

Council Meeting
27 June 2006

REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
AGENDA ITEM 13.1

1. Amendments to Items on the Agenda:
**(i) Agenda item 9.2 : Motion in the name of Councillor Monroe Palmer-
Amendment in the name of Councillor John Marshall:**

"Delete all after "Council" and Insert:

...notes that Post office Ltd. had planned to close and relocate Golders Green Post Office, a much-used facility for the local community, and lifeline for many people in the area.

Council further notes that Post Office Ltd's decision spurred immense opposition from residents who facilitated a public meeting, set up their own action group, organised cross party petitions, carried out a comprehensive business survey and even organised a public show of support for the Post Office.

Council wholeheartedly welcomes the news that the planned closure has now been jettisoned.

Council congratulates the Save Golders Green Post Office Action Group and local residents on this fantastic result, and calls on Cabinet to ensure that any similar plans to close or downgrade Post offices in this Borough are resisted with the same vigorous determination as shown at Golders Green.”

Councillor Marshall has requested, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule, Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: that if the item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting it be voted upon at the council meeting.

2. Request from Training Ship Broadsword, Hendon Unit to use the London Borough of Barnet Crest

The Council has received a request from the Commander of the Training Ship Broadsword, Hendon Unit, which has been adopted by the Council, to use the London Borough of Barnet Crest on Unit's headed note paper.

Enquires have been made of the Royal College of Arms. The College have indicated that if the letterhead used by the Unit displays more than one crest (ie Training Ship Broadsword plus another) and the words "Arms of the London Borough of Barnet" are printed under the London Borough of Barnet Crest making it completely clear that the Arms do not belong to the Unit, but to the London Borough of Barnet, there is no objection, in principle, to the request.

The College have indicated that it would be inappropriate for the London Borough of Barnet Crest to be used on its own.

RECOMMEND – That:

- (i) permission be granted to the Training Ship Broadsword, Hendon Unit to use the London Borough of Barnet Crest on their headed papers, subject to :**
 - (a) this Crest being used in conjunction with that of the Unit;**
 - (b) the words “Arms of the London Borough of Barnet” being clearly printed beneath the London Borough of Barnet crest;**
- (ii) the Democratic Services Manager be instructed to advise the Commander of the Training Ship Broadsword, Hendon Unit, of the Council’s decision.**

3. Reports exempted from the call – in process because they are urgent:

These matters are reported to the Council to meet Constitutional requirements. No action is required by the Council and the decisions have been implemented.

The Democratic Services Manager is required, under the Constitution, to report annually to the Council on the operation of the urgency provisions. The next report will be submitted to the September meeting of the Council.

In the cases listed below the Chairman of the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decisions proposed were reasonable in all the circumstances, were urgent and therefore should be exempted from call – in. The Chairman also consented to the proposed decisions being exempted from call – in:

- (i) As risks to the start and completion of the Darlands Lake dam project during summer 2006 (works were due to commence in June) would be mitigated by the provision of unhindered access to the site through taking the surrender of a lease by tenants of land adjoining the lake, the Leader of the Council agreed to:**
 - the acceptance of the surrender of the lease by the Council by 23 June, 2006, provided the surrender of the lease was completed by that date;
 - officers endeavouring to compete a proposed agreement regarding the right of way and the contractors’ compound if the surrender of the lease was not completed by 23 June, 2006;
 - amending the capital programme to reflect previously unplanned expenditure on the surrender of the existing lease.
- (ii) Barnet Football Club had advised the Council of the need for various works to be carried out to implement the proposed access and parking improvements for ground safety reasons, a position supported by the Football Licensing Authority. Urgent agreement was required to enable The Barnet Club Ltd to carry out these works in the “closed season” when Underhill Stadium was not in use because they needed to be completed by the first major match of the 2006/07 season, which was scheduled for 15 July. To achieve this, the works had to be started well before the Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 June. In these circumstances the Leader of the Council agreed to**
 - the issue of Landlord’s consent to the Barnet Club Ltd;
 - the council deferring for up to 12 months the grant of a formal licence for vehicular access over Priory Grove to The Barnet Club Ltd and Barnet Football Club to give the parties time to resolve an issue relating to claimed existing rights. Should this be resolved in favour of the Council, the Leader agreed to the

Council seeking retrospective payment from the date of the issue of the Landlord's Consent. In the meantime no action would be taken to curtail claimed existing rights;

- the officers pursuing the outstanding issues raised in the report and reporting back to a future meeting of the Cabinet Resources Committee.
- (iii) The decision of the Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub – Committee of 8 June 2006, to note the action being taken to advertise the Council's intention of granting to the Barnet Club Limited and Barnet Football Club access rights over land at the south end of Priory Grove, in connection with the formation of a hard surfaced area to provide emergency access and egress improvements and an enlarged parking area on the northern part of the cricket ground. The reasons for the exemption from the call – in process were as set out for (ii) above.

4. Leader's Scheme of Delegation

The Leader of the Council has made some alterations to his Scheme of Delegation and the changes are as set out in the Attached Appendix A.

The Democratic Services Manager will arrange for the amendments to be made to the Council's Constitution.

John Marr
Democratic Services Manager

LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION (EXTRACT)**(a) Cabinet Members and Portfolios (AMENDED)**

NB: AMENDED TO INCLUDE REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT CABINET PORTFOLIO

The List of Cabinet Members and their portfolio responsibilities is set out below:

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
<p>Cllr Mike Freer 23 Claverley Grove Finchley London N3 2DG</p> <p>Finchley Church End Ward</p> <p>LEADER</p> <p>RESOURCES</p>	<p>The Leadership of the Council.</p> <p>Specific individual responsibilities:</p> <p>To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • resources (including billing, collection and recovery of local taxation) • financial forward planning and budgeting • risk management • asset management • major corporate contracts • communications and marketing <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>The Leader may discharge any function of the Executive.</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 and housing (including housing and council tax benefit).</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 other providers to further these aims.</p> <p>In particular working with 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 including the administration of Housing Benefits.</p>	