criminals in our society.</p>		
8.3	<p>From Councillor Kath McGuirk</p> <p>Council notes the petition signed by over 3,300 residents calling upon the Council to reinstate the pest control 'ratcatchers' service.</p> <p>Council notes that residents who were previously charged £6 for the council's pest control service could now face private contractors' bills of over £200. Council believes that pest control should be affordable for all residents because inaction against pests by residents deterred by higher costs has a detrimental impact on the whole neighbourhood.</p>		

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	<p>Council notes the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) report published in May 2005 which showed that since the pest control service was closed the Council has had to more than double the number of notices issued to residents to deal with rats on their property.</p> <p>Council notes the DEFRA report concluded “there was no evidence that the Council proactively carried out inspections in order to meet the requirements” of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949. Council therefore asks the Cabinet to implement the recommendations of the DEFRA report by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conducting a detailed audit of the Council's operations to fulfil its statutory duties under the 1949 Act, • fulfilling the Council's duty to deal with rats coming from sewers, and • ensuring staff charged with ridding council land of rats receive additional training. <p>Council welcomes the commitment in-principle to the re-introduction of the pest control service. Council therefore asks the Cabinet to bring forward a report to the next Cabinet meeting on 11 October containing proposals for a pest control service offering subsidised provision to residents on lower incomes, and proposals to implement the DEFRA recommendations.</p> <p>Councillor McGuirk has requested, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 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>		

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8.4	<p data-bbox="312 241 746 275">From Councillor Melvin Cohen</p> <p data-bbox="312 315 724 349">Happy Birthday Green Belt</p> <p data-bbox="312 394 783 499">Council welcomes the news that the Green Belt celebrated its 50th birthday on 3 August.</p> <p data-bbox="312 539 772 757">Council believes that the Green Belt is instrumental in protecting the attractive environment of the Borough, and protecting our suburbs from excessive development.</p> <p data-bbox="312 797 820 1014">Council notes that Hendon Council was the first authority in the country to designate land as Green Belt, and further notes that the Green Belt extends through the middle of the Borough of Barnet.</p> <p data-bbox="312 1055 820 1227">Council is however dismayed by moves by the government to force Councils to release Green Belt land for development, trying to turn the Green Belt into an “Elastic Belt”.</p> <p data-bbox="312 1267 820 1440">Council believes, in contrast, that the values of the Green Belt are as valid now as they were in 1955: the Green Belt must be site specific, permanent, and sacrosanct.</p> <p data-bbox="312 1480 820 1742">Council resolves to celebrate the anniversary of the Green Belt, and calls on Cabinet to take what action it can to ensure that Barnet’s beautiful environment, that owes so much to that policy is protected for generations to come.</p>		

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8.5	<p>From Councillor Monroe Palmer</p> <p>Council notes with alarm proposals to review the opening times of the Edgware Hospital walk in centre. Council expresses its view that any reduction in opening hours from the current 24 hour service would represent an unacceptable cut in the level of health provision in the Borough. Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the PCT to give them early warning that this authority will oppose the outcome of any such review if it recommends a reduction in opening hours.</p> <p>Council notes that the facilities at Edgware Hospital were used extensively as part of the election campaign of the Labour Party and their candidate, Andrew Dismore. Council notes that in none of the Labour Party's election material was any mention made of a potential reduction in services at Edgware. Council trusts that there will not be a repeat of 1997, when the Labour Party promised a review of the decision to close the A&E at Edgware - and reneged upon that promise 19 days after the General Election. Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to all three Barnet M.P.s informing them of the contents of this motion.</p>		
	Break	8.45pm – 9.00pm	
9	Part 4 – Policy Development (60 minutes)	9.00pm – 10.00pm	
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	Part 5 – Accountability (20minutes)	10.00 pm- 10.20pm	
10	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes) –		
10.1	From Councillor Steve Blomer To comment on the work of the Cabinet concerning the continuing problems of anti-social behaviour and the future of the derelict community building at Stoneyfields Park, Edgware.		
10.2	From Councillor Alan Schneiderman To comment on the work of the Cabinet concerning the provision of youth services and the implementation of the former Culture Scrutiny Committee majority and minority reports on youth services in the borough.		
11.	Questions to council representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)		
11.1	From Councillor Matthew Offord Can the member(s) please advise how much revenue surplus there was from the NLWA's budget at 31 March 2005		
11.2	From Councillor Maureen Braun Will Cllr Evans please tell the Council what role the Barnet link member of the Metropolitan Police Authority (Mr Peter Herbert) played at the June 29 Annual Meeting of the Barnet Police Consultative Group? How often, to her knowledge, has Mr Herbert attended meetings during the last 5 years?		

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11.3	From Councillor Brian Coleman Will Councillor David list the Community organisations (other than Barnet Council) that have hired either of the two theatres at the Arts Depot since it opened?		
11.4	From Councillor Brian Coleman Will Councillor Hope tell the Council what discussion about advertising and publicity by the Arts Depot has taken place at Board meetings ?		
11.5	From Councillor Brian Coleman Does Councillor Davis consider that the Arts Depot is operating at a profit ?		
	Part 6 – Statutory Council Business (40 minutes)	10.20pm – 11.00pm	
12.	Reports from Cabinet 4 July : Youth Justice Plan		44 - 112
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6.	Representation of the Council on Outside Bodies		
7.	Representation of the Council on Stonegrove and Spur Road Partnership		
8.	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme		
15.2	Monitoring Officer		

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