

**Council**  
**Tuesday 10 July 2012**

**Amendments to Business Items**

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**Administration Business Item – 3.1: Councillor Andrew Harper**

Public Examinations

Amendment in the name of Councillor Ross Houston

AGENDA ITEM 3.1

Delete after all and replace with:

Council notes the forthcoming consultation on the restructuring of the secondary education system, and the proposals reported in the press on Thursday June 21st of Government plans for replacing GCSEs with an O-Level and CSE system.

Council believes that these proposals could, in the words of the Deputy Prime Minister the Rt Hon Member for Sheffield Hallam, 'lead to a two-tier system where children at quite a young age are somehow cast on a scrap heap', and, far from leading to better outcomes for Barnet's children will act as a cap on aspiration for young people.

Council believes that the proposal has had the effect of diminishing the efforts of the young people who have just sat GCSEs, and that reform of the qualification system must work for all children, not the few.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Education advising him of Council's opposition to these proposals.

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.3: Councillor Brian Salinger**

Olympic and Paralympic Games in London

AGENDA ITEM 3.3

Delete first paragraph and add

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Gordon

Council expresses its enthusiastic support for the forthcoming Olympic Games in London. Council wishes the British athletes every success in the event in which they are competing and expresses its hope that this major world event will pass triumphantly and peacefully bringing prestige to London, as the greatest city on earth.

Council sends best wishes to all those Barnet residents and those who have used Barnet based facilities to train for their events. The Council also sends best wishes to all those Barnet residents who are taking part in the many supporting roles that will be carried out to ensure that the games run safely and smoothly.

Council also recalls the horrific events at the Munich, Olympic games forty years ago where Israeli athletes were brutally massacred. Council adds its voice in calling for a minute's silence during the games as a fitting memorial to the murdered athletes and as a gesture of international unity against terrorism, violence and hatred.

Accordingly Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the International Olympic Committee expressing our support for the minute's silence. Council calls on Parliament to join this call.

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**Non Executive Business Item – 3.4: Councillor Brian Gordon**

Olympic Games in London

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

AGENDA ITEM 3.4

Delete final paragraph and add:

Council asks the Leaders of the three political groups on the council to write a joint-letter to the International Olympics Committee expressing Councils cross-party support for a minutes silence at the London Olympics and requesting that it be implemented.

In addition, Council calls on Barnet’s MPs to support the minutes silence proposed for the House of Commons, and to sign EDM 100 backing calls for the official minutes silence at the London Olympics.

Substantive Non-Executive Business Item to read:

Council expresses its enthusiastic support for the forthcoming Olympic “Games in London. Council wishes the British Athletes every success in the event in which they are competing and expresses its hope that this major world event will pass triumphantly and peacefully bringing prestige to London as the greatest city on earth and enhancing the cause of friendship between Nations.

Council recalls the horrific events at the Olympic Games in Munich forty years ago resulting in the massacre of Israeli athletes at the hands of brutal terrorists. Council wishes to add its voice to those calling for a minute’s silence during the forthcoming Olympic Games as a fitting memorial to the murdered athletes and as a gesture of international unity against terrorism, causeless violence and hatred.

Council asks the Leaders of the three political groups on the council to write a joint-letter to the International Olympics Committee expressing Councils cross-party support for a minutes silence at the London Olympics and requesting that it be implemented.

In addition, Council calls on Barnet’s MPs to support the minutes silence proposed for the House of Commons, and to sign EDM 100 backing calls for the official minutes silence at the London Olympics.

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