

**Council Meeting**  
**2 NOVEMBER 2010**

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE ACTING DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER  
AGENDA ITEM 5.3

**5.3.4 LEADER'S SCHEME OF DELEGATION - ASSISTANT CABINET MEMBER**

The Leader has advised the Acting Democratic Services Manager that she has made the following appointment:

- Councillor Darrel Yawitch is appointed as Assistant Cabinet Member for Health

**RECOMMEND – That Council note the appointment of Councillor Darrel Yawitch as Assistant Cabinet Member for Health**

**5.3.5 PROPOSED NEW MEETING DATE**

**Table 1**

Committee	Date of the Meeting	Proposed new date of the Meeting	Reason
Licensing Committee	-	14 December	With the agreement of the Chairman and other Lead Group Members on the Licensing Committee, it is proposed that a Special Meeting of the Committee be held on the 14 December, prior to the Council meeting to consider Barnet's Licensing Policy

**RECOMMEND – That Council approve the proposed new meeting date contained in Table 1 above.**

**5.3.6 APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

The Conservative Group have indicated they wish to make to following appointments to School Governing Bodies.

**RECOMMEND – That the following appointments be approved:**

**Frith Manor Junior and Infant School**

**Vacancy Reference P43.4**

**Mr. Neel Khiroya be appointed a Governor to Frith Manor's Governing Body**

**Woodrige Primary School**

**Vacancy Reference P19.3**

**Mrs. Nita Khiroya be appointed a Governor to Frith Manor's Governing Body**

### **5.3.7 WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.6 of the Council's Constitution, Councillor Kath McGuirk has informed the Acting Democratic Services Manager that she wishes to formally withdraw the Motion in her name (Item 3.6, Police Cuts in Barnet) from the agenda and have it referred to Cabinet.

**RECOMMEND - That the Council agree Councillor Kath McGuirk's request that Item 3.6 (Police Cuts in Barnet ) be withdrawn and referred to Cabinet.**

### **5.3.8 MINUTES THE MEETING HELD 14 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Amendment to Item 4, Declaration of Interest

#### **RECOMMEND**

1. That Item 4 be amended to include Councillor Ansuya Sodha to the list of Councillors who declared a Personal but not Prejudicial Interest on Item 5.3.3 - London Local Authorities Bill (Report of the Acting Democratic Services Manager – 14 September 2010)
2. That the minutes be approved and adopted.

### **5.3.9 AMENDMENTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

#### **(1) Item 3.1: Motion in the name of Councillor Lynne Hillan – General Powers of Competence**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Delete all and replace with:

Council welcomes the inclusion of a general power of competence in the new Localism Bill, and asks Cabinet to use that new power to the advantage of Barnet, and all its residents and partners, once it becomes law.

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 3.2: Motion in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger – Safeguarding Children**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings

Delete all and replace with:

This Council recognises the importance to all residents of Barnet of the need to safeguard our children.

This Council welcomes and supports the decision of the government to confirm the roll-out across the country the measures that have become known as 'Sarah's Law' which will enable parents to request information on any adult with access to their children. They are required not to pass on this information to anyone else. Police will decide whether to pass on any information.

The pilot schemes have been a success with fewer requests than expected and these 315 formal applications from parents and carers resulted in the disclosure of the background of 21 convicted child sex offenders. The Home Office says more than 60 children were protected from abuse in that period.

Council calls on the Cabinet to ensure that they work in partnership with other relevant agencies to ensure full and appropriate publicity is given to the measure when it is rolled out in London.

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 Lynne Hillan – Community Place Base Budgets.**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

Delete all and replace with:

Council notes that the administration's relentless drive for efficiency under One "Future Shape, Ryan-Air, easyCouncil" Barnet has failed to make any savings.

Council hopes the administration makes a much better fist of using the Community Place Based Budgets (by building on the valuable work done in the Total Place pilots) to direct care for families with complex needs, particularly given that the Con-Dem government has:

- cut local government funding by over 7.1% for the next four years
- cut funding for affordable housing by 60%
- announced the scrapping of security of tenure for new social housing tenants
- increased social housing rents to 80% of local market rents
- cut housing benefit, child tax credit, child trust funds, child benefit, Disability Living Allowance and other benefits
- probably wiped out the 0.1% real terms increases in health funding by embarking on a re-organisation of the NHS that will cost up to £3bn
- cut funding to the voluntary sector
- cut funding to the police

Council believes these cuts will create a much bigger problem for those families with complex needs, whilst at the same time reducing dramatically the size of public sector budgets that can be pooled to deal with the problem.

Council calls on Cabinet to write to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Communities setting out the challenges Barnet will face as a result of these decisions.

Council also calls on Cabinet to lobby the 3 local Barnet MPs to try and secure a much better deal for Barnet residents from the government.

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 Kath McGuirk – Child Benefit Cuts**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Ansuya Sodha

Delete all and replace with:

Council notes the decision of the Con-Dem coalition government to end universal child benefit.

Council also notes that the policy, as currently proposed, will mean a two-parent family with a joint income of £80,000 per annum will get child benefit, but a single Barnet parent earning only £45,000 per annum will have their child benefit taken away.

Council believes that this is not a fair policy and will mean many hard-working parents in Barnet whose income is at the lower end of that tax band will suffer as a result.

Council notes that during the General Election the Conservative Prime Minister gave a commitment not to cut child benefit, and that many lower middle income families will be financially squeezed as a result of his u-turn on this issue.

Council also notes that over £6 billion is being cut in direct financial support for children in the CSR and Budget – three times as much as is being taken from the banks.

Council believes that the proposed cuts to child benefit will be unenforceable with the cost and bureaucracy of maintaining records of people's changes in circumstances likely to be prohibitive.

Council asks Cabinet to write to the Prime Minister setting out their opposition to this policy on child benefit for the reasons given above, and ask him to reconsider his proposal.

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 name Councillor Claire Farrier – Impact of the Con-Dem cuts on Women.**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Geof Cooke

Delete all and replace with:

Council notes that, according to the Fawcett Society, women face a 'triple jeopardy' from the Con-Dem coalition cuts of slashed benefits, job cuts, and a reduction in core public services.

Council also notes that:

- Women make up 65% of the public sector workforce where mass job losses are expected, and that 40% of women in work are employed in the public sector
- Cuts to family benefits, like child benefit, tax credits, and housing benefit will impact on women disproportionately, with cuts from the CSR hitting women twice as hard

as men, and cuts from the emergency budget hitting women three times more than men

- Women access public services such as the NHS more frequently and intensively than men, because of pregnancy, longer life expectancy and lower earnings (women are still paid on average 16.4% less per hour than men) – and that cuts to public services, social care and child care provision will also impact on women disproportionately.
- Older women are being more heavily hit by cuts to pension credit, public sector pensions, attendance allowance and carers' allowance. Women in their late fifties will lose thousands of pounds from the changes to the state retirement age and have to work longer too.

Council agrees with the Fawcett Society that the impact of the emergency budget cuts threatens a huge step back in women's equality, as women will increasingly be pushed back into the home to fill the looming care gap. Council also believes that with £11.5bn out of the £16.6bn cuts coming from women this will have a knock-on detrimental effect on children, young people and the family.

Council notes that the day of this Full Council meeting is Equal Pay Day, and asks Cabinet to assess the specific impact on women in Barnet of any proposed cuts in the council's budget, alongside any other equality impact assessments it will be undertaking, and where an assessment reveals a risk of discrimination, asks Cabinet to report the action it will be taking to address those risks.

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

Comments in the name of:

### **Councillor Pauline Coakley-Webb**

To comment on grant funding to Age Concern for the "Handyperson Scheme".

### **Councillor Charlie O-Macauley**

To comment on Black History Month

### **Councillor Charlie O-Macauley**

To comment on the council's partnership work with the police in preventing crime

**Aysen Giritli**

**Acting Democratic Services Manager**