Council Meeting 7 November 2006

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE ACTING DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER Agenda item 13.1

5. Leader's Scheme of Delegation

The Leader of the Council has altered his Scheme of Delegation to indicate that Councillor Offord is the Deputy Leader and to confirm the circumstances when the Deputy Leader is empowered to act in place of the Leader in the Leader's absence. The amendments are shown on Appendix A.

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

6. Amendment to items on the Agenda:

(i) Agenda Item 8.1: Motion in the name of Councillor Mike Freer – amendments in the names of

Councillor Alison Moore:

"Amend motion to read:

"Council recognises the benefits of the Government proposals to give the Mayor of London greater powers to ensure the provision of sufficient affordable housing within strategic planning applications to meet the needs of Barnet residents.

Council welcomes the Mayor of London's intervention, via the Secretary of State, to ensure Barnet Council altered its Unitary Development Plan, reducing the threshold for affordable housing and setting a target for 50% of all new housing in Barnet to be affordable to local people.

Council notes the Conservative Administration's proposals for tall buildings and dense housing in the estate regeneration programmes and other developments.

Council notes that if the Administration fails to provide sufficient affordable housing within strategic planning applications to meet the needs of Barnet residents, then the Mayor will have the power to intervene to ensure that the needs and aspirations of Barnet's hard-working families are met.""

Councillor Moore has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Jeremy Davies:

"Add: After third paragraph

"... housing developments. Council also notes with concern the Mayor's current powers with regard to strategic development within the borough; in particular the Mill Hill East Development Framework where the Mayor has identified the area and density levels within the London Development Plan.""

(ii) Agenda Item 8.2: Motion in the name of Councillor Helena Hart – amendment in the name of

Councillor Linda McFadyen:

"Amend motion to read:

"Council welcomes and supports the All Party Statement, issued on 29th September 2006, on the Barnet, Enfield & Haringey NHS Clinical Strategy.

Council wishes to see the Barnet, Enfield & Haringey NHS Clinical Strategy deliver improved services for Barnet patients. Council notes that the original ten scenarios took no account of Barnet's projected growth in population, especially in the west of the Borough, furthest from Chase Farm and the health needs of our present and future generations. Council welcomes the Clinical Strategy Project Board listening to local views and therefore withdrawing six of the scenarios.

Council supports a reconfiguration of local hospital trusts following current patterns of local patient preference and use of hospitals, particularly Barnet and the Royal Free hospitals, which most local residents attend.

However, Council recognises that to be taken seriously, and to be further listened to, by the Project Board, that Council needs to fully consider the implications of the four scenarios now put forward for consultation. Council believes that:

- Scenario 4, whereby planned inpatient surgery would transfer to Chase Farm from Barnet, is unacceptable primarily because of journey times and accessibility.
- Scenarios 3, 7 and 8, which promote increased activity at Barnet Hospital, all have significant implications for the hospital and local residents that need to be fully considered and addressed during the consultation.

Council is concerned that all four scenarios propose moving in-patient women's and children's services from Chase Farm to Barnet Hospital (and North Middlesex). Council asks the Project Board to review whether the current capacity is adequate and accessible for Barnet's existing and projected populations, and to ensure that future provision meets local needs.

Council requests that the Chief Executive write to the Project Board setting out the Council's views on scenarios 3, 4, 7 and 8; and to request a meeting between the Board, Cabinet Member and Group leaders to further explain the Council's concerns.

Council requests that the Chief Executive write to Chief Executives of both Barnet PCT and all the various Trusts involved in the provision of in-patient obstetric services to inform them of our concerns and to request the review of capacity. Council further requests that they ensure that systems are in place not only to provide safe and timely back up for obstetric services, but that the Ambulance Service is always in possession of the most up to date information and goes directly to the most appropriate facility.""

Councillor McFadyen has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

(iii) Agenda Item 8.3: Motion in the name of Councillor Anne Hutton – amendment in the name of

Councillor Fiona Bulmer:

"Amend the Motion so that it reads:

"Council is pleased that the Joint Area Review OFSTED inspection report published on 10 October 2006 has found Barnet's Youth Work practice to be "good" and offering "effective partnership working with the voluntary sector."

Council is delighted that the report highlights the "recent improvements in the management of the service and leadership of the service", meaning that "the capacity for further progress is good".

Council notes that the report states of the youth service:

- "Much well-planned and effective youth work practice" is in evidence.
- "Good personal and skills development in the performing arts."
- "Young people benefit from the successful integration of Connexions and youth work."
- "Good involvement of young people in planning and execution".
- "Staff work well in partnership and are responsive to new ideas".
- "A broad range of activities takes place."
- "Accommodation...is generally of good quality."
- "A wide range of strong partnerships with voluntary and independent organisations lead to successful work."
- "The involvement of young people in the planning and evaluation of provision is good."
- "Operational management is strong."

Council is proud that the strong work with the voluntary service has been boosted by this Administration, recently through the opening of the Church Farm Youth Centre in partnership with the Police and YMCA.

Council resolves to call on Cabinet to ensure this partnership working with the voluntary sector and with schools, much praised by the report, can be built upon so the Youth Service can be further improved. Council further calls on Cabinet to draw up a comprehensive directory of all the youth provision in the Borough, and to take steps to publicise the extensive range of activities that are available to young people across Barnet.""

Councillor Bulmer has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

(iv) Agenda Item 8.5: Motion in the name of Councillor Brian Gordon – amendments in the names of

Councillor Mike Freer:

"Amend the Motion so that it reads:

"Council welcomes the Government's U-Turn against introducing statutory quotas into state-aided faith schools. Council considers that this policy would have constituted an unwarranted interference in educational freedom and parental choice, unlikely in practice to lead to more inter-religious tolerance and understanding.

Council affirms its pride in Barnet's faith schools, noting their excellent achievements. It is equally proud of the very good standard of intercommunity relations prevailing within the Borough.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education and Skills welcoming his change of mind on this matter, and seeking assurance that statutory quotas will not be enforced in the future.""

Councillor Freer has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Barry Rawlings:

"Amend motion to read:

"Council affirms its pride in all Barnet schools and celebrates their achievements. Council is equally proud of the very good standard of intercommunity relations prevailing within the Borough's increasingly diverse population, but recognises that work needs to be done to further improve community cohesion.

Council requests Cabinet to approach all proposals for new faith schools fairly and equally, in the spirit of Barnet's Equalities Policy.""

Councillor Rawlings has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

(v) Agenda Item 9.1: Administration Policy Item – amendments in the names of

Councillor Anne Hutton:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of East Barnet Library, and requests Cabinet not to close East Barnet Library.""

Councillor Hutton has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Barry Rawlings:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Friern Barnet Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Friern Barnet Library.""

Councillor Rawlings has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Julie Johnson:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Edgware Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Edgware Library.""

Councillor Johnson has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Agnes Slocombe:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Hendon Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Hendon Library.""

Councillor Slocombe has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Anita Campbell:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Chipping Barnet Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Chipping Barnet Library.""

Councillor Campbell has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Charlie O-Macauley:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Burnt Oak Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Burnt Oak Library.""

Councillor O-Macauley has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Zakia Zubairi:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Grahame Park Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Grahame Park Library.""

Councillor Zubairi has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Kath McGuirk:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Golders Green Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Golders Green Library.""

Councillor McGuirk has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Claire Farrier:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Mill Hill Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Mill Hill Library.""

Councillor Farrier has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Ross Houston:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Church End Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Church End Library.""

Councillor Houston has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Ansuya Sodha:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Childs Hill Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Childs Hill Library.""

Councillor Sodha has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Andrew McNeil:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Hampstead Garden Suburb Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Hampstead Garden Suburb Library.""

Councillor McNeil has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Colin Rogers:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of East Finchley Library, and requests Cabinet not to close East Finchley Library.""

Councillor Rogers has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Geof Cooke:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of North Finchley Library, and requests Cabinet not to close North Finchley Library.""

Councillor Cooke has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Alan Schneiderman:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of South Friern Library, and requests Cabinet not to close South Friern Library.""

Councillor Schneiderman has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

Councillor Danish Chopra:

"Add at end:

"Council opposes any closure of Osidge Library, and requests Cabinet not to close Osidge Library.""

Councillor Chopra has requested, in accordance with the provisions of 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.

(vi) Agenda Item 9.2: Opposition Policy Item – amendment in the name of Councillor Melvin Cohen:

"To Amend the "Recommendations" (last 2 paragraphs), so that they read as follows:

"Recommendations

This Council welcomes the drafting, by the current administration, of the 'Sustainable Development - Design, Construction and Mixed Communities' SPD. It asks that the Cabinet ensures the Head of Planning takes into consideration suggestions and comments from interested Members regarding the environmental sustainability of new homes ahead of its publication.

To ask the Cabinet to consult the Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee on how the Council can, in keeping with its lead role in the Borough, improve the environmental sustainability of existing homes.

To ask the Cabinet to ensure that the recommendations emerging from Barnet's Carbon Trust Audit, which aims to reduce the Carbon emissions of this authority, can be reasonably implemented.""

7. Agenda Item 14 : Comments on the work of Cabinet

- (i) The following Comment in the name of <u>Councillor Brian Gordon:</u>
 "Comment on the work of Cabinet in relation to the Transport for London Bill."
- (ii) The following Comment in the name of <u>Councillor Geof Cooke:</u>
 "Comment on the removal of the kerb build-out and consequent apparent widening of the zebra crossing near Friern Watch Avenue, N12 in the public consultation version of the Local Safety Scheme for High Road, North Finchley relative to the version presented to ward councillors."

Janet Rawlings Acting Democratic Services Manager

Appendix A

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation
	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. All matters relating to the development and management of the environment, including: • 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 Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.	The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below. Certain functions are delegated to Area Sub-Committees as set out in paragraph 3.10 below. 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. The Deputy Leader may discharge any function of the Leader during periods for which the Leader has given formal notification that he will be unable to be contacted or in circumstances where the Leader cannot be contacted due to illness or other indisposition, or in cases of
		utmost urgency where the Leader cannot be contacted by any means.