

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
held at The Town Hall, Hendon, NW4, on Tuesday, 31 January, 2006.

PRESENT:

*The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Andreas Tambourides)

*The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Victor Lyon, BA (Hons))

Councillors:

*Steve Blomer	* Arun Ghosh BSc BVSc&AH	*Matthew Offord
*Maureen Braun	MPhil CBIOL MIBIOL,	Monroe Palmer OBE, BA, FCA
* Fiona Bulmer	MSFAM, MAPHV, MRSM	Susette Palmer MA
*Terry Burton	*Brian Gordon, LL.B	*Wendy Prentice
*Anita Campbell	*Eva Greenspan BA, LL.B	*Barry Rawlings
* Wayne Casey BA (Hons)	(Hons)	*Colin Rogers
MIIA	*Andrew Harper	*Paul Rogers
*Danish Chopra	*Christopher Harris BA BSc	*Brian Salinger
*Jack Cohen	MPhil	*Gill Sargeant
*Melvin Cohen LLB	*Helena Hart	*Joan Scannell
*Brian Coleman, AM, FRSA	*Lynne Hillan	*Alan Schneiderman
*Katia David BSc, MBA, JP	*Sean Hooker, BA (Hons)	*Gerard Silverstone
*Jeremy Davies BA (Hons),	* Daniel Hope	*Agnes Slocombe SRN RM
CPFA	*Anne Hutton	*Ansuya Sodha MBA (Middx)
*Peter Davis Ctext, FTI,	*Mark Langton	Cert Ed, DipM (CIM), AMBA
FCFI	*Malcolm Lester FCCA	*Susan Steinberg
*Aba Dunner MCIJ	*Kitty Lyons	*Leslie Sussman, MBE
FCA	* Duncan Macdonald	*Phil Yeoman
Olwen Evans ACIS	*John Marshall	*Soon-Hoe Teh
*Claire Farrier	*Linda McFadyen	*Jim Tierney
*Anthony Finn BSc (Econ)	*Kath McGuirk	Allan Turner
* Mike Freer	*David Mencer	*Zakia Zubairi
	*Alison Moore	Vacancy
	*Jazmin Naghar	
	*Robert Newton	

*denotes Member present

139. PRAYER (Agenda Item 1):

The Mayor's Chaplain offered prayer.

140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2):

Apologies were received from Councillors Monroe Palmer, Susette Palmer, and due to illness from Councillor Olwen Evans and Councillor Allan Turner and Councillor David Mencer for lateness.

- 141. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2005 (Agenda Item 3):
RESOLVED –That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December, 2005
be approved.**

142. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda Item 4):

The Council celebrated the achievements of the youth of the borough.

The Worshipful the Mayor reported that Barnet's young swimmers had triumphed and had brought back the London Inter- Borough Finals Trophy to Barnet, with their score of 246 points, followed by Enfield with 223 points. The Worshipful the Mayor also referred to the commitment and skill of the trainers without whom the success would not have been possible. Jamil Mirza and Charlotte Creager received the trophy from the Worshipful the Mayor on behalf of the Team.

The Worshipful the Mayor then referred to the achievement of St James' Catholic High School in being one of the only two schools representing the United Kingdom at the 2006 European Youth Eco Parliament, in Paris, in October, 2006. The topic for the Parliament would be renewable energy, reflecting the School's work in connection with, and commitment to, the environment which had resulted in the school also securing funding for a wind turbine.

In presenting a Certificate of Achievement to Heather Ford and Stephen Haskins and recognising the tremendous contribution of Ms Anne O'Shea, Head Teacher, Mrs Janet Keir, Project Leader and Ms Lynne Kyle, Specialist College Manager, the Worshipful the Mayor commented that the environment was in safe hands.

143. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Agenda Item 5):

The following personal and non – prejudicial interests were declared, with the Members concerned participating in the discussions and vote:

- Councillor Barry Rawlings, in Agenda Item 8.3, Motion in the name of Councillor Paul Rogers, as he was an LEA Governor on Hollickwood School.
- Councillors John Marshall and Matthew Offord in Agenda Item 12, Report of Cabinet dated 23 January, 2006, Item 2 : Unitary Development Plan – Direction from the Secretary of State because they held small share holdings in Tesco.
- Councillor Linda McFadyen

The following personal and prejudicial interests were declared. The Members concerned left the Chamber during the discussions and vote:

- Councillor Paul Rogers in Agenda Item 14.7, Report of the General Functions Committee dated 19 January, 2006, because he had relatives who were being made redundant
- Councillor Eva Greenspan in Agenda item 15.2.1, Vacancies on School Governing Bodies, because her son had been nominated for appointment to a vacancy.

144. BUSINESS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING

None.

145. QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS (Agenda Item 7):

Questions were put to the Leader and the relevant Members of the Cabinet. The original answers provided are set out in the Appendix to these minutes. Details of the supplementary questions asked are not available owing to technical problems with the recording equipment.

With the agreement of the Leader of the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 30.5, Councillor Jack Cohen asked the Leader of the Council for a report on the train derailment at Railway Cottages, NW2, on 31 January, 2006, including the situation regarding the evacuation of residents. The Leader gave brief details and assured Councillor Cohen that he would write to him the next day, once he had received a full Situation Appraisal.

146. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Joan Scannell, duly seconded, moved that the order of business relating to Agenda Item 8 be varied so that Motions 8.3, 8.2 and 8.1 be heard first and in that order.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That the order of business be varied to allow Motions 8.3, 8.2 and 8.1 to be heard first and in that order.

147. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Councillor Barry Rawlings, duly seconded, moved that Council Procedure Rules be suspended to enable three speakers to address the Council before the Council debated Motion 8.3 as their comments were relevant to that Item.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That Council Procedure Rules be suspended to enable three speakers to address the Council before the Council debated Motion 8.3.

As a consequence of this decision, with the consent of The Worshipful the Mayor, the Borough Solicitor advised the Council that the normal Public Participation Rules applicable to Council Committee meetings would apply. Debate on the Motion would follow, conducted in accordance with the Constitution.

148. PUBLIC SPEAKING - PROPOSED MERGER OF SCHOOLS:

The Council heard representations from Mrs Christine Gilchristiansen, Professor Philip Schofield, representative of the Governors of Hollickwood School and Mr Gordon Massey, representative of the Governors of Barnet Hill School. Mr Schofield presented a petition which, he indicated, contained over 1,400 signatures.

149. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR PAUL ROGERS (Agenda items 8.3, 15.2. 4(i), 11(i) and 15(i):

Motion 8.3 in the name of Councillor Paul Rogers was moved. An amendment in the name of Councillor John Marshall was moved orally at the meeting, and amendments in the names of Councillor Anita Campbell and Councillor Duncan Macdonald were also moved.

Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor John Marshall was carried and that in the name of

Councillor Anita Campbell declared lost. Ten members demanded a Division on the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Campbell. Upon being taken, the results of the Division were declared as follows:

For	Against	Absent when vote taken
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Blomer	Tambourides	Monroe Palmer
Campbell	Lyon	Susette Palmer
Casey	Braun	Turner
Chopra	Bulmer	Evans
Jack Cohen	Burton	
Davies	Melvin Cohen	
Farrier	Coleman	
Ghosh	David	
Hooker	Davis	
Hutton	Dunner	
Langton	Finn	
Lyons	Freer	
Macdonald	Gordon	
McFadyen	Greenspan	
McGuirk	Harper	
Mencer	Harris	
Moore	Hart	
Rawlings	Hillan	
Colin Rogers	Hope	
Paul Rogers	Lester	
Sargeant	Marshall	
Schneiderman	Naghar	
Slocombe	Newton	
Sodha	Offord	
Teh	Prentice	
Tierney	Salinger	
Yeoman	Scannell	
Zubairi	Silverstone	
	Steinberg	
	Sussman	

For 28
 Against 30
 Absent 4
 Vacancy 1

The amendment in the name of Councillor Anita Campbell was, therefore, declared lost.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor Duncan Macdonald was also declared lost.

Upon being put to the vote the substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – Council 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.

150. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ALISON MOORE (Agenda Item 8.2):

Motion 8.2 in the name of Councillor Alison Moore was moved. Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – Council officially recognises 2006 as the 350th anniversary of the Resettlement of Jews in England, following the expulsion in 1290 when England became the first European country to expel Jews after a long period of persecution.

Council notes that in 1656, after the efforts of Rabbi Menasseh Ben Israel and a small group of Spanish and Portuguese Jewish families in London, representations resulted in permission to reside and practise their religious rites.

Council celebrates that fact that today the London Borough of Barnet is home to the largest Jewish community in the UK.

Council acknowledges the Jewish community's contribution to life in Barnet, to science, the arts, business, cuisine and charity, for the commitment to family, values of the culture, and to the enrichment of life in the Borough.

Council notes that the 350th anniversary serves as an example of how an immigrant community contributes to Britain, and is British in every sense of the word, yet remains true to its heritage.

Council encourages the Mayor and Cabinet to use the anniversary to reach out to all of Barnet’s communities and promote connection, co-operation and friendship, sharing the Jewish communal experience with others; and that the Cabinet should initiate and participate in events celebrating the 350th anniversary.

151. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR WAYNE CASEY (Agenda items 8.1 and 15.2.15).

Motion 8.1 in the name of Councillor Wayne Casey was moved. Debate ensued. An amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Gordon was moved orally at the meeting. During the debate Councillor Gordon, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17B, altered the text of his amendment. Upon being put to the vote the amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Gordon, as amended by him at the meeting was declared carried. The substantive motion was declared carried.

Upon being put to the vote the substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – 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 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.

152. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JIM TIERNEY (Agenda Items 8.4 and 15.2.4 (ii) and 11(ii):

Motion 8.4 in the name of Councillor Jim Tierney and amendments in the names of Councillors Anita Campbell and Fiona Bulmer were put to the vote without debate. The amendment in the name of Councillor Fiona Bulmer was declared carried and that in the name of Councillor Anita Campbell, declared lost. Ten members demanded a Division on the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Campbell. Upon being taken, the results of the Division were declared as follows:

For	Against	Not voting	Absent when vote taken
Councillors	Councillors	Councillor	Councillors
Blomer	Tambourides	Langton	Monroe Palmer
Campbell	Lyon		Susette Palmer

Casey	Braun		Turner
Chopra	Bulmer		Evans
Jack Cohen	Burton		
Davies	Melvin Cohen		
Farrier	Coleman		
Ghosh	David		
Hooker	Davis		
Hutton	Dunner		
Lyons	Finn		
Macdonald	Freer		
McFadyen	Gordon		
McGuirk	Greenspan		
Mencer	Harper		
Moore	Harris		
Rawlings	Hart		
Colin Rogers	Hillan		
Paul Rogers	Hope		
Sargeant	Lester		
Schneiderman	Marshall		
Slocombe	Naghar		
Sodha	Newton		
Teh	Offord		
Tierney	Prentice		
Yeoman	Salinger		
Zubairi	Scannell		
	Silverstone		
	Steinberg		
	Sussman		

For 27
Against 30
Absent 4
Not voting 1
Vacancy 1

The amendment in the name of Councillor Anita Campbell was, therefore, declared lost.

Upon being put to the vote, the substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED - 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 in not challenging the intervention of the Secretary of State that the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) threshold for the number of homes on a site before a developer must build affordable housing is reduced from 15 to 10 homes. Council also supports the Cabinet's UDP target that 50% of all new homes should be affordable.

Council asks the Cabinet to continue with its programme for affordable housing, social housing for rent and the regeneration of the borough's four major estates.

153. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MATTHEW OFFORD (Agenda Items 8.5 and 15. 2.11(ii) (a), (b) and (c):

Motion 8.5 in the name of Councillor Matthew Offord and amendments in the names of Councillor Kath McGuirk, Councillor Melvin Cohen and Councillor Jeremy Davies were put to the vote without debate. The amendment in the name of Councillor Melvin Cohen was declared carried, and those in the names of Councillors Kath McGuirk and Jeremy Davies were declared lost. The substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – 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.

154. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR LYNNE HILLAN (Agenda Items 8.6 and 15. 2.11(iii):

Motion 8.6 in the name of Councillor Lynne Hillan and an amendment in the name of Councillor Soon-Hoe Teh were put to the vote without debate. The amendment in the name of Councillor Soon-Hoe Teh was declared lost. The motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED - Council notes the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), which forms part of an Inspection regime that costs £100 million a year.

Council believes that Councils should be accountable to the people they serve, rather than being forced into a "top down" model of accountability to central government.

Council welcomes the fact that Barnet Council embarks on an Annual Residents' Survey, and that in the last such survey 71% of local people said this authority does a Good Job, the highest rating in London.

Council notes the speech on 18 January by the Minister of Communities and Local Government, which promised a greater role for local people in holding Councils to account and a diminished role for Government.

Council further notes this statement looked to "*the development of the world beyond the current CPA from 2008*".

Council believes that, to build such a regime, removal of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), a classic example of "Top-Down" regulation, is necessary.

Council calls on Cabinet to seek to persuade the ODPM that, in light of the Minister's statement about local accountability, the wasteful and ineffective CPA regime should be abolished.

155. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR BRIAN COLEMAN (Agenda Item 8.7):

Motion 8.7 in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman was put to the vote without debate. The motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED - This Council notes recent media reports that the illegal regime in the occupied areas of Cyprus is driving forward a development plan in the occupied municipality of Morphou, which is twinned with the London Borough of Barnet. The plans indicate that a designated 'tourism area' of 1,000 square metres and a 17-kilometre road are amongst the features now destined for the beautiful and unspoilt countryside of Morphou.

Bearing in mind the special relationship between the London Borough of Barnet and the Municipality of Morphou, this Council calls upon the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the three MPs for the Borough urging them

to protest this blatant attempt to consolidate an illegal occupation and the violation of property rights it entails, and to appeal to UK residents not to purchase illegally built properties in the occupied zone.

156. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

In accordance with the Agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 9.14pm

157. VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Brian Salinger, duly seconded, moved that the order of business be varied so that Part 6, Statutory Council Business, of the Agenda be heard before Parts 4, Policy Development and 5, Accountability.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That the order of business be varied to allow Part 6, Statutory Council Business be heard before Parts 4 Policy Development,. and 5, Accountability.

158. REPORT OF CABINET 23 JANUARY, 2006 (Agenda Items 12 & 15.2.9)

Councillor Brian Salinger moved reception and adoption of the Report of Cabinet dated 23 January, 2006, with the following recommendations:

1. BARNET: A FIRST-CLASS SUBURB – A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR BARNET, 2006 – 2016 (Report of the Leader of the Council – Agenda Item 4):

Cabinet considered the report of the Leader of the Council which has been circulated separately to all Members of the Council.

Cabinet agreed to minor corrections required in respect of errors in some of the measures of success (these are incorporated in the documents circulated to Council); subject to these and for the reasons set out in the Leader's report, Cabinet

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND - That Council approve the Sustainable Community Strategy for Barnet in the light of the response to consultation outlined in the Leader's report.

2. UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – DIRECTION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE (Cab. Rept. 11/10/2005 – 1) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning & Licensing Services – Agenda Item 7):

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member, which has been circulated separately to all Members of the Council.

For the reasons set out in the Cabinet Member's report, Cabinet

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

That Council

- a) **agree the schedule of proposed modifications to the draft UDP set out in Appendix A in response to the direction from the Secretary of State;**

- b) agree to publish the modifications for the statutory six week consultation period during which time representations may be made on the proposed modifications;
- c) proceed to adoption if no representations are received.”

Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED – That the Report of Cabinet dated 23 January, 2006, be approved and adopted.

159. REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (Agenda Item 13):

There were none.

160. REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE, 5 JANUARY, 2006, (Agenda Item 14.1):

Councillor Brian Coleman moved reception and adoption of the Report of the Licensing Committee dated 5 January, 2006, with the following recommendations:

1. LICENSING ACT 2003: ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMME (Report and Supplemental Report of the Interim Head of Environmental Services – Agenda item 4):

The Committee considered the report and supplemental report of the Interim Head of Environmental Services, which has been circulated separately to all Members of the Council.

The Committee were advised that, with respect to the enforcement programme, it was proposed that Licensing Officers would carry out inspection regime, indicated in Appendix A to this item, of all categories of premises, to meet licensing objectives. However, this work would be in addition, to inspections in response to complaints about individual premises

The Committee, having made decisions relating to the further operation of the Licensing Act 2003 and the process for implementing the Gambling Act 2005, as set out in Item 4 of their Decisions dated 5 January, 2006,

RECOMMEND –

- (1) That the Licensing Act 2003 Enforcement Programme be Complaints – led by members of the public and Ward Members, but otherwise at the minimum level to meet licensing objectives, as set out in Appendix A to this item.
- (2) That the Interim Head of Environmental Services be instructed to take the appropriate action.

Inspection Regime

Appendix A

Premises type	Frequency
Public Houses	1 per year
Night Clubs	2 per year
Restaurants	Every 3 years
Night take – away premises	1 per year
Off licenses	Every 2 years
Sports Grounds	5 per year
Theatres/cinemas	1 per year
Membership clubs	Every 3 years
Temporary Events	200 per year
Gambling premises	Every 2 years

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED – That the Report of the Licensing Committee dated 5 January, 2006, be approved and adopted.

161. REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE DATED 19 JANUARY, 2006 (Agenda Items 14.2 & 15.2.10).

Councillor Joan Scannell moved reception and adoption of the Report of the General Functions Committee dated 19 January, 2006, with the following recommendations:

1. RESTRUCTURE OF THE BENEFITS SERVICE (Report of the Head of Housing – Agenda Item 7)

The Head of Housing circulated a revised Appendix A – Proposed Structure.

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Housing. In accordance with Paragraph 5.3 of Part 3 of the Constitution three members of the Committee required that the Committee make a recommendation to Council on this matter, and the Committee accordingly

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND -

(1) That the proposed restructure of the Benefits Service be approved and be effective from 1 April 2006.

(2) That any employee displaced as part of the assimilation process be redeployed in accordance with the Council's Managing Change Policy.

(3) That employees who are not successfully redeployed or assimilated into the revised structure be released on grounds of redundancy under the Council's standard scheme.

(4) That the Head of Housing be instructed to issue notices of redundancy as appropriate and to capitalise any costs arising from the redundancies.

2. BUDGET 2006/2007 (Report of the Director of Resources – Agenda Item 8)

The Director of Resources advised the Committee that the number of staff reductions in Appendix A was currently 83 and circulated a list of Vacant Posts Identified for Deletion as Part of the 2006/7 Budget Reductions.

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Resources. In accordance with Paragraph 5.3 of Part 3 of the Constitution three members of the Committee required that the Committee make a recommendation to Council on this matter, and the Committee accordingly

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND -

(1) That Council are asked to confirm the list of posts affected by the budget set out in Appendix A.

(2) That following

(i) completion of the statutory consultation with Trade Unions and

(ii) the selection of staff for redundancy in accordance with the Selection Criteria as set out in Appendix B

the Director of Resources be instructed to serve the redundancy notices.”

Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED – That the Report of the General Functions Committee dated 19 January, 2006, be approved and adopted.

162. VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES (Report of the Democratic Services Manager - Agenda Items 15.2.1 and 7):

The Democratic Services Manager's report set out details of the appointments or nominations to be made.

Nominations in the names of Councillors Joan Scannell, and Danish Chopra were moved.

RESOLVED –

That the following persons be appointed or nominated as the case may require filling the vacancies referred to for the period indicated in the report of the Democratic Services Manager:

VACANCY REFERENCE	PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION	PERSON APPOINTED OR NOMINATED
P.11.1	Church Hill School	Defer
P.38.a.1	Deansbrook Infant School	Mr Hugh Rayner
P.40.2	Fairway Primary School	Mrs Margaret Stevens
P.45.3	Grasvenor Avenue Infant School	Councillor Daniel Hope (Deferral unsuccessful)
P.06.1	Livingstone Primary School	Defer
VP.30.1	Mathilda Marks Kennedy School	Mr Jason Greenspan (Ms Ruth Nyman was unsuccessful)
SP.03.2	Oakleigh School	Mr Sachin Rajput (Deferral unsuccessful)
VP.16.1	St Joseph's RC Junior School	Mrs Maria Sylvia Accurso
*P.03.2	Whitings Hill Primary School	Mr Daniel Webb
*P.03.3	Whitings Hill Primary School	Councillor Anita Campbell
VS7.2	St Marys CE High School, NW4	Defer

*NOTE: It subsequently transpired that one appointment only was required at Whitings Hill Primary School. The matter will, therefore, be the subject of a report to the next meeting of Council.

163. VACANCIES ARISING FROM RECONSTITUTION OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES (Report of the Democratic Services Manager - Agenda Item 15.2.2):

The Democratic Services Manager's report set out details of the appointments or nominations to be made.

Nominations in the names of Councillors Joan Scannell, Danish Chopra and Jeremy Davies were moved.

RESOLVED –

That the following persons be appointed or nominated as the case may require to fill the vacancies referred to for the period indicated:

VACANCY REFERENCE	PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION	PERSON APPOINTED OR NOMINATED
VP.04.1 P.25.1	Blessed Dominic RC School Chalgrove Primary School	Mr Jimi Odumosu Councillor Leslie Sussman
P.25.2 P.25.3	Chalgrove Primary School Chalgrove Primary School	Ms Sheeta Nehra Councillor Helena Hart
P.04.2 P.04.4	Foulds School Foulds School	Mrs Sally Graham Councillor Wendy Prentice
VP.17.1 P.33.2 P.33.3 P.20b.1 P.20b.4 *P.1b.1	St Josephs RC Infant School The Hyde Primary School The Hyde Primary School The Martin Junior School The Martin Junior School Underhill Junior School	Mr Peter Greenhill Mr Gordon Mott Mr Gerry Kirby Ms Helen Drake Ms Polly Napper Councillor Anita Campbell
*P.1b.2 S.13.2	Underhill Junior School Whitefield School	Mrs P Lane Councillor Melvin Cohen
S.13.3 S.13.4	Whitefield School Whitefield School	Mr S Deller Councillor Agnes Slocombe
P.03.1	Whitings Hill Primary School	Councillor Daniel Hope
P.03.4	Whitings Hill Primary School	Mrs Judy Copping – Joyce

*NOTE: It subsequently transpired that one appointment only was required at Underhill Primary School. The matter will, therefore, be the subject of report to the next meeting of Council

164. REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES (Report of the Democratic Services Manager - Agenda Item 15.2.3 and 13):

The Democratic Services Manager's report set out details of the appointments or nominations to be made.

Nominations in the names of Councillor Joan Scannell and Councillor Danish Chopra were moved.

RESOLVED – That the following persons be appointed or nominated as the case may be to fill the vacancies referred to for the period indicated in the report of the Democratic Services Manager:

VACANCY REFERENCE	PARTICULARS OF APPOINTMENT OR NOMINATION	PERSON APPOINTED OR NOMINATED
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9803	School Organisation Committee	Councillor Fiona Bulmer (Councillor Barry Rawlings was unsuccessful)
BCAB.1	Barnet Citizens' Advice Bureau	Councillor Terence Burton (Councillor Jim Tierney was unsuccessful)
BCAB.2	Barnet Citizens' Advice Bureau	Councillor Wendy Prentice (Councillor Gill Sargeant was unsuccessful)

165. LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION (Report of the Democratic Services Manager – Agenda item 15.2.5)

The Democratic Services Manager submitted changes made by the Leader to Cabinet portfolios, as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes and reported the Leader's advice that he would be chairing the Cabinet Equalities and Social Inclusion Committee.

The Democratic Services Manager reported that the relevant changes would be made to Part 3 of the Council's Constitution, Responsibility for Functions.

166. TRANSPORT FOR LONDON BILL (CI. 20/12/05 – 122) (Report of the Democratic Services Manager Agenda Item 15.2.6).

RESOLVED:

(1) That in order to protect the interests of the inhabitants of the Borough the Council do oppose the Transport for London Bill which is being promoted in the present session of Parliament.

(2) That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to take all such steps and do and perform all such acts on behalf of the Council as he may consider necessary or expedient in relation to such opposition, including the affixing of the Common Seal to any Petition or other document, and the instructing of Counsel, Agents and witnesses.

167. CHIEF OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS PANEL FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S APPRAISAL (Report of the Democratic Services Manager – Agenda Item 15.2.8)

Nominations in the names of Councillor Joan Scannell, Councillor Danish Chopra and Councillor Jeremy Davies were moved.

RESOLVED – That the Council appoint the following Chief Officer Appointment Panel to carry out the annual appraisal of the Chief Executive:

Chairman: Councillor Brian Salinger

Vice – Chairman : Councillor Mike Freer

Councillors Anthony Finn, Alison Moore, Danish Chopra and Monroe Palmer

Substitutes: Councillors Daniel Hope, Wendy Prentice, Linda McFadyen, Ansuya Sodha, Wayne Casey.

168. VACANCIES ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MARTIN JUNIOR SCHOOL (Report of the Democratic Services Manager Agenda Item 15.2.12)

Councillor Joan Scannell and Councillor Danish Chopra moved the nominations in their names.

RESOLVED - That the following persons be appointed until reconstitution of the governing body, and then for a further four years

Vacancy Ref	Person Appointed
P.20b.2	Mr Richard Ableson
P.20b.3	Defer (Dr Ruth Brown was unsuccessful).

169. SPECIAL COMMITTEE (CONSTITUTION REVIEW) (Report of the Democratic Services Manager -Agenda Item 15.2.14)

RESOLVED – 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.

170. CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS (Report of the Democratic Services Manager – Agenda Item 15.2.16)

RESOLVED: That the following changes be made to the Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Robert Newton to replace Councillor Malcolm Lester as Substitute.

171. ADMINISTRATION POLICY ITEM: SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS (Agenda Items 9.1 and 15.2.11(iv))

Councillor Brian Salinger proposed the item and moved that it be adopted. Amendments in the names of Councillors Sean Hooker and Alan Schneiderman were moved. Debate ensued. Upon being to the vote, the amendments in the names of Councillors Hooker and Schneiderman were declared lost. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED - Council notes the Safer Neighbourhood Teams that currently patrol eight Barnet wards on a pilot basis.

Council further notes that, given our wards are so much larger than in other Boroughs, Barnet should be given more Officers per ward to cover the extra population.

Council is dismayed that this is currently not the case, and that our Safer Neighbourhoods wards are under-Policed compared to pilot areas in other Boroughs.

Council notes the announcement that Safer Neighbourhood Teams will be rolled out Borough-, and London- wide by the end of April 2006.

Council was initially disappointed that no pledge was made by the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) to increase the number of Officers provided in each Barnet ward team relative to other boroughs with smaller wards, to ensure our large wards are properly Policed.

Council however notes the statement on 10 January 2006 by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Ian Blair, that larger wards in London may receive an “Enhanced” Safer Neighbourhood Team by 2007, meaning that there would, indeed, be more Police staff patrolling streets in these areas.

Council further notes that every ward in Barnet would be large enough to qualify for the “Enhanced” Model.

Council believes this tremendous result is testament to the considerable lobbying undertaken on the issue by Barnet Council and the *Barnet Press*.

Council understands that questions do remain as to how these larger teams will be financed.

Council calls on Cabinet to write to the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA), applauding the statement by the Commissioner. Cabinet is also asked to work closely with the MPA to ensure the goal of larger Safer Neighbourhood Teams (and more Police on Barnet’s streets), is finally realised.

172. OPPOSITION POLICY ITEM: YOUTH SERVICE AND FACILITIES (Agenda Item 9.2, and 15.2.4(iii) and 15(ii)).

Councillor Alan Schneiderman proposed the item and moved that it be adopted. Amendments in the names of Councillor John Marshall, which was moved orally at the meeting, Councillor Steve Blomer and Councillor Anita Campbell were moved. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote, the amendments in the names of Councillor Blomer and Councillor Campbell were declared lost. The Amendment in the name of Councillor Marshall was declared carried. The substantive motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – Council 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.

173. COMMENTS RELATING TO THE WORK OF CABINET (Agenda item 10)

Comments were made by Councillors Anne Hutton, Jack Cohen, Steve Blomer and Anita Campbell. Councillor Offord responded to the first three and Councillor Finn the fourth. Details of the full Comments and of the Responses are not available due to technical problems with the recording equipment.

The meeting finished at 11pm

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

General

3.1 All the local authority functions that are not mentioned in the first two tables, or reserved to Council in Article 4, are executive functions. These are the responsibility of

- Individual members of the Executive (the Leader and members of the Cabinet)
- The Cabinet Meeting
- Cabinet Committees
- Area Sub-Committees (see 3.10 below)
- Joint Committees (see Article 11)
- Officers (see section 6 below)

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Cabinet Members

- i. Set out below is a table in the first column of which are listed the names, addresses and wards of Cabinet Members.
- ii. The second column sets out each Cabinet member's functions and the third column summarises what has been delegated.

For the Tables in Part 3, proposed new text is shown **Bold**

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr. Brian Salinger 32 The Ridgeway London N11 3LJ</p> <p>Oakleigh Ward</p> <p>LEADER</p>	<p>The Leadership of the council.</p> <p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to community engagement. In particular, to build upon the Council’s leadership role in embracing diversity and inclusiveness, removing inequality and promoting the London Borough of Barnet as a centre of excellence. To set the strategic direction for the development of effective community involvement in all aspects of the Council’s work.</p> <p>To lead on employee relations in particular to allow staff to reach their full potential to the benefit of the Council and to promote a culture of learning and achievement.</p> <p>Specific individual responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications, media relations and marketing • Community Safety • Law and probity issues 	<p>The Leader may discharge any function of the Executive.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr. Christopher Harris 21 Meadway Court Meadway Hampstead Garden Suburb NW11 6PN</p> <p>Golders Green Ward</p> <p>CHILDREN</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to the Children Act 2004. In particular, to enhance the Council's corporate parenting role and to champion the causes of all children in the London Borough of Barnet, optimising opportunities to reduce and remove disadvantage.</p> <p>Includes Children's Social Services and the Youth Offending Team and the advantages offered by working with other agencies to secure a seamless approach to all aspects of children's services. To drive forward the Youth Justice Plan and ensure its approval annually, by full Council. Also to be involved in, and promote, discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr. John Marshall 66 Sandringham Gardens London N12 0PJ</p> <p>Garden Suburb Ward</p> <p>EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to education and lifelong learning. In particular, to raising and enhancing standards, ongoing education and services to schools, Early Years Provision and the Youth Service. Positively to encourage integration of all schools within the London Borough of Barnet into the community to achieve the best possible opportunities for education and lifelong learning.</p> <p>All matters associated with schools (Community, Voluntary and Foundation) and the teaching and development of children and young persons and the optimising of opportunities to further the same (including pre-school preparation).</p> <p>Positively to encourage and promote adult education to minimise literacy and numeracy problems in adults and to offer opportunities for developing and enhancing their skills and to further this via the current Lifelong Partnership contract with Barnet College, and to encourage other institutions which provide such opportunities.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to the promotion of libraries, museums and the arts as accessible opportunities for learning</p> <p>Also to be involved in, and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	
<p>Cllr. Matthew Offord 6 Cousins Court Alwyn Gardens NW4 4XW</p> <p>Hendon Ward</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to the environment and transport. In particular, promoting the reputation of the London Borough of Barnet as a clean and green borough, with a transport infrastructure designed to meet the needs of today and the challenges of the future. This to include the development of a waste minimisation strategy.</p> <p>Also to promote the better integration of privately rented properties into the borough's housing framework, including the distribution of grants, as necessary, for the adaptation of private properties, to further care in the community.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Sub-Committees as set out in paragraph 3.10 below. • Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, as set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
	<p>All matters relating to the development and management of the environment, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the street scene including pavements and all classes of roads; • parking provision; • refuse and recycling; • graffiti removal; • waterways; • parks and open spaces; • trees (includes public highways, council housing estates and in parks); • allotments; • transport and transport initiatives. <p>Environmental health and trading standards. Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	
<p>Cllr. Lynne Hillan 20 Ashurst Road North Finchley London, N12 9AX</p> <p>Brunswick Park Ward</p> <p>POLICY AND PERFORMANCE</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and Performance (including Partnerships) • CPA and Best Value • Law and Probity 	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below. In addition this cabinet Member may approve grants to voluntary organisations, up to £20,000 per annum.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
	<p>In particular the effectiveness and value in performance of council services and the distribution of all grants, except those relating to the adaptation of properties in the private sector, after consultation with appropriate portfolio holders. The development of partnerships to further the Council's Community and Corporate Plans and an effective consultation structure.</p> <p>To secure the most beneficial terms for services and goods provided to the council.</p> <p>All aspects of performance and delivery of council services, and to instigate such interventions as required, including consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, as necessary, to secure best value.</p> <p>Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr Anthony Finn 4 Cheyne Walk Hendon London NW4 3QJ</p> <p>Hendon Ward</p> <p>REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to regeneration.</p> <p>In particular, economic and strategic development, town centre regeneration, and policies and opportunities for the enhancement and enrichment of the London Borough of Barnet.</p> <p>To promote partnerships and opportunities for the economic development of the borough. Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Sub-Committees as set out in paragraph 3.10 below. • Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, as set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr Mike Freer 23 Claverley Grove Finchley N3 2DG</p> <p>Finchley Church End Ward</p> <p>RESOURCES</p>	<p>Deputy Leadership of the council.</p> <p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to the effective management of human resources and the development of effective HR planning, policies and initiatives.</p> <p>To lead on major corporate contracts including the partnership with Greenwich Leisure.</p> <p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to the provision of effective customer services and the delivery of customer-focussed services.</p> <p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources • the Council's budget and budget strategy and medium term financial plan • Housing Benefits • Risk Management • Asset Management Plan • Information Systems 	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>In addition this Cabinet Member has the power to agree virements up to £250,000 in consultation with Cabinet Resources Committee and to accept the highest bid on a proposed property disposal subject to that bid not exceeding £1,000,000 and no more than 10% below the estimated disposal value.</p>

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
	<p>The monitoring of the council's budget and to instigate such interventions as necessary to ensure spending is kept within limits determined by council.</p> <p>Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.</p>	<p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>
<p>Cllr. Fiona Bulmer 14 Sellwood Drive Barnet Herts EN5 2RL</p> <p>Underhill Ward</p> <p>COMMUNITY SERVICES</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to social care, housing and the emerging public health agenda (including health partnerships).</p> <p>In particular, promoting the best possible adult social services and seamless care in the community by working with and optimising all opportunities offered by the health authorities and other providers to further these aims.</p> <p>In particular working with the Barnet Homes, Housing Associations and other providers, to secure the optimum provision and associated environmental, neighbourhood development and social facilities for all those members of the community not living in private accommodation, or for those who require public sector housing.</p> <p>All matters related to public sector housing.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Certain functions are delegated to officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>

	Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.	
<p>Cllr Melvin Cohen 146 Broadfields Avenue Edgware HA8 8SS</p> <p>Golders Green Ward</p> <p>PLANNING AND LICENSING SERVICES</p>	<p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to planning, development plans, building and property construction and licensing, other than matters relating to the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>To include all aspects of the development and development control service, Building Control. Naming and numbering of streets and properties.</p>	<p>The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.</p> <p>Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, as set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.</p>