

## Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET  
held at The Town Hall, Hendon, NW4, on Tuesday, 11 April, 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,
* Fiona Bulmer	MSFAM, MAPHV, MRSM	FCA
*Terry Burton	*Brian Gordon, LL.B	*Susette Palmer MA
*Anita Campbell	Eva Greenspan BA, LL.B	Wendy Prentice
* Wayne Casey BA (Hons)	(Hons)	*Barry Rawlings
MIIA	*Andrew Harper	*Colin Rogers
*Danish Chopra	*Christopher Harris BA BSc	*Paul Rogers
*Jack Cohen	MPhil	*Brian Salinger
*Melvin Cohen LLB	*Helena Hart	*Gill Sargeant
*Brian Coleman, AM, FRSA	*Lynne Hillan	*Joan Scannell
*Katia David BSc, MBA, JP	*Sean Hooker, BA (Hons)	*Alan Schneiderman
*Jeremy Davies BA (Hons),	* Daniel Hope	*Gerard Silverstone
CPFA	*Anne Hutton	*Agnes Slocombe SRN RM
*Peter Davis Ctext, FTI,	*Mark Langton	*Ansuya Sodha MBA (Middx)
FCFI	*Malcolm Lester FCCA	Cert Ed, DipM (CIM), AMBA
*Aba Dunner MCIJ	*Kitty Lyons	*Susan Steinberg
FCA	* Duncan Macdonald	*Leslie Sussman, MBE
*Olwen Evans ACIS	*John Marshall	*Phil Yeoman
*Claire Farrier	*Linda McFadyen	*Soon-Hoe Teh
*Anthony Finn BSc (Econ)	*Kath McGuirk	*Jim Tierney
* Mike Freer	*David Mencer	*Allan Turner
	*Alison Moore	*Zakia Zubairi
	*Jazmin Naghar	Vacancy
	*Robert Newton	

\*denotes Member present

### 198. PRAYER (Agenda Item 1):

The Mayor's Chaplain offered prayer.

### 199. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2):

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Paul Rogers and Kitty Lyons.

**200. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2006 (Agenda Item 3):  
RESOLVED –That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March, 2006, be approved.**

**201. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda Item 4):**

The Worshipful the Mayor reported on the success of the inward municipal links visit during the week commencing 6 March, which included Barnet's first Twin Towns Associations' Open Day, on 8 March. The programme brought together all of Barnet's twin towns- Le Raincy and Chaville, France, Jinja, Uganda, Tempelhof and Siegen Wittgenstein, Germany, Morphou, Cyprus, Montclair, USA, and Ramat Gan, Israel. Visiting dignitaries included the Mayors of Morphou in Cyprus, Mr Charalambos Pittas, Montclair in the USA, Mr Ed Remsen, and Ramat Gan in Israel, Mr Zvi Bar. The Deputy Mayor of Chaville in France, Madam Mercury and the Head of Culture and Education from the German Embassy, Dr Anne Marie Schleich.

The Mayor was also pleased to report that the event was broadcast world wide and extensively reported in the Greek, Israeli and German press, firmly putting Barnet on the international map.

The Worshipful the Mayor then expressed appreciation for the service and dedication of those Members who were not standing for re-election and would be retiring from the Council after the local elections in May, namely, Councillors:

Allan Turner  
Susan Steinberg  
Phil Yeoman  
Malcolm Lester  
Leslie Sussman  
Aba Dunner  
David Mencer  
Katia David  
Robert Newton  
Gerard Silverstone  
Victor Lyon  
Peter Davis  
Kitty Lyons  
Arun Ghosh  
Mark Langton

The Worshipful the Mayor paid particular tribute to three retiring members who were also past Mayors, Councillor Leslie Sussman who had 38 years service, Councillor Malcolm Lester with 24 years service and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Victor Lyon, with 28 years. The Mayor referred to their commitment and to the respect and kudos they brought to the borough with their Mayoresses.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Brian Salinger, Councillor Alison Moore and Councillor Monroe Palmer joined the Worshipful the Mayor in wishing all retiring members a very happy future life.

The Council were also concerned to learn that Mr Edward Prentice, Past Mayor's Escort, was in hospital. The Worshipful the Mayor undertook to write to Mr Prentice, on behalf of the Council, expressing all good wishes for his speedy recovery.

**201. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION (Agenda item 5):**

Moved by the Deputy Mayor, duly seconded and  
**RESOLVED –**

1. **That we, the Members of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet, hereby express to the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Andreas Tambourides, our appreciation of the excellent service he has rendered to the London Borough of Barnet as its Mayor during the period May 2005 to May 2006 and for the friendly and conscientious way in which he has performed the duties of that office. We also recognise the tremendous support given to him by his wife, Joanna Tambourides, during this time.**

**We offer him our gratitude for the concern that he has shown at all times to promote the welfare of the London Borough and its residents, particularly, for his willingness to support the many organisations and individuals who called on his time and services during his year of office. We congratulate him on the success of his appeal for Mind in Barnet.**

**We compliment him on the manner in which he represented the Borough and upheld the dignity of his office on all occasions and on his untiring enthusiasm and pleasant approach to his duties.**

**In particular, we applaud his efforts to support the Inter-Faith Forum and his work with the Greek Cypriot community in the Borough.**

2. **That the foregoing resolution be engrossed over the common seal of the Corporation and presented to the Worshipful the Mayor.**

The Mayor expressed his gratitude to the Council for passing the resolution.

**202. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Agenda Item 6):**

The following Members declared personal and non – prejudicial interests, and remained in the room during the discussion and participated in the decision – making process in the items indicated:

- Councillor Helena Hart in Item 10.1 A close member of Councillor Hart's family was a Research Fellow at the Royal Free Medical School and received a small stipend for on – call vascular sessions, but would not be affected by the current proposals. Councillor Hart further indicated that if at any future time he were to become directly affected by such proposals, she would take no further part in the deliberations and withdraw from the meeting. Councillor Hart also had a personal but non-prejudicial interest in the finances of Barnet PCT as she was a Practice Manager of a Dental Practice

which had just signed a very small contract for the provision of children's NHS dental services

- Councillor Braun in Motion 9.1 as her house backed onto the land the subject of the motion
- Councillor Susette Palmer in Motion 9.8 as she was the Chair of the Barnet Borough Arts Council , which was not a Council appointment
- Councillor John Marshall in Item 15.1 Report of Cabinet – Unitary Development Plan as he was a shareholder in Tesco plc

The following Member, although declaring a personal and non – prejudicial interest did not participate during the discussion or the decision – making process in the item indicated:

- Councillor Jack Cohen in Motion 9.5 as some of the staff involved could be members of the union of which he was a representative

The following Members declared personal and prejudicial interests in the following items, left the Chamber during the discussion and did not participate in the decision – making process in the items indicated:

- Councillor Jeremy Davies in Item 10.1 as he was an employee of the Royal Free Hospital
- Councillor Teh who was a non – executive member of Barnet PCT.
- Councillor Lynne Hillan in Motion 9.2 as her business had dealings with Barnet Football Club
- Councillors Danish Chopra and Anita Campbell in Motion 9.2 because of on – going issues relating to the Football Club

(The Borough Solicitor also left the Chamber during discussion of Motion 9.2)

### **203. BUSINESS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING**

None.

### **204. QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS (Agenda Item 7 and 16.1.5):**

Questions were put to the Leader and the relevant Members of the Cabinet. Those questions, together with the original answers provided and the text of any supplementary questions and answers are set out in the Appendix to these minutes.

### **205. VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councillor Jeremy Davies, duly seconded, moved that the order of business relating to Agenda Item 9 be varied so that Motions 9.1, 9.2, 9.8 and 9.3 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 9.1, 9.2, 9.8 and 9.3 to be heard first and in that order.**

### **206. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR WAYNE CASEY (Agenda item 9.1 and 16.1.4):**

Motion 9.1 in the name of Councillor Wayne Casey was moved. An amendment in the name of Councillor Melvin Cohen was also moved.

Debate ensued. During the debate Councillor Wayne Casey, duly seconded, moved that the Question Now be Put. On being out to the vote, the Motion was declared carried.

**RESOLVED – That the Question Now be Put.**

Upon being put to the vote the amendment in the name of Councillor Melvin Cohen was declared lost.

Upon being put to the vote the Motion in the name of Councillor Wayne Casey was declared carried.

**RESOLVED - Council notes with regret that St Joseph's College, Lawrence Street, the home of the Mill Hill Missionaries since their foundation by Cardinal Vaughan in the 1860s, is to close.**

**Council further notes that the estate includes a landmark Grade II listed building situated in the greenbelt in a Conservation Area.**

**Council welcomes the sincere efforts of the Mill Hill Missionaries to find a purchaser for the property who will respect both this important piece of the historic built environment and the preservation of the greenbelt. Council considers, however, that the preservation of the estate would be ensured by the attachment of a covenant, binding upon any future owner.**

**Council therefore resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to write to Mill Hill Missionaries advising them of the Council's views and recommending that they seek independent advice on the matter.**

**207. MOTION 9.2 IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CLAIRE FARRIER (Agenda Items 8.2 and 16.1.2 and 16.1.4 ):**

Motion 9.2 in the name of Councillor Claire Farrier was moved.

Amendments in the names of Councillor Brian Salinger and Alison Moore were moved. Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger was declared lost and that in the name of Councillor Alison Moore was declared carried.

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

**RESOLVED – Council opposes the Council Leader's idea to misuse Montrose Park for a new stadium for Barnet Football Club.**

**Council notes that the Montrose Residents Association and the football club supporters' group Keep Barnet Alive both oppose the misuse of Montrose Park; and that the idea has got nowhere over the past five months.**

**Council notes that Keep Barnet Alive have the following concerns about the misuse of Montrose Park:**

- **contravention of local and national planning policy,**
- **parking problems and traffic congestion,**
- **a lack of public open space in Burnt Oak and Colindale,**
- **the risk of flooding, and**
- **the proposed stadium size would be inadequate for the construction of a stadium capable of accommodating a league standard football club.**

**Council asks the Cabinet to withdraw the idea of building a stadium in Montrose Park, and to instead support *Working Together* with Barnet FC (subject to planning).**

**Council welcomes the support of Councillor Terry Burton for Barnet Football Club, reported in the Barnet Times on 16 March, that: "I have never wavered in my support for such a prestigious football club."**

**Council supports the *Working Together* proposals (subject to planning) and Council asks the Cabinet and officers to negotiate with the Club to implement *Working Together*.**

**208. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR DUNCAN MACDONALD (Agenda items 9.8 and 16.1.4).**

Motion 9.8 in the name of Councillor Duncan Macdonald was moved. An amendment in the name of Councillor Mike Freer was moved. Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment in the name of Councillor Mike Freer was declared lost and the substantive motion was declared carried.

**RESOLVED –**

**Council Notes –**

- That the Bull Arts Centre has moved from Barnet High Street to be incorporated into artsdepot in North Finchley
- That the former Bull building on Barnet High Street is owned by the Council and is now occupied on a short-term lease until July 2007 by the Susi Earnshaw Theatre School (SETS)
- That SETS is giving local community arts and drama groups in Chipping Barnet the opportunity to use the Bull building's facilities in the evenings and at weekends
- That local residents of all parties and of none have formed the Save the Bull Group to campaign for the Bull to remain a community arts centre
- That the Save the Bull Group supports SETS' occupation of the Bull building and has called on Council to grant SETS a longer lease
- That Conservative leaflets in High Barnet have, for several months, been claiming that SETS is being offered a long-term lease with immediate effect
- That no such long-term lease has actually been offered
- That the previous tender process for marketing the Bull building had to be abandoned after the building had been listed as being in the wrong planning category
- That a Planning Brief for the Bull building has been commissioned by Council
- That subject to satisfying all necessary legal requirements it would be possible for the Council to immediately commence to negotiate a long-term lease with SETS
- That SETS currently pays rent to Council and the Council could seek to negotiate terms for a rental under a long-term lease, so that the Council would not be subsidising the

continued use of the Bull building as a community arts centre in the evenings and at weekends

**Council Believes –**

- That the Bull Arts Centre was created by the energy and vision of local people in the 1970s
- That there is a great desire in Chipping Barnet for the Bull to remain a community arts centre
- That Chipping Barnet residents deserve a fair share of local amenities, having already had their Register Office closed by this Administration
- That there is a great desire in Chipping Barnet to preserve community assets like the Bull and Barnet Football Club
- That it would be greatly to the advantage of residents for SETS to be offered a 25-year lease immediately
- That the current Administration has unacceptably stalled on granting such a lease for no good reason
- That if a long-term lease of the Bull building is granted to SETS it is possible that the need for a Planning Brief could be reconsidered
- That the previous tender process, which was aborted due to an error in the marketing documents, was a waste of Council resources and achieved nothing
- That Chipping Barnet residents have no desire for the Bull building to be converted into flats or a nightclub
- That the Bull's continued use as a community arts centre, rented from Council by SETS, will contribute to the diversity and viability of Barnet High Street

**Council Resolves –**

- To request the Cabinet to consider authorising negotiations to commence immediately for the grant of a 25-year lease to SETS.

**209. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR DANISH CHOPRA (Agenda Items 9.3 and 16.1.4):**

Motion 9.3 in the name of Councillor Danish Chopra and amendments in the names of Councillors Mike Freer, Kath McGuirk and Anita Campbell were put to the vote without debate. The amendment in the name of Councillor Mike Freer was declared lost and those amendments in the names of Councillors Kath McGuirk and Anita Campbell were declared carried.

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

**RESOLVED – Council regrets that Barnet is the worst place to do business in London because the Conservative administration has cut support to local business and the borough's town centres, and has no strategy for improving the economy of Barnet.**

**Council recognises that the cut in funding and staff support for traders and small business, increased parking charges and attendants, closure of Council facilities in town centres, poor street cleaning, cuts to sustainability funding, and breakdown in**

**Council relations with traders' groups, has contributed to a catalogue of neglect and closures.**

**Council agrees with the Mayor of London in welcoming the job creation and low unemployment in Barnet since 1997, but believes the Cabinet must take responsibility as a community leader for the rejuvenation of the borough's town centres.**

**Council therefore urges the Cabinet to present proposals for better partnership working and engagement with local business to secure the future of the borough's town centres, and to consult all ward councillors on the particular problems their local town centre faces.**

**Council is dismayed at the continued proliferation of large chain stores in our High Streets and the continued closure of small, specialist shops.**

**Council believes this robs our town centres of their character, and leads to cloned, featureless, shopping centres.**

**Council understands this is part of a Londonwide problem, and is reflected in the fact that the Evening Standard newspaper has launched a petition, "Save our Small Shops", urging the Government to use planning law to stop large chains forcing out small businesses.**

**Council regrets the loophole in the new PPS 6 planning guidance, which permits the siting of large superstores on the edge of town centres, providing unfair competition to small firms in the High Street.**

**Council notes that the Association of Convenience Stores said that the clause would have a "damaging impact on the town centre". However the clause has remained in the final version of PPS 6.**

**Council welcomes Barnet's Planning and Environment Committee's decision to reject the "Tesco" application on Ballards Lane, West Finchley. One that, if realised, Council believes would have been extremely detrimental to the small business in the Finchley area.**

**Council notes the proposals of the Cabinet Resources Committee, chaired by Councillor Mike Freer, to build a "Tesco" supermarket in Watling car park on the edge of Burnt Oak town centre.**

**Council congratulates the hard work of staff providing access to Small Business relief, and congratulates the hard work of the Business Rates team.**



**Council congratulates the townkeeper and CCTV staff on their hard work for the borough.**

**Council is not complacent about the future of our town centres and believes more needs to be done on a national and local level to halt the decline in our High Streets and the loss of small shops.**

**Council welcomes all policies to improve the infrastructure of London's suburbs, making them more attractive places to do business.**

**Council resolves to call on the Leader of the Council to sign, on behalf of Barnet Council, in support of the Evening Standard's "Save our Small Shops" campaign. Council urges the Cabinet to write to the DTI and ODPM explaining our support for this campaign, and calling for urgent changes to planning law so the livelihoods of small business and the viability of our High Streets can be protected for generations to come.**

**Council notes that many residents are concerned that the Council is withdrawing support from High Barnet town centre. Council regrets the closure of the Register Office, cashiers' office and parking control office, the sale of the Bull Theatre, cuts to support for High Barnet traders and increased parking charges.**

**Council therefore urges the Cabinet to:**

- **re-open the Barnet Register Office in the Wood Street building or within Barnet Hospital,**
- **grant the Suzi Earnshaw Theatre School a long-lease on the Bull Theatre,**
- **take steps to deal with the growing problems of litter, dumped rubbish and graffiti in the town centre,**
- **monitor how full the car parks are so as to judge whether further adjustments need to be made to charges, and respond to the complaints from residents about the Bells Hill CPZ.**

**210. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR MELVIN COHEN (Agenda Items 9.4 and 16.1.4):**

Motion 9.4 in the name of Councillor Melvin Cohen and amendments in the names of Councillors Jim Tierney and Jeremy Davies were put to the vote without debate. The amendments in the names of Councillors Jim Tierney and Jeremy Davies were declared carried. Upon being put to the vote, the substantive Motion, was declared carried.

**RESOLVED - Council notes with dismay the current planning system that allows gardens to be treated in the same way as Brownfield sites when determining planning applications.**

**Council further notes that this means developers can treat the garden as part of the footprint for development and acquire permission to build over the garden's plot as well as that occupied by the house.**

**Council believes this permits the development of housing over gardens that can be out of keeping with the neighbouring area and-Barnet's pleasant, suburban landscape.**

**Council welcomes the Bill proposed by Greg Clark MP to close this planning loophole, meaning that Planning Committees could refuse applications for housing development on private gardens that they feel is out of character with the surrounding area.**

**Council supports this initiative that would stop family homes and gardens in Barnet being turned into potentially intrusive developments.**

**Council supports the Green Belt.**

**Council notes the recent national proposals to change the definition of a greenfield site, to enable more development on these sites, by reviewing the planning system.**

**Council believes downgrading greenfield sites in this manner could threaten the London Borough of Barnet's green open spaces and Green Belt.**

**Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to write to the Deputy Prime Minister setting out the London Borough of Barnet's opposition to a change in the definition of a greenfield site by a review of the planning system**

**Council rejects the "vision" expressed in the so-called *Sustainable Community Strategy* that by 2016 Barnet should be one of the "largest Boroughs in London" believing this to be an encouragement to over development and a threat to the green belt. Further, Council rejects the plans -attributed in the *Times* and the *Evening Standard* to Conservative MP George Osborne - for a redefinition of what constitutes a greenfield site and the removal of many of the current planning controls over property development. Council believes that the current controls over development are insufficient as it is and have led to the blight of over development in many parts of the Borough.**

**211. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR CHRIS HARRIS (Agenda Item 9.5 and 16.1.4):**

Motion 9.5 in the name of Councillor Chris Harris and an amendment in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings was put to the vote without debate. The amendment in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings was declared carried. The substantive motion was declared carried.

**RESOLVED - Council notes the Youth Offending Team, which rehabilitates and engages young people involved in disorder and delinquency.**

**Council believes the Youth Offending Team is an essential part of the assault on anti-social behaviour in the Borough, particularly**

as concerns are being raised that ASBOs may be becoming a “Badge of Honour”. The work of the Council’s Youth Offending Team is intended to keep young people from re-offending; prevention as well as a cure.

Council congratulates the hard work of the Youth Offending Team staff on the successful rehabilitation of young people involved in disorder and delinquency.

Council further notes the video of the Youth Offending Team’s restorative justice project (“Time to Talk - Time to Listen”), piloted in five Primary Schools, won a prestigious award at the Communicating Youth Justice Awards last year.

Council also welcomes the initiatives piloted by the Youth Offending Team in engaging young people in Grahame Park engaged in anti-social behaviour, and the attendant successes seen.

Council believes it is due in no small part to the Youth Offending Team’s Work that we have seen a drop in Youth Crime in Barnet. The number of youths involved in offences in this Borough fell by 9% between 2003/4 and 2004/5.

Council is not complacent about the need for a multiplicity of facilities and activities across the Borough for young people, both by the Council, voluntary and private sector.

Council calls on Cabinet to ensure the work of the Youth Offending Team is strengthened and built upon, so that young people in the Borough can be directed away from crime, and we can drive the anti-social elements out of our streets and help young people themselves.

**212. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR BRIAN SALINGER (Agenda Item 9.6 ):**

Motion 9.6 in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger was put to the vote without debate and was declared carried.

**RESOLVED - That the Council of the London Borough of Barnet requests that The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of all citizens of Barnet, sends Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty's 80th birthday, and expresses gratitude for Her Majesty's contribution to the life of our Borough and our Nation.**

Council particularly recalls Her Majesty's many visits to the Borough.

**213. MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR BRIAN COLEMAN (Agenda Item 9.7 ):**

Motion 9.7 in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman was put to the vote without debate and was declared carried.

**RESOLVED - Council notes the recent comments from the Mayor of London concerning members of the Jewish Community and the American Ambassador. Council believes that the residents of this Borough deserve a Mayor of London that supports all communities and discourages racism of any sort. Council believes that the current Mayor of London fails to behave with the dignity befitting his office and in particular is making comments that appear to be giving rise to anti-Semitic attitudes. Council notes that the Community Security Trust has identified 11 anti-Semitic attacks that it says were triggered by the news story of the Mayor of London's outburst at an "Evening Standard " journalist in February 2005.**

**Council calls on the Mayor of London to apologise for his recent behaviour and instructs the Chief Executive to write to him requesting such an apology.**

**214. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

The meeting reconvened at 9.05pm

**215. ADMINISTRATION POLICY ITEM: NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (Agenda Item 10.1 and 16.1.4)**

Councillor Fiona Bulmer proposed the item and moved that it be adopted. Amendments in the names of Councillors Monroe Palmer and Linda McFadyen and were moved. Debate ensued. Upon being to the vote, the amendments in the names of Councillors Monroe Palmer and Linda McFadyen were declared carried. Upon being out to the vote the substantive motion was declared lost.

**216. OPPOSITION POLICY ITEM: RESPECT FOR BARNET CAMPAIGN (Agenda Item 10.2, and 16.1.4).**

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

**RESOLVED - Council recognises that the number one priority of Barnet residents is tackling anti-social behaviour.**

**Council notes Nottingham City Council's Respect for Nottingham campaign that has successfully begun to tackle begging, prostitution, street drug dealing, environmental cleanliness and anti-social behaviour.**

**Council also notes the successful programmes instituted by Islington Council that have tackled youth boredom and cut car-**

related crime and accidents, which have led it to be awarded Lib Dem Council Group of The Year at the LGA award

Council believes that lessons can be learned from the Respect for Nottingham campaign and the respect initiatives of other local authorities, in particular that the Council just working harder does not by itself tackle perceptions or impact on the full range of respect issues residents are concerned about.

Respect must be earned, not imposed. Respect goes both ways. Demonisation and categorisation of young people are the quickest ways of alienating them from community initiatives.

Council believes the London Borough of Barnet would benefit from its own *Respect for Barnet* Campaign to tackle anti-social behaviour and promote respect within local neighbourhoods.

Council notes that the *Respect for Barnet* campaign will include:

- tackling anti-social behaviour through joint tasking with the police and Barnet Homes, use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts – thus allowing other interested parties to be involved in a proactive and contractual resolution of problems, plus enforcement through intelligent and sparing use of ASBOs with a range of supporting methods to end anti-social behaviour, fixed penalty notice and tenancy agreements,
- dealing with youth disorder and young people becoming the victims of crime by involving young people in the design and management of youth facilities, creation of positive environments for young people, closer liaison with schools to ensure young people can report crime in a serious and safe manner to the police and teachers.
- changing perceptions of the environment which are strongly influenced by graffiti and fly-posting by both enforcement and removal. Whilst recognising that although the borough should be clean all year round, the Council could launch a *Big Spring Clean 2007* next year to focus efforts to tackle fly-tipping, abandoned cars, overgrown and unruly gardens, and graffiti, encourage people to report mess and dirt, encourage the feeling of ownership and responsibility for their environment
- joint work between the police, Council and community to combat drug dealing, and make the link between drug dealing and other criminal activity,
- addressing binge drinking and late night nuisance through Alcohol Free Zones, consulting residents on a licensing saturation policy, and a 24/7 noise nuisance service, and
- bringing back into use empty properties associated with anti-social behaviour.
- working with the police, ambulance, TfL and fire authorities to raise awareness of the dangers of, and tackle, car-related crime, joy-riding, drink-and drug-driving, accidents and dangerous driving amongst young people

- zero tolerance towards kerb-crawling in areas known to be centres of prostitution

Council agrees that the *Respect for Barnet* Campaign needs to use powers made available by the Government intelligently and effectively, involve and engage the community and partners, provide better quality services, and offer communication on progress to residents. Council calls on TfL to work with Council CCTV officers to share information, where legally permissible, in order to document and combat anti-social behaviour.

Council agrees that the *Respect for Barnet* Campaign needs to set out measurable targets for achievement and undertake regular survey work of residents to assess the impact and whether perceptions are changing.

Council notes that the capacity for a successful *Respect for Barnet* Campaign has recently been increased thanks to:

- the Mayor of London's additional 13 Safer Neighbourhood Police Teams introduced to Barnet from 3 April, which will mean 39 extra police officers and at least 52 extra Police Community Support Officers patrolling the borough's streets, and
- the Government's award to Barnet of £744,312 over the next two years from the Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund for youth services.

Council asks Cabinet to liaise with the police and other community leaders to bring forward proposals for the *Respect for Barnet* Campaign to tackle anti-social behaviour, provide youth facilities and promote respect as part of a holistic programme.

Council also asks the Chief Executive to invite Nottingham City Council to present a seminar on the *Respect for Nottingham* campaign open to all ward councillors, senior officers, community leaders and the local police.

Council also asks the Chief Executive to invite Islington Council to present a seminar on their successful programmes, open to all ward councillors, senior officers, community leaders, and the local police.

Council condemns the Council's failure to speedily tackle the recent problems of anti-social behaviour in Ridgeview Close, Chesterfield Road, Mays Lane and the Dollis Valley estate. Council supports the residents who have been forced to endure serious problems of anti-social behaviour and Council supports the local police who have done their utmost to protect residents. Council therefore particularly welcomes the new Safer Neighbourhood Police Team for Underhill ward.

**Given the recent problems of anti-social behaviour, Council urges the Cabinet to consider as a priority piloting the *Respect for Barnet* Campaign in East Barnet, High Barnet and Underhill wards.**

**217. COMMENTS RELATING TO THE WORK OF CABINET (Agenda item 11)**

**Councillor Anita Campbell commented**

Thank you Mr Mayor. I've been sitting on the stakeholder meetings at Barnet Hill School at regeneration of the Dollis Valley and in all those meetings we had a plan for a new Barnet Hill School funded by Warden who won the bid and this was on all the meetings we went to, for a new school, not now. What we've got is no school, not even a new school or the old school. So what I'm asking is where is the funding gone for this school by Warden? I can't get an answer from that, I have asked many times but nobody seems to know where this money is. The Council is proposing to shut Barnet Hill Primary School in Hammond Close, Councillor Bulmer has described this as good news. The Council plans to rebuild Whittings Hill School for the displaced children but there is no news yet on how the empty Barnet Hill School site will be used as part of the Dollis Valley regeneration. Again, whilst we support new school buildings we don't want this one to be, and all the parents don't want this school closed.

**Councillor John Marshall responded**

Thank you Mr Mayor, I'd like to thank Councillor Campbell for her last speech in this Council chamber. The reason we're doing this is to speed the regeneration of the Dollis Valley Estate and to provide a modern children's centre on the Whittings Hill site. When Councillor Campbell was part of the administration she did nothing for the regeneration of Dollis Valley, she did nothing to provide new schools for her constituents. We are seeking to do both, she in opposition is seeking to sabotage work which can only be to the benefit of her constituents and that is why she's going to lose on the 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**Councillor Steve Blomer commented**

Yes, Mr Mayor. The restructuring of street enforcement just isn't working, let me point out why. We have broken concrete traffic bollards as follows: one in Woodcroft Avenue, three in Watling Avenue, one in The Meads, all reported since January, not removed, not fixed, dangerous. We have concrete posts in Abbots Road reported January, not removed. Concrete posts broken down in Norbury Grove, reported, not moved. And we have posts in Deans Way that were reported last November and not moved. We have fly tipping in Abbots Road, a freezer by the sub-power station opposite Wolsey Grove, been there for three months nothing done about it though it's been reported. Dryfield Road and Luther Close have both had repeated phone calls from me about stuff not being removed and it's still there, the system doesn't work and you've made it like that.

### **Councillor Matthew Offord responded**

I suggest that if the Councillor has any problems he should actually call them in instead of grandstanding at the full Council meeting. The changes have had no negative effect and reports from the 13 town keepers for graffiti and fly-tipping have shown no change from normal day to day workloads. The service is continuing to achieve PI deadlines and customer responses. Additionally, the Council's performance in respect of BVPI 199 continues to improve and the most recent results for March 2006 shows 91% of the borough above the standard against the government's target of 75%. A clear indication that the Council's resources are being deployed to a good effect, whilst target services are being achieved and delivered. I'll also point out that the work being conducted by the Conservative candidates in Hale Ward is actually providing improvements with the work with NTL that we're doing. I suggest that Councillor Blomer takes a bit of advice from them in the remaining three weeks he is a Councillor in Hale.

### **Councillor Ansuya Sodha commented**

Mr Mayor, I'm going to talk about the Welsh Harp. When this Tory administration came in power in 2002 they issued these gimmicky plastic cases which says "Improving Urban Green Spaces". After four years what they have managed to do is actually destroy urban green spaces as you can see by these photographs of the Welsh Harp. What do you see, a bench in the water. What do you see, a burnt out bench which is still there, this bench had been there for nearly two months, nobody bothered to remove it. Bird hide damaged. The people living near this Welsh Harp are really scared, scared of these vandals vandalising their homes and setting fire. What we need, Mr Mayor, is Park Ranger, we had 82 street enforcement officers, we've got 12 now. At last week's area forum, area forum said we need Park Rangers.

### **Councillor Matthew Offord responded**

Councillor Sodha has brought this issue up on 8 occasions: on 30 November 04, 15 April 05, 23 March 05, 27 September 05, all as Member's items, 13 September 05 as a question, 14 April comments on the work of the Cabinet, 14 September 04 as a question, 26 October 04 as another question. This Council's wasted enough time on Councillor Sodha and her comments about the work of the Cabinet or whatever. I suggest that she should have put a line in their budget for this, but she didn't, she failed to do that, she failed the people of West Hendon and on May 4<sup>th</sup> she'll fail again.

### **Councillor Wayne Casey commented**

Mr Mayor I've set out the nature of my comment in the text.

### **Councillor Matthew Offord responded**

Thank you Councillor Casey. The Council is in discussion with Crest Nicholson to agree either replacements of the existing road surface to materials that we're able to take on maintenance liability or agree a commuted



sum with them for us to take on the maintenance of the block paving. These discussions are on-going. We have shown our keenness to move this forward as quickly as possible and we are waiting for Crest Nicholson to respond in a similar manner. What we will not do is take on responsibility for the road which does not meet, or which do not meet, the agreed specification because this will open us up for potential future maintenance problems.

**Councillor Jeremy Davies commented**

Thank you Mr Mayor. The nature of my comment is actually in the text but in particular I'd like to ask the Cabinet Member whether he will consider judicial review of the inspector's decision because I don't believe it's taken into account all the material facts that need to be considered in this application.

**Councillor Melvin Cohen responded**

Mr Mayor, I personally reviewed the decision of the inspector. Councillor Davies will know that an appeal will lie to the High Court on a point of law and I cannot see that the inspector has actually erred in law and I cannot support an appeal. He has considered all appropriate grounds. Firstly, whether the proposal amounts to inappropriate development on the green belt, he finds that it is. He then goes on to consider other factors to see if they outweigh any harm resulting from inappropriate development. He considers whether it would preserve and enhance the Mill Hill Conservation Area. He considers health matters. He considers the effect of the proposal on wild life. He considers the need for development at alternative sites. He advances reasoned arguments for the above and comes to the view and these are findings of fact that the development is justified on the basis of very special circumstances. Rightly or wrongly, my judgement is that the decision cannot be successfully challenged in law.

**218. REPORT OF CABINET 3 APRIL, 2006 (Agenda Items 13)**

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

**UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – INTENTION TO ADOPT (Cab. Rept. 23/1/2006 – 2) (Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning & Licensing Services – Agenda Item 11)**

Cabinet received the report of the Cabinet Member for Planning & Licensing Services which is being 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 agree to proceed to adopt the UDP by publishing a Notice of Intention to Adopt, in accordance with the Regulations.**

Debate ensued.  
Upon being put to the vote, it was

**RESOLVED – That the Report of Cabinet dated 3 April, 2006, be approved and adopted.**

**219. REPORT OF THE FIRST CLASS EDUCATION AND CHILDREN OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DATED 9 MARCH 2006 (Agenda Item 14.1):**

Councillor Andrew Harper moved reception and adoption of the Report of the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 9 March, 2006, with the following recommendations:

**1. THE APPOINTMENT OF LA SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

The First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members submit, in the following terms, their proposed recommendations to Council on the appointment of LA School Governors. Councillor Andrew Harper will present the report.

At the Council meeting on 14 December 2004, it was resolved that the former Education and Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Committee should investigate and if considered necessary recommend ways in which the Council could modernise how it makes appointments to School Governing Bodies.

The Committee considered a report on the appointment of LA governors on 19.09.2005, 28.11.2005, 1.02.2006 and 9.03.2006. The Committee agreed that the selection criteria for the appointment and removal of LA governors should be set out in a transparent way and that in the first instance, nominations from Political Parties be invited for consideration by the Council and if vacancies are not filled in three months, that the field of candidates be widened to incorporate applications from members of the local community, local groups and Council employees. Any vacancies which have been in existence for three months or more at the time of adoption be immediately open to nominations from the wider community. Where this does take place, the Committee agreed that these applications (from the wider community) are put forward by Governor Services according to the appointment criteria.

For the reasons set out in this report, the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee-

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL-**

- 1. That the criteria for the appointment and removal of LEA Governors are set out in a transparent way.**
- 2. That in the first instance, nominations from Political Parties be invited for consideration by the Council.**

3. **That if vacancies are not filled in three months, that the field of candidates be widened to incorporate applications from members of the local community, local groups and Council employees. Any vacancies which have been in existence for three months or more at the time of adoption be immediately open to nominations from the wider community.**
4. **That applications from the wider community are put forward by Governor Services according to the appointment criteria.**
5. **That in 12 months time, a review of school governor vacancies is carried out by the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee.”**

Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

**RESOLVED – That the Report of the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee dated 9 March, 2006, be approved and adopted.**

**220. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE (CONSTITUTION REVIEW) DATED 22 MARCH, 2006, (Agenda Item 15.1).**

Councillor Brian Salinger moved reception and adoption of the Report of the Special Committee (Constitution Review) dated 22 March, 2006, with the following recommendations:

**Constitution Review 2005**

The Committee met on 11 January, 23 February and 22 March to consider aspects of the Council’s Constitution, which had been raised by both officers and members as matters requiring review, some of which would be addressed by another method. The Action Sheets relating to the Committee’s 11 January and 23 February meetings are attached as Appendix A1 and A2.

On 22 March the Committee considered reports of the Heads of Service concerned on all the matters on which the Committee considered they should make recommendations for change to the Council. Included in their deliberations had been the request from Council at their meeting on 8 November 2005 to consider whether there was a need for a change to the provisions relating to call –in and urgency procedures, as contained within the Overview and Scrutiny Rules.

The reports of the Heads of Service concerned, together with an Addendum circulated at the meeting would be circulated separately to all Members of the Council.

The Committee having noted the Action Sheet for the meeting held on 23 February made the following comments on the Officers’ reports:

## **Review 2006: Council Procedure Rules**

The Committee considered that provision should remain in the Council agenda for Comments on the Work of Cabinet.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) that the full list of Questions to Cabinet Members should be circulated two working days preceding the Council Meeting. As a consequence the deadline for the delivery of Questions to the Democratic Services Manager would be brought forward to ten working days before the meeting (Action Sheet 23/2/06)
- (ii) that the only change to the current arrangements to the Agenda for an Ordinary Council Meeting would for Statutory Council Business becoming Part 5 Business, with Comments on the Work of Cabinet at Part 6. If Part 6 business was not reached during a Council Meeting, the Cabinet Member concerned would be required to respond in writing to the Member concerned within 10 working days, and to send a copy to the Democratic Services Manager who would arrange for the response to be circulated to all Members of the Council.

In connection with the managing the business at Ordinary Meetings of the Council, the Committee believed that the situation would be eased by the General Functions Committee considering appointments to outside bodies and nominations to School Governing Bodies. The Committee considered that, in certain circumstances, consideration could be given to convening meetings of the General Functions Committee immediately prior to a Council meeting (at 6pm) to enable the Committee to refer appointments to Council should the need arise.

The Committee had previously agreed to

- (i) the Democratic Services' Manager's Supplemental Report being emailed to Members and delivered by hand on the day before the meeting (Action Sheet 23/2/06);
- (ii) Motions being capable of being amended and/or withdrawn by the Member concerned up until the deadline for submission of Motions (Action Sheet 11/1/06)

## **Review 2006: Overview and Scrutiny Rules**

The Committee:

- (i) considered that there should be further clarification included in the Rules relating to the Call-in arrangements of what would happen to items not dealt with by 10pm, where no vote had been taken, in accordance with the changes proposed.

In the circumstances the Committee agreed to the insertion at the end of paragraph 16(e) to the words "For the avoidance of doubt, where an

item has not been dealt with by 10pm, the decision will be implemented forthwith”.

- (ii) with regard to the rules relating to Call – in and Urgency, the Committee also agreed to amend the definition of absence.

### **Access to Information Changes**

The Committee noted that the proposals reflected the statutory changes now in force as a result of the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

### **Financial Regulations**

The Committee noted that Part 2 of the Financial Regulations were currently under review and agreed the proposed changes to Part 1.

### **Licensing Code of Practice**

The Committee noted that the Code was based on both legislation and guidance issued by the Local Authorities Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services) guidance.

### **Review 2006: Public Participation Rules**

The Committee also had regard to an addendum.

- (i) considered that some of the issues raised in the Officers’ report would best be dealt with by Chairmen at meetings and should be included in the training for new Chairmen, together with a small amendment to the Members’ Planning Code of Conduct ;
- (ii) that where petitions were received by the Democratic Services Manager which related to Executive functions, not within the Terms of Reference of the Area Environment Sub – Committee, these should be reported to Cabinet;

### **Rules for the Disposal of Land and Real Property**

The Committee also had regard to the addendum.

The Committee noted that the proposed changes were designed to make the Rules more comprehensive and effective.

### **Amendments to the Constitution**

The Committee also had regard to an addendum.

The Committee noted that the changes proposed in the Officers’ Report relating to the:

- (i) Terms of Reference of the General Functions and Audit Committee had been agreed at the February meeting. They further agreed to the

clarification that the nomination of school governing bodies also was within the Terms of Reference of the General Functions Committee;

- (ii) Terms of Reference of the Area Planning Sub – Committees and , as a consequence to the Planning and Environment Committee, had been agreed by at the February meeting;
- (iii) Terms of Reference of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Sub – Committees paved the way for the implementation of the Gambling Act 2005; the clarification changes to the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing Services clarified the position;
- (iv) Terms of Reference of the Special Committee (Constitution Review) were a formality.

In addition the Committee considered that all reports of action taken by Heads of Service relating to staffing matters should be sent to the Chairman of the General Functions Committee, with the situation reviewed after one year.

#### **Ancillary matters**

The Committee noted that the changes proposed reflected their views at the January and February meetings.

#### **RECOMMEND –**

- (1) **That with effect from 16 May, 2006, the changes to the Parts of the Constitution listed below and as agreed by the Committee be implemented:**

***Part 4, Section 1 – Council Procedure Rules (Appendix B) as proposed by the Borough Solicitor and amended by the Committee as follows:***

- **Statutory Council Business to become Part 5 Business**
- **Comments on the Work of Cabinet to become Part 6 Business.**
  - **Where Comments are not dealt with at the Council Meeting, the relevant Cabinet Member will respond in writing to the Member concerned within 10 working days, with a copy to the Democratic Services Manager who will circulate the Response to all Members of the Council.**

***Overview and Scrutiny Rules (Appendix C) – as proposed by the Borough Solicitor and amended by the Committee by***

- **New paragraph 16(e) Conclusion of business at Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee including the addition of the explanation that any matters not dealt with by 10pm will implemented forthwith;**
- **Remainder of Rule 16 re-lettered, with the provisions relating to Call – in and urgency (now Rule m) being clarified by the definition of “absence”.**

***Access to Information Procedure Rules (Appendix D) – as proposed by the Borough Solicitor***

***Financial Regulations (Appendix E) – as proposed by the Chief Finance Officer***

***Members' Licensing Code of Practice (Appendix F) – as proposed by the Borough Solicitor***

***Public Participation Rules (Appendix G) – as proposed by the Borough Solicitor and amended by the Committee in respect of: Petitions relating to Executive functions not within the Terms of Reference of the Area Environment Sub – Committees will be reported to Cabinet.***

***Rules for the Disposal of Land and Real Property (Appendix H) – as proposed by the Borough Solicitor.***

***Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions (Appendix I) – as proposed by the Borough Solicitor and Head of Planning and amended by the Committee by***

**the inclusion of the requirement for all reports of action taken by Chief Officers under delegated powers relating to staffing to be sent to the Chairman of the General Functions Committee.**

***Part 4 – Section 2: Committees and Sub – Committees (Appendix J) – as proposed by the Borough Solicitor***

***New Detailed Contents Page and List of tables (Appendix K) - as proposed by the Borough Solicitor***

***Change to Rule 2 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules (Appendix L) – as proposed by the Chief Finance Officer.***

***Planning Code of Conduct for Members (Appendix M) -***

**To advise Members serving on planning committees that they should not frame questions so as to permit additional time for an individual speech as by permitting one individual to extend their speaking time could potentially be challengeable.**

- (2) That the reasons for the exclusion of the Licensing Committee from the Public Participation Rules be noted.**
- (3) That, in due course, the Borough Solicitor submit a summary version of the Constitution to the Committee.**

- (4) That, with respect to the General Functions Committee:
- (i) no action be taken with regard to the operation of minority referral at the General Functions Committee but the matter be reviewed in connection with the 2006/07 review and that the Borough Solicitor be instructed to make the appropriate arrangements;
  - (ii) consideration be given to convening meetings of the General Functions Committee, where appropriate, immediately preceding Council on the same night as Council, to deal with appointments to outside bodies and nominations to school governing bodies, to enable appointments/nominations to be referred up to Council, if necessary and the Democratic Services Manager be instructed to take the necessary action;
  - (iii) the situation relating to actions taken by Chief Officers under delegated powers with respect to staffing matters be review in a year's time and the Borough Solicitor be instructed to take the appropriate action.
- (5) That no changes be made at this time to the operation of the call – in and urgency procedures in respect of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee in view of the few reports that had been exempted from call – in during 2005/2006.
- (6) That early during the next municipal year the Committee
- (i) initiate debate and discussions on the structure and purpose of the Council meeting;
  - (ii) consider the Terms of Reference of the General Functions Committee;
- and that the Borough Solicitor be instructed to arrange accordingly.
- (7) That the Borough Solicitor be instructed to arrange training for new Chairmen of Committees on the effective management of Committees, in accordance with Constitutional provisions.”

An amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen was moved. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared and carried.

**RESOLVED – That the Report of the Special Committee(Constitution Review), be approved and adopted, subject to paragraph 3.17 of Part of of the Financial Regulations being amended by the deletion of “regularly” and the insertion after “to” of the words “each and every ordinary”.**



Councillor Peter Davis moved reception and adoption of the Report of the Planning and Environment Committee dated 29 March 2006, with the following recommendations:

**BYELAWS RELATING TO AMUSEMENT PREMISES: QUICKSILVER, 164-166 CRICKLEWOOD BROADWAY, LONDON, NW2 (Report of the Director of Environment - Agenda Item 8)**

The Director of Environment circulated an Addendum to his report. The Committee considered the report of the Director of Environment. Both the report and the addendum would be circulated separately to all Members of the Council.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:**

- 1. That the hours of opening specified in the London Borough of Barnet Byelaws relating to Amusement Premises be varied, to allow the amusement premises situated at Quicksilver, 164-166 Cricklewood Broadway, London, NW2 to open between 9am and 12 midnight Monday to Saturday and between 9am and 10pm on Sundays.**
- 2. That the Director of Environment be instructed to take the appropriate action."**

Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, it was

**RESOLVED – That the Report of the Planning and Environment Committee dated 29 March, 2006 be not approved and adopted.**

**222. REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON FRIENDS OF MOAT MOUNT CAMP SITE (Cl. Dec 7/3/06 - ) (Report of the Democratic Services Manager - Agenda Item 16.1.1):**

The Democratic Services Manager's report referred to the Council's previous decision, on 7 March, which was made in error and set out details of the appointment to be made.

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

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Council rescind the appointment of Mr Hugh Rayner as a Council representative to Friends of Moat Mount Campsite.**
- (2) That Councillor Steve Blomer be appointed as the Council's representative to vacancy no. 0601 to Friends of Moat Mount Campsite for the period ending 19/03/06 (Councillor Brian Gordon was unsuccessful).**

**223. REPORT EXEMPTED FROM THE CALL – IN PROCESS (Item 16.1.3):**

In accordance with Constitutional requirements the Democratic Services Manager reported on the Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport which approved the final version of the Local Implementation Plan for submission to the Mayor of London for approval. As the Cabinet Member had to be with the Mayor of London by 24 February, 2006, and as the Cabinet Member was acting in accordance with his authorisation by Cabinet on 23 January to approve the final version, the

Chairman of the of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision was reasonable in all the circumstances, that it should be treated as a matter of urgency and consequently exempted from the call – in process.

**224. CONSTITUTION : ARTICLE 12 AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE (Item 16.1.6)**

The Democratic Services Manager reported on the exercise, by the Head of Paid Services, of his powers in accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution by determining the overall structure of the Constitution to meet current requirements, and submitted a revised list of Chief Officers which would form part of Article 12. As a consequence of these revisions, Part 7 of the Constitution would also be revised.

**RESOLVED – That the Democratic Services Manager be instructed to make the changes to the Council’s Constitution.**

The meeting finished at 10. 40pm