

**Council: 2 November 2010**

**Motion 3.6:** Cllr. Kath McGuirk

**Police cuts in Barnet**

Council notes the outcome of the Con-Dem coalition's Comprehensive Spending Review will mean cuts to the police of 4% each year for the next four years.

Council also notes that, as the Police budget is nearly 80% staffing costs, there are likely to be cuts to police numbers.

Council understands that our local Safer Neighbourhood Team officers are already being taken away from their wards on other duties as a result of Mayor Boris Johnson's cuts to police budgets, and believes that the Spending Review proposals will mean actual reductions in the number of officers in Barnet's Safer Neighbourhood Teams – particularly given that Mayor Boris Johnson has repeatedly refused to guarantee the current configuration of our Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Council also notes that burglary rates are increasing in Barnet, and that this could get worse if frontline policing and our Safe Neighbourhood Teams are cut.

Council asks Cabinet to:

- Write to the Secretary of State outlining their opposition to any reductions in the number of police officers or Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- Lobby Mayor of London Boris Johnson calling on him to protect our Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- Work with our Borough Commander to ensure that cuts in Barnet do not affect frontline policing and that the public continue to be protected

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.