

Council Meeting
3 November 2009

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE ACTING DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER
AGENDA ITEM 5.3

5.3.3 APPOINTMENT TO BARNET HOMES MANAGEMENT BOARD

As part of a restructuring of the Management Board of Barnet Homes, Council has been asked to approve the appointment of Mr Terry Rogers in place of Ms Charmaine Young CBE as Council-nominated Director (It is intended that Mr Rogers, currently a co-opted member of the Board, will be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Board, a position which requires appointment as a Director. Ms Young will become a co-opted appointee to the Board).

Council is also asked to note that Barnet Homes Limited have asked that changes to their Memorandum and Articles of Association be formally approved by the Council. The proposed changes relate to the composition of the Management Board involving a reduction from 15 to 12 directors (in the same proportion of categories of membership as currently provided for) and amendments giving a possibility to the Company to pursue like activities outside of the borough boundary should it so decide and others to meet the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

As it is an Executive function, The Leader of the Council will be asked to deal with approval of the changes under his Executive powers.

RECOMMENDATION –

- (1) That Mr Terry Rogers be appointed in place of the Ms Charmaine Young CBE as Council-nominated Director on the Board of Barnet Homes. (Ref ALMO 4).**
- (2) That Council note the requested changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Management Board of Barnet Homes Limited.**

5.3.4 WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION

In accordance with Council Procedure 31.6 of the Council's Constitution, Councillor Matthew Offord has informed the Acting Democratic Services Manager that he wishes to formally withdraw the Motion in his name (Agenda Item 3.8, Territorial Army Training) from the Council's agenda for the 3 November 2009, Council meeting.

5.3.5 AMENDMENTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- (i) *Item 3.1: Motion in the Councillor Geof Cooke***
Amendment in the name of Councillor Andrew Harper

Delete after 'Oakleigh Park and New Barnet stations in the London Borough of Barnet'

Council believes that increased frequency of services on the line is desirable but notes that the line is one of the busiest in the country.

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport is requested to work with the London Borough of Enfield, the Mayor of London and Transport for London to;

1. Urge negotiation with interested parties to improve service levels on the Great Northern line through Barnet where practicable and affordable
2. Ensure that Oyster Pay-as-You-Go will be implemented from January 2010 at New Southgate, Oakleigh Park, New Barnet, Cricklewood, Hendon and Mill Hill Broadway stations. Council notes that the recent increases in fares is necessary to meet the cost of this improvement going ahead

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

(ii) Item 3.2: Motion in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen

(a) Amendment in the name of Councillor Monroe Palmer

“After Borough Boundaries in final paragraph, to add:
Council further requests Cabinet , working with Neighbouring Boroughs, sets up a Joint Committee in Cricklewood made up of Councillors representing Childs Hill Ward and adjoining wards in Camden and Brent.”

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(b) Amendment in the name of Councillor Andrew Harper

“Delete all after ‘complement and support each other’ and insert:

Council requests that Cabinet members encourage departments to work with their counterparts in neighbouring Boroughs to ensure that services are co-ordinated as much as is practical in areas where Borough boundaries meet.”

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(iii) Item 3.3: Motion in the name of Councillor Kathy McGuirk

(c) Amendment in the name of Councillor Susette Palmer

“Add “Moreover Council deeply regrets that Government is considering reneging on a promise to fund the ‘Freedom Pass’ for older and disabled people as a 3 year grant deal to London Councils in 2008 .Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Minster concerned requesting the Minister to keep the promise to continue paying the grant.”

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(d) Amendment in the name of Councillor Agnes Slocombe

“Delete all and replace with:

Council condemns the Conservative Mayor of London’s plans to raise public transport fares by up to 20% and believes it will hit hard-pressed residents in outer-London the most – including in Barnet – in stark contrast to Boris Johnson's pledge to listen to the needs of outer-London.

Council believes that residents are already struggling to make ends meet in a time of recession, and that for many ordinary Londoners this new move by Boris Johnson to increase fares several times above the rate of inflation for the second year running, will make things even worse.

Council notes that it is often the poorest people who use the bus, and that it is bus fares that have increased the most (20%), so that, under the Conservatives, those people who are least well-off are effectively subsidising a fare freeze for those who can afford to pay more in one go for a Travelcard.

Council also condemns recently announced plans by Boris Johnson to reduce bus and Tube services, which, on top of the fare increases means that people are paying more for reduced or cut services.

Council further condemns the comments made by Barnet Conservative councillors at the September Council meeting calling for some local bus services to be reduced.

Council notes that the fare increases will raise £125 million, and that this does not even cover the money lost by Boris Johnson's ill-judged policies to scrap the Western Extension (£70m) , abandon plans to charge the most polluting vehicles more (£50m), and implement the farcical decision to replace bendy buses with single deckers that will cost at least £30m.

Council asks the relevant Cabinet Member to write to Boris Johnson making clear this Council’s opposition to these fare increases and proposed reductions in public transport services in London.”

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(e) Amendment in the name of Councillor Andrew Harper

“*Delete all and insert:*

Council notes that Mayor Boris Johnson inherited a £1.7 billion funding gap from the previous administration after his predecessor allowed the cost of running the transport system to outstrip combined income and subsidy.

Council notes that 40% of bus passengers will continue to travel free or at a substantial concessionary rate and that virtually all Travelcard prices have been frozen.

Council further notes that at least £5 billion of savings to TfL’s back office has been found, reducing the necessary increase in fares.

Council believes that the Mayor of London is taking the unpleasant but necessary steps required to clean up the mess from years of reckless spending by Ken

Livingstone, the financial burden of Gordon Brown's Metronet fiasco and the drop in income that has been caused by the recession.

Council notes that the Mayor of London's actions are in sharp contrast to his predecessor whose administration both failed to live within its means and failed to be upfront with Londoners about the financial pressures TfL was under.

Council further notes the excellent long-term approach that the Mayor of London is taking through his Transport Strategy, which will set out a clear plan for the capital.

Council asks that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport work with the Mayor of London to ensure that residents are informed and understand why this difficult decision was necessary."

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(iv) Item 3.4: Motion in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

Amendment in the name of Councillor Lynne Hillan

"Delete after 'deprivation' and insert:

Council calls on Cabinet to continue to pursue options, either with the current tenant or another provider, to provide facilities for local people in East Finchley and to secure funding for sports/community facilities on the Stanley Road Playing Field site."

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(v) Item 3.5: Motion in the name of Councillor Fiona Bulmer

Amendment in the name of Councillor Anne Hutton

"Delete all and replace with:

Council welcomes the excellent GCSE and A-Level results, including those of students taking vocational exams, across the Borough, and congratulates Barnet children on their achievements.

60% of Barnet students gained 5 or more GCSEs, including English and mathematics. These results rank Barnet 10th out of 150 local authorities in England.

Barnet's students were placed even higher up the 'A level' league table, achieving an average 'points score' of 219, the sixth best result in the country.

Council believes these achievements are testament to the hard work of pupils and teachers across the Borough, working in partnership with the Council, and supported by parents, to drive up standards.

Council resolves to call on Cabinet to support the ongoing hard work of schools, staff and students across this Borough, and to work to raise standards in Barnet still further."

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(vi) *Item 3.7: Motion in the name of Councillor John Hart*
Amendment in the name of Councillor Kathy McGuirk

“Delete all and replace with:

Council firmly believes that uniforms should be worn by pupils in Barnet Schools.

Council notes and appreciates the work of the supermarkets in significantly bringing down the costs of uniforms and sports kit. Council notes that supermarket prices are in sharp contrast to some suppliers that may charge up to £300 for a full set of uniforms for the school year.

Council believes that in these difficult economic times schools should be flexible in their choice of suppliers in order to minimise the cost of uniforms and particularly sports kit for parents.

Council believes that there should be an open market for school uniforms and that forcing parents to purchase clothing from a single supplier places an unacceptable and unnecessary financial burden upon them.

Council notes that there is currently government guidance in place on school uniforms and school uniform policies that includes the need for all schools to keep suitability and affordability of school uniforms under review.

Council instructs the Director for Children’s Services to write to all Headteachers and Chairmen of Governors in the Borough, asking them to confirm that they are regularly reviewing their school uniform policy and have consulted on current arrangements in line with government guidance, have as many generic items in their school uniform rules as possible, do not force parents to purchase specialist clothing from a single supplier and are flexible with their sport kit policies in order to minimise the cost to parents.”

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(vii) *Item 4.1: Administration Policy Item in the name of Councillor Lynne Hillan*
Amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen

“Delete all replace with:

Council believes that information on how the Council spends public money should be freely available to tax payers.

Council requests that cabinet introduces a scheme as a matter of urgency which will provide information on a quarterly basis online identifying spending over £500.00 (subject to such information being not legally prohibited). Council request that the information will be easily accessible, easy to understand and will show the name of the supplier and provide a brief description of the services provided. Council also

requests that any expenditure which exceeds agreed budgets is identified separately”

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(viii) Item 4.2: Opposition Policy Item

Amendment in the name of Councillor Mike Freer

“Delete after first paragraph and add:

Council notes that financial planning is considerably more difficult for councils due to the Labour government inexplicably cancelling the next Comprehensive Spending Review and therefore refusing to disclose the future level of grant support.

Council believes that radical change is the only option if services are to be protected from the future budget cuts made necessary by Labour’s mismanagement of the public finances. Changing the way services are provided is also necessary to meet residents’ expectations for their local government to provide tailored services just as they receive in other walks of life.

Council asks Cabinet to continue to lead the way in local government by providing radical solutions to service provision.”

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6. COMMENTS ON THE WORK OF CABINET – AGENDA ITEM 6.1

Comments in the name of:

(i) **Councillor Charlie O-Macauley**

To comment on Black History Month

(ii) **Councillor Anne Hutton**

To Comment on Glebelands in Woodhouse ward

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