

Council
Tuesday 1 November 2011
Amendments to Items on the Agenda

Administration Business Item – 3.1: Councillor David Longstaff

Appropriate punishment for burglars

Amendment in the name of Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Add at the end;

Council is very disappointed that Barnet has not met its targets to reduce burglary rates under the last Safer Communities Strategy, and that the Borough now has the fifth highest burglary rate in London with 3,362 burglary offences committed in the last year. That is 1041 more offences than the burglary reduction target set in the last Safer Communities Strategy.

Council also notes that:

- 8 out of Barnet's 21 wards are in the top 20 wards in the whole of London for volume of domestic burglary.
- Childs Hill ward has the highest number of burglaries in London last year, and 25 per cent more than the next highest ward.
- In 2009/10 burglary increased by 17 per cent, and in 2010/11 burglary increased by a further 10 per cent.

Council further 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, and believes that this is hardly likely to help reduce local burglary rates.

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

- cut 1,800 police officers in London over the next 3 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.

Opposition Business Item – 3.2: Councillor Alison Moore

Barnet's Local Economy

Amendment in the name of Councillor Kath McGuirk

Add at the end;

Council notes that Conservative Mayor of London, Boris Johnson has chosen to increase bus, tube and train fares above inflation for the fourth year running, and has introduced four year average fares increases amounting to 33% - hugely above the inflation rate of 13.9% over the same period.

Council believes that these fares increases are unaffordable for many local residents, and that increasing public transport fares hugely above the rate of inflation has an adverse impact on Barnet's local economy.

Council notes that Boris Johnson's fares increases have meant the cost of a single bus fare using Oyster has risen by 56% - from 90p in 2008 to £1.40 in 2012. A zone 1-6 travel card has increased in cost by 22% - costing residents of Barnet £509 a year more to get to work.

Council further notes that if elected Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone has promised to cut tube fares by 5% in October 2012, and that he has also committed to freezing fares in 2013 and not increasing fares by more than inflation after that. These plans do not involve reductions in service or investment.

Council notes that under Ken Livingstone's fares plans, the average commuter in London and Barnet would stand to be on average £800 better off over the next four years.

Council notes that a reduction in fares will reduce the cost of the Freedom Pass to London boroughs, which would help Barnet Council in these difficult financial times.

Council welcomes Ken Livingstone's proposed fares package, which will cut the cost of travel for thousands of commuters here in Barnet and put ordinary Londoners, struggling with the cost of living first.

Council asks Cabinet to write to Boris Johnson and ask him to reconsider his fares increases before they come into affect on January 1 next year.

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Barnet's Local Economy

Amendment in the name of Alan Schneiderman

Add at the end,

Council notes that not all of Barnet's Town Centres have a town centre strategy, despite these being in preparation for some years, and asks Cabinet to finalise the remaining town centre strategies and publish and implement them before the end of the municipal year.

In particular, Council believes that something needs to be done as a matter of urgency to upgrade North Finchley Town Centre including action to retain and attract a diverse range of local businesses, more regular and effective street cleaning, improved street furniture and signage, regular maintenance of street trees and enhancement of green areas.

Council believes the Cabinet Member should listen to the call from local businesses and traders at Barnet's Business Forums to reverse the huge parking charge increases that they believe are killing off our local town centres, local high streets and local trade.

Finally, Council also notes the proposal in the budget headlines to introduce charges in the remaining 7 free Barnet Council car parks. Council believes this is a disincentive to people shopping in those areas, and will therefore be a further nail in the coffin of those affected high streets and town centres in these difficult economic times. Council calls on the Cabinet Member to re-think this proposal.

Non-Executive Business Item – 3.5: Councillor Geof Cooke

Road safety in Barnet

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Council notes that Barnet has the second highest number of casualties from road traffic accidents in London and one of the largest road networks , with 1,520 casualties last year – an increase of 8 per cent compared with 2009.

Council notes that many of these casualties occurred on TfL controlled roads.

Council calls on Cabinet **to continue to bring fresh innovative thinking on the subject of road safety, and to ask the Cabinet Member to bring a report on our road network to an early meeting of Cabinet which will include measures to reduce the number of casualties from road traffic accidents.**

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 on at the meeting.

Non-Executive Business Item – 3.5: Councillor Geof Cooke

Road safety in Barnet

Amendment in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings

Add after first paragraph:

Council notes that there is genuine public concern following several road traffic accidents in the headlines in Barnet recently, including two in Edgware resulting, tragically, in two fatalities.

Council also notes the petition, calling for a safer crossing, started by local resident, Paola Dentamaro, whose 11 year old daughter was knocked over by a car on Brunswick Park Road while on her way to school a few weeks ago, and asks all councillors to support the petition.

Council asks the Cabinet Member to listen to the suggestions in the petition and introduce either a zebra crossing on Brunswick Park Road at an appropriate location near Marshalls Close, and /or install traffic lights on the 30mph road

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Non-Executive Business Item – 3.6: Councillor Kath McGuirk

Boris Johnson's fare increases

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Council notes that Conservative Mayor of London, Boris Johnson has chosen to increase bus, tube and train fares above inflation for the fourth year running, **in line with the Policy of the previous Mayor of London who increased fares by RPI plus 2 %.**

Council also notes that Boris Johnson's fare increases have meant the cost of a single bus fare using Oyster has risen by 56% - from 90p in 2008 to £1.40 in 2012. A zone 1-6 travel card has increased in cost by 22% - costing residents of Barnet £509 a year more to get to work.

Council further notes that if elected Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone has promised to cut tube fares by 5% in October 2012, and that he has also committed to freezing fares in 2013 and not increasing fares by more than inflation after that. .

Council notes that under Ken Livingstone's fares plans, **this would leave a TfL budget shortfall of over £850 million and mean the probable cancellation of the Northern Line upgrade, the Piccadilly Line upgrade, improved services on London Overground and the extension to the Croydon tramlink.**

Council notes that a reduction in fares will **mean the £90 million spent on the Transport Policing arrangements would almost certainly have to be cut.**

Council **urges all London Politicians not to play Political games with fares and** put ordinary Londoners, struggling with the cost of living first.

Council asks Cabinet to write to Boris Johnson and ask him to **ensure that Transport improvements particularly the Northern Line upgrade are prioritised as part of his budget process.**

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