

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

Tuesday, 16 December 2008 at 7.00pm

VENUE

BARNET HOUSE, 1255 HIGH ROAD, WHETSTONE, N20 0EJ

A G E N D A

FACILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Barnet House has facilities for wheelchair users, including lifts and toilets. The Council Chamber has an induction loop so that those who have hearing difficulties can hear the debate.

If you wish to let us know in advance that you will be attending the meeting, please telephone Maria Lugangira on 020 8359 2761 (direct line). People with hearing difficulties who have a text phone, may telephone our minicom number on 020 8203 8942.

FIRE/EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

If the fire alarm sounds continuously, or if you are instructed to do so, you must leave the building by the nearest available exit. You will be directed to the nearest exit by Committee staff or by uniformed porters. It is vital you follow their instructions.

- You should proceed calmly; do not run and do not use the lifts.
- Do not stop to collect personal belongings.
- Once you are outside, please do not wait immediately next to the building, but move some distance away and await further instructions.
- Do not re-enter the building until told to do so.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DIRECTORATE

To view agenda papers go to: <http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/>

**16 December, 2008
Agenda and Timetable**

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	Part 1 – Statutory formalities / Announcements (15 minutes)	7.00pm – 7.15pm	
1.	Prayer		
2.	Apologies for absence		
3.	Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 4 November		1 - 2
	Minutes of last meeting held on 4 November 2008		3 - 159
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 Charlie O-Macauley		
	<p><u>A Fair Trade Borough</u></p> <p>Council welcomes London's achievement of Fairtrade City status, congratulates the 20 London boroughs that have achieved Fairtrade Borough status and recognises the work of many individuals and organisations in achieving this.</p> <p>Council notes that Barnet is one of the 13 boroughs in London that have not yet achieved Fair Trade status.</p> <p>Council urges Cabinet to support the Fairtrade campaign and work with residents, visitors, businesses, and the public and voluntary sectors to increase availability and take up of Fairtrade marked products in order to achieve Fairtrade status.</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<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 Wayne Casey		
	<p>Council notes with alarm that more people were killed on Barnet roads last year than anywhere in London and that the total number of people killed, seriously injured or harmed was the second-highest in London.</p> <p>Council also notes with regret the fourth serious accident in Partingdale Lane since the lane was opened to through-vehicular traffic.</p> <p>Council requests that in the light of these statistics, and in the face of the evidence that the so-called traffic calming measures installed in Partingdale Lane are not working, that the Cabinet Member CONSIDERS ordering the following action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A reversal of the decision to re-open Partingdale Lane to through-vehicular traffic; 2. An indefinite moratorium on all future road re-openings in the Borough with a view to establishing a policy that no roads currently closed should be re-opened; 3. A reversal of the Administration's decision to not re-install road humps in those roads where a majority of the respondents to the council's consultation wished them to be reinstated. <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 Jeremy Davies		
	<p>Council notes the guidance issued by CIPFA - Local Authority Accounting Panel 78 - relating to the loss of financial investments (impairment) by local authorities. Council also notes the relevance of this guidance to Barnet in light of the insolvency of those Icelandic banks where the Council had investments of £27.4m</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>Council requests the cabinet to commission a report from the Acting Director of Resources outlining, at the earliest available opportunity, how this authority will be complying with CIPFA's guidance."</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>Terrorist Outrage in Mumbai</u></p> <p>Council is appalled at the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, where at least 200 people were killed and 300 injured, including men, women and children.</p> <p>Council notes that this series of brutal attacks included assaults on a railway station, two hotels, a restaurant, a cinema, a Police Station and a Jewish community centre.</p> <p>Council believes there can be no justification whatsoever for this outrage, which Council regards as an attack not only on India's people, but also on its free and democratic way of life.</p> <p>Therefore, Council calls on the international organisations to ensure those responsible are brought swiftly to justice for their murderous actions.</p> <p>Council further asks the Chief Executive to write to the Indian High Commissioner in London expressing this Council's condolences for those killed and injured in the atrocities in Mumbai.</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	Councillor Matthew Offord		
	<p>Council welcomes the success of the care leavers' apprenticeship scheme where seven young people were offered apprenticeships across different council departments along with support to undertake vocational training to achieve NOV A levels 2 and 3</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	<p>In addition, Council also welcomes the support from a range of service areas to the scheme and notes that apprentices were able to take up places in Parks and open spaces; customer services; children's centres; strategic development; communications and pest control. Council believes that this shows a real commitment to corporate parenting. Council congratulates the apprentices who have successfully completed their apprenticeships and wishes them well in their search for permanent positions.</p> <p>Further, Council requests Cabinet to continue to support and develop this policy so that new apprenticeship places can be created for 2009.</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 Lynne Hillan		
	<p><u>London Housing Strategy</u></p> <p>Council notes the London Housing Strategy, which aims to provide sustainable housing for the future, and promote aspiration and opportunity.</p> <p>Council welcomes the break with the dictatorial approach followed by the previous Mayor of London, which say targets enforced won every Borough, whether they were appropriate or not.</p> <p>Council also notes that Ken Livingstone's approach saw 1 and 2 flats built in the Barnet, when the demand in the Borough is for 3 and 4 bedroom houses.</p> <p>In contract, Council believes that Boris Johnson's policy will support and extend home ownership, provide incentives for new development, and lead to the creating of sustainable, attractive communities, particularly important in these difficult times in the housing market.</p> <p>Accordingly, Council call on Cabinet to work with Mayor of London to implement polices contained within his housing strategy in Barnet so can deliver homes to our residents and those who aspire to live here need.</p>		

Item	Subject	Time for Debate	Page Nos.
	Under Standing Order Part 4, Section , 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask it be voted upon a the Council meeting		
	Break	8.45pm – 9.00pm	
	Part 4 – Policy Development (60 minutes)	9.00pm – 10.00pm	
9.1	Administration Policy Item (30 minutes) Hidden Homes		160
9.2	Opposition Policy Item (30 minutes) Transport in Barnet		161
	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		
13.1	Director of Corporate Governance		162 - 164
1.	Amendments to the Constitution		
2.	Changes to the Constitutional Responsibility for Functions		
3.	Reports Exempted from the call-in process because they are urgent		
4.	Acting-Up Arrangements		
5.	Chief Officer Appointments Panel		
13.2	Monitoring Officer		
	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)	None	

