

Council, Tuesday 14 September 2010

Motion 3.8: Councillor Ross Houston

Cost of housing benefit cuts to Barnet

Council notes the opposition shown by London Mayor, Boris Johnson to the ConDem government's £2 billion housing benefit cuts on the grounds that those cuts are "draconian", and "will have a damaging effect on many households in London" where the cost of living is much higher, including in Barnet.

Council believes that LB Barnet will end up spending more on helping those who become homeless as a result of the housing benefit cuts, and asks Cabinet to investigate the true cost to Barnet of these cuts and the number of households affected, including the potential increase in personal debt and homelessness, and the impact on those in private rented accommodation and social housing in particular.

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.