

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
Agenda item 15.1

9. Representation of the Council on Almshouse Charities of Samuel Atkinson and Others

Almshouse Charities of Samuel Atkinson and Others have requested that the Council agree to a change to its governing document which would reduce the number of representative trustees appointed by the Council by one. This is because the Almshouse Charities is in the process of creating a new charity commission scheme so that, for the future, there are two nominated trustees and three co-opted trustees instead of three and two, respectively, as at present (in addition to the two ex officio trustees, so the total remains at seven). This, the trustees hope, will enable them to keep their link with the Council and also minimise the risk of having long – term vacancies (which the Trust has been experiencing.).

Details of this organisation and the Council's current representatives are shown in Appendix C.

RECOMMEND: That the Council reduce its representatives on Almshouse Charities of Samuel Atkinson and Others to two.

10. Vacancies Arising from Reconstitution of School Governing Bodies

I have been advised of a further school governing body which is due to reconstitute in addition to those included in item 5 of my report, as a result of which vacancies will arise. The details are as follows:

Organisation: Cromer Road Primary School

No. of Representatives: Reducing to 3

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Mr Stewart Graham	(Resigned 30/01/2005)	P.05.1
Period of Appointment:	19/11/2003 to 18/11/2007	Conservative
2 - Mrs Nelhams	(Appointed 19/11/2002)	P.05.2
Period of Appointment:	19/11/2002 to 18/11/2006	Conservative
3 - Mr J Draper	(Appointed 11/11/2003)	P.05.3
Period of Appointment:	11/11/2003 to 10/11/2007	Labour
4 - Mr Antonakis Vourou	(Appointed 18/11/2004)	P.05.4
Period of Appointment:	07/12/2004 to 06/12/2008	Labour

All persons appointed will hold office for four years from the day after the appointment is made.

The Group Secretaries have been advised of the vacancies of which only two need to be filled.

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

11. Agenda Item 10 : Comments on the Work of Cabinet

At Agenda item 10.3 the following additional Comment has been received from Councillor Gill Sargeant:

"To comment on the work of the Cabinet with regard to the regeneration of the Grahame park estate and progress made in signing the Principal Development Agreement."

12. Amendments to items on the Agenda

A. Agenda Item 8 : Motions

(a) Item 8.1 : Motion in the name of Councillor Phil Yeoman.

The following amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger:

"Amend the Motion so that it reads:

"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.

Council believes the Olympics **could** 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.

This Council further believes that Barnet could benefit yet more from the prosperity that the games will hopefully create, as our sports centres and sites could be used as training centres in the run up to the Olympics

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. **Council also calls on Cabinet to press the Government, Transport for London (TfL), the London Mayor, and other London-wide committees to provide funding for much needed infrastructure improvements, not least to ensure improvements to the A406 (North Circular Road). ""**

(b) Item 8.4 Motion in the name of Councillor Melvin Cohen

The following amendment in the name of Councillor Paul Rogers:

"Amend fourth paragraph to read:

"Council is opposed to any moves by government to force the council to release Green Belt land for development, trying to turn the Green Belt into an "Elastic Belt".

Add at end:

“Council asks the Cleaner Greener Scrutiny Committee to undertake a review of signage within the Green Belt, including consideration of how other councils approach signage in the Green Belt, and to bring forward proposals as to how the Council can improve its signs so that residents can better use and enjoy the Borough’s Green Belt and open spaces.

Council believes the Executive must use all the powers available to it to act against abuses in the Green Belt, such as fly-tipping.”

Councillor Rogers has requested, under 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.

(c) Item 8.3 Motion in the name of Councillor Kath McGuirk:

The following amendment in the name of Councillor Matthew Offord:

“Delete all and Insert:

“Council notes that a report is due to be sent to Cabinet outlining plans for a new, in-house, service to deal with a range of pests in the Borough.

Council resolves to wholeheartedly welcome plans to introduce such a comprehensive Pest Control Service at a competitive price to Barnet residents, and calls on Cabinet to approve this excellent initiative.”

Councillor McFadyen has requested, under 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.

(d) Item 8.5 Motion in the name of Councillor Monroe Palmer

(i) The following amendment in the name of Councillor Helena Hart:

“*Delete all and Insert:*

“Council is extremely concerned by the failure of Edgware Community Hospital to consult with this Council’s Supporting the Vulnerable Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding its proposals to alter the service currently provided at that Hospital’s 24 Hour Walk In Centre.

Council is dismayed that not only has this committee not been asked to comment on the proposals, but also that it has received no information whatsoever regarding the proposals in direct contravention of both the Health and Social Care Act 2001, and the Local authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002.

This Council has a long history of opposition to the closure of the Accident and Emergency department at Edgware and although Council welcomes the new buildings and facilities at the site, Council is adamant that there must not be any sacrifice made to the 24 hour Centre or any other service the Hospital currently provides.

Council also notes that major alterations to provision of Healthcare have been proposed by the Royal Free Hospital with a grave lack of proper consultation with either this Authority, or other stakeholders. Many of these proposals have

again come out in August, a month when many interested parties are on leave, effectively precluding comment from them.

Council resolves to request the Chief Executive writes to all Barnet NHS healthcare providers and the Secretary of State in order to make the Council's views known on the appalling lack of consultation, or inadequate consultation, that has taken place over the recently proposed changes to NHS provision in our area. ""

(ii) The following amendment in the name of Councillor Fiona Bulmer:

"To Add the Following Penultimate Paragraph should the Amendment in the name of Cllr. Hart be Carried:

"Restructuring has also taken place, without proper consultation, within the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust. This includes:

- The Closure of both Shannon and Wellhouse Wards (Denis Scott Unit, Edgware Community Hospital)
- The Integration of Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment Team and Inpatient Services to form Acute Services
- The Reorganisation of Acute Inpatient wards
- The Closure of BPU Day Hospital

It is believed that all of the above have taken place in contravention of Section 11 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 requiring Strategic Health Authorities to make arrangements to involve and consult patients and the public on alterations to provision. It is noted that The Mental Health Trust now has less than 14 days to respond to the Patient and Public Involvement Forum's allegation of such a contravention. ""

(iii) The following amendment in the name of Councillor Linda McFadyen

"Delete second paragraph beginning "Council notes the facilities..." and replace with :

"Council is opposed to any proposals from Barnet and Chase Farm NHS Trust Hospitals to re-configure/move cancer services from Barnet Hospital to Chase Farm Hospital that would be to the detriment of Barnet residents by increasing journey times. Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Trust stating the Council's opposition and to request an urgent meeting to discuss the proposals. ""

B. Agenda Item 9.1 : Administration Policy Item

The following amendment in the name of Councillor Danish Chopra

"Amend to read:

"Council notes the ALG meeting that decided individual boroughs could choose whether or not to take over traffic enforcement from the police, following a CCTV pilot scheme run by six Conservative and Labour councils targeting locations with poor safety.

Council notes that Conservative Enfield Council and Lambeth's Conservative-supported administration are to use the CCTV traffic enforcement powers.

Council notes that the ALG is conducting a manual enforcement pilot.

Council believes that traffic enforcement must be designed to promote safety, cut congestion and manage road use; it must not be used as a tool to make money.

Council notes that despite revenue raising from cameras being an unlawful objective, in 2003/4 Barnet Council raised £1.4million from bus lane cameras on Edgware Rd.

Council notes the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport's statement that Barnet will not squeeze cash out of motorists using CCTV. Council therefore calls on the Cabinet Member to deliver on this pledge by bringing forward proposals for the removal of all the A5 Edgware Rd cameras to be replaced by manual enforcement.””

Councillor Danish Chopra has requested under Councilr 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.

**9. Further Report Exempted from the Call –in process:
Report of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance and Leader of the Council under Delegated Powers: Disposal of Deansbrook Day Centre, Deansbrook Road, Edgware.**

The issues relating to the Cabinet Resources Committee's decision, of 21 July, relating to the disposal of the Deansbrook Day Centre, were scrutinised by the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 August.

As it was considered that the longer the property remained vacant, there was an increased danger of it being vandalised and its value being reduced, as a consequence, the Cabinet Members approved the invitation of new, binding tender offers from the four to bidders from the previous invitation and, in view of the circumstances, considered that it should be exempted from the call – in process.

The Chairman of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee was consulted, and in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 16(1) of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules, agreed that the decision proposed was reasonable in all the circumstances and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency.

10. Changes to the Constitution.

With reference to Item (3) of my report, there are further small changes required to be made as a result of staffing changes to Contract Procedure Rules, for example, amending the reference to the Assistant Chief Executive to Director of Resources and amending the reference to Head of Committee in paragraph 10.7 to Deputy Borough Solicitor.

RECOMMEND – That the Democratic Services Manager be instructed to make the necessary changes to Contract Procedure Rules to reflect staffing changes.

11. Changes in Committee Memberships

(i)The Conservative Group has indicated that they wish to make further changes to their representation on Committees.

RECOMMEND – That the following changes be made to the membership of the Committees indicated:

Special Committee to deal with the Constitution – Councillor Mike Freer to replace Councillor Kanti Patel as Chairman

- **General Functions Committee – Councilor Lynne Hillan to replace Councilor Kanti Patel as a Member.**
- **Appeals Committee 1 – Councillor Malcolm Lester to replace Councillor Joan Scannell as Substitute**
- **Appeals Committee 3 – Councillor Malcolm Lester to replace Councillor Joan Scannell as a Member.**
- **Chief Officers' Appointments Panel – Appointment of Head of Environmental Services – Councillor Wendy Prentice to replace Councillor Robert Newton as a Member**
- **Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development overview and Scrutiny Committee –**
 - **Councillor Olwen Evans to replace Councillor Lynne Hillan as Chairman**
 - **Councilor Andrew Harper to replace Councillor Olwen Evans as Vice - Chairman**

(ii) The Labour Group has also indicated that they wish to make a change to their representation on the Planning and Environment Committee

RECOMMEND – That Councillor Farrier becomes a full Member of the Planning and Environment Committee, with Councillor Alan Turner as a Substitute Member.

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