

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 15 April 2008 at 7.00pm

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE

Council Meeting

15 April, 2008
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 4 March 2008		1 - 18
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	Councillor Julie Johnson		
	<u>West Hendon & Dollis Valley Lease-Holders</u> Council believes the West Hendon estate lease-holders and Dollis Valley estate lease-holders should not be forced to contribute to the cost of replacing windows on these estates, as a consequence of the climb-down announced by Cllr Hillan at last month's Council Tax setting meeting, unless they are themselves having or wish to have their windows replaced. Council asks the Chief Executive to write to all leaseholders on both estates to this effect. Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the		

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	of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.		
9.2	Councillor Alison Moore		
	<p><u>Time to get behind Henlys Corner solution</u></p> <p>Council notes the recently announced options from Transport for London to make the junction at Henlys Corner safer for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to work closely with Transport for London to bring proposals to fruition so that the junction can be made safer as quickly 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>		
9.3	Councillor Jim Tierney		
	<p><u>Post Office Closures</u></p> <p>Council notes that the public consultation period on Post Office closures ended on 2nd April.</p> <p>Council affirms it's opposition to the proposed closures in Barnet and across London, and asks Cabinet to continue to work to put the case against any Post Office closures in Barnet and explore all avenues to help develop alternative provision in the event that Post Office Ltd proceeds with the closures.</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>		

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9.4	Councillor Fiona Bulmer		
	<p><u>Barnet Schools' Admissions</u></p> <p>Council is extremely proud of the diverse range of schools in the Borough that provide first class education to our children, with exam results among the best in the country, and an Education Service praised by OFSTED.</p> <p>Therefore, Council is appalled at the repeated misleading and inflammatory attack made on some Barnet Schools by Labour Minister, Ed Balls.</p> <p>Council believes his statement is riddled with inaccuracies. Many of the breaches, Council understands, relate to minor wording issues or areas where the Admissions Code is unclear.</p> <p>In addition, Council notes, some of the faith schools in Barnet that ask for voluntary contributions do so to fund religious studies and security, and have, the schools assure us, no bearing on admissions.</p> <p>Council condemns the complete lack of understanding of our faith schools by Labour Government Ministers throughout the process.</p> <p>In contrast, Council notes LBB is working with the schools concerned to ensure compliance with the Admissions Code while protecting their specific needs.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Requests that Cabinet continues the work to ensure the Borough's schools comply with the Admissions Code. 2) Requests the Chief Executive writes to the Schools Minister, Ed Balls, urging him to cease his attack on our excellent schools, and instead inviting him to work constructively with us to ensure all our schools comply with the Admissions Code. 		

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9.5	Councillor Helena Hart		
	<p><u>Breast Screening</u></p> <p>Council notes the recent GLA Report on Breast Screening in the Capital which showed that one third of women in London are failing to take up invitations for Screening for Breast Cancer. Whilst acknowledging the latest figures from Barnet PCT showing take up levels locally of 88%, Council remains extremely concerned that following its recent problems this vital Service will not be back to normal until 2010.</p> <p>In the light of these ongoing problems, the Cabinet Member for Public Health has written to the Chairman of the Strategic Health Authority with the request that he urgently allows systems to be put in place to alleviate this quite unacceptable situation and to immediately provide the extra capacity necessary to bring the Service back up to normal. These measures might include use of the Private Sector whom we are told at present is precluded from providing this service, as well as the provision locally of an additional NHS Screening centre.</p> <p>Council further agrees that due to the vital nature of this service to women's health – breast screening saves 1400 lives every year – it is imperative that the Government makes funds available immediately both to improve and extend the existing services and also to shorten the screening cycle from 3 years to 2 years and to extend the age range of women eligible for screening.</p> <p>Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health with this request particularly in view of the Government's commitment to extend Breast screening to women aged between 47 and 73 from April of this year.</p>		

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9.6	Councillor Brian Coleman		
	<p><u>Burglary</u></p> <p>Council is dismayed that two of the 20 highest wards for Burglary in London (Child's Hill and West Hendon), lie in the Borough of Barnet.</p> <p>Council is dismayed that with the number of such crimes has jumped by more than 7% in Barnet this year.</p> <p>Council believes that more resources should be put into frontline Policing, to tackle these and other crimes, with less time and money spent on bureaucracy and form-filling.</p> <p>Council accordingly requests that Cabinet makes recommendations to the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA), calling for more resources to be directed into frontline Policing to tackle crime and disorder in Barnet and across London.</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>		
9.7	Councillor Kath McGuirk		
	<p><u>Supporting Cycling</u></p> <p>Council believes cycling should be supported and encouraged in Barnet.</p> <p>Council notes that, despite opposition from cyclists in Barnet, cycle stands in the Borough are still being removed and not replaced by the Council.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to work with Barnet Cyclists to increase the number of cycle stands in the Borough to optimum levels.</p>		

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	Break	8.45pm – 9.00pm	
	<u>Part 4 – Policy Development (60 minutes)</u>	9.00pm – 10.00pm	
10.1	Administration Policy Item (30 minutes) Healthcare for London		19 - 20
10.2	Opposition Policy Item (30 minutes) Encouraging affordable housing in Barnet		21
	<u>Part 5 – Statutory Council Business (40 minutes)</u>	10.00pm – 10:40pm	
11.	Reports from Cabinet		
11.1	Local Area Agreement 2008/09 – 2010/11 and Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 - 2018		To be circulated separately
11.2	Children and Young People Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11		To be circulated separately
11.3	Safer Communities Strategy 2008 - 2011		To be circulated separately
12.	Reports from Overview and Scrutiny committees		
13.	Reports from Other Committees		
13.1	Report of the Special Committee (Constitution Review) 31 March 2008		To be circulated separately
14.	Reports of Officers		
14.1	Report of the Democratic Services Manager		22 - 23
1.	Reports exempted from the call – in process because they are urgent		
2.	Changes to Committee Memberships		
3.	Changes to Outside Bodies		To be circulated separately

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14.2	Monitoring Officer		
	<u>Part 6 Accountability (20 minutes)</u>	10.40pm – 11.00pm	
15.	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes)		
15.1	From Councillor Dean Cohen Comment on the Work of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, specifically on School Travel Plans.		
16.	Questions to representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)		

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