

<u>MEETING</u>
COUNCIL
<u>DATE AND TIME</u>
TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 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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14.1	ADMINISTRATION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR GABRIEL ROZENBERG - ELECTRIC CARS MUST NOT BYPASS LOCAL DEMOCRACY	3 - 4
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Agenda Item 14.1 – Opposition Amendment in the name of Cllr Alan Schneiderman

Administration motion in the name of Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg – Electric cars must not bypass local democracy

Delete all and replace with [changes in bold]:

Council notes that there are approximately 9,000 premature deaths in London each year as a result of air pollution.

Council welcomes the action taken by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to help tackle air pollution in Barnet by awarding £300,000 additional funds for electric vehicle charging points.

Council **also** welcomes the Government’s announcement that it will ban sales of new petrol and diesel powered vehicles by 2040, **although Council is disappointed that there is still no action by Government to introduce a much needed diesel scrappage fund.**

In Barnet, **the Council has** encouraged the shift to electric power by introducing free parking for electric vehicles, additional CPZ charges on diesel vehicles, and eight electric charging points — with a further 50 being installed from early 2018.

Council notes that, while addressing the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs committee of the House of Commons on 23 November 2017, the Mayor of London called for permitted development powers to “speed up [the introduction of] charging points without going to [local council planning] committees who refuse permission because residents complained about rapid charging points.”

Council is pleased that no electric charging points have been refused at Planning Committee in Barnet, and therefore calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor informing him.

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Agenda Item 14.3 – Administration amendment in the name of Cllr John Hart

Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Barry Rawlings – Preventing the proliferation and clustering of betting shops in Barnet

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Full text to read:

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Council further notes that an appeal may be lodged by Paddy Power to challenge the refusal.

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- Those living in areas with a higher number of bookmakers were also more likely to be problem or at-risk gamblers compared with those in areas with fewer betting shops. However, the increased risk of being a problem or at-risk gambler was greater among those living near a cluster of betting shops.
- This suggests that clusters themselves may be associated with particular risks.

Council therefore supports the Local Government Association's call for Government to introduce a 'cumulative impacts test' to enable councils to reject applications for new betting shops where there are already existing clusters of shops, and is

disappointed that the Government has ruled out such a test in its recently published 'Consultation on proposals for changes to Gaming Machines and Social Responsibility Measures'.

Council wishes to ensure the viability and vitality of Barnet's town centres, and supports local residents who oppose the proliferation and clustering of betting shops in our communities.

Council also notes the Government's intention to reduce the maximum stake for Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) - described as the 'cocaine of gambling' - from £100 to between £50 - £2, but believes this range does not go far enough.

Council asks officers to respond to the Government's consultation on behalf of LB Barnet, setting out Council's support for the maximum stake for FOBTs to be reduced to £2, and for the introduction of a 'cumulative impacts test' as proposed by the LGA.

In the meantime, Council asks the relevant committee to ensure LB Barnet as a planning authority has an up-to-date plan with robust and detailed policies in place in respect of the number and location of betting shops in Barnet.

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Council continues to support the position that the maximum stake should be reduced to £2.

Council also supports calls by the LGA for greater restrictions on gambling advertising to help protect children from developing possible gambling problems as they grow older.

According to the LGA, the latest industry figures show that almost one in ten children aged 11-15 are now 'following' gambling companies on social media, and the second highest rates of problem gambling are in the 16-24 age category.

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