

Minutes

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET

held at The Town Hall, Hendon, NW4, on Tuesday, 24 January 2012

PRESENT:

*The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Lisa Rutter)

*The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Barry Evangelii)

Councillors:

*Maureen Braun	*Anne Hutton	*Kate Salinger BEd (Hons)
*Alex Brodtkin	*Geoffrey Johnson	*Gill Sargeant
*Anita Campbell	Julie Johnson	*Joan Scannell
*Pauline Coakley Webb	Sury Khatri BSc (Hons), MSc	*Brian Schama
*Dean Cohen BSc (Hons)	*David Longstaff	*Alan Schneiderman
*Jack Cohen	*John Marshall MA	*Daniel Seal
*Melvin Cohen	*Kath McGuirk	*Mark Shooter
*Brian Coleman AM FRSA	*Andrew McNeil	*Agnes Slocombe SRN, RM
*Geof Cooke	*Alison Moore	*Ansuya Sodha MBA (Middx)
*Alison Cornelius	*Graham Old	Cert Ed, DipM (CIM), AMBA
*Richard Cornelius	*Charlie O-Macauley	Stephen Sowerby
*Tom Davey	Lord Palmer OBE, BA, FCA	*Andrew Strongolou
*Claire Farrier	Susette Palmer MA	*Andreas Tambourides
*Anthony Finn BSc (Econ), FCA	*Bridget Perry	*Joanna Tambourides
*Brian Gordon LLB	*Wendy Prentice	*Daniel Thomas BA (Hons)
*Eva Greenspan	*Sachin Rajput BA (Hons) PgD Law	*Reuben Thompstone
*Andrew Harper	*Robert Rams	*Jim Tierney
*Helena Hart	*Barry Rawlings	*Rowan Turner
John Hart BA MA	*Colin Rogers	Darrel Yawitch
*Lynne Hillan	*Hugh Rayner	Zakia Zubairi
*Ross Houston	*Brian Salinger	

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1. PRAYERS (Agenda Item 1.1):

The Mayor's Chaplain offered a prayer.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1.2):

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lord Palmer, Councillors Susette Palmer, Zakia Zubairi, Julie Johnson, Stephen Sowerby, Lynne Hillan.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Agenda Item 1.3)

There were none

4. **OPPOSITION BUSINESS ITEM – PARKING IN THE BOROUGH (Agenda Item 1.4)**

Councillor Kath McGuirk moved the Opposition Business Item in her name. Councillors Brian Coleman and Geoffrey Johnson moved their amendments. Debate ensued. Councillor McGuirk accepted Councillors Geoffrey Johnson's amendment. Upon being put to the vote the amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman was declared carried. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor Geoffrey Johnson was declared lost.

At least ten Members rose in their places and demanded a formal division on the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Geoffrey Johnson. Upon being taken the results of the Division were declared as follows:

For	Against	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Brodkin	Evangeli	Julie Johnson
Campbell	Braun	Hillan
Coakley Webb	Dean Cohen	Khatri
Jack Cohen	Melvin Cohen	Monroe Palmer
Cooke	Coleman	Susette Palmer
Farrier	Alison Cornelius	Sowerby
Houston	Richard Cornelius	Zubairi
Hutton	Davey	Yawitch
Geoffrey Johnson	Finn	
McGuirk	Gordon	
McNeil	Greenspan	
Moore	Harper	
O-Macauley	Helena Hart	
Rawlings	John Hart	
Rogers	Longstaff	
Sargeant	Marshall	
Schneiderman	Old	
Slocombe	Perry	
Sodha	Prentice	
Tierney	Rajput	
	Rams	
	Rayner	
	Brian Salinger	
	Kate Salinger	
	Scannell	
	Schama	
	Seal	
	Shooter	
	Strongolou	
	Andreas Tambourides	
	Joanna Tambourides	
	Thomas	
	Thompstone	
	Turner	
	Rutter	

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Against	35
Absent	8
TOTAL	
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Upon being put to the vote the substantive item as amended by Councillor Brian Coleman was declared carried.

RESOLVED - Council notes the parking charge increases that were introduced in April 2011 that were necessary to bring the Special Parking Account in line with the budgeted surplus.

Council notes there are no proposals to increase on street parking charges in the current consultation.

Council further notes the introduction of Cashless parking to which 163,000 people have now signed up and that over 35,000 transactions are being undertaken each week. Additionally Council welcomes the introduction of Pay points and Scratch cards .Council recognises the fact that On street parking revenue is significantly above budget and that this will enable the Special Parking Account to meet its budgeted surplus by April 2012 and that therefore much needed maintenance work on roads and pavements as well as School safety measures and requests to review some controlled parking zones can proceed.

The meeting finished at 6.50pm

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3. MINUTES (Agenda Item 1.3):

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 November 2011 be approved.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS (Agenda Item 1.4)

Member:	Subject:	Interest Declared:
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Administration Business Item – 3.1 Barnet Health Services	Personal but non-prejudicial interest as Councillor Alison Cornelius is a Chaplain's Assistant at Barnet Hospital
Councillor Ross Houston	Item 4.1.1 Report of Cabinet Resources Committee – 16 January 2012	Personal and non-prejudicial as Councillor Houston is a council appointed Director on the Barnet Homes Management Board.
Councillor Brian Schama	Item 4.1.1 Report of Cabinet Resources Committee – 16 January 2012	Personal and non-prejudicial as Councillor Schama is a council appointed Director on the Barnet Homes Management Board.
Councillor Jack Cohen	Non-Executive Business Item 3.3 Barnet Football Club Question time – 2.1	Personal and non-prejudicial as (i) Councillor Cohen is regular supporter (but not season ticket holder) of Barnet Football Club. (ii) Personal and non-prejudicial as Councillor Cohen has submitted questions about residents permits and that he is also a permit holder as he lives within a CPZ.
Councillor Kath McGuirk	Non-Executive Business Item 3.3 Barnet Football Club	Personal and non-prejudicial as Councillor McGuirk's daughter works part-time in the club's souvenir shop and ticket office and she still lives at home.

5. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (Agenda Item 1.5):

The Worshipful Mayor, duly seconded proposed that Council pass a resolution of loyal greetings to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee and express our sincere appreciation of the Council and the residents of the London Borough of Barnet for her Majesty outstanding service and devotion to duty. Council also recognises the role that his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh has played in supporting Her Majesty thorough out her reign.

At the invitation of the Worshipful Mayor, The Leader Councillor Richard Cornelius on behalf of the Conservative Group, Councillor Alison Moore on behalf of the Labour Group and Councillor Jack Cohen on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group spoke in tribute of Her Majesty the Queen.

RESOLVED – Council agree to the sending of loyal greetings to her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee and express Council's sincere appreciation for her Majesty's outstanding service and devotion to both duty and to the nation and the Commonwealth thorough out her reign. Council also recognise the staunch support provided to her Majesty by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Worshipful Mayor regretted to announce the death of former Councillors Archie Smith and Karl Ruge.

Archie Smith, who recently passed away at the age of 101 after a short illness, represented Edgware Ward between 1968 and 1994. The Worshipful Mayor attended the funeral service which was held at Hendon Crematorium on Friday 13th January.

Mr. Smith was a Councillor for more than thirty years having first been elected to Hampstead Borough Council in 1950. During his time as a Barnet councillor, he served as a member of the Establishment, Housing, Social Services, Library & Arts, Recreation & Arts, General Purposes, Allotment, Grahame Park and Whitley Works committees.

At the invitation of the Worshipful Mayor, Councillors Brian Gordon on behalf of the Conservative Group, Agnes Slocombe on behalf of the Labour Group and Councillor Jack Cohen on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group spoke in tribute of Mr Smith.

Karl Ruge passed away on 19th December 2011, aged 99. Having left Nazi Germany in 1933, Mr. Ruge came to England and moved to North Finchley in 1938. He represented the East Ward on Friern Barnet Urban District Council from 1962 until that authority ceased to exist in March 1965. During his time on that council, he chaired the Finance and Town Planning Committees. Mr. Ruge also served as a magistrate at Highgate for 20 years until 1982 and belonged to various local organisations such as the Photographic Society, History Society, Friends of Friary Park as well as being an active President of the Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents Association. He also worked on behalf of the United Nations Association and was a volunteer for the Samaritans.

At the invitation of the Worshipful Mayor, Councillors Brian Coleman on behalf of the Conservative Group, Barry Rawlings on behalf of the Labour Group and Jack Cohen on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group spoke in tribute of Mr Ruge.

A minute silence was held in remembrance of departed friends and colleagues.

The Worshipful Mayor on behalf of the Council passed on her condolences to Councillor Joan Scannell and her family on the passing of her brother.

The Worshipful Mayor, congratulated Councillor Dean Cohen and his wife on birth of their son and to Councillor Melvin Cohen on becoming a grandfather.

The Worshipful Mayor, congratulated Councillor Lord Palmer and Councillor Susette Palmer on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

6. BUSINESS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING (Item 1.6)

None.

7. QUESTION TIME FOR MEMBERS (Agenda Item 2.1)

Questions were put to the Leader and Members of the Cabinet. These questions, together with the answers provided and the text of any supplementary questions and answers, are set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

8. Councillor Joan Scannell, duly seconded, moved under Council Procedure Rule 10.2.2, that the order of business relating to Agenda Item 3 be varied so that Non-Executive Business Item 3.3 be heard first. Upon being put to the vote, the Motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That the order of business be varied to allow Non-Executive Business Item 3.3 to be debated and voted upon in advance of votes being taken on the other Non-Executive Business Items on the Agenda.

9. **ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS ITEM – BARNET HEALTH SERVICES (Agenda Item 3.1)**

Councillor Helena Hart moved the Administration Business Item in her name. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote the Administration Business Item in the name of Councillor Helena Hart, was declared carried.

RESOLVED – Council believes that the residents of Barnet deserve the very best possible Health Services - with easy and proper access to safe, high quality Acute Hospital services supported by excellent Primary and Community services, working in close partnership and co-operation with Adult Social Care.

Despite its longstanding and steadfast opposition to the closure of full Accident & Emergency and In-Patient Maternity Departments at local hospitals, this Council reluctantly accepted that the case for change – as set out in the Barnet, Enfield & Haringey Clinical Strategy and involving the re-location of those Departments from Chase Farm Hospital to Barnet Hospital and the North Middlesex – had been made on the quite specific grounds of Clinical Safety. Council also accepted the urgency for the implementation of these proposals, again on the grounds of Clinical Safety and as set out in the Clinical Review. This acceptance, however, was always dependent on the requisite level of capital and staffing investment being made at Barnet Hospital – before any cessation of service at Chase Farm - and the support to be provided by the new Finchley Memorial Hospital.

Council is therefore most concerned that all of these very finely crafted plans could be thrown into complete disarray by proposals contained in the recent Options Appraisal entitled “Organisational Feasibility Study on Enfield Hospitals” which considers the dissolution of the existing Barnet & Chase Farm NHS Hospital Trust and the de-merger and transfer of Chase Farm Hospital from Barnet Hospital to the North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust. With the substantial additional efforts required from both Managers and Clinicians from all of the Hospitals involved to ensure a safe, speedy, patient-centred and clinically effective outcome from the Clinical Strategy, neither of these disciplines has either the capacity or capability to undertake the additional work required to implement the demerger. To attempt to do so would at best be a distraction and at worst could completely decimate the process.

Council is also most concerned that any de-merger at this time could represent a real danger to the long term viability and sustainability of Barnet Hospital as a provider of Acute Hospital services and a mainstay of the entire health infrastructure of the London Borough of Barnet.

Council therefore approves and welcomes the steps taken to date by Cabinet, Scrutiny and the Borough's Members of Parliament to apprise NHS London, NCL NHS and the Secretary of State of its very grave concerns as to any organisational change to the shape of the Barnet & Chase Farm NHS Hospital Trust at this time. Council encourages everyone concerned to re-double their efforts in this regard and to ensure a speedy, safe and effective outcome from the Clinical Strategy for the residents of Barnet.

10. OPPOSITION BUSINESS ITEM – BARNET'S PARKS ARE NOT FOR SALE (Agenda Item 3.2)

Councillor Kath McGuirk moved the Opposition Business Item in her name. Councillor Jim Tierney moved his amendment. Debate ensued. Councillor McGuirk accepted the amendment. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment in the name of Councillor Jim Tierney was declared lost. Upon being put to the vote, the substantive Opposition Business Item as amended by Councillor Jim Tierney was declared lost.

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

In accordance with the Agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8.40pm. The meeting reconvened at 8.50pm.

12. NON-EXECUTIVE MEMBER BUSINESS ITEM – BARNET FOOTBALL CLUB (Agenda Item 3.2)

Councillor Alison Moore moved the Non-Executive Business Item in her name. Councillors Brian Salinger and Anne Hutton moved their amendments. Debate ensued. Upon being put to the vote the amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger was declared carried. Upon being put to the vote the amendment in the name of Councillor Anne Hutton, was declared lost.

At least ten Members rose in their places and demanded a formal division on the voting on the amendment in the name of Councillor Anne Hutton. Upon being taken the results of the Division were declared as follows:

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For	19
Against	35
Absent	8
TOTAL	63

Upon being put to the vote the substantive Non-Executive Business Item as amended by Councillor Brian Salinger was declared carried.

RESOLVED – Barnet Council reiterates its support for Barnet Football Club.

Council recognises the works done to improve the stadium at Underhill which were done with the support of the Council. Council recognises all the work done by the club for the benefit of the local community including a significant number of young people across the Borough.

Council is concerned at the suggestions from the Club, that Barnet Football club may be leaving Barnet.

Council asks the Leader of the Council to meet with the Chairman of the Club with a view to resolving any differences that are perceived to exist between the Council and the Club in order to secure both a short and long term future for the Club at Underhill.

13. NON-EXECUTIVE BUSINESS ITEM – TRAVELLER SITES (Agenda Item 3.4)

Councillor Maureen Braun moved the Non-Executive Business Item in her name. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.5, the item was voted on without discussion. Upon being put to the vote, the Non-Executive Business Item was declared carried.

RESOLVED – Council requests that following the points made by the Inspector at the examination in public of our LDF with regard to Gypsies,

travellers and traveling show people, suitable wording is developed to ensure that inappropriate sites are not developed.

Council notes that the London Plan is far from prescriptive and that the Secretary of State has indicated a similar national approach will be developed. Barnet needs to gather appropriate evidence to ensure that suitable policies can be sustained and the Assistant Director of Planning be directed to gather said evidence.

**14. NON-EXECUTIVE BUSINESS ITEM – CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES
(Agenda Item 3.5)**

Councillor Graham Old moved the Non-Executive Business Item in his name. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.5, the item was voted on without discussion. Upon being put to the vote, the Non-Executive Business Item was declared carried.

RESOLVED – Council wishes to support the revisions to Constituency boundaries as recently proposed by the Boundary Commission for England. Council notes the minimal changes for our Borough which reflect the aims expressed at the outset of the process.

Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the Boundary Commission expressing support for the proposals.

**17. REPORT OF CABINET RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 16 JANUARY 2012
(Agenda Item 4.1)**

Councillor Daniel Thomas moved adoption and reception of the report.

RESOLVED –That Council ratify the Articles of Association of the TheBarnetGroup LTD, Barnet First Limited and You Choice (Barnet) Limited.

**18. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE (CONSTITUTION REVIEW) – 18
JANUARY 2012 (Report of the Head of Governance – Items 4.4.1)**

Councillor Melvin Cohen moved adoption and reception of the report.

RESOLVED

- 1. That Council approve the amendments to the Financial Regulations as identified in the report and Appendix A to the report.**
- 2. That Council approve the proposed consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution as a result of the establishment of the TheBarnetGroup LTD Local Authority Trading Company.**
- 3. That the Head of Governance be instructed to make the necessary changes to the Council's Constitution.**

**19. REPORT EXEMPT FROM CALL IN - REPORT EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN:
ADULTS IN-HOUSE SERVICE REVIEW: THEBARNETGROUP LTD BUSINESS
PLAN) (Report of the Head of Governance – Items 4.4.1)**

RESOLVED – Council noted the report.

20. **REPORT EXEMPT FROM CALL IN - FUTURE OF HOUSING SERVICES IN BARNET (Report of the Head of Governance – Items 4.4.2)**
RESOLVED – Council noted the report.
21. **PROPOSED NEW MEETING DATE (Report and Supplemental Report of the Head of Governance – Item 4.4.3 & 4.4.5)**
RESOLVED – Council approved the proposed new meeting dates contained in the tables at Items 4.4.3 and 4.4.5 of the report.
22. **OUTSIDE BODY REVIEW (Report and Supplemental Report of the Head of Governance – Item 4.4.4)**
RESOLVED – Council agreed the removal of the organisation listed in Appendix A of the of the report, from the register of the council's Outside Bodies.
20. **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - (Report of the Head of Governance – Items 4.4.3)**
RESOLVED – The following changes were approved
Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- **Councillor Reuben Thompstone replaces Councillor Andrew Strongolou as a Member of the Committee.**

The meeting finished at 9.40pm

**Council Questions to Cabinet Members
24 January 2012
Questions and Responses**

Question 1**Councillor Jack Cohen**

I refer to my question number 22 on the order paper of the Council meeting 12th July 2011. This was in connection to the expenditure of section 106 planning money for projects in Childs Hill Ward. In response to my supplementary question you replied "I have taken all the comments on board and will be writing to the Councillor." Did you write to me?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

Yes, I did reply to Councillor Jack Cohen, and will send him the information again shortly.

Supplementary Question 1**Councillor Jack Cohen**

My question relates to a Section 106 Agreement for a large development in Childs Hill Ward, which provides a substantial amount of money for the improvement of the infrastructure. I raised this in July 2011 and I am disappointed, given that this Council is always complaining about lack of money, that when do have some money to spend which can benefit the local community it seems to be dragging its feet in spending that money. In particular meeting with local Councillors to work out how the money would best be spent. I ask Councillor Joanna Tambourides, when will the meeting take place between Council Officers and the Ward Councillors to find ways of spending this money on local projects?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

I sent Councillor Cohen a full breakdown of all the monies we received, approximately six and a half months ago. I am trying to get a copy of all this information from my records, unfortunately some of the e-mail's have now been deleted, as it's been quite a long while ago. A substantial amount of money has been obtained through the section 106 Agreement and is being spent on the local community. I will send him all the details again and update them to now.

Question 2**Councillor Graham Old**

Will the Cabinet Member tell Council of the state of play with supplies of grit in the Borough?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

At the beginning of the winter maintenance season 3,804 tons of grit was in stock at Mill Hill depot. To date 496 tons has been used and a further delivery of 133 tons has been received. Thus we currently hold 3,441 tons of grit. It is unlikely that we will need to receive any further supplies although we do have a call off order in place amounting to a further 867 tons just in case. Barnet is prepared for whatever the elements throw at us !

Question 3**Councillor Claire Farrier**

When is the decision to have only two planning Sub-Committees to be reviewed?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

The Special Committee (Constitution Review) will review the Planning Sub-Committee arrangements at their first meeting of the 2012/13 municipal year.

Supplementary Question 3**Councillor Claire Farrier**

Will this review take board on the concerns of Members from all parties that the current system does not work? It does not work for Members or for Officers and it is an appalling example of this Council's attitude towards the democratic process for members of the public.

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

The current system is working very well. It is being reviewed at monthly meetings of the planning department, at three monthly meetings of the planning Chairman and will be considered again by the Special Committee (Constitution Review). There has been a recession as everybody will have noted, and that has also meant that there has been a down turn in planning applications. This

change in Committee structure is as a result of this. It is reviewed continually and a decision will be made later on this year.

Question 4

Councillor Jack Cohen

In relation to Residents' Parking Permits and Visitor Vouchers, please will you provide me with the following information:

- a) How many residents parking permits were issued in the financial years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 to end of December and also provide the amount of income in each case? (Please separate between first permits and second and third permits)
- b) as in a) above but for visitor vouchers?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

The number of residents permits issued in each week of the years listed is given in the tables below but records are not held in a format which allows the ready identification of the sub-categories requested.

2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 (Part)
13,341	13,056	9,926

The sale of vouchers is logged by value rather than by number but where the number can be derived from the value this is given in the table below.

2009/10	2010/11	2011/12 (Part)
191,073	298,506	79,200

Supplementary Question 4

Councillor Jack Cohen

Looking at these figures it appears to me that in connection with the sale of visitor vouchers that this has dropped by almost 75% on the total for 2010/11, which is an astonishing drop in sales. The figures that really concern me relate to the number of parking permits that are issued to residents which looks like it's going once again around the 13,000 mark. As you keep saying that the parking account of which parking permits went up by 400% are being used to pay for infrastructure throughout the Borough, will you not agree with me that the burden of this is being put on a minority of residents? That is 13,000 residents are actually paying for the proper maintenance of the roads for the whole Borough and that can not be right.

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Councillor Cohen is entirely wrong. There was a huge surge in purchase of permits before they went up last April, and the cash in the bank was very welcome at the tail end of last year, so I expected a reduction this year. If you look at the difference between the figures for 2009/10 and 2010/11 you can see a surge in the purchase of permits. Councillor Cohen is so wrong, 163,000 people have registered, 45,000 are week are using the cashless system. The benefits of the surplus are being spent across the Borough and are benefiting all our residents and that is being contributed to by all who use our parking system

Question 5

Councillor Graham Old

Will the Cabinet member report how much the increase in cost to the London Borough of Barnet (for year 2012/13) by TfL for operating traffic lights is? Will he report on how the members of London Councils Transport and Environment Committee voted when agreeing this increase?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

The estimated total cost to the boroughs of maintaining traffic signals in London for the year 2012/13 is £11,784,379, an increase of 5.75 per cent on the actual 2011/12 cost of £11,143,884.

Barnet's share of the 2012/13 estimate is £479,344.88, a **4.3% increase** on the actual 2011/12 cost of £459,618.48

The voting on whether to agree the 5.75% increase on the 2011/12 costs was: 10 (all Labour Councillors) in favour, 8 against (7 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat) and one abstention(The City of London)

This increase is totally unjustified and would have been absorbed by TfL if had Labour Members of London Councils Transport and Environment Committee decided to stand up for their Boroughs .

Question 6

Councillor Claire Farrier

Orion school: How will a new school building almost a mile away from the current one meet the increased demand for school places for the new Colindale developments?

Answer by Councillor Andrew Harper

Our statutory duty is to ensure an offer of a primary place within two miles of a child's home address. The additional places at Orion will help to meet the increasing demand currently being felt and future projected needs in the west of our Borough.

Supplementary Question 6

Councillor Claire Farrier

The statutory duty may consider that 3, 4 or 5 year olds can walk 2 miles to school, but most parents know that they can't. What consideration has been given to an alternate site in the centre of the Colindale redevelopment area where the need is the greatest? What chance do Ward Councillors and interested and concerned bodies have to put their views before the decision about the site of the new school is taken?

Answer by Councillor Andrew Harper

I do hope that Councillor Farrier is not trying to suggest that what we intend to provide in that part of the Borough is not acceptable because what we are going to do there is build a wonderful new school for the Orion. We are going to add 2 forms of entry, provide excellent community facilities on site. We are going to provide 60 additional places for Catholic parents at The Blessed Dominic School, all of which will be within the proximity as required by statue, which I think is very important that we do that, and certainly I believe sufficiently adjacent to where the areas of real need are. This is a very good deal, it will go ahead.

Question 7

Councillor Jack Cohen

In relation to pay and display parking income please provide me with the following information;
a) income in the financial years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 to end of December broken down on a weekly basis (or monthly if weekly amounts are not available)?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

On Street				Car Parks			
Week	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
1	28,140	13,876	64,631		9,299	3,133	20,472
2	54,591	35,057	54,493		11,650	13,368	14,320
3	36,128	45,072	44,225		10,803	13,859	11,853
4	55,855	42,483	38,920		12,872	13,737	10,109
5	58,170	42,489	54,066		16,192	15,212	14,704
6	43,684	37,150	59,641		12,170	11,102	16,635
7	54,759	43,877	63,492		14,645	14,690	20,137
8	50,917	43,952	62,816		15,270	15,099	18,639
9	44,671	41,311	57,658		12,399	13,713	15,474
10	50,855	40,676	57,755		14,255	11,017	18,881
11	54,451	41,881	62,184		13,883	13,722	19,170
12	53,481	45,790	63,528		14,365	14,515	18,575
13	55,100	41,562	67,990		15,436	14,364	19,060

Week	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12		2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
14	49,347	38,329	67,723		14,789	15,256	18,861
15	54,073	44,281	67,997		14,096	15,196	18,544
16	53,950	46,415	70,059		16,394	16,124	17,882
17	54,249	45,821	70,308		16,917	15,546	17,062
18	60,610	49,507	61,544		15,040	15,351	16,444
19	49,558	33,806	62,819		16,048	9,012	15,562
20	47,942	47,859	56,281		14,912	17,813	16,859
21	50,293	44,200	51,402		13,455	13,555	16,163
22	54,223	40,125	51,314		14,358	13,693	14,623
23	42,617	36,738	62,929		13,821	12,448	18,603
24	59,798	43,847	63,686		16,421	14,660	18,924
25	57,155	42,514	63,987		16,210	15,998	18,406
26	63,465	43,995	63,614		13,707	14,653	17,776
27	55,108	42,212	62,706		14,902	14,635	18,370
28	57,296	43,428	61,570		14,043	15,230	17,969
29	53,446	46,183	61,272		15,846	15,226	16,676
30	53,024	50,215	59,272		15,030	15,576	17,794
31	54,110	49,349	60,150		16,638	15,836	17,890
32	49,429	50,764	57,636		16,331	15,346	18,504
33	49,938	46,045	53,297		13,843	15,333	15,832
34	47,027	41,971	51,547		13,976	15,146	12,938
35	49,346	40,867	52,934		15,539	15,236	13,854
36	50,560	40,166	57,202		14,852	14,275	14,282
37	49,344	38,767	57,912		14,387	15,532	14,904
38	39,347	42,182	53,253		14,680	16,582	14,805
39	26,750	30,252	25,217		8,175	11,469	5,669
40	11,353	16,365	39,818		4,626	7,568	9,861
41	33,034	24,605	0		10,377	8,420	0
42	33,958	37,851	0		10,520	13,450	0
43	40,154	38,970	0		13,611	15,327	0
44	37,641	40,654	0		14,202	14,229	0
45	40,252	42,493	0		16,250	13,611	0
46	41,195	43,654	0		15,635	13,195	0
47	43,988	39,884	0		14,612	14,590	0
48	45,992	42,157	0		17,503	14,499	0
49	50,949	45,369	0		16,020	14,652	0
50	50,812	43,898	0		15,996	15,246	0
51	49,043	48,156	0		17,621	14,788	0
52	66,9584	81,231	0		15,552	23,348	0

Supplementary Question 7

Councillor Jack Cohen

Looking at 2011/12, what will be interesting is how these weekly totals match to what the forecast figures are (I don't expect Councillor Coleman to have those at the top of his head this evening). But looking at those figures it seems to me, since we introduced cashless parking probably around week 31/32 there has been a significant drop income rather than an increase in income.

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

If Councillor Cohen had asked me the for budget I would have happily provided it for him. These are the street parking charges, which are significantly above budget. That budget was done on the basis of the new charges. Councillor Cohen your interpretation of the figures is entirely wrong, because the revenue has kept up remarkably well on the on-street parking. Week 39 there is a drop as that is Christmas week. If you compare the figures with previous years and with earlier weeks you will see that on-street parking revenue is not only significantly above budget (I'm happy to send you the weekly split on the budget) but is maintaining at a remarkable level. This is good

news for the parking account, good news for the Borough, good news for residents whose roads have been resurfaced and need resurfacing, good news for pavements that need repairing, good news for those residents who want alternations or flashing signs for traffic calming, good news for the schools that need additional zebra crossings, it is those projects that we are now able to afford because we have the special parking account on track.

Question 8

Councillor Graham Old

Will the Cabinet Member confirm that the works to Henlys Corner were completed on time and on budget by TfL with the help and cooperation of the London Borough of Barnet ?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Yes. The project was completed on time and on budget and I pay tribute to the Officers of Barnet Council who contributed to ensuring this project went smoothly.

Supplementary Question 8

Councillor Graham Old

Can the Cabinet Member divulge to us if he has had any public feed back after the opening of Henlys Corner, which certainly from my personal observation has been a public success.

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

The Leader, the Ward Members, the Member of Parliament Mike Freer and others, including myself, joined the Mayor of London for the opening of Henlys corner. The current Mayor of London has delivered the scheme budget and on time table and motorists have testified to its success. Councillor Old will recall that at the opening a motorist rolled down his window and said to the Mayor how delighted he was that the scheme has been done.

Question 9

Councillor Barry Rawlings

Have the Audit recommendations following the MetPro scandal been implemented in full?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

In her report to the December Audit Committee, the Assistant Director – Finance, Audit and Risk Management gave positive “green” assessments to the majority of recommendations within the action plan and the few recommendations that did not have this quality of assessment were assessed as “amber”. None of the recommendations were assessed as “red”.

Supplementary Question 9

Councillor Barry Rawlings

The report that he mentions that went to the December Audit Committee meeting says that CPT contract monitoring role is still not embedded and that Audit alone won't ever be able to identify all procurement and contract monitoring non compliance. So how can we be sure that another MetPro scandal is not about to hit us?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

There will always be a limit as to how much assurance Audit can give, but if Councillor Rawlings is keeping a close eye on this along with other Councillors, then there won't be another MetPro situation.

Question 10

Councillor Jack Cohen

In relation to the issuing of Penalty Charge Notices please provide me with the following information;

- a) the number of Notices issued in the financial years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 to end of December broken down on a weekly basis (or monthly if weekly amounts are not available)
- b) with reference to a) above how many of these were appealed against and how many of the appeals were successful?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

PCNs

Week	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
1	2,000	714	3,808
2	2,940	1,806	2,796
3	2,559	2,137	2,673
4	3,025	2,030	2,688
5	2,878	1,860	3,069
6	2,638	2,010	3,087
7	2,901	2,032	3,093
8	2,911	2,200	2,704
9	2,714	2,185	3,043
10	2,852	1,827	3,218
11	2,172	1,323	3,223
12	2,027	1,629	3,126
13	2,169	1,474	3,505
14	2,143	1,281	3,556
15	1,960	1,411	3,488
16	1,654	1,387	3,257
17	1,432	1,564	3,025
18	1,562	1,433	2,589
19	1,530	1,414	2,578
20	1,832	1,259	2,380
21	1,961	1,267	2,668
22	1,719	1,365	2,565
23	1,782	1,324	3,011
24	1,999	1,399	3,482
25	1,698	1,375	3,462
26	1,820	1,394	3,270
27	2,061	1,542	3,624
28	1,802	1,541	3,162
29	1,768	1,617	3,095
30	1,778	1,750	3,229
31	1,762	1,814	3,413
32	2,454	1,724	3,645
33	2,250	1,538	3,729
34	2,613	1,730	3,797
35	2,708	1,987	3,366
36	2,276	1,289	3,854
37	2,309	2,611	3,735
38	1,905	2,091	3,476
39	362	156	1,994
40	1,010	845	2,578
41	760	1,932	
42	696	3,021	
43	1,879	3,045	
44	2,035	3,219	
45	2,151	3,224	
46	2,283	3,001	
47	1,997	2,860	
48	2,171	2,952	
49	2,111	2,883	
50	2,282	2,760	

Week	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
51	2,084	2,883	
52	3,212	4,767	

(a) As the appeals process is lengthy it is not practicable to assess weekly or monthly output on this aspect. The figures below set out the number of Appeals lodged and allowed in each year, The figure for allowed also includes those where the Council chose not to contest the case, usually where the appellant has provided supplementary information after lodging the appeal which was not available at earlier stages.

2009/10:

Appeals Lodged: 1,291

Appeals Allowed: 744

2010/11:

Appeals Lodged: 1,028

Appeals Allowed: 499

01/04/2011 - 31/12/2011:

Appeals Lodged: 1,055

Appeals Allowed: 560

Supplementary Question 10

Councillor Jack Cohen

Councillor Coleman given that you told us earlier this evening, that if you are issuing PCNs it means that your parking regime is failing, why then in the figures you have given in answer to my question, the amounts of PCNs issued in 2011/12 is up by, my calculation, well over 150% week on week? In particular can you explain why week 39 and 40 which you told me in my previous question is Christmas week, it seems to be up 4/5 times the amount over last Christmas. What is going on?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

What is going on is proper is enforcement.

Question 11

Councillor Rowan Turner

Will the Cabinet Member thank the many staff based at Mill Hill depot who worked normally on November 30th and ignored calls to strike.

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Yes , I am delighted that the Refuse Service operated as normal and that street cleaning also took place despite intimidation on the picket line from the GMB Union . The vast majority of Barnet Council staff worked normally and ignored the premature and pointless action of certain Trade Unions in striking whilst in the middle of negotiations with the Government . I am sure Councillors and residents will not forget the actions of our staff.

Question 12

Councillor Alison Moore

What discussion or negotiations between the Council and Barnet Football Club have taken place in order to try and keep Barnet FC in Barnet?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

The Council own the freehold interest of the sports ground adjoining Barnet Football Club. It is held under lease and Barnet Football Club has an interest in the tenant company. The Council has worked with Barnet Football Club to permit the construction of facilities requested by the club for safety reasons, and to improve the overall amenities available to the club.

Recently, the Council has given written assurance to the Club that they remain supportive and have proposed:

- The grant of a vehicular right of way over Priory Grove for a nominal fee
- The A renewal of the lease of The Barnet Club Limited premises for a term of 15 years

- grant of emergency access in order to support the Club.

Council officers have also met with the club's supporters to reassure them of the Council's continuing interest in retaining the Club within the Borough.

I believe this is sufficient action to allow the Club to continue to play at the existing site if it chooses to do so.

Supplementary Question 12

Councillor Alison Moore

Can I just confirm that you are committed to maintaining discussion and are working for a positive future for the club in the Borough.

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

I can confirm that.

Question 13

Councillor Jack Cohen

In relation to Bus Lane enforcement please provide me with the following information;

- How many enforcement notices were issued in the financial years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 to end of December and the income received in the respective periods?
- How many of these were appealed against and how many of the appeals were successful?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Bus Lanes

Week	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
1	416	618	120
2	782	0	383
3	746	635	437
4	619	396	401
5	695	456	551
6	940	585	481
7	663	888	335
8	724	565	379
9	1,006	553	299
10	674	555	513
11	713	756	273
12	745	435	340
13	767	414	296
14	758	480	305
15	761	466	283
16	745	502	284
17	735	486	245
18	771	575	274
19	829	556	223
20	814	553	264
21	611	557	286
22	607	538	273
23	868	651	482
24	708	895	345
25	648	598	402
26	659	576	465
27	669	636	369
28	620	632	371
29	651	615	428
30	696	568	416

Week	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
31	680	539	280
32	234	466	486
33	0	464	323
34	449	500	282
35	450	434	329
36	447	471	300
37	420	417	278
38	448	410	268
39	363	387	297
40	493	405	119
41	248	193	
42	318	313	
43	330	271	
44	327	215	
45	316	169	
46	285	191	
47	294	223	
48	312	234	
49	316	264	
50	340	260	
51	323	239	
52	426	452	

(b) As the appeals process is lengthy it is not practicable to assess weekly or monthly output on this aspect. The figures below set out the number of Appeals lodged and allowed in each year, The figure for allowed also includes those where the Council chose not to contest the case, usually where the appellant has provided supplementary information after lodging the appeal which was not available at earlier stages.

2009/10:

Appeals Lodged: 290

Appeals Allowed: 132

2010/11:

Appeals Lodged: 249

Appeals Allowed: 81

01/04/2011 - 31/12/2011:

Appeals Lodged: 83

Appeals Allowed: 31

Question 14

Councillor Brian Salinger

Can the Cabinet Member confirm that The Institute are not prepared to have anything to do with the re-provision of Library services from Hampstead Garden Suburb? (as reported in a recent edition of The Archer)

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

It is Institute who have decided to withdraw from the process. However, we are currently in active dialogue with two other interested local groups who have now submitted proposals. These are now subject to details discussions to see how we can work with them to make these work within the finances available. I am confident the community will soon be running their own library in Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Question 15**Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

What is the latest update on the percentage of contracts that are / are not in place for all Council suppliers

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

Of the suppliers on the Corporate Register, 89% have a contract.

Supplementary Question 15**Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

It has been a year since the MetPro debacle. When will 100% of suppliers on the Corporate Register finally have a contract? Why is this not the case already? Can Councillor Thomas confirm whether there are any suppliers that should be on the Corporate Register but are not?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

I don't have the list of the thousands of contracts and where they are, but I can say that 90% is above the average for London in terms of contracts that are on the Corporate Register and the actions of the Action Plan should be implemented by the end of this financial year. So all those indicators which are amber on the Action Plan should be green by the end of the financial year.

Question 16**Councillor Jack Cohen**

Why didn't you attend the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum on the 23rd of November?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Because my Ward is in the Chipping Barnet Constituency.

Supplementary Question 16**Councillor Jack Cohen**

Councillor Coleman you are the Cabinet Member for the whole of the Borough of Barnet . Surely it would have made sense, given that you must have known that there would be a lot of people angry about car parking charges, going to the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum. Would it not have been sensible for you to have gone along and explained your reasons why you impose these charges, instead of leaving it to your officers to face the flak of residents. Would you not agree with me that in retrospect you should have attended?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Councillor Jack Cohen does not understand Residents Forums purposes. That Forum is in the excellent capable hand of my colleague Councillor Ruben Thompstone, who has dealt with some appalling behaviour from certain members of the public and certain Labour Councillors who ought to know better.

Question 17**Councillor Brian Salinger**

Can the Cabinet Member please tell the Council exactly which part of the Arts Depot will be used for the new North Finchley Library and when does he expect it to open?

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

We are in active discussions with the Arts Depot about this - and are working on short and medium term solutions . We are engaging architects to look at the building and to see what is possible - we are looking for innovative use of the space, and as such it is hoped that the various spaces in the building can be integrated & complementary - so it may not be a single specific area.

Supplementary Question 17**Councillor Brian Salinger**

Can I firstly express my surprise that after all these months we can not still define which part of the Arts Depot is likely to be used and to express my concern that the Library parts of the Arts Depot would lead to staffing levels that would be questionable. Can the Cabinet Member tell me what the budget is for the exploratory works that he says are on the way?

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

As little as possible.

Question 18**Councillor Barry Rawlings**

Is the rumour true that the Council intend to retain a firm of solicitors to deal with future Standards Committee cases?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of the Council

I have not heard this rumour.

Question 19**Councillor Brian Salinger**

One of the consequences of the changed status of secondary schools to Academies is that the sports facilities at those schools become the responsibility of the school thus reducing the involvement of the Council in the use of these facilities. Can the Cabinet Member tell me what discussions have been had with each of the schools to ensure that we have maximum community use made of these valuable resources?

Answer by Councillor Andrew Harper

Where there are facilities that the Council has previously been involved in making available for community use, this has been written into the legal agreements between the Council and the particular Academy, to ensure continued community use.

Supplementary Question 19**Councillor Brian Salinger**

Can Councillor Harper please tell me how we plan to monitor the community use in these schools now that we no longer have an interest in them

Answer by Councillor Andrew Harper

I think Councillor Salinger is wasting our time here because I went thorough all of this with him when he asked the very same questions in the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee the other week.

Question 20**Councillor Barry Rawlings**

How much New Homes Bonus has the Council received since the new funding was introduced?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

The amount of New Homes Bonus received by Barnet is £1,517,737.

Supplementary Question 20**Councillor Barry Rawlings**

The figure you give is for October 2009 to October 2010, because that is the new build that decides the New Homes Bonus. Presumably the Council must know the figure from October 2010 to October 2011, could she provide by email with that figure, the expected New Homes Bonus for the next financial year?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

Yes I will provide you with the figure for future years. I want to mention that even though it is very pleasing that we are getting this bonus for new builds, 20% of the New Homes Bonus arises out of a large reduction in the number of empty homes which is very good news for all our residents in Barnet. We expect the figure to rise year on year and this is another excellent initiative by this current Government administration

Question 21**Councillor Brian Salinger**

Will the Cabinet Member advise the Council of the progress made in his review of the so called 'pavement tax' policy which he promised at the last but one meeting of the Council?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

1. I never promised to advise the Council of anything.
2. It is not a 'Pavement Tax'; it is a 'Temporary Street Trading License'.
3. I said you'd be hearing from me; and to that end I thought I had spoken to you, but please accept my apologies if I haven't.
4. I have no plans to change the license operation.

Supplementary Question 21**Councillor Brian Salinger**

I never said that Councillor Longstaff promised to advise the Council on the out come of review and that's indeed why I put the question down here to give him the opportunity. Can the Cabinet Member tell us how many shops have registered since he last advised figures to the Council? Can he tell Members exactly how many staff work on enforcing the policy.

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

The reason I wrote I never I promised anything is because in my answer I never promised anything, I will certainly get back to the Member with details of how many shops have registered and details of the licenses and how much has been raised.

Question 22**Councillor Alison Moore**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what progress has been made on "improving the sustainability" of the street-lighting contract?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Some changes to the contract provisions have been proposed and one of the most significant changes relates to the installation of energy saving technology to all of the street lights and illuminated signs throughout the borough. This technology enables energy savings but also acts as a monitoring device (i.e. - will record when a light is working and when it is defective) and this will assist in improving efficiency in identifying and responding to defects and hence assist in contract sustainability.

The service provider has recently provided responses to the other potential changes identified by officers and these are currently being reviewed to ensure they are mutually advantageous to both parties and that they will contribute to the ongoing sustainability of the contract.

Supplementary Question 22**Councillor Alison Moore**

Councillor Coleman according to the Environment, Planning and Regeneration second quarter performance review the street lighting contract has struggled to deliver the required standards and as a consequence has suffered large financial adjustments. The contracts have indicated that it is not sustainable and has threatened to withdraw for the contract. Sorting this out could cost the Council up to £2.25m annually. Why was the original procurement of the contract so poor and what exactly is being done ensure that Barnet Council tax payers do not have to foot and extra £2.5m every year because of this?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

This a Labour government PFI, where the rules were laid down by her Secretary of State, approved her Secretary of State and have left public bodies, including may Council's in trouble up and down the country. Councillor Moore accept responsibility for failed PFI schemes.

Question 23**Councillor Brian Salinger**

Will the Cabinet Member please list the dates during 2011 when the barrier in Netherlands Road, N.20 was NOT in operation.

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

The barrier was not in operation during the following periods:

From	To	Reason
11/01/2011	13/01/2011	To enable maintenance works
06/02/2011	09/02/2011	Barrier arms were knocked off by vandals
10/02/2011	21/ 02/2011	Barrier arms were damaged by vandals
06/05/2011	16/05/2011	Barriers were malfunctioning due to vandalism
02/06/2011	21/11/2011	Barriers & Motor installation was completely demolished by RTA.

		Replacement equipment sourced from the manufacturer in Germany as no local stock available
30/11/2011	08 /12/2011	Both barrier arms had been broken off the mountings by vandals
15/12/2011	20/12/2011	Barrier arms were damaged by vandals
24/12/2011	04/01/2012	Barrier arms were damaged by vandals

Supplementary Question 23

Councillor Brian Salinger

I am sure the Cabinet Member will acknowledge just from the figures and the dates we have got scheduled here, that clearly we have a problem with vandalism at this site which is causing immense problems. This barrier has been in place for I think about 30 years, doing a very good job in controlling large heavy vehicles coming down Netherlands Road, but we do have to make sure it is functioning at all times. With regard to the 5½ month period in the middle when the barrier was out of use, is the Cabinet Member aware of the procurement problems which led to officers ordering the parts from Germany and then having to cancel the order, then having to put the order through another contractor because we didn't have a contact with the company in Germany, ending up us with not only taking a lot longer to get the parts, but also costing the Council more money in the long run?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

I am delighted that Councillor Salinger is on top of the detail of the minor traffic matter in his Ward.

Question 24

Councillor Kath McGuirk

Would the Leader confirm what he is doing to lobby and ensure that the Olympics are delivered on budget and on time so that Councillor Coleman's pledge to crawl naked up the Edgware Road does not come to pass?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of the Council

All Londoners have an interest in the Games success. London Councils receive reports of the budgetary arrangements and lobby hard to maintain robust financial controls

Supplementary Question 24

Councillor Kath McGuirk

My question seems to be lost in translation. If I remember at a debate on the Olympics, Councillor Coleman said if the Olympics was delivered on time and on budget he would crawl naked down Finchley Road, bearing in mind he agreed with the Mayor of London that politicians should keep their promises. The traders in Temple Fortune are suffering enough over Coleman policies, the Olympics will be delivered on time, what are you going to do to stop this Public Order Offence?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of the Council

I am sure all the Council would agree to retrospectively change the minutes of that meeting.

Question 25

Councillor Brian Salinger

The Council has a pot of money available for making discretionary payments to help people who qualify for housing or council tax benefit, but are having trouble paying their rent or council tax. What is the Council's policy about who should receive such payments and when was the policy last reviewed?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) allows the Council to make additional payments to residents who receive Housing and/or Council Tax Benefit who appear to need further help with their rent or other housing costs. DHP can also be used to help pay with Council Tax payments. These are not intended to be long term ongoing payments; they are awarded on a short term basis while the resident takes action to improve their circumstances. The regulations governing the DHPs are the Discretionary Financial Assistance Regulations 2001; these regulations allow councils to exercise a very broad discretion on how awards are made but the council has to act within the principles of good decision making and administrative law i.e. we have to act fairly, reasonably and

consistently. In exercising this discretion our practise has been to utilise the DHP to prevent homelessness.

The London Borough of Barnet's Key priorities include Supporting the Vulnerable in Our Community. We have therefore decided that the most appropriate use of Discretionary Housing Payments is to try and prevent homelessness and therefore the administration of the Discretionary Housing Payments scheme has been placed within Housing Needs and Resources Service who give advice on landlord and tenant matters as well as pay Discretionary Housing Payments.

- The policy states that when making a decision we will take into account the following: Whether or not the resident can alleviate hardship by moving to a property where the rent is met in full by the Local Housing Allowance Scheme and if it reasonable to expect the resident to move.
- The amount of the shortfall, between the Housing and/or Council Tax Benefit liability and any steps taken by the claimant to reduce the shortfall.
- The income and expenditure of the claimant and other members of the claimant's household. This will include income that is disregarded under the national scheme and local scheme.
- The amount of any savings and capital, held by the claimant and other members of the claimant's household.
- Whether or not the claimant could meet the shortfall by prioritising their housing costs.
- Any exceptional circumstances such as the ill health or disability of the claimant or a member of the claimant's household.
- The possible impact of not making such an award, e.g. imminent eviction.

The current policy is attached which has been in use since August 2011.

For the year 2009/2010 we were awarded £ 245, 547, in 2010/2011 the award was £212,063. Next year the allocation is £805,443. The increase is to mitigate the any increase in homelessness due to the changes in Local Housing Allowance

Supplementary Question 25

Councillor Brian Salinger

Can the Cabinet Member if he can advise us how much of the budget's for the last 2years has actually been spend on these Discretionary Housing Payments? Can he also tell us who was consulted over the new policy that was adopted in August?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

I think this question has been misallocated because it come under the Scheme of Delegation for Housing. I don't have those figures here tonight but I will right to Councillor Salinger with all the information he has asked for..

Question 26

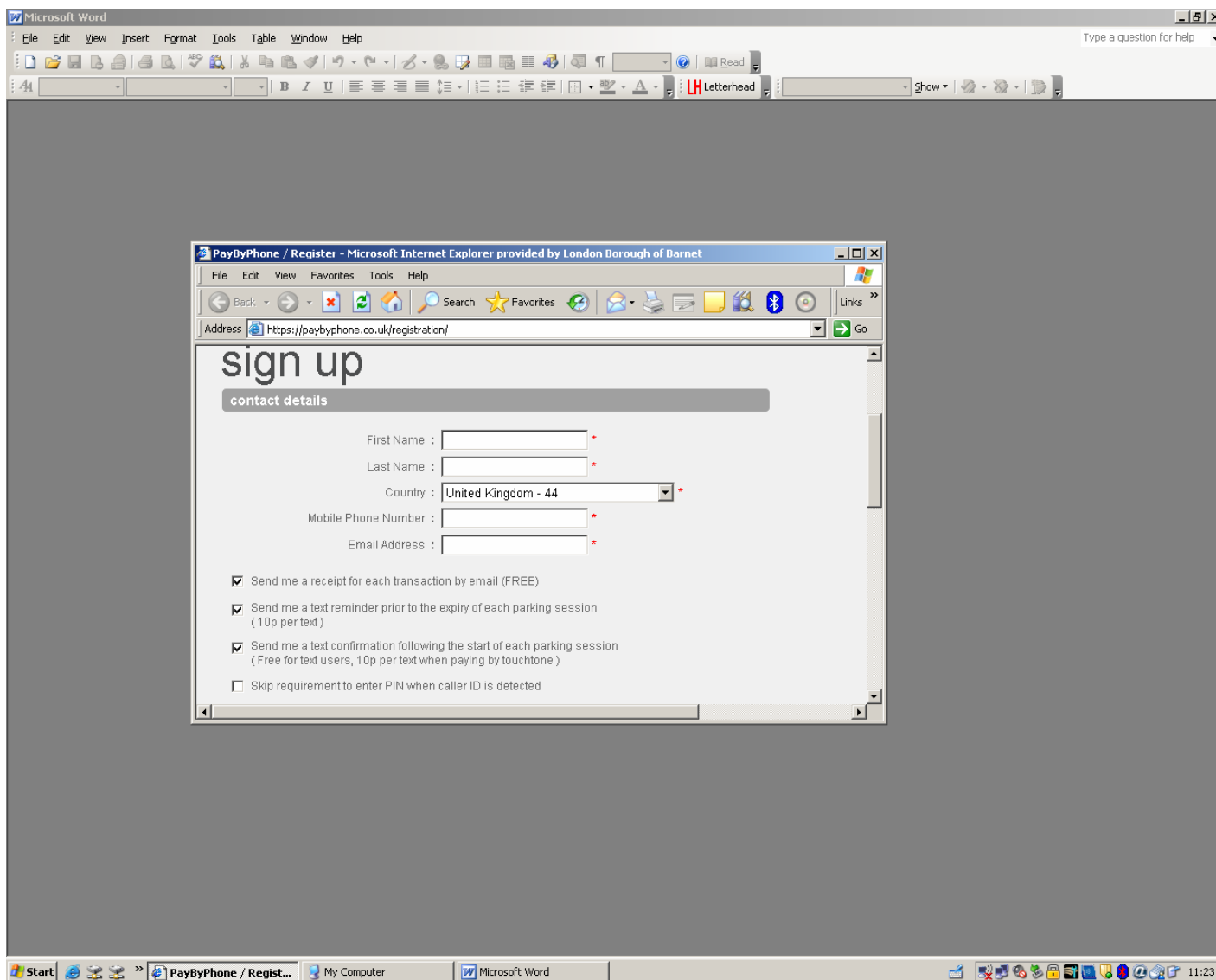
Councillor Kath McGuirk

Why doesn't the cashless parking service give guidance that the 10p text message service is not obligatory?

It does provide this information.

The sign up page clearly shows a tick box for services that can be added if the user wants to make use of the facilities available. A copy of this screen is given below.

Users can check or alter this setting at any time through their online account, there is further guidance on the Frequently Asked Questions page, or they can call the Help Desk at any point to receive real time support



Question 27

Councillor Brian Salinger

Can the Leader please tell the Council how many times the Licensing committee has met during 2011?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of the Council

The Licensing Committee meetings have not taken place in 2011 and the scheduled meetings were cancelled due to lack of business. Whilst the Licensing Committee approves the introduction of new policies and changes to existing ones, functions related to applications, etc. have been delegated to the Licensing Sub-Committees. The Licensing Sub-Committees met on 16 occasions in 2011.

Question 28

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

What safeguards will be put in place to ensure that repairing damage to parks from private hire events will not be at the cost of the Council tax-payer?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

As with current event applications, hirers are required to provide deposits for both ground damage and fly posting, the same process would be applied to Private Events.

Question 29

Councillor Brian Salinger

The Council is required to advertise any proposed disposal of land in accordance with S123 of the Local Government Act. Can the Cabinet member please list:-

- a) all the sites that have been advertised in the last two years,
- b) all the land that has been disposed of,

- c) all sites where there are disposal plans in the foreseeable future where it has been decided that there were overriding reasons for not advertising the disposal?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

I can confirm that under section 123 of the local Government Act 1972, the council is required to achieve best value. Market testing the disposal by advertising is a means of assuring that best value has been achieved, however advertising is not compulsory.

The only situation where advertising is compulsory is in the case of the disposal of public open space, where an advert for two consecutive weeks is required in the local paper.

Where there is a special purchaser, ie a tenant or adjoining owner, where marriage value exists and the combined interest exceeds the value of the interests in isolation, the disposal is generally by direct negotiation without marketing. In such cases an independent valuation is carried out to confirm that best value has been achieved.

The schedule below details all disposals over the last two years that have not been marketed. They are specifically to tenants, adjoining owners, Housing Associations where nomination rights were required as part of the transaction, and Regeneration sites where the Principal Development Agreement compels the council to transfer the sites.

All other disposals have been by way of open market testing.

Address	Not market tested in last 2 years	Comments
Edgware land associated with Site 3b	Regeneration	Paid into GF. Waiting Secretary of State consent -completed 31.3.11.
Hadley Ridge -land adj	Amenity land sold to adj owner	Completed 15.11.10
NCR lands	Part of Transport for London land swap	£77,838.16 -capital receipt plus interest. completion 7.12.10. £77,206.11 received 16.3.11
Park View Road 18 -Garage at rear of N3 2JB	Sold to adj owner	Long lease dated 6.4.10
Pinkham Way	Sold to NLWA	Completion 11 February 2011. Total sale price -12,084,200
Sarnes Court	Housing land - sold to Housing Assoc	Completed 28/3/11
Totteridge lane- land at Estrellita	Garden land sold to tenant	Completed 31.3.11
Warrens Shaw lane	Housing land - sold to Housing Assoc	Completion 30.3.11. Capital receipt due 31.3.11.
Colney Hatch Lane, Finchley Coaches	Sold to tenant	Contracts exchanged completion 13.9.11
Eversfield Gardens 5	Land locked - sold to adj owner	Completed 10.10.2011
Arkley Lane - Copeland	To be sold to tenant	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Edgware land associated with Site 2a	Regeneration	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Great Strand garage site	Regeneration	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Pert Close, N10	Housing land - to be sold to Housing Assoc	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed

Disposals anticipated in the foreseeable future where marketing may not be undertaken

Copthall Stadium	Grant of a long lease to the Saracens	Negotiated disposal - Independent valuation obtained
Hendon Football Club	disposal of Freehold to tenant	Negotiated disposal - Independent valuation obtained
Watling Car Park	possible disposal to retailer where frontage properties are required and negotiated disposal is being considered	Independent valuation obtained

Address	Market Tested	Comments	Completion details
Byng Road former curriculum centre	Yes		Long lease dated 16.7.10
Edgware land associated with Site 3b	No	Regeneration	Paid into GF. Waiting Secretary of State consent -completed 31.3.11.
Hadley Ridge -land adj	No	Amenity land sold to adj owner	Completed 15.11.10
High Road 813 - Land fronting	Yes	Auction to market test	PS - Auction 27/10/10. Completed 25.11.11.
NCR lands	No	Part of Transport for London land swap	£77,838.16 -capital receipt plus interest. completion 7.12.10. £77,206.11 received 16.3.11
Park View Road 18 -Garage at rear of N3 2JB	No	Sold to adj owner	Long lease dated 6.4.10
Pinkham Way	No	Independent valuation	Completion 11 February 2011. Total sale price -12,084,200
Sarnes Court	No	Housing land - sold to Housing Assoc	Completed 28/3/11
Totteridge lane- land at Estrellita	No	Garden land sold to tenant	Completed 31.3.11
Warrens Shaw lane	No	Housing land - sold to Housing Assoc	Completion 30.3.11. Capital receipt due 31.3.11.
Bunns Lane NW7	N/A	Overage from earlier sale	Received 14.6.11
Colney Hatch Lane, Finchley Coaches	No	Sold to tenant	Contracts exchanged completion 13.9.11
Eversfield Gardens 5	No	Land locked - sold to adj owner	Completed 10.10.2011
Watling Avenue 225a	Yes		Completed 17.10.11 £165,000
Arkley Lane - Copeland	No	To be sold to tenant	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Broadfields - surplus school land	Yes	Marketed by binding tender	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Copthall - Saracens	No		Proposed long lease
Dryfield Road, Watling Boys Club	Marketed		Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
East Road - former Child Guidance Centre	Marketed		Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Edgware land associated with Site 2a	No	Regeneration	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Great Strand garage site	No	Regeneration	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Harwood House	Marketed		Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Hendon Football Club	No		Originally due by end Mar 2012 but may not complete this financial year
Northway Fairway - surplus school land	Yes	Marketed by binding tender	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Oak Hill Park Lodge	Marketed		Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed
Pert Close, N10	No	Regeneration	Due by end Mar 2012 but not completed

NB - excludes right to buys, lease extensions, and enfranchisements

Question 30**Councillor Jim Tierney**

Has the Leader lobbied the Secretary of State with regard to opposing any measures that dilute the protection of the greenbelt / allow developers to build on greenbelt land in new planning legislation?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of the Council

We are known for our fierce defence of the green belt. The London Plan also protects the Green Belt and I am happy to Lobby for that protection on all suitable occasions.

Question 31**Councillor Sury Khatri**

Is it not time that the Council recognised the need, in these straitened economic times, to adjust our bye-laws to meet ;

- (a) the needs of entrepreneurs and small traders rather than to exert controls which stifle their ability to generate business by encouraging commercial footfall?
- (b) Does the Leader consider that the imposition of curbs e.g. on advertising by the use of A-frames, banners and notices on lamp-posts is too rigid?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

(a) On regulating street trading activities the Council policy acknowledges a balance must be struck between the legitimate objectives of applicants and the desires of the residents. Unregulated street trading may adversely affect the character and perception of Barnet.

The Council is working to support and promote the revitalising of town centres. Chipping Barnet received £416,000 from the Mayor's Outer London Fund. This is for improving the town centre through capacity building and de-cluttering. The Mayor of London has agreed to our second round bids for the two town centres of Cricklewood and North Finchley.

A meaningful dialogue between Barnet Council and local businesses has been started to understand how the Council can support the business community.

(b) The A-Board enforcement policy was addressed in Council by the former Public Works Committee on 26th April 1988. This created a total ban on the placing of A-Boards on the footway. This policy was reviewed and ratified as part of the introduction of the Street Trading policy in 2008. This policy is still effective to date.

We will review the A-Board policy but please be mindful that the council has a duty to assert and protect the rights of the residents to the use any public highway within the borough. There is a legal requirement to ensure a minimum of 2 metres of unobstructed width of footway, which may be up to 4 metres in highly trafficked areas such as town centres.

Lack of regulation in respect of placement of items such as A-Boards and barriers can represent a serious hazard to vulnerable members of the community.

Question 32**Councillor Geof Cooke**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how many solar panel programmes have been cancelled as a result of the feed-in-tariff cuts which are being introduced before the consultation period ends?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

None

Question 33**Councillor Ansuya Sodha**

Next year is the European year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (2012). Neelie Kroes Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for the Digital Agenda European Innovation for Ageing Well Towards the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (2012) Conference Brussels, 29 April 2011 said the following at a conference on 29th April;

"The ageing society is both a major opportunity and a challenge for Europe: how can we increase the ability of people to remain active as they age, to contribute to society and to continue playing a meaningful role in their communities? At the same time we need to ensure the sustainability of our healthcare systems in a time of austerity, growing demands for care, and a growing shortage in care workers. "

Is the cabinet member aware of this and what is this Borough doing to prepare for this Year? Many other authorities have already started preparations for this year.

Answer by Councillor Sachin Rajput

The Barnet Health and Well-Being Board agreed last summer to become part of the Local Government Association programme 'Ageing Well'. This specifically focuses on how to respond to the challenge of an ageing population by involving older people; looking at best evidence both from the UK and internationally and by considering the role of all Council services and not just health and social care in developing a Borough in which people can age well. The Barnet programme is being sponsored by the new Joint Director for Public Health and reports to the Health and Well-Being Board.

A series of meetings/workshops took place in September and October 2011, with a wide range of stakeholders from within and outside the council. Participants were very supportive of an Ageing Well approach in the borough. Emerging themes include: Information and communication; development and regeneration as an opportunity to develop lifetime homes; participation through volunteering ; transport and integrating and personalising support . Further consultation and engagement on how we propose to respond to these challenges and opportunities will take place during 2012.

I am also pleased to inform Council that Barnet has also taken up a second offer from the Ageing Well programme, for Overview and Scrutiny members . This will support Councillors ensure that Barnet is a place where people can Age Well. In addition to already having attended and participated in seminars for Councillors on this topic during 2011, a Barnet session has been arranged for 30 January 2012 for members of the safeguarding and health overview and scrutiny committee on Ageing Well to inform their work plan for 2012. I therefore believe that we are responding well to this Ageing Well agenda and are creating the right democratic leadership through the Health and Well-Being Board and Overview and Scrutiny Committees to improve our offer for our growing older but active and engaged population

Question 34

Councillor Ansuya Sodha

Hendon Park in Queens Road does not have a Park Keeper now. This park is very significant to many residents; it has a tree planted in memory of all those who lost their lives in the July 7th bombing and also there is the Holocaust memorial garden. Without a Park keeper there is a real risk to these memorials as they are likely to be vandalised. Does the member think it is a wise decision to remove the park keepers?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Currently Park keepers are only present in their designated park for a maximum of 17 out of 31 days in a month, outside of this there is not a designated presence in the park; the level of vandalism in the park does not increase or necessarily occur when the park keeper is not in attendance.

Mobile maintenance crews will still be visiting the park on a daily basis to carry out maintenance operations which in many cases will result in a higher visible presence as the mobile crews work in multiple numbers.

I have to say I cannot understand the mentality of anybody who would even consider vandalising either the Holocaust Memorial Garden or the July 7th memorial .

Question 35**Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

How many responses have been received to the consultation on hiring out public parks for private events, and of these how many are in favour and how many are against?

Answer by Councillor Brian Colman

As of the 12th January 2012 the Council has received over 650 response to the consultation of those 464 have been analysed thus far, the breakdown is as follows 428 are against the policy, 9 are in favour and 47 have taken a neutral position. The vast majority of these responses cover only 2 of the sites and are clearly the result of an organised campaign.

Question 36**Councillor Ross Houston**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how many empty homes there are currently in Barnet, and what the plan is for bringing these homes back into use?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

Council tax records show that there are currently 2503 empty dwellings in Barnet.

This breaks down as follows:

Long Term Empty: 1167

Class A – major repairs/structural alterations: 344

Class C – unoccupied and unfurnished for 6 months or less: 965

Class G – occupation prohibited by law: 6

Class L – mortgagee in possession : 21

Plans for bringing them back into use are:

- All known empty properties were inspected Sept/Oct 2011.
- Targeted enforcement action on the worst.
- Empty property grants to assist owners to bring them back into use and let them to homeless persons.
- Programme of boarding up unsecure properties to prevent squatting in default of the owners.

A capital bid for £600k to facilitate this programme has been made, and is awaiting a decision

Question 37**Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

How will the proposed budget savings for street lighting in 2012-13 affect lighting levels?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Hardly at all.

Question 38**Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb**

Before imposing the cashless parking service, did the Cabinet Member seek advice from the Police on personal security implications for users and potential users of the new system?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

No, this was not necessary as the system is inherently safer. It has operated in many other Boroughs (with higher street crime rates than Barnet) for a number of years.

Won't paying by phone result in an increase in street crime, i.e. mobile phone theft? No

Question 39**Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

Does the fee for removing pay and display machines include the cost of replacing black bin liners that have been damaged or completely blown away?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

The replacement of any cover on a machine which has been decommissioned and not yet removed is undertaken by Council staff whilst they go about their other duties, and does not form part of the removal process.

Machines that have been decommissioned were covered over when the machine was emptied for the last time, this came under the service provided by the maintenance team in their everyday duties.

Question 40

Councillor Alex Brodtkin

Throughout the previous year, what has the pavilion in Montrose Park been used for? If this use includes changing rooms for football teams, how many changing rooms are on average used per weekend during the football season?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

During the winter months the pavilion is used for changing rooms for football, all of the changing rooms are at times in use as there are seven rooms servicing the four pitches which will often see all pitches in use at the same time. On average half of the changing rooms are in use at any one time. However, new FA nine a-side pitches are being installed at the site next year which will see an increase in usage and it is expected that the site will be fully booked.

During the summer the pavilion is used for Gaelic football which is played every Saturday, this sees the use of a minimum of two changing rooms. A local school also use the pavilion to support field trips to the park.

Question 41

Councillor Alison Moore

When will the Cabinet Member throw his support behind the high proportion of residents and users and introduce a speed limit of 20mph on Church Lane, N2?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

I am meeting residents in the near future.

Question 42

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

How many pay and display machines have been removed to date and at what cost? When will the removal programme be completed?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

At the time of writing 234 machines have been completely removed and the footway reinstated at a total cost of £29,952. the programme will be completed within a month.

Question 43

Councillor Andrew McNeil

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that he is aware of the WALKSAFE N2 petition (that has collected approximately 900 signatures in 6 weeks up until this question was tabled in the first week of January) which is due to be presented to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Forum on 23 January asking for changes to ensure greater pedestrian safety in East Finchley along the route Church Lane, High Road and Creighton Avenue; roads which are not adequately controlled by existing road safety measures?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Yes.

Question 44

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Does the Cabinet Member believe that the proposed 5% rise in Council Tax for 2013-14 set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy is likely to require a referendum to be held as a result of the new regulations introduced by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

The proposal to increase Council Tax by 5% in 2013/14 was developed in response to the Government's decision to provide Council Tax freeze funding for one year only, which led to a funding shortfall in 2013/14. This administration is committed to ensuring that Council Tax is kept low, and is working on proposals to reduce this figure in the final budget proposals that will be brought forward to Cabinet in February.

Question 45**Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

Assuming that the recent Icelandic Supreme Court decision upholding priority status for local authorities applies to Barnet, how much of Barnet's deposits will still not be recovered and how much to date has been lost from not receiving interest on the Icelandic investments?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

Precise details of the funding due back from Icelandic banks is still being finalised. I will announce details when this is possible

Question 46**Councillor Alex Brodtkin**

What is the Council doing to incentivise the developers of new homes in the Borough which are granted planning permission to meet Level 4 of the Code for Sustainable Homes?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

The Council's adopted and emerging planning policies and guidance seek to deliver high quality and sustainable development. In line with the London Plan for insist, the Council insist that all major planning applications achieve Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4.

Officers engage closely with developers at an early stage in the planning process to ensure they fully understand the need to deliver environmentally sensitive schemes.

Question 47**Councillor Andrew McNeil**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm that he is also aware of the petition of East Finchley Village Residents Association (EFVRA) in support of a 20mph speed limit on Church Lane that has collected 107 signatures, also due to be presented to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Forum.

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Yes.

Question 48**Councillor Ross Houston**

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Dollis Valley regeneration project, including when building work will start on site?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of the Council

The regeneration of Dollis Valley is going ahead with new partners, Countryside Properties and London and Quadrant Housing. A full report on their appointment and the general situation with regard to the scheme was included in the Report to the Cabinet Resources Committee in November 2011. The new partners will begin consulting soon with local residents and key stakeholders on the scheme proposals and the likely timetable for delivery

Question 49**Councillor Andrew McNeil**

Will the Cabinet Member acknowledge that the WALKSAFE N2 campaign follows a long history of local concern regarding the safety of crossing Creighton Avenue at the junction with the East Finchley High Road, a concern that has not been resolved by previous attempts to alter the layout of the curb and that this junction is located next to East Finchley Library and Martin Primary School?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Yes

Question 50**Councillor Andrew McNeil**

Will the Cabinet Member accept that there is no school sign on Church Lane and that traffic turning right from Church Lane on to East Finchley High Road (travelling south) will have no school sign visible at any point along the route?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

I will take the Members word for it.

Question 51**Councillor Andrew McNeil**

What support will the Cabinet Member give to measures to ensure greater visibility of Martin Primary school, High Road, N2 by improving school signs and adding road markings?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

When officers have completed their professional work, I will take a view.

Question 52**Councillor Colin Rogers**

Does the Cabinet Member accept, as did members of the Highways Department during a recent site visit, that the junction of Church Lane and East Finchley High Road is dangerous to pedestrians and other road users, especially given its location opposite Martin Primary School and East Finchley library?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

When Officers have completed their professional work , I will take a view.

Question 53**Councillor Andrew McNeil**

Will the Cabinet Member also accept that the situation is unacceptable on that section of Church Lane N2 running from East End Road to the railway bridge which is two-way and which sees many examples of inappropriately speeding traffic?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

No.

Question 54**Councillor Kath McGuirk**

Does the Cabinet Member believe it is right that it is cheaper to park outside Harrods than in North Finchley?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Last time I looked there were double lines outside Harrods and nobody could park but I am sure the Member is more familiar with Knightsbridge shopping than I am.

Question 55**Councillor Andrew McNeil**

Will the Cabinet Member agree to join his engineers and to meet on site with Ward Councillors and spokespersons of the WALKSAFE N2 campaign and EFVRA in order to seek a solution to these dangers?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

I am always happy to meet residents and Ward Councillors, however I will not do Ward Councillors work for them.

Question 56**Councillor Ross Houston**

How many affordable homes were built in Barnet in 2010/11, and how many are in the pipeline to be completed in 2011/12?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

There were 381 affordable housing completions for 2010/11 of which 299 of these homes were rented homes.

In 2011/12 we expect 650 affordable housing completions, 483 of these units will be rented. As of December 2011, 501 of these homes have completed

Question 57**Councillor Andrew McNeil**

Will the Cabinet Member make it one of his New Year Resolutions to support recommendations of the Area Environment Committee?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

I am not in the habit of making New Year Resolutions.

Question 58**Councillor Alison Moore**

Would the Cabinet Member detail what building works have been carried out on the Dollis Valley estate over the last year, and which of these were urgent repairs?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of the Council

During the last year Barnet Homes have carried out various programmes of work as detailed below. Barnet Homes have also carried out day to day repairs through their responsive repairs team; this includes some repairs/replacements of windows.

Through the planned works programme, Barnet Homes report that the following works have been carried out;

- We have installed around 100 new boilers during the last calendar year. These have been replaced as previous boilers have reached the end of their useful life and the non-availability of parts to repair these. Furthermore changes in the gas regulations would have required some boilers to be replaced by January 2013 due to changes in flueing requirement. This programme would be deemed as essential health and safety works.
- We have replaced the communal television system with an integrated reception system. This is to ensure homes connected to a communal aerial are ready for the digital switchover which will take place in April 2012.
- We have carried out some minor estate works such as the installation of vehicles barriers.
- A programme of electrical testing and repairs/rewiring is underway to dwellings on Dollis Valley. This programme would be deemed as essential health and safety works

Question 59**Councillor Kath McGuirk**

What is the parking income broken down by revenue stream (1st permit, 2nd permit, etc, pay and display in car parks, pay and display in town centres, pay-by-phone, PayPoint, voucher, PCNs / enforcement) for each month last year from January to December 2011?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

The parking income is not broken down in precisely the way asked, and records are kept weekly to allow close monitoring rather than by calendar month. The following tables give the weekly breakdown for those categories used and the further breakdown of income from permitted parking for the period from January to December 2011.

Parking Income 2010/11

Week	PCNs	Bus Lanes	Permits etc	Street Parking	Car Parks	Total Income
40	£63,240	£22,670	£10,702	£30,252	£11,469	£138,333
41	£21,830	£10,310	£3,899	£16,365	£7,568	£59,971
42	£40,528	£18,935	£18,967	£24,605	£8,420	£111,455
43	£72,030	£20,208	£35,818	£37,851	£13,450	£179,357
44	£84,543	£28,620	£34,630	£38,970	£15,327	£202,090
45	£98,745	£20,830	£30,639	£40,654	£14,229	£205,096
46	£103,205	£14,800	£30,788	£42,493	£13,611	£204,897
47	£98,235	£12,960	£32,267	£43,654	£13,195	£200,311
48	£100,228	£15,182	£28,620	£39,884	£14,590	£198,504
49	£100,669	£13,980	£20,432	£42,157	£14,499	£191,737
50	£105,770	£16,605	£22,343	£45,369	£14,652	£204,738
51	£109,526	£16,020	£33,499	£43,898	£15,246	£218,189

Parking Income 2011/12

Week	PCNs	Bus Lanes	Permits etc	Street Parking	Car Parks	Total Income
1	£126,187	£10,935	£34,895	£64,631	£20,472	£257,121
2	£101,467	£12,630	£48,446	£54,493	£14,320	£231,356
3	£89,517	£9,420	£38,866	£44,225	£11,853	£193,881
4	£85,513	£9,180	£17,338	£38,920	£10,109	£161,060
5	£103,374	£9,330	£18,601	£54,066	£14,704	£200,075
6	£119,659	£13,775	£40,885	£59,641	£16,635	£250,595
7	£106,169	£20,900	£52,536	£63,492	£20,137	£263,234
8	£119,889	£21,926	£39,998	£62,816	£18,639	£263,269
9	£105,354	£21,695	£28,268	£57,658	£15,474	£228,449
10	£123,497	£21,660	£49,822	£57,755	£18,881	£271,615
11	£120,602	£23,430	£63,115	£62,184	£19,170	£288,500
12	£123,465	£19,118	£54,846	£63,528	£18,575	£279,532
13	£125,068	£19,445	£46,364	£67,990	£19,060	£277,927
14	£128,012	£15,515	£43,205	£67,723	£18,861	£273,316
15	£129,140	£16,155	£47,492	£67,997	£18,544	£279,329
16	£129,185	£15,115	£48,062	£70,059	£17,882	£280,303
17	£131,524	£15,485	£44,273	£70,308	£17,062	£278,652
18	£122,346	£13,885	£37,532	£61,544	£16,444	£251,750
19	£101,845	£12,186	£48,088	£62,819	£15,562	£240,498
20	£100,411	£9,690	£54,860	£56,281	£16,859	£238,101
21	£101,517	£12,975	£39,829	£51,402	£16,163	£221,886
22	£102,180	£12,740	£30,982	£51,314	£14,623	£211,839
23	£111,845	£10,980	£39,614	£62,929	£18,603	£243,970
24	£109,443	£13,880	£30,145	£63,686	£18,924	£236,077
25	£118,791	£14,195	£31,707	£63,987	£18,406	£247,086
26	£120,410	£11,295	£52,821	£63,614	£17,776	£265,915
27	£120,087	£5,452	£30,936	£62,706	£18,370	£237,551
28	£118,991	£9,940	£40,668	£61,570	£17,969	£249,137
29	£109,887	£21,515	£51,137	£61,272	£16,676	£260,487
30	£122,103	£21,200	£42,335	£59,272	£17,794	£262,704
31	£126,295	£17,720	£49,000	£60,150	£17,890	£271,056
32	£129,156	£16,875	£47,325	£57,636	£18,504	£269,496
33	£143,541	£20,800	£41,616	£53,297	£15,832	£275,086
34	£147,049	£20,650	£39,415	£51,547	£12,938	£271,599
35	£159,206	£21,425	£36,114	£52,934	£13,854	£283,533
36	£152,038	£17,410	£36,861	£57,202	£14,282	£277,794
37	£149,303	£15,720	£38,255	£57,912	£14,904	£276,095
38	£156,386	£15,265	£23,561	£53,253	£14,805	£263,269
39	£72,660	£5,850	£8,313	£25,217	£5,669	£117,709

Permitted Parking 2010/11

Week	Street				Car Parks		
	Cash	Phone	Paypoint	Scratch	Cash	Phone	Paypoint
40	£20,434	9,818			£9,835	1,635	
41	£10,964	5,401			£6,803	764	
42	£12,713	11,892			£5,163	3,257	
43	£19,367	18,485			£9,508	3,942	
44	£19,809	19,161			£11,204	4,122	
45	£20,018	20,636			£9,575	4,653	
46	£21,452	21,041			£8,725	4,886	

Week	Cash	Phone	Paypoint	Scratch		Cash	Phone	Paypoint
47	£20,731	22,923				£8,233	4,961	
48	£17,924	21,960				£10,062	4,527	
49	£21,134	21,023				£9,939	4,560	
50	£22,194	23,175				£9,955	4,697	
51	£20,703	23,195				£10,302	4,944	
52	£25,302	22,855				£9,672	5,117	

Permitted Parking 2011/12

Street					Car Parks			
Week	Cash	Phone	Paypoint	Scratch		Cash	Phone	Paypoint
1	£35,620	£29,011				£14,541	£5,931	
2	£33,411	£21,082				£9,992	£4,328	
3	£27,447	£16,778				£8,488	£3,365	
4	£21,902	£17,018				£6,973	£3,136	
5	£28,221	£25,845				£9,289	£5,415	
6	£28,865	£30,776				£10,080	£6,555	
7	£32,660	£30,832				£13,751	£6,386	
8	£33,556	£29,260				£12,259	£6,380	
9	£34,383	£23,275				£10,566	£4,908	
10	£31,670	£26,085				£12,230	£6,651	
11	£33,388	£28,796				£12,446	£6,724	
12	£34,149	£29,379				£11,999	£6,576	
13	£38,471	£29,519				£12,743	£6,317	
14	£37,195	£30,528				£12,388	£6,473	
15	£38,446	£29,551				£12,009	£6,535	
16	£38,610	£31,449				£11,213	£6,670	
17	£41,304	£29,004				£10,962	£6,100	
18	£33,362	£28,182				£9,773	£6,672	
19	£37,126	£25,693				£9,458	£6,104	
20	£31,660	£24,621				£11,139	£5,720	
21	£28,392	£23,010				£10,260	£5,904	
22	£26,919	£24,395				£9,496	£5,127	
23	£32,321	£30,608				£11,652	£6,951	
24	£33,093	£30,593				£11,864	£7,060	
25	£33,134	£30,853				£11,433	£6,973	
26	£36,071	£27,542				£11,023	£6,753	
27	£32,119	£30,588				£10,883	£7,487	
28	£30,723	£30,836	£11			£10,082	£7,885	
29	£29,610	£31,487	£175			£9,818	£6,859	
30	£22,990	£36,178	£104			£10,264	£7,527	£3
31	£19,242	£40,771	£138			£10,131	£7,756	£3
32	£11,658	£45,673	£305			£9,767	£8,713	£23
33	£4,132	£48,663	£502			£3,389	£12,250	£193
34		£50,951	£596				£12,678	£260
35		£52,439	£495				£13,564	£290
36		£56,076	£606	£520			£13,836	£447
37		£55,972	£627	£1,314			£14,472	£432
38		£52,142	£787	£324			£14,231	£573
39		£24,776	£441	£0			£5,139	£530

Question 60**Councillor Alison Moore**

Some local businesses are citing the cashless parking service and huge parking charge increases as a major reason for a reduction in trade, and even for shops and businesses closing down - when will the Cabinet Member listen to local people and reverse the enormous and unfair parking charge increases that he imposed last year?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

Since Christmas there have been an interesting set of announcements to the Stock Exchange from many retail companies and a number of chains have called in the receivers. What all trading announcements had in common was that Internet sales are booming. . Even Tesco's have announced relatively poor trading and the vast majority of their supermarkets have free car parks.

We need to manage these dramatic changes in the High Street , more flexibility on change of use , support for the nighttime economy , more intelligent Planning decisions , the promotion of There are more empty shops in Whetstone where there are no parking controls than North Finchley where there are . The parking income figures prove the numbers visiting our High Streets and elsewhere are buoyant.

Quality retail businesses that are flexible will always survive those that are not will go to the wall. The lazy cop out is to blame the Council

Question 61**Councillor Ansuya Sodha**

Would the Cabinet Member provide the data (due in November last year) from the review of the equality impact of savings / reductions made to the voluntary sector?

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

Data relating to the impact of savings in relation to the voluntary sector were presented to Cabinet in February 2011 as part of the evidence base.

The impact of this decision and any requisite mitigations were presented in November 2011.

The data is refreshed on an annual basis. Impact assessments will be conducted on new budget proposals for 2012/13 using refreshed data.

Question 62**Councillor Geoff Johnson**

I have received many complaints from residents about the new cashless parking service, including residents getting incorrect charging - what is the Cabinet Member doing about this problem?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

With nearly 40,000 transactions being processed every week it is inevitable that some issues will arise, including queries about individual session charges. In some case this has arisen because the fee has been wrongly entered into the computer system. Neither Officers or the supplier have seen 'many complaints' about any aspect of the service which is in stark contrast to the pay and display system where someone was employed full time to do answer complaints on the telephone.

There are now 163,000 Barnet parking account holders ,

All parking sessions are logged and individual queries can easily be resolved by contacting the supplier with the account details.

Question 63**Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what the latest position is on the use of Copthall and Oakhill Parks for housing of rubbish bins, equipment and vehicles, and how much money has been spent from the sum agreed in the relevant DPR for surveyors / architects services?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

There are no plans to house any additional rubbish bins , equipment or vehicles at Copthall or Oakhill Parks , The Leader and I have asked Officers to ensure that the planned Pinkham way depot is proceeded with and no money has been spent under the terms of the DPR

Question 64**Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb**

What are the dates for re-location of the depot?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

The council has a requirement to provide vacant possession of its depot site in Mill Hill East by 31st December 2016, when we hope to move to a modern , clean facility at Pinkham Way.

Question 65**Councillor Ansuya Sodha**

What is the latest update on the financial viability of the West Hendon estate project, and will the promised number of affordable homes be built as agreed?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of the Council

During 2011, it became clear that the overall Masterplan for West Hendon was not viable, although the Initial Phase of 194 homes, of which 43 are affordable, and which is currently on site, is proceeding as planned. Therefore in September 2011, the Councils Development Partners (Barratt Metropolitan llp) commenced work on a Masterplan Review Options Appraisal for West Hendon, to see whether an alternative Masterplan could be more viable than the existing plan. This work is now almost complete. It is hoped that the results will be ready to be shared with residents, members and other stakeholders next month.

The Review looks into the number and type of affordable homes that can feasibly be provided, and this will form part of the findings. The Development Partners have been made aware that any proposal must provide replacement affordable homes for all existing secure tenants on the estate

Question 66**Councillor Ross Houston**

Would the Cabinet Member advise if all residents who were on the housing register before the change in Housing Allocations Policy have been written to, to advise them of the change, and to offer them housing advice?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

Letters have not been sent to all those households that were on the Housing Register. Instead, a number of actions were taken to ensure that the closure of the register and the introduction of the new allocations scheme were widely publicised, including:

- An article in the March 2011 edition of Barnet First
- Article in Barnet Homes' March 2011 edition of "At Home"
- Notices in the Local press as part of Choice Based Lettings adverts throughout February, March and April 2011
- Direct contact by the Housing Service with existing cases identified as likely to have high priority under the new scheme
- Barnet Homes wrote to all council tenants registered for a transfer
- Information placed on the Council's and Barnet Homes' web sites and the Home Connections web site

Housing advice is offered to all members of the public who contact the housing service, including those who may have been on the housing register before it was closed.

Question 67**Councillor Alison Moore**

How many Executive decisions in the last year made by Area Environment Sub-Committees have been overruled, overturned or just not implemented by the Cabinet Member for Environment?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

None.

Question 68**Councillor Gil Sargeant**

What criteria will be used for agreeing private use of Council parks?

Answer by Councillor Brian Coleman

The events policy that is currently under consultation sets out that private events as follows: An event such as a wedding or private party will need to be considered on a case by case basis. Private events will not be permitted if they disrupt the enjoyment of the parks and openspaces for other users.

Subject to final consideration of the consultation the sites will be considered on a site by site basis, which may include specific requirements and regulations.

Question 69**Councillor Julie Johnson**

The front elevation windows in Marsh Drive in NW9 are becoming a health and safety issue. If further regeneration takes several years to complete or does not happen are there plans to replace these windows and if so when?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

Discussions are currently taking place between Barnet Homes and the London Borough of Barnet to review the level of investment required to maintain homes on the regeneration estates. This discussion includes the potential impact of changes to the phasing. The windows at West Hendon that have not already been replaced are forming part of this discussion