

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 23 January, 2007 at 7.00pm

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE

Council Meeting

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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 19 December 2006		1 - 38
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 Fiona Bulmer		
	<p>Council welcomes the £150,000 cash boost secured by this Council from the Edward Harvist Charity that will be used to enhance youth services across the Borough.</p> <p>Council is proud that the youth service has secured money from a diverse range of sources to improve the range and quality of its services to young people and that it has increased the number of youth</p>		

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	<p>workers. It is equally proud of its partnership with Connexions that has been praised for its high quality and effective provision.</p> <p>Church Farm in East Barnet is a prime example of partnership working in this area, Council believes. The new centre, run by the Police and Hornsey YMCA was secured, Council notes, because of the hard work of local Conservative Councillors (including the late Cllr. Olwen Evans), in liaison with this Authority.</p> <p>Council is proud that alternative sources of funding for the Youth Service are constantly being found. More than £1,000,000 of external funding has been secured including funds from Positive Activities for Young People and the Youth Opportunities fund.</p> <p>Council welcomes the effective way young people in Barnet are administering the youth opportunities fund. This fund has been used to support projects chosen by young people including a contribution to the "Rolling Base", bus that is travelling around Barnet offering information, recreation and education to youngsters.</p> <p>Recent research has shown that young people benefit most from structured youth activities and Council notes the excellent provision in Barnet of these kinds of youth opportunities ranging from Barnet's high performing music service, to scouts to after school clubs. Council is determined to build on this modern, diverse provision.</p>		

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	<p>Council congratulates the Administration on their innovative way of providing and funding Youth Services throughout the Borough. Council further calls on Cabinet to ensure that the youth service continues to work to secure external funding and work in partnership with schools and local community groups to develop further the extensive range of activities that are available to young people across Barnet.</p> <p>Councillor Bulmer 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>		
8.2	From Councillor Matthew Offord		
	<p>Council notes with dismay that bus and tube fares have risen again this year.</p> <p>Council further notes that a resident of High or East Barnet or Edgware now has to pay £1,592 for an Annual Travelcard, an increase of £80 over last year.</p> <p>In addition, single bus fares have increased by 33% to £2, which Council believes will hit those on low or fixed incomes, who struggle with the Oyster technology.</p> <p>Council notes that the level of inflation is currently 3.9%.</p> <p>Council believes these fares form part of a massive increase on the cost of living for our residents, assisted by increases both in “stealth” taxes and energy bills.</p>		

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	<p>In contrast, Council notes that Barnet's Council Tax rise this year is to be set below inflation.</p> <p>Council therefore calls on Cabinet to support the Conservative party's "Live for Less" campaign to find a solution to the massive increases in the cost of living for our residents.</p> <p>Councillor 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) Barnet's Vision for the Elderly: Choice and Independence		39
9.2	Opposition Policy Item (30 minutes)		
	Part 5 – Statutory Council Business (40 minutes)	10.00pm – 10:40pm	
10.	Reports from Cabinet		
11.	Reports from Overview and Scrutiny committees		
12.	Reports from Other Committees		
13.	Reports of Officers		
13.1	Democratic Services Manager 1. Calendar of Meetings 2007-8		40-42
13.2	Monitoring Officer		

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	Part 6 Accountability (20 minutes)	10.40pm – 11.00pm	
14.	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes) –		
14.1	From Councillor Monroe Palmer To comment on the encouragement of cycling in Barnet particularly in visiting public buildings.		
15.	Questions to representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)		None

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