

Council Meeting
13 September 2011

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE
AGENDA ITEM 4.4

4.4.2 CHANGE TO REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RECOMMEND – That Pam Wharfe replace Stewart Murray as a Council representative on the Mill Hill East Limited Liability Partnership.

4.4.3 AMENDMENTS TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

(1) Administration Business Item 3.1 – Councillor Daniel Thomas

Amendment in the name of Councillor Lord Palmer

Add the additional recommendation:

Council further calls upon Cabinet to support the proposal in Chapter 3 of the Localism Bill to change its form of governance, at the first opportunity, reverting to the Committee system.

(2) Opposition Business Item 3.2 – Councillor Barry Rawlings

Amendment in the name of Councillor Daniel Thomas

After the words “Council notes the progress of the One Barnet” in the first paragraph delete all and replace with:-

Council notes the progress of the One Barnet Programme and is pleased to note the savings already realised. Council believes that co-operation with other agencies in the Borough is vital.

Council calls on Cabinet to ensure that every aspect of operations is reviewed and that the future shape of these services should be shaped by quality of service and efficient use of the council taxpayer`s funds.

Council notes that in the current financial situation where large savings are required from budgets, because of gross mis-management of the economy by the previous Labour Government, outsourcing may offer a better solution, than drastic cuts in services and staffing levels.

Council has no ideological problem with out-sourcing where it can be shown to offer a better alternative.

(3) Opposition Business Item 3.2 – Councillor Barry Rawlings

Amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen

To delete the final paragraph and replace with: -

Council concludes that the One Barnet programme is a waste of time, money, and energy. Council calls on Cabinet to immediately halt any further work on One Barnet.

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) Non-Executive Business Item 3.3 – Councillor Hugh Rayner

Amendment in the name of Councillor Susette Palmer

To add to paragraph three: -

Councillors should have regular meetings with the groups mentioned and also arrange a meeting with representatives from Barnet's youth parliament to further discuss these and other issues important to the youth of our borough.

(5) Non-Executive Business Item 3.3 – Councillor Hugh Rayner

Amendment in the name of Councillor Jack Cohen

To delete the final paragraph and replace with:-

Council notes the swift and decisive action taken by the courts Council also believes that there should be a proportional tough approach to all kinds of law breaking. Council however believes that there is no single simple quick fix solution to the recent disorder. Council recognises the vital role it can play by working together with all our residents in particular our young people, other statutory agencies and the voluntary sector in creating an environment where all of our residents feel valued, where those who are disadvantaged are helped and encouraged to fulfil their potential and where all our citizens feel feels safe.

Council resolves to continue the constructive work between agencies which took place during the disorders and extends this to include the sections of our community that are often left out in the cold.

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.

(6) Non-Executive Business Item 3.3 – Councillor Hugh Rayner

Amendment in the name of Councillor Pauline Coakley-Webb

To add at the end of the Business Item:

In addition, Council does not believe that this is the time to be cutting police officers.

Council notes that the number of police will fall by 1,800 officers between 2010 and 2013/14 – an average of 50 for every London borough.

Council asks the Cabinet Member to write to Boris Johnson demanding he reverse his decisions to:

- **Cut 1,800 police officers in London over the next three years**
- **Cut 300 sergeants from London's 630 safer neighbourhood teams, including 5 in Barnet**
- **Force 600 London police sergeants to reapply for their own jobs**

Council also calls on the Chair of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, Cllr Brian Coleman AM to ensure that capacity of the fire service to deal with incidents of this kind is not reduced as a result of the cuts programme that he is implementing.

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.

(7) Non-Executive Business Item 3.4 – Councillor Pauline Coakley-Webb

Amendment in the name of Councillor David Longstaff

After the words "Council believes that this is the time to be" in the first paragraph, delete all and replace with:-

Following the recent civil unrest that took place over the summer, Council believes that this is the time to be fully supporting police officers.

Council Supports and congratulates Boris Johnson on fulfilling his election pledge to increase the number of Police Officers during his term in office and noting:

- **Police Officer numbers rising to 32,380 in the 2011-2012 Financial year**
- **Sensible redeployment of 300 sergeants from London's 630 safer neighbourhood teams, including 5 in Barnet, for maximum benefit in areas where most needed**
- **The civilianisation of back office roles through Operation Herald to get police officers out of police stations and patrolling the streets**
- **That 600 London police sergeants have been involved in a major re-organisation to utilise their skills**
- **Increasing the number of Special Constables from 2,510 in May 2008 to 4,696 in March 2011.**

(8) Non-Executive Business Item 3.6 – Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Amendment in the name of Councillor Daniel Thomas

To amend the first paragraph to read:-

Council notes the internal management action plan for IS finalised in April, detailing that:-

- **IT infrastructure has reached "end of life", and all risks have been passed back to the council by the private contractor who no longer feel responsible for it**
- **Front and back office telephony infrastructure has reached "end of life" and is unsupported by the private contractor**
- **Tablet laptops are reaching "end of life" and are becoming inefficient and slow and without maintenance**
- **There are continued weaknesses in information, data management and IT security**
- **There is a lack of understanding of what contracts exist in IT, and IT procurement is ineffective**
- **That the IT structure is not fit for purpose.**

To delete the second paragraph.

To amend the third paragraph to read:-

Council is reassured of the existence of an action plan to address these sorts of issues and risks and asks the Cabinet Member to provide Cabinet with an update on how they are being addressed, and to write to all councillors with a copy of this update.

4.4.4 ITEM 4.6 - QUESTIONS TO REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The following answers have been received to the questions to representatives on outside bodies.

1. Question in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings

Despite Cllr Coleman's refusal to answer this question at the last Council meeting – even though the Mayor requested that he did – I would like to give him another opportunity to answer the same legitimate question, which is as follows: The alleged need for a waste treatment plant at Pinkham Way is partly a consequence of Barnet's failure to meet and increase re-cycling and waste reduction targets. What commitment has the Cabinet Member for Environment & Operations, Cllr Brian Coleman, made to NLWA to increase re-cycling and reduce waste in Barnet?

Answer from Councillor Brian Coleman – Representative on the North London Waste Authority

Even if our recycling rate doubled NLWA would still require a waste facility and Barnet would still require a depot.

2. Question in the name of Councillor Jim Tierney

Would the representative advise if he has had any discussions with Heritage of London Trust about the preservation of Church Farmhouse Museum, and if so what were the outcomes of those discussions?

Answer from Councillor Melvin Cohen – Representative on the Heritage of London Trust

There have been no discussions.

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