Council Meeting 23 January 2007

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER Agenda item 13.1

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

- (i) The following Comment in the name of <u>Councillor Jane Ellison:</u>
 "Comment on the Work of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport re the Council's work on reducing Carbon emissions."
- (ii) The following Comment in the name of <u>Councillor Marina Yannakoudakis:</u>
 "Comment to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport re traffic issues on Crescent Road and Brookhill Road, East Barnet."
- (iii) The following Comment in the name of <u>Councillor Geof Cooke:</u>
 "Comment on the public safety consequences of the performance of the Council's Street Lighting contractor in identifying and rectifying faults and replacing old columns."

3. Changes in Committee Memberships

Following the sad death of Councillor Olwen Evans, the Conservative Group has indicated that they wish to make the following change in Committee Memberships.

RECOMMEND – That the following change in Committee Memberships be approved:

 Councillor Marina Yannakoudakis to replace Councillor Olwen Evans as Chairman of the Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. Amendment to the Leader's Scheme of Delegation:

The Leader has advised me of various changes to the portfolios of the Cabinet Members for Community Engagement and Community Safety and Planning and Environmental Protection.

The revised portfolios are attached as Appendix B.

RECOMMEND – That the Democratic Services Manager be instructed to make the appropriate changes to the Council's Constitution.

5. Agenda Item 7: Questions to the Leader and Cabinet

With regard to the answer given to Question 17 in the papers issued, Councillor Melvin Cohen has submitted the following further information:

"Since I answered the question, I am reconsidering some of the issues that were to have been included in the Agenda for the Constitution Review Committee. The paper will be reissued at a later date."

6. Amendment to items on the Agenda:

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

Councillor Anne Hutton:

"Delete all after "Council... " and amend to read:

"Council notes that there are over 27,000 young people in Barnet between the age of 13 and 19.

Council acknowledges that Barnet currently spends the lowest amount per capita in the country on youth provision.

Council notes the findings of the recent OFSTED Enhanced Youth Inspection Report that:

- the service is funded poorly and funding levels have fallen over the previous 3 years, and a commitment to increase funding has not yet been given.
- there are significant gaps in the service's provision and the low level of funding hinders meeting the needs of all young people.
- the number of young people benefiting from youth work is low
- few young people gain formal accreditation for their work
- the examples of good practice apply to a small number of young people and highlight the need to extend opportunities
- only a limited number of generic youth club sessions occur
- the overall use of youth centres is low, reflecting the low participation rates, and some are not currently cost-efficient
- a limited amount of youth work takes place with schools
- the role of scrutiny is under-developed: it does not routinely receive performance information so it's role is constrained.

Council acknowledges and regrets that it has not listened sufficiently to young people and their desire to have more things to do and more affordable places to go.

Council notes that it was a Tory administration that closed Church Farm Youth Centre, along with 3 other youth centres across Barnet.

Council further notes that money from the Edward Harvist Trust has not been "secured" by the council. Council notes that this is money that has been allocated to the London Borough of Barnet by an independent charity, but that the council administers it.

Council welcomes the £1m+ funding for youth provision that has been allocated to Barnet by our Labour government through the Positive Activities for Young People and Youth Opportunities Fund; but also notes the Tory administration's repeated refusal to increase it's own core investment in Barnet youth services.

Council agrees that it is not sufficient to rely on voluntary sector organisations and independent charities to provide services and funding to young people in the borough.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Ask Cabinet to produce a properly resourced and costed action plan to remedy the negative findings in the Enhanced Youth Inspection report
- Ask Cabinet to improve the regularity and quality of performance information given to the relevant overview and scrutiny committee.""

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 Duncan Macdonald:

"In the seventh paragraph delete 'Council congratulates the administration'

Replace with 'Council congratulates the staff'"

Councillor Macdonald 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.

(ii) Agenda Item 8.2: Motion in the name of Councillor Matthew Offord – amendments in the names of

Councillor Alan Schneiderman:

"Delete all after "Council notes ..." and amend to read:

"Council notes the considerable investment that has gone into public transport in London over recent years following nearly two decades of under investment by a Tory government. It welcomes the additional bus routes, the on-going improvements to tube stations and the progressive modernisation of public transport in Barnet and across our Capital city.

Council notes that, on Oyster, single fares across London are frozen. Council further notes that Transport for London has, this month, issued the 10 millionth Oyster card since the scheme began. Oyster is the biggest and most successful smartcard ticketing system in Europe.

Council notes the Tory opposition on the London Assembly to free travel for under-18's in Barnet. Council acknowledges that Tory plans to scrap this policy could cost a family in Barnet with 3 children over £1,000 per year.

Council acknowledges the £7m granted by the Labour government to support the replacement of the Aerodrome Road bridges and recognises that among other benefits, this will improve bus access to the Colindale area of Barnet.

Council notes that the 36% council tax rise inflicted on the people of Barnet over the past four years has actually resulted in service cut after service cut. The Conservative general election manifesto tax cut promises would have meant either even higher council tax rises in Barnet or even more cuts to services.

Council also notes the Leader's refusal to support the London Living Wage in this council chamber. By choosing not to encourage partners and contractors to honour the scheme he is failing Barnet's lowest paid and often most vulnerable residents.

Council asks Cabinet to support the London Living Wage by requiring contractors, and encouraging partners to honour the scheme.""

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 Duncan Macdonald:

"In paragraph 3

Delete 'who struggle with the Oyster technology'

Delete paragraph 7 'Council therefore calls on...'

Replace with

'Council call on Transport for London to rezone New Barnet Station and High Barnet Station from Zone 5 to Zone 4, thus providing real benefits to the residents of High & East Barnet."

Councillor Macdonald 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.

Janet Rawlings Democratic Services Manager

APPENDIX B

Executive Member and Portfolio	Responsibilities	Delegation	
Cllr Brian Coleman 1 Essex Park Finchley London N3 1ND Totteridge Ward COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY	To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to community engagement and community safety. In particular, to build upon the Council's leadership role in improving community safety, embracing diversity and inclusiveness, removing inequality and ensuring that each person and group in the community has opportunities for involvement. To work with the many different ethnic and religious groups to maintain community cohesion. All matters relating to Community Safety, CCTV, liaison with Barnet Police and antisocial behaviour, including Domestic Violence and combating grafitti, fly-tipping and fighting crime. Additionally to deal with community safety in its widest sense by being responsible for trading standards and licensing, as falls within the remit of the Executive. 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 officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Paragraph 6 of Part 3 of the Constitution.	
Cllr Melvin Cohen 146 Broadfields Avenue Edgware HA8 8SS	To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to planning, development plans, building and property construction.	The general powers delegated to Cabinet Members are set out below.	Deleted: and licensing, other than matters relating to the Licensing Act
Golders Green Ward PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	Also to promote the better integration of privately rented properties into the borough's housing framework, including the distribution of grants, as necessary, for the adaptation of private properties, to further care in the community. To include all aspects of the development and development control service, environmental health, building control and	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.	Deleted: and trading standards

the naming and numbering of streets and properties.	
Also to be involved in and promote discussions in relation to any matters within the portfolio.	