

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET held at Hendon Town Hall, NW4 4BG on Tuesday, 2 March 2010.

PRESENT:

*The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Brian Coleman, AM FRSA)

*The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hugh Rayner)

Councillors:

* Fiona Bulmer	*Andrew Harper	*Robert Rams
*Maureen Braun	*Helena Hart	*Barry Rawlings
Terry Burton	*John Hart BA MA	*Colin Rogers
*Anita Campbell	*Lynne Hillan	*Lisa Rutter
*Wayne Casey BA (Hons) MIA	*Ross Houston	*Brian Salinger
*Danish Chopra	*Anne Hutton	*Kate Salinger BEd (Hons)
*Dean Cohen BSc (Hons)	*Julie Johnson	*Gill Sargeant
*Jack Cohen	*Duncan Macdonald	*Joan Scannell
*Melvin Cohen LLB	*John Marshall	*Alan Schneiderman
*Geof Cooke	*Linda McFadyen	*Agnes Slocombe SRN RM
*Alison Cornelius	*Kath McGuirk	*Ansuya Sodha MBA (Middx) Cert Ed, DipM (CIM), AMBA
*Richard Cornelius	Andrew McNeil	*Andreas Tambourides
*Jeremy Davies BA (Hons), CPFA	*Alison Moore	*Joanna Tambourides
*Tom Davey	*Jazmin Naghar	*Daniel Thomas BA (Hons)
*Mukesh Depala	*Matthew Offord	*Jim Tierney
*Claire Farrier	*Charlie O-Macauley	*Daniel Webb
*Anthony Finn BSc (Econ) FCA	*Monroe Palmer OBE, BA, FCA	Marina Yannakoudakis BSc (Hons) MA, MEP
*Mike Freer	*Susette Palmer MA	*Darrel Yawitch
*Brian Gordon, LL.B	*Bridget Perry	*Zakia Zubairi
*Eva Greenspan	*Wendy Prentice	
	*Sachin Rajput BA (Hons) PgD Law	

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137. PRAYER (Agenda Item 1.1):

The Mayor's Chaplin offered prayer.

138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1.2):

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Terry Burton, Andrew McNeil and Marina Yannakoudakis.

139. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2010 (Agenda Item 1.3)

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2010 be approved as a correct record.

140. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda Item 1.4)

The Worshipful Mayor regretted to announce the death of former Mayor, Mr Fred Poole. Mr Poole served as a Hendon Ward Councillor from 1986 to 1998. He was Deputy Mayor for the civic year 1987-88 and Mayor for 1992-93. Mr Poole leaves a widow Phyllis, who was his Mayoress, and two daughters.

At the invitation of the Worshipful Mayor, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lynne Hillan, Councillor Agnes Slocombe and Councillor Jack Cohen spoke in tribute of Mr Fred Poole.

The Worshipful Mayor also the announced the death of former Councillor, Mr Tony Freake. Mr Freake served as an Independent Member for Hadley Wood from 1974 to 1982. Mr Freake leaves a widow Sheila and two children.

A minute silence was held in remembrance of departed friends and colleagues.

141. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The Worshipful Mayor, duly seconded, moved, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 14, that Council Procedure Rule 3.2 be suspended to allow 30 minutes for Part 1 business, as this included the election of the Mayor Designate for the year 2010/11. The Worshipful Mayor further proposed that Council Procedure Rule 46 also be suspended to permit the Leader of the Council, Councillor Alison Moore and Councillor Jack Cohen speak for a time in excess of five minutes each on the Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/11 item.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That Council Procedure Rule 3.2 be suspended to allow 30 minutes for Part 1 business as this included the election of the Mayor Designate for the year 2010/11.**
- (ii) That Council Procedure Rule 46 be suspended to allow Leader of the Council, Councillors Alison Moore and Jack Cohen speak for a time in excess of five minutes each on the Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/11 item.**

142. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Agenda Item 1.5)

Member:	Subject:	Interest Declared:
Councillor Brian Coleman (The Mayor)	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Coleman is a Member of the Greater London Assembly which had set the Mayor’s precept which would form part of the local Council Tax. Councillor Coleman participated in the

		discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Lynne Hillan	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Hillan’s mother is in receipt of care package from the Council’s Adult Social Services Department. Councillor Hillan participated in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Robert Rams	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Rams works for the Greater London Assembly. Councillor Rams participated in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Joan Scannell	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Scannell’s mother is in receipt of care package from the Council’s Adult Social Services Department. Councillor Scannell participated in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Brian Salinger	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Salinger’s son is a client of the Council’s Adult Social Services Department. Councillor Salinger participated in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Kate Salinger	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Salinger’s son is a client of the Council’s Adult Social Services Department. Councillor Salinger participated in the discussion and voting

		on this item.
Councillor Mukesh Depala	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Depala’s son is a client of the Council’s Adult Social Services Department. Councillor Depala participated in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Monroe Palmer	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Palmer is a Council appointed Director on Barnet Homes Management Board. Councillor Palmer participated in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Helena Hart	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Hart is a Council appointed Director on Barnet Homes Management Board. Councillor Hart participated in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Ross Houston	Agenda Item 5.1.2 – Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Council Budget and Council Tax 2010/2011	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Houston is a Council appointed Director on Barnet Homes Management Board. Councillor Houston participated in the discussion and voting on this item.
Councillor Joanna Tambourides	Agenda Item 5.1.3 0 Report of Cabinet – 22 February 2010 – Colindale Action Area Plan	Personal but non-prejudicial as Councillor Tambourides works for the Health Protection Agency which borders the

		Colindale Action Area Plan. Councillor Tambourides participated in the discussion and voting on this item.
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143. BUSINESS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING (Item 1.6)

There was none.

144. MAYOR DESIGNATE 2010/2011 (Agenda Item 1.7)

The Worshipful Mayor called for nominations for election of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for 2010/11:

Councillor Maureen Braun, duly seconded by Councillor John Marshall moved that Councillor Anthony Finn be proposed for the appointment of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17 May 2010.

Councillor Agnes Slocombe, duly seconded by Councillor Julie Johnson moved that Councillor Ansuya Sodha be proposed for the appointment of Mayor for the London Borough of Barnet at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17 May 2010.

Upon being put to the vote, the nomination for Councillor Ansuya Sodha was declared lost. Upon being put to the vote, the nomination in the name of Councillor Anthony Finn was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Anthony Finn be formally proposed and seconded at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17 May 2010 for the appointment as Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for 2010/11.

Councillor Finn thanked those present for the confidence shown him and undertook to do his very best in his term of office as Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet. He announced that Councillor Lisa Rutter had consented to be his deputy.

145. REPORT OF CABINET, 22 FEBRUARY, 2010 – COUNCIL BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2010/11 (Agenda items 5.1.2 and 5.3.3):

The Leader, Councillor Lynne Hillan moved reception and adoption of the Cabinet Report with the following recommendations:

1. **That Council agrees to the prudential borrowing as set out in Appendix E to the Leader’s report.**

Balances

2. **Council agree that the minimum level of General Fund balances should be £15m after taking account of all matters set out in the Chief Finance Officer’s report on reserves and balances.**

Revenue Budget and Council Tax

3. **The forecast revenue outturn for the year 2009/10 and the estimates of income and expenditure for 2010/11 be approved.**
4. **That it be noted that the Chief Finance Officer under his delegated powers has calculated the amount of 137,446 (band D equivalents) as the Council Tax base for the year 2010/11 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local**

Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

5. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2010/11 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- (a) £903,373,810 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act;
 - (b) £653,814,490 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act;
 - (c) £249,559,320 being the amount by which the aggregate at 5(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 5(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;
 - (d) £96,554,274 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant or additional grant increased or reduced (as appropriate) by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from:-
 - (i) its collection fund to its general fund and;
 - (ii) its general fund to its collection fund in accordance with Sections 97(3) and (4) and 98 (4) and (5) respectively of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;
 - (e) £1,113.20 being the amount at 5 above less the amount at 5(d) above, all divided by the amount at 4 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year 2010/2011;

London Borough of Barnet Valuation Bands (£)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
742.13	865.82	989.51	1,113.20	1,360.58	1,607.96	1,855.33	2,226.40

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 5(e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which is in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

6. That it be noted that for the year 2010/11, the Greater London Authority has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:-

Greater London Authority Valuation Bands (£)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
206.55	240.97	275.40	309.82	378.67	447.52	516.37	619.64

7. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 5(e) and 6 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2010/11 for each of the categories dwellings shown below: -

Council Tax for Area (£)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
948.68	1,106.79	1,264.91	1,423.02	1,739.25	2,055.48	2,371.70	2,846.04

8. (i) That in accordance with Section 38(2) of the Act, the Chief Executive be instructed to place a notice in the local press of the amounts set under recommendation 7 above pursuant to Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 within a period of 21 days following the Council's decision.

Housing Revenue Account and Rents

9. That the Housing Revenue Account estimates for 2010/11 be approved.
10. That, with effect from 1 April 2010:-
- (a) The rent of all Council dwellings be changed in line with the proposals outlined in this report, producing an average increase of 1.5%
- (b) That the rents of all properties relet for whatever reason be moved upwards to the formula rent. Where formula rent is below actual rent no reduction will be made.
- (c) That service charges for all tenants of all flats and maisonettes based on the services they receive be held at the following charges (per week, 48 week basis):-

Caretaking	£5.44
Caretaking Plus	£7.03
Block Lighting	£0.87
Grounds Maintenance	£0.56
Quarterly Caretaking	£1.09
Communal Digital TV	£0.72

- (d) That there is a decrease of 15% on the charge for space and water heating for those properties served by the Grahame Park boiler house, and a reduction of 10% for other properties
- (e) That, with effect from 1 April 2010, the rents of Council garages be increased by 2.5%.
- (f) That the Chief Executive be instructed to take the necessary action including the service of the appropriate Notices.

Treasury Management, Capital Prudential Code and Borrowing Limits

- 11. The Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix E be recommended for approval to Council and that the Chief Finance Officer be authorised to raise loans, as required, up to such borrowing limits as the Council may from time to time determine and to finance capital expenditure from financing and operating leases subject to:
 - (i) the appropriate provision having been made in the estimates for 2010/11.
 - (ii) authorisation (where necessary) of the expenditure by the appropriate Government Department;

Capital

- 12. That the capital programmes be approved, and that the Chief Officers be authorised to take all necessary action to implement them.
- 13. The Chief Finance Officer be authorised to adjust capital project budgets in 2010/11 throughout the capital programme after the 2009/10 accounts are closed and the amounts of slippage and budget carry forward required are known.
- 14. That where slippage results in the loss of external funding and a new pressure being placed on prudential borrowing, the relevant Director report on options for offsetting this impact by adjusting other capital projects.

Contracts

- 15. That authorisation be given to allow tenders to be sought for contracts listed in Appendix I to the Leader's report.

Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)

- 16. That the MTFS attached at Appendix C to the Leader's report is approved.
- 17. That it be noted that the current annual level of prudential borrowing cannot be sustained long term, and that Cabinet must also seriously consider using significant capital receipts generated in future years to repay borrowing rather than fund further expansion of the capital programme.

Amendments in the names of Councillor Alison Moore and Councillor Jack Cohen were moved and duly seconded. Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore was declared lost.

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen was declared lost.

RESOLVED –

- (i) **That the report and the recommendations of the Cabinet be approved.**

146. REPORT OF CABINET, 22 FEBRUARY, 2010 – COLINDALE AREA ACTION PLAN (Agenda item 5.1.3)

Councillor Melvin Cohen moved reception and adoption of the Cabinet report.

RESOLVED

1. **That the Colindale Area Action Plan (AAP), (Appendix A, separately circulated) having been the subject of an Examination in Public, be formally adopted as a Local Development Framework Development Plan Document.**
2. **That the Colindale AAP be adopted as a statutory Local Development Framework Development Plan Document for the purposes of informing any future proposals for redevelopment in the area and being a material consideration for the purposes of determining future planning applications.**

147. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE (CONSTITUTION REVIEW) – INDEPENDENT ADVISORS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 5.2.1)

Councillor Melvin Cohen moved reception and adoption of the report.

RESOLVED - That the Council make the necessary changes to the Audit Committee's membership in the Constitution as set out in Appendix A of the Committee's report.

148. CHANGES TO REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES (Agenda Item 5.3.1)

The Conservative Group indicated that they wished to make specified changes:

RESOLVED – That the following change on the Outside Bodies be approved:

London Councils – Crime and Public Protection Forum

Reference 0208:

- **Councillor Joanna Tambourides to replace Councillor Matthew Offord as a Council representative on the London Councils – Crime and Public Protection Forum.**

149. MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2010/11 – REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (Agenda Item 5.3.2)

On the 17 February 2010 the Independent Remuneration Panel made the following recommendations:

Recommendations:

1. **That the Council implement at least a freeze on allowances for 2010/11 and give consideration to a 1% reduction to recognise the financial stringency now facing all sectors of the economy**
2. **That the payment of SRAs to Vice-Chairmen should cease**

Councillor Geof Cooke, seconded by Councillor Linda McFadyen moved an amendment proposing the 1% reduction be implemented. Upon being put to the vote the amendment was declared lost.

RESOLVED

- 1. That, having regard to the recommendation of the Independent Remuneration Panel, the Members' Allowance Scheme for the year 2010/11 be approved for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.**
- 2. That the Acting Democratic Services Manager makes the appropriate amendments to the Council's Constitution.**

The meeting finished at 9.30pm