

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 4 November 2008 at 7.00pm

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Agenda and Timetable**

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	Part 1 – Statutory formalities / Announcements (15 minutes)	7.00pm – 7.15pm	
1.	Prayer		
2.	Apologies for absence		
3.	Minutes of last meeting held on 9 September		1 - 33
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 Maureen Braun		
	<p><u>Investigatory Powers</u></p> <p>Council is concerned by the extension in 2003 of Regulations Investigation Powers Act 2003 (RIPA), which gives 792 organisations including access to information on communications data, as opposed to 8 previously.</p> <p>While Council believes that Public Bodies should have the ability to investigate those suspected of fraud or malpractice, Council is most concerned that surveillance is being used in some other areas to investigate and pursue trivial matters, such as infringements of by-laws.</p> <p>In contrast, Council applauds LBB for its approach in using these and other powers sparingly, and restricting its use of surveillance to tackle crime.</p>		

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	<p>Additionally, Council therefore welcomes the letter by former LGA Chairman, Sir Simon Milton, condemning the practice of invoking RIPA for minor matters and advising Councils not to use such powers in these cases.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council resolves to support LBB's approach of using the powers of surveillance sparingly, focusing upon the need to tackle crime, and of not using those powers to investigate minor infringements.</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	Councillor Barry Rawlings		
	<p><u>Dollis Valley</u></p> <p>Council believes the residents of the Dollis Valley estate are being let down by this Conservative administration, with many people living in appalling conditions due to the state of the buildings.</p> <p>Council asks Cabinet to say, in detail, what action they intend to take to remedy the situation.</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	Councillor Matthew Offord		
	<p><u>Barnet at Burnt Oak</u></p> <p>Council is proud of the Conservative Administration's Leading Libraries policy that is seeing libraries refurbished across the Borough.</p> <p>Council is particularly pleased with the upgrading at Burnt Oak, where £1 million has been spent on a new library and service centre for the West of Borough.</p>		

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	<p>Council believes that such a facility, where residents can access a range of Council services under one roof, is vitally important for Burnt Oak, where levels of deprivation are significantly high than the rest of the Borough and mobility rates lower.</p> <p>Additionally, Council believes that the coming economic downturn may increase demand for Library books and materials, and access to Council and other services.</p> <p>Accordingly Council calls on Cabinet to ensure that Barnet at Burnt Oak is a success, and that all the Borough's libraries continue to be well-supported.</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 Mike Freer		
	<p><u>75th Anniversary of Finchley Municipal Borough</u></p> <p>Council notes the 75th anniversary this year of the inception of Finchley Municipal Borough, with the status bestowed on the former Urban District Council in October 1933.</p> <p>Council is proud of the Finchley area's contribution to the present London Borough of Barnet, from its election of the Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP, the longest-serving British Prime Minister of the 20th Century, to its twinning with Montclair in 1945, Siegen Wittgenstein in 1951 and Le Raincy in 1962, which continue through the London Borough of Barnet to this day.</p> <p>Council resolves to congratulate the people of Finchley on the 75th Anniversary of the inception of Borough status on their area.</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>		
	Break	8.45pm – 9.00pm	

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	Part 4 – Policy Development (60 minutes)	9.00pm – 10.00pm	
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	Part 5 – Statutory Council Business (40 minutes)	10.00pm – 10:40pm	
10.	Reports from Cabinet		
11	Reports from Overview and Scrutiny committees		
12.	Reports from Other Committees		
13.	Reports of Officers		
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1.	Amendments to the Constitution		
2.	Executive Decisions and the operation of the call-in and urgency process -review		
3.	Reports Exempted from the call-in process because they are urgent		
4.	Appointment of Co-opted Members to the First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny committee		
5.	Changes to Committee Membership		
6.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2008/2009		
13.3	Monitoring Officer		
	Part 6 Accountability (20 minutes)	10.40pm – 11.00pm	
14.	Comments on the work of the Cabinet (10 minutes)		

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14.1	From Councillor Wayne Casey "To comment upon the burning of waste materials in the proximity of Woodcroft Primary School."		
14.2	From Councillor Joanna Tambourides "Comment on the work of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, specifically on action to encourage composting of green waste".		
15.	Questions to representatives on outside bodies (10 minutes)	None	

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