

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 27 June, 2006 at 7.00pm

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Agenda and Timetable

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	<u>Part 1 - Statutory formalities/ Announcements (15 minutes)</u>	7.00pm – 7.15pm	
1.	Prayer		
2.	Apologies for absence		
3.	Minutes of last meeting held on 16 May 2006		2 - 33
4.	Official announcements		
5.	Declarations of interest		
6.	Any business remaining from last meeting		
	<u>Part 2 – Question Time (30 minutes or until 7.45pm, whichever is the longer)</u>	7.15pm – 7.45pm	
7.	Questions to the Leader and Cabinet		To be circulated separately
	<u>Part 3 — Members' Motions (60 minutes)</u>	7.45pm – 8.45pm	
8.	Motions in the order in which notice has been given.		
8.1	From Councillor Jack Cohen		

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	<p>Council confirms its commitment to the regeneration of Cricklewood. Council applauds the hard work of successive Administrations. In particular Council welcomes the opportunity to secure a new passenger rail station in the heart of the proposed redevelopment. However Council also reiterates the principle that this new station will not be at the expense of closing the existing station in Cricklewood. Council views with alarm reports in the local press that Network Rail may be considering closing the existing station. Council therefore resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to write to Network Rail and other partners and all interested parties in the Cricklewood Regeneration Scheme reminding them that this Council's Master plan for the area provides for the retention of the existing station and any proposal to close the existing station is unacceptable"</p> <p>Councillor Cohen 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.</p>		

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8.2	<p>From Councillor Monroe Palmer</p> <p>Council opposes the closure of Golders Green Post office, currently conveniently situated opposite Sainsbury's and by a major transport interchange. Council further opposes the plan to resite the Post Office as a franchise to a shop in Golders Green Road.</p> <p>This transfer from an extremely well used and busy professional Post Office to a less conveniently placed franchise with fewer positions and less professional staff is intolerable for local people. There will be less area for Post Office business and, based on present use, the queues will stretch onto the footway.</p> <p>Council instructs the Chief Executive to inform the Post Office of the Council's opposition to the proposals and urges Cabinet to consider whether it would be appropriate to take other action, including a legal challenge to the proposed closure</p> <p>Councillor Monroe Palmer 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.</p>		

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8.3	<p>From Councillor Brian Coleman</p> <p>Council notes that Chief Superintendent Mark Ricketts has moved to a new role in the Metropolitan Police. Council notes that Chief Superintendent Ricketts strived to improve the relationship between the community and the police, reduced many of the key crime indicators and was instrumental in delivering an improved resource formula for the Safer Neighbourhood teams. Council requests that the Chief Executive be instructed to write to the Borough Commander expressing our appreciation.</p> <p>Council further notes the contrast between Chief Superintendent Ricketts diligent work on behalf of the Borough with that of Mr Peter Herbert, MPA link Member for Barnet.</p> <p>Council believes Mr Herbert has failed to engage the community or its leaders in any meaningful way since his appointment.</p> <p>Council notes that at the AGM of Barnet Community Police Consultative Group on 6th June 2006, Mr Herbert once again failed to attend. Council notes that the BCPCG will themselves be requesting from the Chair of the MPA the replacement of Mr Peter Herbert.</p> <p>Council joins the BPCCG in that view and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Chair of the MPA advising him that this Council has no confidence in Mr Herbert.</p>		

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8.4	<p>From Councillor Matthew Offord</p> <p>Council notes Henly's Corner, an extremely ill-designed road junction that has been a blackspot for delays, accidents and congestion in this Borough for many years.</p> <p>Council further notes plans, mooted by the Secretary of State in the 1990s, which would have worked to solve this by constructing flyovers and underpasses.</p> <p>Council notes these have, however, been delayed by Transport for London (TfL) (as has the work to widen the A406 at Bounds Green), since 2004.</p> <p>Council is dismayed that, should the Transport for London Bill be successful in Parliament, TfL may then decide to drop the scheme because of a clause that would allow any work sanctioned by the Department of Transport to be jettisoned without a Public Inquiry.</p> <p>Council notes that this Council passed a Motion in December 2005 opposing this very clause, and has subsequently petitioned TfL against the move.</p>		

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	<p>Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to Transport for London, and ask them to make their intentions clear with regards to Henly's Corner, Bounds Green, and other major schemes in and around Barnet. Council further instructs the Chief Executive to again assert that no major road plans (including Henly's Corner and Bounds Green) must be dropped without a proper Public Inquiry that would allow this Council and local residents to have their say.</p> <p>Councillor Matthew Offord 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.</p>		
	Break	8.45pm – 9.00pm	
	Part 4 – Policy Development (60 minutes)	9.00pm – 10.00pm	
9.1	Administration Policy Item (30 minutes) Supporting the Vulnerable		34
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10.	Report from Cabinet : Best Value Performance Plan		37
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12.	Reports from Other Committees		
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13.1	Democratic Services Officer 1. Amendments to Items on the Agenda. 2. Request from Training Ship Broadsword. Hendon Unit to use the London Borough of Barnet Crest. 3. Reports exempted from the call-in process because they are urgent. 4. Leader's Scheme of Delegation.		
13.2	Monitoring Officer		
	Part 6 Accountability (20 minutes)		
14.	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes) –		
15.	Questions to representatives on outside bodies		None

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