

Council: 2 November 2010

Motion 3.1: Cllr. Lynne Hillan

General Powers of Competence

Council agrees with the Coalition Government that Local Authorities should have the powers to run their own affairs as Elected Representatives of local people see fit, and not according to dictats from Whitehall.

Council welcomes the abolition of the Standards regime, Local Area Agreements (LAAs), and many of the associated targets.

Further, Council welcomes the statement by Eric Pickles MP that Boroughs such as Barnet will soon be able to manage their own affairs through a general Power of Competence. This is, Council believes, the foundation of the new Localism Bill.

Council is pleased that LBB already seeks to shape services around local people, particularly through One Barnet.

Accordingly, Council calls on Cabinet to tailor even more of its work around local people following the moves to restore power to Local Authorities.

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.