

<p style="text-align: center;">Council Meeting 9 September 2008</p>

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
AGENDA ITEM 13.1

3. Delegated Powers of Executive Director of Resources

The Executive Director of Resources, Nick Walkley, is currently on a year's secondment to the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The Constitution sets out express powers which are exercisable by the Executive Director, primarily relating to land transactions. Clive Medlam, as Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Director of Resources, is authorised by the Resources Directorate scheme of delegation to deputise for the Executive Director in his absence. Mr Medlam is also acting as Director of Resources during the secondment of the Executive Director.

Given the projected length of the secondment and for clarity in the decision-making process, Council is asked to confirm, for the period of the Executive Director's absence, authorisation for the Director of Resources to exercise the powers delegated to the Executive Director for Resources as set out in the Constitution

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director of Resources be authorised to exercise the powers delegated to the Executive Director of Resources as set out in the Constitution during the Executive Director's absence from the Council.

4. AMENDMENTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

(i) Motion 8.4: in the name of Councillor Andrew Harper

(a) Amendment in the name of Councillor Susette Palmer

"To 8.4 Add at the beginning of the last paragraph:

Having achieved seven green flag parks, Council calls on the Cabinet to set goals to raise ALL Barnet's parks, large and small, especially those in deprived areas of the Borough, to premier standards and furthermore *Council therefore etc.....*Italics are present wording."

(ii) Motion 8.5: in the name of Kath McGuirk

(b) Amendment in the name of Councillor Susette Palmer

"To 8.5 Insert my words in between paras 1 and 2. as new para2.

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- (c) Amendment in the name of Councillor Andrew Harper.
“Delete second paragraph, and Insert the following:

Council asks Cabinet to carefully consider recommendations made to it by the Scrutiny working group.

(NB: this is because Cabinet is not supposed to interfere in Scrutiny’s workload).

Substantive Motion to read:

Parks and Green Spaces

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.

Council notes the Scrutiny working group that has been established to review the management and maintenance of premier and non-premier parks.

Council asks Cabinet to carefully consider recommendations made to it by this Scrutiny working group.”

5. COMMENTS ON THE WORK OF CABINET – AGENDA ITEM 14

Comments in the name of:

- (i) Councillor Geof Cooke

“To comment on the Council's policy on tree pruning.”

- (ii) Councillor Wayne Casey

“Composting toilets: The Lawrence Street Allotments & Gardens Association currently has a planning application lodged with the Council for a ‘composting toilet’. Apart from the self-evident *convenience* of such facilities for allotment holders, composting WC’s - when strict environmental health guidelines are complied with - can make a contribution to the green agenda. We understand a number of other allotment associations across the Borough are watching the progress of this application with interest with a view to submitting applications of their own. This *Comment on the Work of the Cabinet* is intended to offer the relevant Cabinet member the opportunity to confirm that IF the planning application of the Lawrence Street Allotments & Gardens Association is successful (and I would not expect him to make a comment on the application itself) that approval for the construction of this toilet by the Property Services and Valuation Group will follow in short order. It is understood that approval has already been received by the Greenspaces team.”

- (iii) Councillor Jeremy Davies

“Street Lighting Improvements: Barnet Council is currently *upgrading* street lighting across the Borough. Despite the claim in the notifications circulated by DW Lighting (the PFI contractor) residents are sceptical that this contract is designed to “...remove columns that have life expired and could *propose* (sic) a structural failure...” as many columns are being removed where there is self-evidently no problem. This *Comment on the Work of the Cabinet* is intended to offer the relevant Cabinet member the opportunity to confirm that when the decision was made to pursue this scheme, the precise number and location of the columns that fail to meet British and European lighting Standards was known. I would also like him to confirm what, if any, directive

exists requiring the Borough to ensure that street lighting in Barnet meets British and European standards and what is the deadline for compliance. Finally, I would like to offer the relevant Cabinet member the opportunity to confirm the whole life cost of this project (up to the point when these columns will have to be replaced again) to the Barnet council taxpayer recognising that DW Lighting are not undertaking this work for nothing!”

(vi) Councillor Julie Johnson

“To comment on sports provision for young people in Barnet.”

Janet Rawlings
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