

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
Agenda item 15.2

7. VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Due to the resignation of Ms Susan Lee from the governing body of St Mary's Church of England High School NW4, a further vacancy in the Council's representation on School Governing Bodies has occurred, which is listed below in bold. The school is due to reconstitute later this year however it is not yet known upon which date this will occur. In these circumstances the appointee's term will expire on the date of reconstitution. Council is invited to appoint a representative to the governing body until the reconstitution of the school.

1. Organisation: St Mary's Church of England High School, NW4

No of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives Vac Ref

1 - Mr Richard Martyn (Appointed 28/06/2005) VS7.1
Period of Appointment: 27/07/2005 to 26/07/2009 Conservative

2 - Ms Susan Lee (Resigned 24/01/2006) VS7.2
Period of Appointment: 11/11/2003 to 10/11/2007 Conservative

The Party Group Secretaries have been advised of the vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council make an appointment to fill the vacancy reported.

8. CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENT PANEL FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S APPRAISAL

Council is requested to constitute a Chief Officer Appointment Panel to carry out the next annual performance appraisal of the Chief Executive.

To reflect the current political proportionality the Panel should comprise 6 Members: three Conservative, two Labour and one Liberal Democrat.

Two substitutes may be appointed for each political group.

The Panel's membership must include the Leader of the Council or at least one other member of the Executive. It is customary for all three Group Leaders to be appointed to the Panel.

The Group Secretaries have been advised.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council appoint a Chief Officer Appointment Panel to carry out the annual appraisal of the Chief Executive.

9. AGENDA ITEM 12 – REPORT FROM CABINET

Attached at Appendix E is the Report of Cabinet dated 23 January, 2006.

10. AGENDA ITEM 14.2 – REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE 19 JANUARY, 2006

This Report is at Appendix F.

11. AMENDMENTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

With reference to Item 4, further amendments received to items on the Agenda are set out below:

(i) Agenda Item 8.3 – Motion in the name of Councillor Paul Rogers. In addition to the amendment listed on page 55, a further amendment has been received in the name of Councillor Duncan Macdonald:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes the closure of the Environmental Centre in Byng Rd as a result of the planned re-location of Foulds School. Although Council supports in principle the redevelopment of Foulds School, this should not be at the expense of the Environmental Centre.

Council urges the Cabinet to:

Consult fully with the Friends of the Environmental Centre and local residents who to date have only read about the proposals in the local press.

Seek to incorporate the work and function of the Environmental Centre in any redevelopment.

Undertake a comprehensive assessment of the likely effect on traffic flow, and the threat to the Greenbelt of the proposals to redevelop Foulds School on the Environmental Centre Site.

Council also wishes to thank the Friends of the Environmental Centre for their efforts in maintaining the site so that it can still be used by the Boroughs Schools.”

(ii) Agenda Item 8.4 – Motion in the name of Councillor Jim Tierney: an amendment in the name of Councillor Fiona Bulmer:

“Delete all from 'Council notes' to 'Council therefore supports the Cabinet' (paragraph 1 and line 1 of paragraph 2) and replace with 'Council notes the excellent progress Barnet's housing service has made in improving the service it provides to those in housing need and in providing those people with a wider range of housing options.

Council supports the Cabinet ”

(ii) Agenda Item 8.5 – Motion in the name of Councillor Matthew Offord:
(a) *an amendment in the name of Councillor Kath McGuirk*:

“Add at end:

“Council calls on Cabinet to use the recycling contract renewal in 2007 to include plastics and cardboard in the materials that residents can recycle through the kerbside collection scheme.””

Councillor McGuirk has requested, under Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 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.

(b) an amendment in the name of Councillor Melvin Cohen:

“Amend the Motion so that it reads:

Council notes that every year in the UK, the nation produces 28 million tonnes of household rubbish, with enough thrown away every hour to fill the Royal Albert Hall.

Council further notes that traditional means of disposing of this waste, through landfill, are almost full.

Council believes that groundbreaking projects are necessary in order to encourage households to recycle their waste.

Council applauds the unique Compulsory Recycling Scheme in Barnet that has led to our recycling rate jumping from 12 per cent to 29 per cent in 4 years, with 3 out of 4 residents actively taking part in the Black Box collection scheme.

Council notes that this initiative led to the Council being awarded the prestigious *Let's Recycle* Award for Excellence.

Council welcomes the news that this Borough has not only broken the government target of 27 per cent, but also looks set to smash its 30 per cent target of waste recycled this year, meaning that this authority would be awarded a LPSA grant of £629,000 to spend on services for our residents.

Council notes with dismay the government's decision to phase in a tonnage-based levy for the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) over three years, rather than altering the charge immediately from the present population-based one.

Council believes this will continue to grossly penalise Barnet, as this is a larger Borough than other members of NLWA. Council further believes that Boroughs such as Barnet, which reduce their waste through recycling should pay less than authorities that dump more.

Council calls on Cabinet to ensure we do indeed break our target, and further asks Cabinet to continue its work encouraging other local authorities to adopt Compulsory Recycling. **Council requests that Cabinet writes, as a matter of urgency, to DEFRA, calling for the move to a tonnage-based levy to be introduced immediately to reflect this Borough's excellent progress in reducing waste and increasing recycling.**

Councillor Cohen has requested, under Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 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) *an amendment in the name of Councillor Jeremy Davies:*

"Delete all and replace as follows:

"This Council Notes

1. That the quality of the environment is integral to the well-being of the borough's communities.
2. That everyone causes an impact upon the local environment.
3. That environmental awareness is part of everyday political and social discussion.
4. That Local Agenda 21 provides a holistic framework for local action.

This Council Believes

1. That this Council is well placed to achieve a substantial beneficial impact upon the local environment as leader, activist and facilitator.
2. That the values of Agenda 21 are still valid.
3. That recycling is currently primarily concentrated on domestic waste.
4. That where compulsory civic duties are imposed, exemplary conduct should be rewarded.
5. That the Council should lead by example where environmental matters are concerned.
6. That reduction of waste, and emphasis on re-usability of materials are also key to efficient resource use and waste management.
7. Traffic pollution is a continuing impact on Barnet's air quality.
8. Micro-generation of electricity brings a medium to long-term benefit to residents, as well as reducing demand on fossil fuel.
9. PV and solar heat and power technologies have become an economically viable and desirable option to home-owners and commercial premises.

This Council Resolves to urge Cabinet to -

- i. Instruct officers to carry out an investigation into the current facilities for the recycling of commercial waste in Barnet, feasibility of the introduction of recycling for commercial entities, thereby increasing the percentages recycled, as well as end-disposal of gathered materials in the best environmentally sustainable manner possible – e.g. The London Waste Exchange.
- ii. Review and to consider expanding the list of collected products for recycling or appropriate disposal, including, but not limited to, Cardboard, Plastics, Other metals, Cooking Oil, etc in order to meet and exceed current council recycling targets.
- iii. Investigate the Introduction of Council Tax discounts as a reward for those households who have achieved a high rate of domestic recycling.
- iv. Produce the report that was requested by the amended Opposition Policy Item in April 2005 in regard to the environmental impact of Council operations, with a view to the

introduction of a Council-wide recycling and environmental efficiency policy in terms of recycling, heat and light use, resource efficiency.

- v. Identify potential sites and conduct feasibility studies into biomass generation of power from biodegradable waste within Barnet.
- vi. To include a target for domestic micro-generation of energy within the Local Development Strategy.
- vii. Assess the feasibility of installation of alternative power generation and passive solar heating units to council premises and schools.
- viii. Regularly review and report on the vehicle use, purchase and maintenance policy with the intention to maximise advantage of alternative fuel vehicle options and quantify impacts.
- ix. To modify the Local Development Strategy accordingly.”

(iii) Agenda Item 8.6 – Motion in the name of Councillor Lynne Hillan: an amendment in the name of Councillor Soon – Hoe Teh:

“Add at end:

“Council supports the comments of the Greater London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden, Councillor Brian Coleman AM, that: “Our overall performance as measured by the Audit Commission at 2 stars leaves us lower than Brent, Camden and even Haringey in the Local Authority League Tables”.”

Councillor Teh has requested, under Part 4 of the Council’s Constitution, 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.

(iv) Agenda item 9.1 – Administration Policy Item, Safer Neighbourhood Teams;

(a) an amendment in the name of Councillor Alan Schneiderman:

“Add at end:

“Council supports the introduction of Safer Neighbourhood Teams in the wards of Brunswick Park, Church End, Coppetts, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, Hale, Hendon, Mill Hill, Oakleigh, Totteridge, Underhill, West Finchley and Woodhouse.

Council regrets that the Barnet and Camden London Assembly Member voted to reduce police funding by £36million in 2001, and by £7million in 2002, and has subsequently voted against every GLA budget that has delivered more police investment, more police and Safer Neighbourhood Teams. Council opposes the GLA Conservative Group 2006/7 alternative budget proposal that would threaten the roll-out of neighbourhood policing in Barnet.

Council notes that, excluding the Olympics, 80% of the Greater London Authority (GLA) budget increase goes towards policing. Council requests that the Chief Executive write to the Mayor of London to ask that the final council tax increase, to be presented to the Assembly on

15 February, is consistent with or lower than any government capping expectations. ""

Councillor Schneiderman has requested, under Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, 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.

(b) an amendment in the name of Councillor Sean Hooker

"Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Delete all after "... be more Police staff patrolling streets in these areas."

Replace with -

"Council welcomes the u turn by the Mayor of London allowing the larger wards in Barnet to have additional officers in their Safer Neighbourhood Teams. This is welcome news, following a campaign by the Barnet Press which was supported by all political parties at Every level in Barnet.

Council also welcomes the news that additional officers will be made available to the borough partly addressing the shortage of officers Barnet has suffered. Council however is disappointed that the Conservatives on the GLA have consistently voted against extra spending on the police and that the Conservative Administration have decimated the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme cutting it from the 90+ officers they inherited in 2002 to a proposed handful in 2006.

Council calls on the Cabinet to make a serious contribution to the partnership against crime, by restoring ward based officers who can patrol our streets and open spaces, take pressure off the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and free more police resources to deal with serious crime.

Council also calls for more investment in youth services and invest in joint projects with the police to help prevent young people getting involved with Crime. ""

12. VACANCIES ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MARTIN JUNIOR SCHOOL

Advice has recently been received that the Council's appointments to the Governing Body for Martin Junior School will now **not** be reducing to 3, as noted on Appendix B, but will remain with 4 representatives.

Additionally, Mrs Judy Kraiss has also submitted her resignation with effect from 27 January.

Therefore, the Council are asked to appoint new representatives to Vacancy references P.20b.2 and P.20b.3, listed below, initially until 21 February 2006, when the governing body will reconstitute and thereafter for a period of four years. Vacancies P.20b.1 and P.20b.4 are already noted under Agenda item 15.2.2 as requiring appointments to be made with effect from the date of

reconstitution. The current representation on this governing body is shown below.

Organisation: The Martin Junior School

No. of Representatives: 4

Current Representatives		Vac Ref
1 - Councillor Philip Yeoman	(Appointed 11/11/2003)	P.20b.1
Period of Appointment:	11/11/2003 to 10/11/2007	Labour
2 - Ms Judy Kraiss	(Resigned 27/01/2006)	P.20b.2
Period of Appointment:	19/11/2002 to 18/11/2006	Conservative
3 - Mrs J Shrank	(Resigned 05/04/2005)	P.20b.3
Period of Appointment:	11/02/2004 to 10/02/2008	Conservative
4 - Ms Polly Napper	(Appointed 26/08/2004)	P.20b.4
Period of Appointment:	27/08/2004 to 26/08/2008	Labour

The party group secretaries have been advised of the vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION – That the Council make appointments to Vacancy References P.20b.2 and P.20b.3 until reconstitution of the governing body, and then for a further four years.

13. REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES:

Two new vacancies have arisen for the Council to be represented on the Barnet Citizens Advice Bureau. The Council's Standard Condition of Grant Aid allows the appointment of two representatives to the body, being an organisation in receipt of annual revenue funding of more than £10k per annum.

Organisation Barnet Citizen Advice Bureau

Special Conditions:
Term of office is for three years.

No. of Representatives: 2

Current Representatives	Vac Ref
1. NEW VACANCY	BCAB.1
2. NEW VACANCY	BCAB.2

The Group Secretaries have been advised of the vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council makes appointments to fill the vacancies at Barnet Citizen Advice Bureau.

John Marr
Democratic Services Manager

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15. AMENDMENTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

It is understood that the following amendments will be moved orally at the meeting:

Item 8.1 : Motion in the name of Councillor Wayne Casey – An amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Gordon

Amend the Motion so that it reads:

Council notes the decision of the Post Office to enter into a franchise with Supertex Trading Limited for the management of the Post Office at 35 The Broadway, Mill Hill.

Council deplores the fact that the Post Office's "Consultation" with the public prior to this decision was extremely limited and half-hearted.

Council believes that the current facilities at Mill Hill Post Office are an invaluable resource, particularly to the elderly in the Mill Hill area, as endorsed by the recent massive petition and other expressions of feeling by the local public. Therefore any arrangements now being made in respect of the franchise must incorporate a guarantee that those facilities will be maintained and if possible improved.

Council is dismayed that the Labour Government has introduced legislation in Parliament that has undermined the viability of local Post Offices and has pushed up running costs, thus forcing the offices to close or seek franchises, as at Mill Hill.

Council instructs the Chief executive to write to the Post Office urging them to take notice and act in accordance with this Motion. The Chief Executive should note in his letter, if it proves to be the case, that this Motion has unanimous support.

16. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS:

The Conservative Group wish to make changes to their membership of the Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION: That the following changes be made to the Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Dvelopment Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Councillor Robert Newton to replace Councillor Malcolm Lester as Substitute.

John Marr
Democratic Services Manager

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14. SPECIAL COMMITTEE (CONSTITUTION REVIEW):

The Labour Group has submitted details of nominations to this Committee.

RECOMMENDATION – That the following Members be appointed to the Special Committee (Constitution Review):

Councillor Alison Moore

Councillor Danish Chopra

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Substitutes: Councillor Kath McGuirk and Councillor Jim Tierney

15. AMENDMENTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

It is understood that the following amendments will be moved orally at the meeting:

- (i) Item 8.3 - Motion in the name of Councilor Paul Rogers- an amendment in the name of Councilor John Marshall:

“Delete all after “Council” and Insert:

“...welcomes the fact that, after years of neglect, this Borough will be investing in new buildings for our Primary Schools.

Council is appalled that so many of our Primary Schools are currently not fit for purpose, with many buildings in dire need of repair, and some too small for the number of children they are expected to accommodate.

Council believes that new, state-of-the-art buildings will dramatically improve the learning environment for our youngsters, build links with local communities, improve the IT facilities in our schools, and ensure the right number of school places are available in the right locations.

Council notes that there will be an extensive period of consultation and discussion with parents, teachers, pupils, and all stakeholders, to ensure the proposals benefit as many people as possible in the Borough. Council further notes proposals will be revised after this period and re-submitted to the Cabinet for approval.

Council welcomes the massive investment (the largest this Borough has ever seen), in Primary Education in Barnet, and calls on Cabinet to ensure the scheme progresses and that the children of this Borough receive the school facilities they so desperately deserve.”

- (ii) Item 9.2 – Opposition Policy Item : Amendment in the name of Councillor John Marshall:

“Delete all after “Council” and Insert:

“...welcomes the work undertaken by Barnet to improve Youth Services since 2002.

Council notes that, in 2002, our Youth Provision failed an OFSTED inspection, but, just a year later, it passed with flying colours.

Council welcomes the joint working with the *Connexions* service, one that brings joined-up thinking and pools resources towards delivering better activities for young people.

Council further welcomes the partnership with the Hornsey YMCA that will be re-opening the Church Farm Youth Centre very shortly.

Council notes that graffiti removal rates in this Borough are excellent (e.g.: 97% of Town Centre graffiti removed within a day), and that our most deprived estates are being comprehensively regenerated by this administration.

Council calls on Cabinet to continue the work with external partners to provide services to young people fit for the 21st century, and also continue the successful work across this Borough to tackle anti-social behaviour.”

John Marr
Democratic Services Manager