

<b><u>MEETING</u></b>
<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b><u>DATE AND TIME</u></b>
<b>TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2013</b>
<b>AT 7.00 PM</b>
<b><u>VENUE</u></b>
<b>HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, NW4 4BG</b>

Dear Councillors,

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Administration Business Item:** Councillor Richard Cornelius

AGENDA ITEM 3.1

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

The Royal Birth

**Replace first paragraph with;**

The Council of the London Borough of Barnet sends Loyal Greetings on behalf of the residents of Barnet to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the birth of His Royal Highness Prince George Alexander Louis of Cambridge on 22nd July 2013. Council congratulates Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and the Royal Family on this happy occasion.

**Paragraph two stands**

**Paragraph three replace with:**

Council welcomes the fact that the Royal Family continues to hold such a vital position in the life of the nation and the Borough and welcomes once again His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester to the Borough this coming Thursday to the opening of the new Finchley Memorial Hospital.

**Paragraph four not needed so delete**

Substantive Business Item to read:

The Council of the London Borough of Barnet sends Loyal Greetings on behalf of the residents of Barnet to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of the birth of His Royal Highness Prince George Alexander Louis of Cambridge on 22nd July 2013. Council congratulates Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and the Royal Family on this happy occasion.

Council recognises that this is also a joyous occasion for the people of Barnet, the United Kingdom and, indeed, the Commonwealth, with the line of succession now confirmed for the next three generations. Council looks forward to Prince George one day becoming our monarch and hopes that he will be able to replicate the great success Her Majesty The Queen has achieved through over sixty years of inspirational and unwavering service.

Council welcomes the fact that the Royal Family continues to hold such a vital position in the life of the nation and the Borough and welcomes once again His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester to the Borough this coming Thursday to the opening of the new Finchley Memorial Hospital.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Opposition Business Item:** Councillor Alan Schneiderman

AGENDA ITEM 3.2

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Parking

**Add to paragraph 1**

Council calls for the publication of the original robust legal advice.

**Paragraph 2**

Add the regrets to replace notes

Add after word finances which will eventually have to come from higher charges

**Paragraph 4 delete**

**Paragraph 5**

Add after May 2014 after the words parking policy

**Add at end of paragraph**

But believes residents benefit from the income raised in pothole and general road repairs, road safety measures and transport improvements.

Council also believes that charges and practises should be similar to neighbouring Boroughs, and notes for example Labour Enfield's plan to charge across the Borough on Sundays.

Council accepts that whichever Party wins the 2014 Council elections parking charges will have to rise.

**Substantive Business Item to read:**

Council notes the recent ruling of the High Court that parking permit charge increases imposed by this Conservative administration in 2011 were "unlawful" following the Appeal brought by the Barnet CPZ Action Group. Council calls for the publication of the original robust legal advice.

Council regrets that LB Barnet has accepted the ruling, and is reluctantly reimbursing all affected residents who claim a refund which will leave an ongoing budget gap of approximately £2m in the Council's finances which will eventually have to come from higher charges.

Council notes that the Conservative administration has refused to write to all residents affected immediately to advise them of how to reclaim their money.

Council believes the Conservative administration's parking policy is a shambles, and calls on Cabinet to conduct an immediate review of all parking policy, after May 2014 and to ensure a robust consultation programme is undertaken with residents and traders as part of that review. But Council believes residents benefit from the income raised in pothole and general road repairs, road safety measures and transport improvements.

Council also believes that charges and practises should be similar to neighbouring Boroughs, and notes for example Labour Enfield's plan to charge across the Borough on Sundays.

Council accepts that whichever Party wins the 2014 Council elections parking charges will have to rise.

**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Opposition Business Item:** Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Amendment in the name of Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Parking

**Add at the end:**

As part of the parking review Council also asks Cabinet to consult on options for a regular free parking period in town centres to help our struggling High Streets.

Council also asks Cabinet to once more bring forward proposals for a free parking period during the Christmas and New Year sales period – such as a “Free after 3pm” offer.

Council also notes that the ‘Green’ parking permit was not part of the Judicial Review decision, and at £52.50 is therefore now more expensive than the cost of a regular residents permit which is now £40.

Council asks Cabinet to reverse the cost of the ‘Green’ parking permit to 2010/11 prices which was £15.

The cost of doing this to the council is only approximately £5,250 per annum.

**Substantive Item to read:**

Council notes the recent ruling of the High Court that parking permit charge increases imposed by this Conservative administration in 2011 were “unlawful” following the Appeal brought by the Barnet CPZ Action Group.

Council notes that LB Barnet has accepted the ruling, and is reluctantly reimbursing all affected residents who claim a refund which will leave an ongoing budget gap of approximately £2m in the Council’s finances.

Council notes that the Conservative administration has refused to write to all residents affected immediately to advise them of how to reclaim their money. Council believes this is a scandalous decision and calls on the Leader to write to all affected residents with immediate effect providing them with reimbursement details.

Council believes the Conservative administration’s parking policy is a shambles, and calls on Cabinet to conduct an immediate review of all parking policy, and to ensure a robust consultation programme is undertaken with residents and traders as part of that review.

As part of the parking review Council also asks Cabinet to consult on options for a regular free parking period in town centres to help our struggling High Streets.

Council also asks Cabinet to once more bring forward proposals for a free parking period during the Christmas and New Year sales period – such as a “Free after 3pm” offer.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Opposition Business Item:** Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen

Parking

**Paragraph 1** – replace “imposed by this Conservative administration” to “set by Council”.

**Paragraph 2** – delete “reluctantly” and all after “refund”.

**Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5** – delete all and replace with...

“It is further noted that the council is now actively working to notify all remaining affected residents through a variety of methods.

Council notes that the Cabinet Member for Environment has been amending parking policy on an ongoing basis, for example through the changes being implemented in town centres. Council believes these changes have shown positive signs thus far and therefore asks the Cabinet Member to continue with this process.”

Substantive Business Item to read:

Council notes the recent ruling of the High Court that parking permit charge increases set by council in 2011 were “unlawful” following the Appeal brought by the Barnet CPZ Action Group.

Council notes that LB Barnet has accepted the ruling and is reimbursing all affected residents who claim a refund.

It is further noted that the council is now actively working to notify all remaining affected residents through a variety of methods.

Council notes that the Cabinet Member for Environment has been amending parking policy on an ongoing basis, for example through the changes being implemented in town centres. Council believes these changes have shown positive signs thus far and therefore asks the Cabinet Member to continue with this process.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non Executive Business Item:** Councillor Geof Cooke

AGENDA ITEM 3.3

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Great Tory Train Robbery

**Add after paragraph 4**

Council believes that the need for additional revenue for investment in transport improvement necessitates the need to bring the issuing of Freedom passes in line with the State pension age and that those in full time employment should not be entitled to Freedom passes. It further urges the reinstatement of the 9.30 start time for Freedom Pass use.

Furthermore Free travel for those in full time education should be restricted to before 8pm in the evening and the free travel for life perk available to the partner or nominated friend of all tfl employees past or present should also be withdrawn

**Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:**

Council notes that under Conservative Mayor Boris Johnson London commuter fares have become the most expensive in the world, that the cost of a single bus journey has increased by 56% and that the annual cost of a zone 1-6 travel card is £440 more expensive.

Council believes that at a time when residents across Barnet are struggling with the cost of rent and other bills, most simply can't afford yet another inflation busting hike to the cost of transport as well.

Council also notes that to make matters worse, Mayor Boris Johnson is breaking an election pledge to keep a ticket office open at every station by planning to close the ticket offices at every station in Barnet, making residents' commute more difficult, less safe and resulting in 2,000 job losses across London.

Council believes the Mayor should not be asking Barnet residents to pay more whilst giving them a worse service.

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Furthermore Free travel for those in full time education should be restricted to before 8pm in the evening and the free travel for life perk available to the partner or nominated friend of all TfL employees past or present should also be withdrawn.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member to write to Boris Johnson calling for him to freeze fares at inflation to help to ease the cost of living crisis in the capital, and setting out council's opposition to the ticket office closure plans.

## **Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

### **Non Executive Business Item: Councillor Geof Cooke**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen

#### Great Tory Train Robbery

**Paragraph 1** – replace “become the most expensive in the world” with “continued to increase”. Replace “56%” with “20%”. At the end add “Council recognises though that the percentage increases in fares was even greater under Ken Livingstone.”

**Paragraph 2** – delete all after “Council” and replace with “notes that many residents across Barnet are struggling with the cost of rent and other bills and that rising travel costs do contribute to this. That is why Council believes that the four-year Council Tax freeze delivered by this administration has been very important to all the Borough’s residents.”

**Paragraph 3** – delete all and replace with: “Council further notes the Mayor’s early proposal to close manned ticket offices at stations across London, but also notes modern ticket purchasing habits and recognises that services may need to change to keep up with the times.”

**Paragraph 4** – delete all after “the Mayor” and replace with “is delivering substantial and noticeable improvements to services and recognises that fare increases are an unfortunate necessity in order to fund this.”

**Paragraph 5** – delete all after “calling for him to” and replace with “minimise ticket increases in the context of continuing with his much needed programme of improvements and efficiencies.”

#### Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:

Council notes that under Conservative Mayor Boris Johnson commuter fares have continued to increase, that the cost of a single bus journey has increased by 20% and that the annual cost of a zone 1-6 travel card is £440 more expensive. Council recognises though that the percentage increases in fares was even greater under Ken Livingstone.

Council notes that many residents across Barnet are struggling with the cost of rent and other bills and that rising travel costs do contribute to this. That is why Council believes that the four-year Council Tax freeze delivered by this administration has been very important to all the Borough’s residents.

Council further notes the Mayor’s early proposal to close manned ticket offices at stations across London, but also notes modern ticket purchasing habits and recognises that services may need to change to keep up with the times.

Council believes the Mayor is delivering substantial and noticeable improvements to services and recognises that fare increases are an unfortunate necessity in order to fund this.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member to write to Boris Johnson calling for him to minimise ticket increases in the context of continuing with his much needed programme of improvements and efficiencies.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non Executive Business Item:** Councillor Barry Rawlings

AGENDA ITEM 3.4

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

A&E Emergency Fund

**Add additional paragraph**

Council recognises that some residents are turning up at A and E when they should really be visiting their GP or indeed a pharmacist, and calls on the Health Scrutiny Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate how an effective advertising campaign can be undertaken across the Borough to avoid unnecessary A and E visits.

**Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:**

Council notes the Prime Minister's announcement over the summer of a £500 million emergency fund to help A&E's in crisis to cope with the increase in demand during winter.

Council notes that the Department for Health is deciding how to allocate the funds based on plans from the Urgent Care Boards around the country.

Council asks Cabinet to write to the Secretary of State in support of Barnet's local hospitals receiving some of these funds - Barnet Hospital A&E, Chase Farm A&E and Royal Free A&E -which have all had serious issues dealing with A&E wait times and have ongoing financial challenges.

Council recognises that some residents are turning up at A and E when they should really be visiting their GP or indeed a pharmacist, and calls on the Health Scrutiny Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate how an effective advertising campaign can be undertaken across the Borough to avoid unnecessary A and E visits.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non Executive Business Item:** Councillor Barry Rawlings

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

A&E Emergency Fund

**Add at the end:**

Council also understands that Finchley Memorial Hospital (FMH) - which provides walk-in health services designed to help alleviate pressure from A&E's – can no longer carry out routine Breast Screening as Community Health Partnerships who now manage the FMH site have increased their charges.

Council also understands that women attending Finchley and Golders Green GP surgeries are now being sent to the mobile unit at St Michael's Hospital in Enfield for their mammogram – a two hour bus journey away.

Council is concerned that this may deter many local women from attending Breast Screening appointments, which will have a negative impact on crucial early detection, could cost lives and will increase pressure on hospital services.

Council asks the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee to look into this issue as a matter of urgency and report back.

Substantive Item to read:

Council notes the Prime Minister's announcement over the summer of a £500 million emergency fund to help A&E's in crisis to cope with the increase in demand during winter.

Council notes that the Department for Health is deciding how to allocate the funds based on plans from the Urgent Care Boards around the country.

Council asks Cabinet to write to the Secretary of State in support of Barnet's local hospitals receiving some of these funds - Barnet Hospital A&E, Chase Farm A&E and Royal Free A&E -which have all had serious issues dealing with A&E wait times and have ongoing financial challenges.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non Executive Business Item:** Councillor Barry Rawlings

Amendment in the name of Councillor Kate Salinger

A&E Emergency Fund

Add the 'Whittington Hospital A & E' to the list of hospitals in the third paragraph.

Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:

Council notes the Prime Minister's announcement over the summer of a £500 million emergency fund to help A&E's in crisis to cope with the increase in demand during winter.

Council notes that the Department for Health is deciding how to allocate the funds based on plans from the Urgent Care Boards around the country.

Council asks Cabinet to write to the Secretary of State in support of Barnet's local hospitals receiving some of these funds - Barnet Hospital A&E, Chase Farm A&E, Royal Free A&E and 'Whittington Hospital A & E' - which have all had serious issues dealing with A&E wait times and have ongoing financial challenges.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non-Executive Business Item:** Councillor Brian Gordon

AGENDA ITEM 3.5

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Borough's Exams Results

**Add as paragraph 4**

Council further notes that included in the top ten state schools for A level results were Queen Elizabeth's Boys School, Henrietta Barnett School and St Michael's Catholic Girls School, the three remaining Grammar Schools in the Borough. Council reaffirms its support for Grammar Schools and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State to encourage him to allow the opening of new Grammar schools.

**Final paragraph**

Replace "the Cabinet member to e mail" with "the Mayor to write"

Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:

Council notes this year's GCSE and A-Level results and congratulates the Borough's students and teachers for their remarkable achievements.

Council welcomes the fact that the Government has restored rigour to the public examinations system and notes that exams have become tougher as a result. Council notes that Barnet has bucked the trend of slightly falling results nationally, believing that the new system provides a truer reflection of ability.

Council notes that the percentage of pupils achieving at least five A\* - C grades at GCSE, including English and Maths, has risen to 73% from 68% last year and that the percentage gaining five or more A\* - C grades is up to 90% from 86%. These figures ensure Barnet remains firmly in the top few authorities nationwide for performance.

Council further notes that included in the top ten state schools for A level results were Queen Elizabeth's Boys School, Henrietta Barnett School and St Michael's Catholic Girls School, the three remaining Grammar Schools in the Borough. Council reaffirms its support for Grammar Schools and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State to encourage him to allow the opening of new Grammar schools.

Council further welcomes the fact that high achievement is striven for, valued and celebrated in the Borough and is proud that three of our schools made the top ten nationally for A-Level results, including both the first and second ranked. Council further notes that many of the Borough's schools achieved their best ever results, for which much credit is due.

Council asks the Mayor to write to all school Head Teachers to congratulate them for contributing to the best school system in the country.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non-Executive Business Item:** Councillor Brian Gordon

Amendment in the name of Councillor Anne Hutton

Borough's Exams Results

**Delete 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.**

Substantive Non Executive Business item to read:

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Council asks the Cabinet Member to email all school Head Teachers to congratulate them for contributing to the best school system in the country.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non Executive Business Item:** Councillor Andrew Harper

AGENDA ITEM 3.6

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Platforms Programme

**Add to penultimate paragraph**

Council therefore asks that Cabinet consider a report on the value for money of this scheme.

Council also recognises that public bodies do not create sustainable jobs and that these issues will only be resolved by the private sector being allowed to expand free of Government interference and following the reduction of public sector debt.

**Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:**

Council notes that the Platforms Programme launched in June 2012 has come to the end of its First Phase. Council welcomes the positive outcomes it has achieved for many of Barnet's 16-24 year olds formerly not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Over the course of the last fourteen months, more than 350 young people have been engaged with 220 actively participating in a range of schemes, which have provided among other things: apprenticeships; internships; voluntary sector jobs; Princes Trust placements; employment and enterprise support; and support for young people with learning difficulties.

In addition, the programme has helped 70 local businesses add capacity to their staff by incentivising the creation of work placements.

Council welcomes the fact that over this period the percentage of 18-24 year olds claiming Job Seekers Allowance has fallen from 4.3% to 3.2%, contributing significantly to the reduction in overall number of JSA claimants. Council further welcomes that the proportion of young people classed as NEET is down at 3.2%, well below the London average (4.5%) and national average (5.6%).

Council is pleased that many young people have reported positive experiences of the programme and that some participants have moved on to longer-term placements or permanent employment. However, as the job market remains challenging for young people – despite the economic uplift – Council recognises that there is more work to do. Council therefore asks that Cabinet consider a report on the value for money of this scheme.

Council also recognises that public bodies do not create sustainable jobs and that these issues will only be resolved by the private sector being allowed to

expand free of Government interference and following the reduction of public sector debt.

Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to continue to work with the Council's partners to identify the most successful strands of the Platforms Programme and utilise any under-spend from the First Phase to maximise outcomes in the Second Phase.

**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non Executive Business Item:** Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner

AGENDA ITEM 3.7

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Congratulations to Darren Barker

**Add an additional paragraph between paragraph 1 and 2**

Council however discourages the sport of Political Bandwagon jumping and encourages Councillors not to engage in it for fear of injuring their credibility.

Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:

Council notes that, in winning the IBF World Middleweight Title in Atlantic City last month, Darren Barker has become the Borough's first world professional boxing champion. Council wishes to congratulate him and his team on this great achievement. Council believes Mr Barker's determination and hard-work to overcome adversity and fulfil his ambition to be a great example to us all.

Council however discourages the sport of Political Bandwagon jumping and encourages Councillors not to engage in it for fear of injuring their credibility.

Council therefore calls on the Mayor to write to Mr Barker to congratulate him on his victory.

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**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Non Executive Business Item:** Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger

Congratulations to Darren Barker

Remove the word 'first' in the second line and replace with '..latest..'

Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:

Council notes that, in winning the IBF World Middleweight Title in Atlantic City last month, Darren Barker has become the Borough's latest world professional boxing champion. Council wishes to congratulate him and his team on this great achievement. Council believes Mr Barker's determination and hard-work to overcome adversity and fulfil his ambition to be a great example to us all.

Council therefore calls on the Mayor to write to Mr Barker to congratulate him on his victory.

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