Council Meeting 15 December 2009

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE ACTING DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER AGENDA ITEM 5.3

5.3.7 AMENDMENTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

(1) Item 3.1: Motion in the name of Councillor Andrew Harper - Freedom Pass

Amendment in the name of Councillor Kathy McGuirk

Delete all and replace with:

"Council notes the Special Bus Grant of £58.32 million awarded by the Government to London boroughs to provide funding towards the extra cost of the Freedom Pass as a result of the introduction of a statutory national bus concession.

Council notes that the actual money needed to fund this extra cost was only £7 million, and that London boroughs have effectively received no less than a £49 million surplus per year in additional concessionary fares funding.

Council notes that, because of the surplus, the Department of Transport is now consulting on proposals to reduce London's Special Bus Grant in 2010/11 to bring it in line with the actual cost.

Council notes that prior to the introduction of this Special Bus Grant, London boroughs fully funded the Freedom Pass scheme in conjunction with Transport for London, and that the grant simply enabled London boroughs to reduce their contribution.

Council notes that there was a proposal last year, supported by Labour, for London Councils to retain a surplus of £20 million to off-set future changes to Government and TfL grants, but that Barnet's Conservative representative on London Council's Transport & Environment Committee voted against this proposal.

Council notes that the Freedom Pass will only ever be under threat if London boroughs refuse to continue to fund it.

Council therefore asks the Cabinet Member to confirm that Barnet will continue to fund the Freedom Pass as currently."

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.

(2) Item 3.3: Motion the name of Councillor Helena Hart – North London NHS Services

Amendment in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings

Delete all and replace with:

"Council notes that there are no plans for A&E services at Barnet Hospital and the Royal Free Hospital to be cut, that the Royal Free Hospital has not been downgraded and that there are no plans for the Royal Free Hospital to be downgraded in the future.

Council opposes any reductions in A&E services that support the current and growing population in Barnet, including those at the Whittington Hospital that serves residents in the south of the Borough.

Council asks the Cabinet Member for Health to stop scaremongering and start working productively with Barnet NHS to improve critical health issues in the Borough."

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.

(3) Item 3.4: Motion in the name of Councillor Andrea Tambourides - Development Forums

(a) Amendment in the name of <u>Councillor Jeremy Davies</u>

Add at the end of the first bullet point:

";commencing with the Inglis Consortium proposals for the Mill Hill East Development Area"

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.

(b) Amendment in the name of Councillor Jim Tierney

Add at the end of the first bullet-point:

"to engage stakeholders, including those Barnet residents on the housing waiting list"

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.

(4) Item 3.5: Motion in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings – Domestic Violence Amendment in the name of Councillor Julie Johnson

Delete all and replace with:

"Council notes that every year about 10,000 women and a further 10,000 children in Barnet are affected by domestic violence, as well as a large number of men. Nationally one in four women and one in six men are subjected to domestic violence at some point in their lives, but 89% of those people experiencing four or more incidents are women.

Council welcomes the higher profile of this crime, and the increase since 2003 in the national conviction rate from 25% to 72.5%.

Council also recognises and welcomes the excellent work of voluntary sector organisations in Barnet, and acknowledges the success of the local Sanctuary scheme started by the Labour/Liberal Democrat administration, but notes that there is still chronic under reporting and not enough support for victims.

Council supports the national drive to tackle domestic violence, and violence against women and girls.

Council notes the White Ribbon Campaign to ensure that men take more responsibility for reducing the level of violence against women.

Council strongly believes that to make a difference on this issue clear and public allparty support is needed.

Council therefore asks that:

- all councillors sign-up to the White Ribbon Campaign
- the Chief Executive writes to all Barnet MPs asking them to sign-up to the White Ribbon Campaign
- Cabinet work with the White Ribbon Campaign programmes for Local Authorities and Schools
- Policy and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee convene a scrutiny panel as soon as possible to ensure that the council is fulfilling its leadership role in fighting domestic violence within our community."

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

(5) Item 4.2: Opposition Policy Item in the of Councillor Alison Moore – 10:10 Campaign

(c) Amendment in the name of Councillor Andrew Harper

Delete all and insert

"Council recognises that the authority is striving to play its part in addressing the causes and impacts of climate change and specifically in meeting the National Indicator targets that have been set for us.

Council urges all residents of Barnet, including Members, to reduce their carbon footprint, for instance, in the manner suggested by the current 10:10 Campaign."

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.

(d) Amendment in the name of Councillor Kathy McGuirk

Delete all and replace with:

"Council believes we must do everything possible to reduce the council's carbon footprint, and help contribute towards an overall reduction in carbon emissions in Barnet, London and the UK.

Council notes the 10:10 campaign to unite every sector of British society to achieve a 10% cut in the UK's carbon emissions in 2010.

Council understands that local authorities signed up to the 10:10 campaign aim to achieve a direct 10% cut in their CO2 emissions in 2010, and make the following commitments:

- To set a baseline year ending anytime up to 30 June 2010, and aim to achieve an absolute 10% cut in CO2 emissions (excluding schools and outsourced contracts) in the following year
- To keep track of Barnet's emissions so progress in reducing them can be measured
- To advise the 10:10 campaign of progress in reducing emissions at least at the beginning and at the end of the action year, or better still on a quarterly basis
- To ensure that emissions savings made during the 10:10 action year are locked in for the long-term, and that the action will complement rather than impede longer-term further cuts
- To use the 10:10 logo to communicate Barnet's participation during the action year in order to raise awareness of the campaign and Barnet's participation, and encourage partners, staff and residents to sign up as 10:10 participants also
 Council acknowledges efforts by the Council to date to reduce CO2 emissions, but believes a step change in carbon emission reduction is needed.
 - Council therefore asks Cabinet to sign-up to the 10:10 campaign and in doing so encourage partners, contractors, staff and residents to do the same."
 - 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.
- 6. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE WORK OF CABINET AGENDA ITEM 6.1 Comments in the name of:
- (iii) Councillor Julie Johnson

To comment on Sturgees Park

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