

# Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

**Tuesday, 15 July 2008 at 7.00pm**

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15 July, 2008  
Agenda and Timetable**

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	<b>Part 1 – Statutory formalities / Announcements (15 minutes)</b>	7.00pm – 7.15pm	
1.	Prayer		
2.	Apologies for absence		
3.	Minutes of last meeting held on 13 May 2008		1 - 30
4.	Official announcements		
5.	Declarations of interest		
6.	Any business remaining from last meeting		
	<b>Part 2 – Question Time (30 minutes or until 7.45pm, whichever is the longer)</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 Jack Cohen</b>		
	This Council notes the complaints from residents in West Heath Road NW3 relating to noise and disturbance arising from near by building works. Council further notes that the Developers installed temporary traffic lights which resulted in unacceptable traffic congestion and general disruption in the area. Council is aware that temporary traffic lights are increasingly springing up throughout the Borough, either to serve the needs of Statutory Undertakers, the Council’s own works, or private development. Council believes that the installation of temporary traffic lights should only be implemented if absolutely necessary and only in a planned coordinated way		

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	<p>Council therefore requests the cabinet to draw up guide lines and a code of conduct for the installation of temporary traffic lights and to publish these guidelines as soon as possible.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.</p>		
8.2	<b>Councillor Mike Freer</b>		
	<p>Council congratulates Boris Johnson on his election as Mayor of London on 1 May 2008.</p> <p>Council believes that the voice of the suburbs has been heard.</p> <p>Council resolves to work constructively with the new Mayor for the benefit of all residents in the Borough.</p> <p>Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.</p>		
8.3	<b>Councillor Andrew Harper</b>		
	<p>Council is extremely pleased of the Borough's recycling service, which has beaten Government targets and will be expanded this Autumn to include plastic and cardboard.</p> <p>In addition, Council is pleased the refuse service continues to achieve above average ratings for Customer Satisfaction.</p> <p>Council believes these accolades are testament to initiatives such as Compulsory Recycling, as well as the Council working in partnership with residents to encourage sustainability and waste minimisation.</p> <p>Therefore, Council is adamant that this performance should not be jepordised by cutting the number of waste collections by levying charges on waste collection.</p>		

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	<p>Therefore, Council is adamant that this performance should not be jeopardised by cutting the number of waste collections or by levying charges on waste collection.</p> <p>Council notes that, despite widespread opposition, the Labour Government is pressing ahead with plans to levy charges on households to dispose of their waste.</p> <p>Council believes this proposal amounts to just another tax on hard-working residents, will do nothing to encourage waste minimisation and recycling, and may actually increase problems such as fly-tipping. Accordingly, Council resolves to:</p> <p>1) Requests the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Hazel Blears MP, setting out this Council's opposition to the proposed "Bin Taxes".</p> <p>2) Calls on Cabinet to build on the success this Borough has seen in waste management and recycling, by bringing forward proposals to work with our residents to cut the amount of refuse generated and sent to landfill.</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>		
8.4	<b>Councillor Andreas Tambourides</b>		
	<p>Council is proud to support the Municipality of Morphou in Cyprus, which has been in exile since the Turkish invasion in 1974.</p> <p>Council notes our strong links with Morphou since 1995 which extend not only to a Formal Twinning of the Borough and the Municipality, but also through visits and solidarity such as the Morphou Rally every year.</p>		

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	<p>In recognition of our ties with Morphou and the 36,000 Greeks and Cypriots living in our Borough, Council resolves to strengthen Barnet's links further by requesting one of the streets in the proposed Mill Hill East development be named "Morphou Road".</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Planning is requested by Council to formalise this proposal.</p> <p>Furthermore, as a precedent has already been set by naming a road in Finchley after Chaville, Council proposes that further new roads in the Borough should also be named after Barnet's other twin towns.</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>		
8.5	<b>Councillor Geof Cooke</b>		
	<p><u>Oyster Pay-As-You-Go on Barnet National Rail services</u></p> <p>Council believes that public transport customers should be able to use the Oyster Pay-As-You-Go Card on all national rail services in Barnet.</p> <p>Council notes that currently, Oyster PAYG is not valid on Thameslink north of West Hampstead or on the Great Northern route north of Finsbury Park, both services operated by First Capital Connect</p> <p>Council believes that residents using Mill Hill Broadway, Hendon and Cricklewood stations, and New Barnet, Oakleigh Park and New Southgate stations should be able to use their Oyster PAYG card on these services.</p> <p>Council also notes that agreements with national rail operators on other lines, and at other stations on the abovementioned lines have now been negotiated to allow the use of Oyster PAYG including First Great Western stations in west London.</p>		

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	<p>Council therefore asks the Leader to write to the Mayor of London urging him to negotiate without delay the use of Oyster PAYG on Thameslink between West Hampstead and Elstree &amp; Borehamwood and on the Great Northern between Finsbury Park and Hadley Wood/Crews Hill.</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 Julie Johnson</b>		
	<p><u>More Police</u></p> <p>Council believes we need more beat police on our streets to tackle crime.</p> <p>Council asks the Cabinet Member for Crime and Community Safety, to write to the Mayor of London asking him to increase the number of beat police officers in London, including Barnet.</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>		
8.7	<b>Councillor Kath McGuirk</b>		
	<p><u>Improving public transport in Barnet</u></p> <p>Council notes that there is no orbital underground or rail service in Barnet, and that train services only run north/south bound.</p> <p>Council also notes that many Barnet roads are grid-locked with congestion, and that this will get progressively worse once the Borough's major regeneration projects have been completed, making bus journeys slower and more difficult to travel across the Borough.</p> <p>Council therefore believes that it is time to look at developing orbital rail routes in Barnet and the north London area.</p>		

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	<p>Council asks Cabinet to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to urge TfL to research the feasibility of an orbital railway through the borough including making maximum use of existing underused lines and use of proven light railway technology to minimise costs, as well as improving local bus links</li> <li>explore all opportunities to minimise car journeys generated by large new developments such as Cricklewood, Colindale and Mill Hill East via planning permission conditions</li> <li>work with other north London boroughs and TfL to investigate the need for orbital routes in general in a sub-region dominated by radial routes.</li> </ul>		
8.8	<b>Councillor Barry Rawlings</b>		
	<p><u>Free Swimming</u></p> <p>Council welcomes the government's recent announcement of a new £140m fund to help local authorities in England offer free swimming to over 60's and under 16s.</p> <p>Council notes that amongst other things, money from the fund could help support the provision of free lessons for adults who can't swim and the introduction of swimming co-ordinators to help maximise and sustain the uptake of swimming by new users.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to support Greenwich Leisure in every way it can to bid for money from this fund in order to help increase the number of people in Barnet taking physical exercise through swimming.</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>Break</b>	8.45pm – 9.00pm	
	<b>Part 4 – Policy Development (60 minutes)</b>	9.00pm – 10.00pm	

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3.	Reports exempted from the call-in process because they are urgent:		
4.	Leader's Scheme of Delegation - appointment of Assistant Cabinet Member		
5.	Housekeeping - Amendments to the Constitution		
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	<b>Part 6 Accountability (20 minutes)</b>	10.40pm – 11.00pm	



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15.	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes)		
15.1	<b>From Councillor Jack Cohen</b> In view of the Council's previously stated aim of encouraging a " café culture " in our Town centres , to ask the cabinet to justify charging café owners and other traders who are trying to meet the Council's aim.		
16.	Questions to representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)		

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