

## **Amendment to Item 9.2**

**Members are asked to note the following amendment, tabled on the night has been proposed.**

**Council: 18 December 2007**

**Opposition Policy Item (9.2):** Cllr. Kath McGuirk

**Amendment:** Cllr. Matthew Offord

*Delete all after Paragraph 2 and insert:*

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*So that the Policy Item Reads:*

### The state of our street scene

Council recognises that maintaining a clean environment is one of the most significant priorities identified by Barnet residents across the borough, and it is therefore rightly one of the key priorities in the Corporate Plan.

Council also recognises that ensuring Barnet is a clean, green and safe borough is key to improving local residents' quality of life, with research showing that the quality of people's surroundings substantially impacts upon levels of crime and disorder, and how safe they feel.

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