

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 17 April, 2007 at 7.00pm

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE

Council Meeting

**17 April, 2007
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 6 March 2007		1 - 11
4.	Official announcements		
5.	Resolution of Appreciation		
6.	Declarations of interest		
7.	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	
8.	Questions to the Leader and Cabinet		To be circulated separately
	<u>Part 3 – Members’ Motions (60 minutes)</u>	7.45pm – 8.45pm	
9.	Motions in the order in which notice has been given.		
9.1	From Councillor Wayne Casey		
	<p>Council notes the robust action taken by the London Borough of Barnet against residents who refuse to recycle.</p> <p>Council also notes, however, that there are many residents in the Borough who cannot recycle because they live in blocks of flats.</p>		

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	<p>Council acknowledges the efforts made by Barnet officers to negotiate with the managing agents of Gilda Court NW7 (one such block of flats) and institute a recycling service for the residents.</p> <p>Council therefore expresses its dismay that, thanks to a lack of cooperation on the part of the managing agents, the residents of Gilda Court are still unable to recycle basic materials from their doorstep. Council requests Cabinet to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chairman and Board of Directors of JS Estates expressing this Council's disappointment with their company's lack of effective action. Further, the Council requests Cabinet to ask relevant officers to consider ways in which the failure of JS Estates might be subject to penalties similar to those imposed on householders.</p>		
9.2	From Councillor Melvin Cohen		
	<p>Council is extremely proud of its record on sustainable development, which has culminated with its groundbreaking, new SPD that promotes sustainability in new schemes across a range of indicators.</p> <p>However, Council believes more needs to be done nationally to increase local autonomy in promoting sustainability.</p> <p>Therefore, Council supports the Sustainable Communities Bill which will devolve more power from Whitehall to councils and communities by:</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • giving councils more power over money spent by national agencies on local matters in their areas; and • giving councils and their communities the power to drive government policy to assist them in promoting sustainable communities and thereby help councils to protect the wellbeing of their communities and citizens. <p>In addition, Council notes that the Bill is promoted in Parliament by a cross-party group of MPs led by Nick Hurd MP, David Drew MP and Julia Goldsworthy MP and is supported by 363 MPs, well over half the House of Commons.</p> <p>Council therefore calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, urging her to support the Bill and to inform the leading, and Barnet's three local, MPs of this decision.</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>		
9.3	From Councillor Helena Hart		
	<p>Council notes the Department of Health's formal "Consultation on Core Principles for Everyone Providing Care to NHS Patients"</p> <p>The 10 Core Principles are:-</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NHS will provide a universal and comprehensive service with equal access for all, free at the point of use, based on clinical need, not ability to pay. • We will help keep people healthy and work to reduce health inequalities. • We will work continuously to improve quality and safety. • We will strive for the most effective and sustainable use of resources. • We will treat every patient with dignity and respect. • We will shape our services around the needs and preferences of individual patients, their families and their carers. • We are committed to equality and non-discrimination. • We will support and value our staff. • We will work in partnership with others to ensure a seamless service for patients. • We will respect the confidentiality of individual patients and provide open access to information about services, treatment and performance. <p>Council wishes to affirm its unwavering support for each and every one of these principles which as always are based on the NHS providing a universal and comprehensive service with equal access for all, free at the point of use, based on clinical need not ability to pay.</p> <p>Council also wishes to confirm its appreciation and support for the selfless dedication of all those doctors, nurses and midwives who have committed themselves to our</p> <p style="text-align: right;">V</p>		

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	<p>National Health Service and whose morale is presently at an all time low.</p> <p>It is with the utmost regret therefore that Council wishes to inform the Department of Health that as a result of the actions of both the Secretary of State for Health and the Chancellor of the Exchequer these vital Principles have become nothing more than meaningless platitudes, to the detriment of all those who both use and work in the NHS.</p> <p>Council is appalled that, instead of investing in frontline staff and services, billions of pounds have been wasted on a Computer system which nobody wants and which experts doubt will ever work ; that over £2 billion has been spent on training 8000 doctors and surgeons who have then been told that there were no jobs for them; and that hospitals have been closed and services cut to fund reorganisation after failed reorganisation.</p> <p>Council is dismayed that, yet again, the Labour Government has delivered a Budget that patently fails to address this current and growing crisis in the NHS, both nationally and locally.</p> <p>Cuts to the local NHS and cost shunting from it to this Local Authority have so far cost local taxpayers over £2 million, adding 1.5% to the level of Council Tax.</p> <p>Council is amazed that Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt MP refuses to admit there is a problem in this respect, and remains unavailable to meet London Council Leaders to discuss the</p>		

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	<p>implications of this cost shunting.</p> <p>Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health, inviting her to discuss problems in the local NHS with the Leader of this Council as a matter of urgency, and to work with us towards finding a solution.</p> <p>Councillor Hart 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	
10.1	<p>Administration Policy Item (30 minutes)</p> <p>Road User Charging</p>		12
10.2	<p>Opposition Policy Item (30 minutes)</p> <p>Promotion Public Engagement and Participation on Barnet Area Forums</p>		13
	Part 5 – Statutory Council Business (40 minutes)	10.00pm – 10:40pm	
11.	Reports from Cabinet		
12.	Reports from Overview and Scrutiny committees		
13.	Reports from Other Committees		
13.1	Report of the Special Committee (Constitution Review) 28 March 2007		To Follow
14.	Reports of Officers		
14.1	Democratic Services Manager		14

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1.	Reports exempted from the call – in process because they are urgent		
14.2	Monitoring Officer		
	Part 6 Accountability (20 minutes)	10.40pm – 11.00pm	
15.	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes) –		
15.1	From Councillor Brian Salinger To comment on the the value of the work being done by Graham Smith who is currently in the middle of a series of sessions aimed at training members in how to get the best out of the scrutiny function of the Council		
16.	Questions to representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)		None

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