

# Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

**Tuesday, 29 January 2008 at 7.00pm**

---

## **A G E N D A**

---

### **FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

The Town Hall has facilities for wheelchair users, including lifts and toilets. The Council Chamber has an induction loop so that those who have hearing difficulties can hear the debate.

If you wish to let us know in advance that you will be attending the meeting, please telephone Janet Rawlings and Maria Lugangira on 020 8359 2156 and 020 8359 2761 respectively (direct lines). People with hearing difficulties who have a text phone, may telephone our minicom number on 020 8203 8942.

### **FIRE/EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

If the fire alarm sounds continuously, or if you are instructed to do so, you must leave the building by the nearest available exit. You will be directed to the nearest exit by Committee staff or by uniformed porters. It is vital you follow their instructions.

- You should proceed calmly; do not run and do not use the lifts.
- Do not stop to collect personal belongings.
- Once you are outside, please do not wait immediately next to the building, but move some distance away and await further instructions.
- Do not re-enter the building until told to do so.

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE**

## Council Meeting

**29 January, 2008  
Agenda and Timetable**

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<b><u>Part 1 – Statutory formalities / Announcements (15 minutes)</u></b>	7.00pm – 7.15pm	
1.	Prayer		
2.	Apologies for absence		
3.	Minutes of meetings held on 18 December 2007 7 January 2008 (Extraordinary Meeting)		1 – 29 30 – 73
4.	Official announcements		
5.	Declarations of interest		
6.	Any business remaining from last meeting  <b><i>Agenda Item 8 - Motions</i></b>  Council agreed to vary the Order of Business to allow Motions 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 to be heard first.  <b>Council are asked to note that during this Part of the Agenda Councillors Julie Johnson, Ansuva Sodha, Barry Rawlings intend to seek Council's consent to withdraw their Motions and Councillor Kath McGuirk, the Opposition Policy Item from the agenda for 18 December Council meeting. Subject to Council's agreement to withdraw the items at this stage, the Councillors have submitted them for consideration by the Council on 29 January, referenced to in Items 8 and 9.2 in Parts 3 and 4 respectively.</b>		
8.1	<b>Councillor Julie Johnson</b>		
	<u>West Hendon estate</u> Council notes the proposal to re-phase the West Hendon estate regeneration.  Council recognises the importance of getting the timing right for the infrastructure and affordable housing elements of the regeneration, particularly in terms of the quality of life of the residents currently living on the estate.		amendment page 74

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>Council believes it must use its influence to help secure the best possible outcome for those residents affected.</p> <p>Council therefore asks Cabinet to work energetically to ensure that the infrastructure, affordable housing and community elements of the regeneration are delivered as early as possible, and that Cabinet works in partnership with Barratts, Metropolitan Housing, local residents and ward Councillors to ensure the minimum possible disruption to all tenants.</p> <p>Council also asks that Cabinet work in partnership with Barnet Homes and Metropolitan Housing to ensure that the properties within the West Housing Regeneration receive a proper level of maintenance before demolition.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.2	<p><b>Councillor Charlie O-Macauley</b></p>		
	<p><u>Pavilion Way Football Fields</u></p> <p>Council regrets that the council-owned Pavilion Way Football Fields in Burnt Oak ward have been closed to public use for several years. Council welcomes the efforts of the local MP, Andrew Dismore, to bring sporting and voluntary sector partners together, to find a way of re-developing the facilities at Pavilion Way to meet the needs of the local community.</p> <p>Council also thanks Terry Revill of Flash Musicals, and PC Day of the Burnt Oak Safer Neighbourhoods Team for all the work they have contributed to the project so far.</p> <p>Council supports the re-provision of youth and community recreational facilities on this land, as required by the site's covenant, and welcomes the interest of the Football Association in supporting the development of the site for youth and community recreation.</p> <p>Council believes Cabinet should grasp this opportunity to revive a sporting facility that would support the growing local community.</p>		<p>amendments page 75 – 77</p>

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>Council therefore asks Cabinet to investigate all avenues to help re-develop the facilities at Pavilion Way, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with the Football Association, and relevant voluntary sector partners, to identify possible funding partners.</li> <li>- Granting a lease to an approved organisation to develop and deliver the facilities on site on behalf of the Council.</li> </ul> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.4	<b>Councillor Fiona Bulmer</b>		
	<p>Council is proud of its Children’s Service, which is delivering effective, and high quality education and care for children and young people across the London Borough of Barnet.</p> <p>Council welcomes the recent Annual Performance Assessment (APA), which has given Barnet Council an overall good (Grade 3) rating and an outstanding (Grade 4) rating for the “Enjoying and Achieving” category.</p> <p>Council is proud of the excellent test and exam results achieved by pupils in Barnet and welcomes OFSTED’s recognition that the improvement in performance 'reflects the success of the local authority in tackling underachievement'. Council is also very proud of the effective work that has been carried out to improve school attendance; the positive contribution made by young people to the community; and the reduction in the numbers of young people not in education, employment or training.</p> <p>Council congratulates staff, schools and parents on their hard work and dedication which has played a vital role in helping the council to provide the highest quality children's services in Barnet.</p> <p>Council welcomes the excellent progress made by the Conservative administration since 2002 in transforming a poor performing service into one that is receiving national recognition for excellence.</p>		<p>amendments page 78 – 80</p>

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>Accordingly, Council requests that Cabinet continues to work with all those with an interest in children and young people in Barnet to improve and enhance provision even further.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.3	<b>Councillor Ansuya Sodha</b>		
	<p><u>International Women's Day</u> Council notes that according to the 2001 Census over 52% of Barnet's population are women. Council also notes that, despite forming the majority of the population, and despite some social progress, many women still have to contend with fundamental inequality and injustice on the basis of their gender in all aspects of their lives.</p> <p>Council further notes that each year International Women's Day (held on the 8th March) marks the continuing struggle for women's rights here and across the world, and celebrates those advances made in the cause to achieve full and equal participation for women.</p> <p>Council accordingly requests that Cabinet convene a cross-party working group of interested Councillors to investigate ways that Barnet mark and celebrate International Women's Day next year and every year.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		amendments page 81
8.5	<b>Councillor Barry Rawlings</b>		
	<p><u>More money for Barnet's young people</u> Council welcomes the news that Barnet's young people will benefit from £1.8m to be invested in new local youth facilities following an announcement by Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone and Minister for Children, Young and Families, Beverley Huges MP last month.</p> <p>Council notes that this is part of a £79 million funding package, from the Mayor and the Government, for young Londoners, which will benefit each of London's 33 local authorities.</p>		amendments page 82

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>Council is delighted that the extra investment will provide more activities and services for young people in Barnet and across the capital.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to ensure that the £1.8m funding reaches those young people in the communities in Barnet that need it most.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.6	<b>Councillor Marina Yannakoudakis</b>		
	<p>Council notes the EU Reform Treaty, which is due to be signed by all Heads of State on 13 December and then ratified by each member state thereafter.</p> <p>Council further notes that the proposed European Constitution failed after ratifications in France and Denmark were lost in 2005.</p> <p>The Reform Treaty is essentially the same as the ill-starred Constitution, Council believes, with similar proposals including a Permanent EU President, a common Foreign Minister and a full legal personality, allowing the EU to sign international agreements.</p> <p>Council is therefore dismayed that the EU Reform Treaty contains very similar proposals to the constitution, including the removal of a National Veto in over 30 areas, gives new powers to Europe over justice and Home affairs, consolidate EU Powers in foreign affairs, and creating a long-term EU Presidency Post.</p> <p>Council believes that, if the Treaty were successful, it would curtail the ability of national governments and local Councils to manage their own affairs, and impose more costs and bureaucracy over them.</p> <p>Further, Council believes that such a fundamental change to the workings of the EU should only be ratified through a referendum of those eligible to vote in the UK.</p>		amendments page 83

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>Council notes that the Labour Government promised a referendum on the Constitution in the General Election 2005, but reneged on this commitment soon after.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council calls of the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister, call on him arrange a referendum on this matter as soon as possible.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
	<p><b>Item 9.1</b>  <b>Administration Policy Item</b></p> <p>Budget 2008/09</p>		<p>84 – 104  amendment  page 105</p>
	<p><b>Item 9.2</b>  <b>Opposition Policy Item</b></p> <p>The State of Our Street scene</p>		<p>106  amendment  page 107 –  108</p>
	<p><b>Item 12.1</b>  Report of the Special Committee (Constitution Review) 26 November 2007 - Term of office for and recruitment of Independent Members of the Standards Committee</p>		<p>109 – 128  amendment  page 129</p>
	<p><b>Item 13.1</b>  Democratic Services Manager Report &amp; Supplemental Report</p>		<p>130 – 132</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>Changes to Committee Membership</p>		
<p>2.</p>	<p>Leader’s Scheme of Delegation</p>		
<p>3.</p>	<p>Comments on the work of the Cabinet  <b>Councillor Duncan Macdonald</b>  To comment of the Leader Listens initiative.</p> <p><b>Councillor Richard Cornelius</b>  Comment on the Work of the Cabinet Member for Public Health, specifically on the reconfiguration of the local NHS under the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy.</p> <p><b>Councillor Jeremy Davies</b>  Would like to ask the Leader of the Council to comment on the accident, on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, in Partingdale Lane.</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<b>Councillor Linda McFadyen</b> To comment on billing in Home Care services and Meal on Wheels.		
Meeting 29 January	<b><u>Part 2 – Question Time (30 minutes or until 7.45pm, whichever is the longer)</u></b>	7.15pm – 7.45pm	
7.	Questions to the Leader and Cabinet		To be circulated separately
	<b><u>Part 3 – Members’ Motions (60 minutes)</u></b>	7.45pm – 8.45pm	
8.	Motions in the order in which notice has been given		
8.1	<b>Councillor Brian Coleman</b>		
	<p>This Council congratulates the Territorial Army on its Centenary and sends particular congratulations to the TA Centre in Barnet which is 70 years old this year.</p> <p>Furthermore, Council recognises the contribution that the TA makes in Barnet and expresses its support for the Borough's Territorial and Reserve Forces.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council requests the Cabinet Member to organise an appropriate celebration to mark the occasion.</p> <p>Council additionally requests that the Chief Executive sign up to the SaBRE Charter, pledging our support to LBB staff in the TA/ Reserve Forces, and in giving them appropriate Leave in order to undertake their military duties.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting</p>		
8.2	<b>Councillor Julie Johnson</b> <b><i>Subject to the Council's decision in Part 1</i></b>		
	<u>West Hendon estate</u> Council notes the proposal to re-phase the West Hendon estate regeneration.		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>Council recognises the importance of getting the timing right for the infrastructure and affordable housing elements of the regeneration, particularly in terms of the quality of life of the residents currently living on the estate.</p> <p>Council believes it must use its influence to help secure the best possible outcome for those residents affected.</p> <p>Council therefore asks Cabinet to work energetically to ensure that the infrastructure, affordable housing and community elements of the regeneration are delivered as early as possible, and that Cabinet works in partnership with Barratts, Metropolitan Housing, local residents and ward Councillors to ensure the minimum possible disruption to all tenants.</p> <p>Council also asks that Cabinet work in partnership with Barnet Homes and Metropolitan Housing to ensure that the properties within the West Housing Regeneration receive a proper level of maintenance before demolition.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.3	<p><b>Councillor Charlie O-Macauley</b>  <b><i>Subject to the Council's decision in Part 1</i></b></p>		
	<p><u>Pavilion Way Football Fields</u>  Council regrets that the council-owned Pavilion Way Football Fields in Burnt Oak ward have been closed to public use for several years.</p> <p>Council welcomes the efforts of the local MP, Andrew Dismore, to bring sporting and voluntary sector partners together, to find a way of re-developing the facilities at Pavilion Way to meet the needs of the local community.</p> <p>Council also thanks Terry Revill of Flash Musicals, and PC Day of the Burnt Oak Safer Neighbourhoods Team for all the work they have contributed to the project so far.</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>Council supports the re-provision of youth and community recreational facilities on this land, as required by the site's covenant, and welcomes the interest of the Football Association in supporting the development of the site for youth and community recreation.</p> <p>Council believes Cabinet should grasp this opportunity to revive a sporting facility that would support the growing local community.</p> <p>Council therefore asks Cabinet to investigate all avenues to help re-develop the facilities at Pavilion Way, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with the Football Association and relevant voluntary sector partners, to identify possible funding partners.</li> <li>- Granting a lease to an approved organisation to develop and deliver the facilities on site on behalf of the Council.</li> </ul> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.4	<p><b>Councillor Ansuya Sodha</b>  <b><i>Subject to the Council's decision in Part 1</i></b></p>		
	<p><u>International Women's Day</u>  Council notes that according to the 2001 Census over 52% of Barnet's population are women.</p> <p>Council also notes that, despite forming the majority of the population, and despite some social progress, many women still have to contend with fundamental inequality and injustice on the basis of their gender in all aspects of their lives.</p> <p>Council further notes that each year International Women's Day (held on the 8th March) marks the continuing struggle for women's rights here and across the world, and celebrates those advances made in the cause to achieve full and equal participation for women.</p> <p>Council accordingly requests that Cabinet convene a cross-party working group of interested Councillors to investigate ways that Barnet mark and celebrate International Women's Day next year and every year.</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.		
8.5	<b>Councillor Barry Rawlings</b> <b><i>Subject to the Council's decision in Part 1</i></b>		
	<p><u>More money for Barnet's young people</u> Council welcomes the news that Barnet's young people will benefit from £1.8m to be invested in new local youth facilities following an announcement by Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone and Minister for Children, Young People and Families, Beverley Hughes MP this month.</p> <p>Council notes that this is part of a £79 million funding package, from the Mayor and the Government, for young Londoners, which will benefit each of London's 33 local authorities.</p> <p>Council is delighted that the extra investment will provide more activities and services for young people in Barnet and across the capital.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to ensure that the £1.8m funding reaches those young people in the communities in Barnet that need it most.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.6	<b>Councillor Brian Coleman</b>		
	<p><u>No Bendy Buses in Barnet</u> Council notes articulated ("bendy") buses, introduced by the Labour Mayor of London Ken Livingstone, from 2004.</p> <p>Council further notes these largely replaced the much-loved and missed Routemaster vehicles, which served London well for decades.</p> <p>In contrast, Council believes the bendy buses are both inappropriate for London streets and dangerous.</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>Council recalls there were several fires on the initial fleet in 2004, and notes TfL figures, exposed by the <i>Evening Standard</i>, showing that bendy buses cause more than twice as many injuries compared to other buses.</p> <p>Council understands that in 2006 more than 90 pedestrians and cyclists were injured by these vehicles, and two people killed, including a 12-year old girl. Last year, Council notes, a man was dragged to his death for a mile under a bendy bus, after falling under its wheels in Ilford High Road.</p> <p>The poor manoeuvrability of these buses makes them incompatible with many streets, Council believes, with bus stops needing to be moved and turning and traffic restrictions being introduced to accommodate these buses, which cause much attendant congestion.</p> <p>Further, Council notes that figures released by TfL show bendy buses are more than three times as likely to suffer from fare evasion as their counterparts.</p> <p>Therefore, Council is appalled that the Liberal Democrat candidate for London Mayor, Brian Paddick, has threatened to introduce bendy buses on suburban streets.</p> <p>Council believes Barnet roads are no more suitable for bendy buses than their equivalents in Central London, and notes that many of this Borough's streets already struggle to accommodate existing bus stock.</p> <p>Council believes that bendy buses should be removed from service, and could be replaced with a new model based on the Routemaster, designed to facilitate disabled and pushchair access.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the Commissioner of Transport for London (TfL) and the Mayor of London, calling for the removal and replacement of bendy buses, and a commitment that none will be introduced on routes that serve any part of the London Borough of Barnet.</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.		
8.7	<b>John Hart</b>		
	<p><u>Woodland Burials</u></p> <p>Council notes the lack of available space in the Borough's Cemeteries, which, coupled with the sharp rise in the Borough's population in coming decades, will cause severe problems for burials.</p> <p>Council believes that deeper burials and disinterring remains offer no solution, as they would be extremely insensitive and distressing for relatives and loved ones.</p> <p>Therefore, Council believes a fresh, but sensitive approach is required to this problem.</p> <p>The first Green, or Woodland Burial site opened in 1994, Council notes, and such sites have become increasingly popular, with more than 180 now in England, with additional grounds planned.</p> <p>Council further notes that not only are Woodland Burial sites attractive and environmentally friendly, they also are cost-effective, requiring little maintenance.</p> <p>Council believes that the large tracts of woodland and grassland could be utilised to offer Green or Woodland Burials to Barnet residents who wish to avail themselves of these.</p> <p>Accordingly, Cabinet is requested to investigate the provision of Woodland Burials in Barnet, and by doing so become one of the first London Boroughs to provide such a facility for its residents and easing the pressure on existing Cemeteries.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
8.8	<b>Zakia Zubairi</b>		
	<p><u>24 Hour Freedom Pass</u> Council believes that pensioners and the disabled deserve to be able to use their Freedom Pass before 9am so as to enjoy full access to London's public transport system, with all the mobility, flexibility and advantages that brings.</p> <p>Council asks the Chief Executive to write to each of the candidates standing for Mayor of London this year advising them of Council's support for this policy.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
8.9	<b>Anne Hutton</b>		
	<p>"Zip" Oyster Card Council welcomes the recent launch of the "Zip" oyster card for under 18's that will continue to enable young people in Barnet and across London to travel free on buses and trams, whilst ensuring that those few individuals that abuse the free travel privilege can have their card taken away.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to do whatever it can to support the principle of free travel for young people.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.</p>		
	<b><u>Break</u></b>	8.45pm – 9.00pm	
	<b><u>Part 4 – Policy Development (60 minutes)</u></b>	9.00pm –10.00pm	
9.1	<b>Administration Policy Item (30 minutes)</b> Housing Cuts		133
9.2	<b>Opposition Policy Item (30 minutes) – Subject to the Council's decision in Part 1</b> The State of Our Street scene		134
	<b><u>Part 5 – Statutory Council Business (40 minutes)</u></b>	10.00pm – 10:40pm	
10.	Reports from Cabinet		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
11.	Reports from Overview and Scrutiny Committees		
12.	Reports from Other Committees		
13.	Reports of Officers		
13.1	Democratic Services Manager		135 - 146
1.	Future of Scrutiny in Barnet – Proposed working group of Members		
2.	Proposed Calendar of Meetings 2008/09:		
3.	London Local Authorities Bills		
4.	Leaders Scheme of Delegation		
5.	Report of the Director of Corporate Governance - Review of Bylaws		To be circulated separately
13.2	Monitoring Officer		
	<b><u>Part 6 Accountability (20 minutes)</u></b>	10.40pm – 11.00pm	
14.	Comments on the work of the Cabinet  <b>Councillor Monroe Palmer</b> To comment on the Council's support for Church Farmhouse Museum.		
15.	Questions to representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)		

Janet Rawlings, Democratic Services Manager  
Town Hall  
The Burroughs  
Hendon, NW4 4BG