

Council: 12 July 2011

Non-Executive Business Item – 3.4: Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Community Rents & Charges in Barnet

Council believes the administration's recent increase in rents and charges are proving to be unaffordable for many community and voluntary groups, including pensioners clubs, youth groups like the Church Farm YMCA, and festival groups such as the Finchley Festival.

Council is concerned that unless the policy is reviewed many community and voluntary organisations will not be able to continue serving the public, putting at risk the Council's plans for creating a "Big Society".

Council therefore asks Cabinet to review the recent increase in rents and charges to community groups with a view to reducing them.

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 referred to Cabinet.