

<u>MEETING</u>
COUNCIL
<u>DATE AND TIME</u>
TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY, 2015
AT 7.15 PM
<u>VENUE</u>
HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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**Annex 2 – Council Tax Support: Options for a Revised Scheme
Financial Context Clarification**

The following table was reported in the Policy & Resources Committee paper 13 January 2015, under paragraph 1.6.4.

	RSG £m	CTS £m	Available to spend on other services £m	% cut on previous year
13/14	78.8	22.4	56.4	
14/15	65.2	18.5	46.7	17%
15/16	48.2	13.7	34.5	26%
16/17	40.0	11.4	28.6	17%

Table 1 - Impact on Council finances if spend on CTS not reduced in line with overall RSG reduction

The table below provides the following additional information:

- a) Updated figures following the provisional finance settlement; and
- b) Provides figures for both revenue support grant and also the settlement funding assessment figures, which include retained business rates.

	Revenue Support Grant (RSG)	Busines Rates	Settlement Funding Assessme nt (SFA)	Council Tax Support Grant based on RSG	CTS based on SFA	CTS Spend	% cut on previo us year – based on RSG	% cut on previo us year – based on SPA
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m		
2013/14	78.8	51.0	128.1	22.4	22.4	28.9	-	-
2014/15	65.2	52.3	117.5	18.9	20.5	27.8	15%	6%
2015/16	50.1	53.3	103.4	14.5	18.0	27.8	23%	9%

Table 2 – Revised table including Settlement Funding Assessment

The figures for 2015/16 assume no change in council tax or a change to the CTS caseload.

In table 1, produced in July 2014, the RSG element for 2015/16 was assumed for Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) purposes. This has now been updated from £48.2m to £50.1m following the provisional SFA announcement. This forms part of the total funding (SFA) of £103.4m.

The amount of CTS grant for 2015/16 is not split out from the SFA or RSG. A proportional cut is shown in the forecast, showing that in RSG terms CTS grant has been reduced by 15% in 2014/15 and a further 23% in 2015/16. This is based on actuals in 2013/14. The SFA grant which includes income from Business Rates and RSG shows a proportionate reduction in CTS grant of 6% in 2014/15 and 9% in 2015/16.

11.2: Report from Children's, Education and Libraries Committee – Education and Skills Alternative Delivery Model - 12 January 2015

Amendment in the name of Councillor Anne Hutton

Delete Recommendation 2 and replace with:

2. That Council request CELS / officers ensure a full business case be developed for both an 'in house' offer and a Joint Venture model to run the Education & Skills Service for the council.

Delete Recommendation 3.

Delete Recommendation 4 and replace with:

3. That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee note that the full business cases will be considered by the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee in July 2015 for final approval.

Substantive Recommendations:

1. That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee note the content of the report and the outline business case.
2. That Council request CELS / officers ensure a full business case be developed for both an 'in house' offer and a Joint Venture model to run the Education & Skills Service for the council.
3. That the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee note that the full business cases will be considered by the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee in July 2015 for final approval.

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Council: Tuesday, 20 January 2015

14.1: Councillor Tom Davey – General Fund Housing

AGENDA ITEM 14.1

Amendment in the name of Councillor Ross Houston

Amend first sentence to read:

Council notes that with accelerating population and economic growth, the lack of affordable housing supply is now a top 3 concern according to the council's latest Residents' Perception Survey.

Add after 2nd sentence:

Council believes that unless the regeneration of our council estates replaces the social housing that was originally there, or at the very least provides social housing for rent for those secure and long standing temporary tenants who have been living there, those regeneration schemes will have been a complete missed opportunity and will have failed local people.

Add after 3rd sentence:

But council also notes that of the 26,000 new homes planned to be built in Barnet over the next 20 years only 15% will be affordable - far short of the 40% target for affordable homes in the Local Development Framework.

Add at the end:

Council also instructs officers to:

- ensure that such general fund expenditure is used to increase affordable homes for rent and shared ownership/intermediate sale.
- investigate ways of maximising / increasing the number of affordable homes to be delivered in future phases of the regeneration projects on our council estates.
- grant flexible 5 year tenancies to those long standing temporary tenants living on the council's regeneration estates.

Substantive motion to read:

Council notes that with accelerating population and economic growth, the lack of affordable housing supply is now a top 3 concern according to the council's latest Residents' Perception Survey.

Council recognises that Barnet has some of the largest and most ambitious regeneration schemes in London, which have begun to deliver on the 20,000 plus new homes they are set to add.

Council believes that unless the regeneration of our council estates replaces the social housing that was originally there, or at the very least provides social housing for rent for those secure and long standing temporary tenants who have been living there, those regeneration schemes will have been a complete missed opportunity and will have failed local people.

Council notes that 3260 new homes were built in the three years to 2013, including 1072 affordable homes – placing Barnet in the top third of London boroughs on this measure.

But council also notes that of the 26,000 new homes planned to be built in Barnet over the next 20 years only 15% will be affordable - far short of the 40% target for affordable homes in the Local Development Framework.

Council further notes that progress is being made to expand the programme of council house building, with another 38 having gone through the planning phase. Council recognises, though, that it is important to investigate and take advantage of all options for providing new homes for families.

Council notes the decision by neighbouring Labour-run Camden Council to develop property for private sale. Council believes that building or developing General Fund housing is both a way of increasing provision to meet resident demand and also a means of helping the taxpayer share in the opportunities of growth, closing the budget gap and thus offsetting potential future further cuts.

Council instructs officers to explore a programme of General Fund housing to sit alongside our existing and progressing regeneration and council house building schemes.

Council also instructs officers to:

- ensure that such general fund expenditure is used to increase affordable homes for rent and shared ownership/intermediate sale.
- investigate ways of maximising / increasing the number of affordable homes to be delivered in future phases of the regeneration projects on our council estates.
- grant flexible 5 year tenancies to those long standing temporary tenants living on the council's regeneration estates.

Council: Tuesday, 20 January 2015

14.2: Councillor Alison Moore – Protecting the Vulnerable

AGENDA ITEM 14.2

Amendment in the name of Councillor Amy Trevethan

Add at the end:

Should Council have voted to adopt the recommendations from the P&R Committee to increase council tax support scheme contributions to 20%, Council instructs that a sufficient ring fenced discretionary fund is created to help those who cannot afford to pay the increase in council tax support scheme contributions voted for by Conservative councillors.

Council also instructs that any outstanding amounts of council tax support scheme contributions that have not been collected to date are written off where people have not been able to pay it.

Substantive motion to read:

Council notes that the Barnet Conservatives often play lip service to supporting the most vulnerable and those in need, enabling people to live independent lives and helping them live at home, and assisting people to get back to work.

Council also notes that the Barnet Conservatives say they are trying to tackle child poverty.

Council does not believe that the recently announced policy of increasing council tax for those least able to afford it will help.

Council notes that the Barnet Conservatives have failed to provide enough affordable housing, failed to provide sufficient affordable child care, have happily implemented the hated Bedroom Tax, and have cut crucial council services - all adding up to a perfect storm for people who are already struggling financially.

Council believes that more families will be forced into poverty if those on the Council Tax Support Scheme are asked to increase their council tax, and therefore, Council asks that this policy is abandoned or implementation halted until sufficient discretionary support is in place for those in most need.

Should Council have voted to adopt the recommendations from the P&R Committee to increase council tax support scheme contributions to 20%, Council instructs that a sufficient ring fenced discretionary fund is created to help those who cannot afford to pay the increase in council tax support scheme contributions voted for by Conservative councillors.

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