

<u>MEETING</u> COUNCIL
<u>DATE AND TIME</u> TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 2014 AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u> HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

Please find enclosed proposed amendments to the following agenda items for the above meeting:

11.1 – Report from Policy & Resources Committee, 14 October 2014 – Annual Council 2014
External Review

11.2 – Report for Adults & Safeguarding Committee, 2 October 2014 – Business Case for Barnet
Health and Social Care Integration of Services

11.4 – Report from Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee – Libraries Strategy

11.5 – Report from Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee – Nursery School
Review

14.2 – Motions – Protecting residents from domestic abuse

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AGENDA ITEM 11.1

11.1 - Report from Policy and Resources Committee – 14 October 2014 - Annual Council – External Investigation

Amendment in the name of Councillor Alison Moore

1. Add at end of recommendation 1:

- except signing the side agreement, until legal services are brought back in house.

2. Add recommendation 2.1:

- that the vacant Monitoring Officer post must be filled by a legally qualified person, and this must be specified in the job description and job advert.

3. Delete recommendation 3 and replace with:

- that legal services are brought back in-house to be part of the integrated Assurance function.

4. Add to recommendation 5 at the end:

- including that a limited scope of high level corporate legal support is removed from the scope of the IAA and is instead provided in-house and/or through separate external arrangements pending legal services being brought back in-house.

5. Add recommendation 6:

-that a review of all decisions taken by LB Barnet since Barnet ceased to have a legally qualified Monitoring Officer is undertaken, with the support of external legal advice.

Substantive recommendations to read:

1. That the recommendations set out in section 6 of appendix 1, **except signing the side agreement, are agreed until legal services are brought back in house.**

2. That the Council retains its own Monitoring Officer, and

2.1 That the vacant Monitoring Officer post must be filled by a legally qualified person, and this must be specified in the job description and job advert.

3. That legal services are brought back in-house to be part of the integrated Assurance function.

4. That the Council's integrated Assurance function is retained.

5. That the outcome of negotiation with Harrow Council in respect of these matters is reported to this committee in due course, along with detailed proposals for amendments to the Shared Legal Service Inter-Authority Agreement, **including that a limited scope of high level corporate legal support is removed from the scope of the IAA and is instead provided in-house and/or through separate external arrangements pending legal services being brought back in-house.**

6. That a review of all decisions taken by LB Barnet since Barnet ceased to have a legally qualified Monitoring Officer is undertaken, with the support of external legal advice.

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AGENDA ITEM 11.2

**11.2 Report from Adults & Safeguarding Committee – 2 October 2014 –
Business Case for Barnet Health and Social Care – Integration of Services**

Amendment from Cllr Barry Rawlings:

Add a recommendation:

5. Given the cross-party support for health and social care integration, the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to invite the Lead Spokesperson for Health and Wellbeing as a non-voting member of the Health & Wellbeing Board, in order to allow for all political parties to shape this crucial policy agenda.

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**11.2 Report from Adults & Safeguarding Committee – 2 October 2014 –
Business Case for Barnet Health and Social Care – Integration of Services**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Helena Hart:

Add as Recommendation 5:

“Council instructs the governance service, when scheduling the calendar of meetings for the next municipal year, to align the meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Adults and Safeguarding Committee so that the meeting of the latter will have sight of the papers for the former and could, should the committee agree, make comments and suggestions to the Health and Wellbeing Board, through the Chairman of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee.”

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**11.2 Report from Adults & Safeguarding Committee – 2 October 2014 –
Business Case for Barnet Health and Social Care – Integration of Services**

Amendment from Cllr Phil Cohen

Add a recommendation:

6. To revise the calendar of meetings to allow for the Adults and Safeguarding Committee to consider the published Health & Wellbeing Board papers in advance of the Health & Wellbeing Board to which the papers relate so that the chairman of the adults committee can represent the committee's views on the Health & Wellbeing Board.

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**11.4: Report from Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee
– 28 October 2014 - Libraries Strategy**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Reuben Thompstone

For recommendation 2, add “or a combination of the three” after ‘1.23 below’ and add “subject to option 1 being amended so that the first sentence of the second bullet point reads: “Outside these four libraries, the library space within each building would be reduced in size depending on requirement, leaving a minimum of 540 square feet on average”” to the end of the recommendation.

Recommendation 2 to read in full:

2. That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee agree that the options set out in section 1.23 below – **or a combination of the three** - should be the preferred options for the library service and approve the commencement of consultation on these options in accordance with the consultation plan as set out in section 4.2 of this report, **subject to option 1 being amended so that the first sentence of the second bullet point reads: “Outside these four libraries, the library space within each building would be reduced in size depending on requirement, leaving a minimum of 540 square feet on average”**.

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**11.4: Report from Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee
– 28 October 2014 - Libraries Strategy**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Anne Hutton

Delete recommendations and replace with:

That Council rejects the current proposal to cut the library service budget by 60% as presented to the CELS committee on 28 October and calls on the council to continue to support and invest in our libraries.

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11.5: Report from Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee – 28 October 2014 – Nursery Schools Review

Amendment in the name of Councillor Reuben Thompstone

For Recommendation 3, add “in consultation with the Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee” after ‘Education and Skills Director’.

Recommendation 3 to read in full:

“That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee note that the Education and Skills Director, **in consultation with the Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee**, has delegated authority to consider consultation responses and publish statutory proposals for school reorganisation, including closure of schools and has delegated authority to approve proposals, where no significant issues or statutory objections have been raised.”

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**11.5: Report from Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee
– 28 October 2014 – Nursery Schools Review**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Rebecca Challice

Delete report recommendations 2-5 and replace with:

2. Council and the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding (CELS) Committee actively supports the ongoing discussions with Brookhill, St Margaret's and Hampden Way Nursery Schools but recognises that they need more time to resolve budgetary issues and ensure a mutually agreed and sustainable future. Council and the CELS Committee therefore instructs officers to work with these three nursery schools to achieve this and report back to the CELS Committee for a final decision.

3. Council and the CELS Committee supports and agrees the Moss Hall nursery school business plan proposal that will save LB Barnet £160,000 each year from 2016/17, and instructs officers to implement the proposal.

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11.5: Report from Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee – 28 October 2014 – Nursery Schools Review

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Salinger

Delete recommendations and replace with:

1. That the Council note the update on the recommendations of the Early Years Task and Finish Group.
2. Council re-affirms its support for high quality teacher led Early Years Education and instructs officers to prepare a revised Early Years Funding Formula that properly reflects the costs of Early Years Education differentiating between those settings that employ qualified teachers and have buildings and associated costs and those that do not, and to report back on the proposed revised formula to a future meeting of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding committee.
3. That the Council approve consultation on a proposal for an amalgamated Nursery School with a single management and governance structure to be achieved by the closure of Brookhill and St Margaret's Nursery Schools and the expansion of Hampden Way School on split sites.
4. Council instructs officers to report the outcome of the consultation, to a future meeting of the Children's Education, Safeguarding and Libraries committee, so that decisions on the merger are taken by elected Members of the Council.
5. Council notes that Moss Hall Nursery School has chosen not to be involved in this amalgamation, and that the school has produced a budget proposal of its own which will give the Council a long term saving of £160,000 per annum from 2016/7 against their current budget allocation. Council instructs officers to work with the school to ensure that these proposals, along with the changes to the Early Years Funding Formula, will ensure that the school is financially sustainable, and to report back to a future meeting of the Children, Education Libraries and Safeguarding committee if the school's proposals cannot be supported.

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Council: Tuesday, 4 November 2014 (item 14.2)

Motion: Councillor Tom Davey

AGENDA ITEM 14.2

Protecting residents from domestic violence

Amendment: Councillor Reema Patel

Delete all after second sentence and replace with:

Council notes that it is their duty, not just to re-house those experiencing domestic violence of a serious nature, but also to take steps to prevent domestic violence from taking place and that access to housing is vital in supporting the prevention of domestic violence.

Council also recognises that it must not force domestic violence applicants to make themselves homeless but must provide them with advice about their housing options including their choice whether to be assessed under Part 6 of the Housing Act 1996 which requires the council to advise them of their rights under the Housing Allocations Scheme or to apply through the Part 7 homelessness route to be placed in emergency accommodation.

Council also believes that for those who do choose to take the Part 7 homelessness route to be placed in emergency accommodation our housing policy should not force them to the back of the queue for permanent housing because of the criminally violent behaviour of someone else.

Council therefore calls for LB Barnet to:

- continue to ensure that all housing applicants are given the options and advice they need to make the housing choice that is right for them
- withdraw their proposal to strip those experiencing domestic violence of their Band 1 priority on the housing waiting list after placing them away from danger in emergency accommodation
- ensure that all those placed in emergency or temporary accommodation as a result of domestic violence retain their Band 1 preference for permanent housing.

Substantive motion to read:

Council abhors domestic violence and notes the severe and sometimes life-long impacts it has upon victims. Council recognises it has a duty to help safeguard against abuse, protecting those at risk and supporting efforts to prosecute perpetrators.

Council notes that it is their duty, not just to re-house those experiencing domestic violence of a serious nature, but also to take steps to prevent domestic violence from taking place and that access to housing is vital in supporting the prevention of domestic violence.

Council also recognises that it must not force domestic violence applicants to make themselves homeless but must provide them with advice about their housing options including their choice whether to be assessed under Part 6 of the Housing Act 1996 which requires the council to advise them of their rights under the Housing Allocations Scheme or to apply through the Part 7 homelessness route to be placed in emergency accommodation.

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- ensure that all those placed in emergency or temporary accommodation as a result of domestic violence retain their Band 1 preference for permanent housing.**

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.