

<u>MEETING</u> COUNCIL
<u>DATE AND TIME</u> TUESDAY 25TH JULY, 2017 AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u> HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BG

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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APPENDIX A1

AGENDA ITEM 12.1

Changes to Calendar of Meetings – 2017/18 Municipal Year

Committee	Date(s) of Meeting(s)	New date(s) of Meeting(s)
Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee (Special Meeting)	N/A	19 October 2017, 7.00pm

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APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Appointment to an Outside Body

A vacancy has arisen for one appointment from Barnet Council to the Stonegrove Community Trust.

The Group Secretaries have been invited to make nominations and the following nominations have been received.

Outside Body	Administration Nomination	Opposition Nomination
Stonegrove Community Trust		Councillor Adam Langleben

RECOMMEND that an appointment to the Stonegrove Community Trust be approved.

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APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Changes to Committee Memberships

The Group Secretaries have moved that the following membership changes be moved at Council on 25 July 2017.

Committee	Additional Substitute Members
Planning Committee	Cllr Philip Cohen (Labour)
	Cllr Arjun Mittra (Labour)
	TBC (Conservative)
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Committee	Current Member	Replacement Member
Licensing Committee	Cllr Kitty Lyons	Cllr Barry Rawlings

RECOMMEND -

1. That the Conservative and Labour Group nominations for additional Substitute Members on the Planning Committee be approved.
2. That the Labour change of membership on the Licensing Committee be approved.

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Council: 25 July 2017

Agenda Item 14.4 – Administration amendment in the name of Cllr Helena Hart AGENDA ITEM 14.4

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Phil Cohen – NHS funding in North London

Delete all except for words which are not in bold and replace with:

Council notes that **the latest NCL Sustainability and Transformation Plan states that if nothing is done** there will be an estimated £811 million deficit across the NHS in North Central London in 2020/21 **with a funding gap across North London Councils on Social Care and Public Health of a further £247 million.**

Council also notes **with concern that the Plan further states that despite their work to deliver efficiencies in the way that health and care is delivered, this has not been enough to bring their Plan into financial balance and warns that difficult choices will have to be made.**

Despite assurances from the STP Convenor that there are no plans for changes to local health services beyond those set out in the STP Plan, in view of the marked and constant lack of democratic local political involvement and input permitted into the process from the outset, Council remains extremely concerned as to what measures will have to be taken to close the financial gap and the effect that these will have on the quality, quantity and accessibility of health services for Barnet residents.

Barnet politicians have led the way in highlighting both the lack of progress in integrating health and social care services across the five London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington and the lack of democratic input.

Council calls on the NHS to start taking these concerns seriously and to consult properly and in a timely fashion with Barnet residents and their democratically elected representatives and on all members of this Council to continue to support the Leader, the Health & Wellbeing Board and the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee in all their efforts to hold the NHS to account.

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Council: 25 July 2017

Agenda Item 14.5 – Administration amendment in the name of Cllr Tom Davey AGENDA ITEM 14.5

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Ross Houston – Standards in the private rented sector

Delete all except paragraph number three in the original motion and replace with:

Council notes there was no Housing & Planning Bill introduced, debated, or voted on in Parliament this year, nor were there any Labour amendments to said bill requiring private landlords to make their homes “fit for human habitation.”

Council suggests the legislation to which Cllr Ross Houston may have been referring in the original draft of this motion was the Housing & Planning Act — which received royal assent on 12 May 2016. Council notes a similar lack of attention to detail led to the defeat of the Labour amendment to said Act — based on Karen Buck MP’s failed Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Bill — by 312 votes to 219 on 12 January 2016.

Council recognises the proposed amendment was defeated because it was poorly drafted, would have reproduced existing legislation — of which councils such as Barnet make great use — and created unnecessary costs for law-abiding landlords and their tenants.

Council notes that since April 2015, local authorities are now required to obtain Secretary of State confirmation for any selective licensing scheme affecting more than 20% of private landlords in their area.

Council agrees with housing minister Brandon Lewis that “the blanket licensing approach adopted by some local authorities has major drawbacks” — namely that they have the effect of penalising responsible and compliant landlords rather than supporting them — when the more nuanced approach encouraged by the Selective Licensing of Houses (Additional Conditions) (England) Order 2015 could more effectively target rogue landlords.

Council notes Barnet did just this in respect of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) last year and applauds the Private Sector Housing Team for successfully prosecuting ten rogue landlords since November 2015; extracting almost £300,000 in fines, fees, and victim surcharges.

However, Council recognises not all authorities operate to as high a standard as Barnet, and notes the one redeeming feature of Karen Buck’s bill was the proposed introduction of powers to enforce standards in public sector housing — which may have prevented the situation in Camden whereby tower block residents were forced to live with exposed gas pipes and missing fire doors.

Council therefore requests that the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State to enquire how the issue of public sector housing standards will be addressed in the forthcoming parliamentary session.