

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 9 September 2008 at 7.00pm

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9 September, 2008
Agenda and Timetable**

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	Part 1 – Statutory formalities / Announcements (15 minutes)	7.00pm – 7.15pm	
1.	Prayer		
2.	Apologies for absence		
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4.	Official announcements		
5.	Declarations of interest		
6.	Any business remaining from last meeting		
	Part 2 – Question Time (30 minutes or until 7.45pm, whichever is the longer)	7.15pm – 7.45pm	
7.	Questions to the Leader and Cabinet		To be circulated separately
	<u>Part 3 – Members’ Motions (60 minutes)</u>	7.45pm – 8.45pm	
8.	Motions in the order in which notice has been given.		
8.1	Councillor Alison Moore		
	<p><u>Congratulations to Team GB</u></p> <p>Council celebrates the outstanding achievements of Team GB at the Beijing Olympics, including the Bronze medal in the 400m Hurdles Final achieved by Natasha Danvers of the Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers.</p> <p>Council asks the Chief Executive to write to all local Team GB members congratulating them for representing our local community, London and Great Britain on the international stage.</p>		

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8.2	<p>Councillor Fiona Bulmer</p>		
	<p>Council is proud of Barnet's Schools, which offer an excellent education to children and young people across the Borough.</p> <p>Council welcomes the recent GCSE and A-Level results in the Borough, with Barnet's schools being, once again, among the leading centres of learning in the UK.</p> <p>Further, Council is pleased at our pupils' excellent Key Stage 2 SATS, although Council is dismayed at the appalling mistakes made by the Government and their contractor in administering the exams and publishing the results.</p> <p>Council however condemns the disastrous manner in which Ed Balls MP is running the Department for Children, Schools and Families, including the shambolic administration of this year's SATS tests, and the constant attempts to interfere with our Schools' admissions processes.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council resolves to congratulate Barnet's pupils, parents and teachers on their superb results, and asks that the Cabinet continues to support and enhance the Borough's first-rate Schools and resists Government attempts to undermine them.</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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8.3	Councillor Andrew McNeil		
	<p><u>Pavement Tax</u></p> <p>Council believes there needs to be a review of Barnet's punitive street trading policy that is, in effect, nothing more than a pavement tax that will penalise small businesses.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to carry out this review in partnership with the Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</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	Councillor Andrew Harper		
	<p>Council is proud of all Barnet's Parks, which help to preserve this Borough's reputation as an attractive and green place to live.</p> <p>Council believes the Premier Parks Policy, established to ensure that every resident enjoys a high quality open space with a full range of facilities within a mile of their home, has been central to this achievement.</p> <p>Further, Council welcomes work to ensure other parks are maintained to a high standard, and the improvements made to encourage biodiversity in non-Premier parks.</p> <p>Accordingly Council is proud that an unprecedented seven of the Borough's Parks have been awarded a Green Flag Award this year, recognising the quality of our open spaces and the plans for their future.</p> <p>Council therefore calls on Cabinet to work to ensure our Corporate Plan goals for parks are realised, and that investment in our parks and open spaces is maintained for the benefit of all our residents.</p>		

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8.5	Councillor Kath McGuirk		
	<p><u>Parks and Green spaces</u></p> <p>Council notes the Scrutiny working group that has been established to review the management and maintenance of premier and non-premier parks.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to work in partnership with the review.</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	Councillor Julie Johnson		
	<p><u>Sailing</u></p> <p>Council notes the sale of 3 dinghies by the administration for a nominal £1 to the Sea Cadets for use on the Welsh Harp.</p> <p>Council regrets the failure of the administration to re-provide the Youth Sailing Base at Welsh Harp, which has been closed since 2004, and requests that Cabinet bring forward proposals to re-open the club so that more local young people can participate in the sport of sailing in the run-up to the London 2012 Olympic Games.</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>		
	<i>Break</i>	8.45pm – 9.00pm	
	Part 4 – Policy Development (60 minutes)	9.00pm – 10.00pm	
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	Part 6 Accountability (20 minutes)	10.40pm – 11.00pm	
14.	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes)		
15.	Questions to representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)		

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