

<b><u>MEETING</u></b>
<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b><u>DATE AND TIME</u></b>
<b>TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY, 2018</b>
<b>AT 7.00 PM</b>
<b><u>VENUE</u></b>
<b>HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BG</b>

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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**Full Council, 30 January 2018**

**Agenda item 14.1 - Amendment in the name of Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb**

AGENDA ITEM 14.1

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Brian Gordon - Teaching, faith schools

Delete all and replace with (**additions in bold**):

Council notes that the Government is undergoing consultations regarding the teaching of subjects of sex, sexuality and relationships in schools and Council welcomes this educational initiative.

Council is aware that there are aspects of the teaching of sex, sexuality and relationships that would conflict with the ethos of some faith schools.

Council very much recognises and values the diversity of faith schools within this Borough, notes the excellent achievements of many of them and would not wish to see these schools undermined.

Council calls on the Government to allow faith schools to deal with the teaching of the said subjects in a manner consistent with their religious ethos, **including the promotion of tolerance and to ensure the safeguarding of children.**

Council calls on the Government to ensure the Department of Education allows for this in its pending guidelines and to call on OFSTED inspectors to be sensitive and understanding of this when carrying out their inspections.

[Under the relevant FCPR I request that my motion is voted on at the meeting.]

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Agenda item 14.3 – Amendment in the name of Cllr Jim Tierney

AGENDA ITEM 14.3

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Melvin Cohen - The London Mayor's Draft London Plan is bad for Barnet and bad for London

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

Council **notes Cllr Melvin Cohen's** grave reservations about the content of the London Mayor's Draft London Plan and its implications for Barnet.

Council **notes Cllr Cohen's view** that "it is another example of this Mayor imposing inner London solutions on outer London problems".

**Council does not share his view, and wishes to point out that Barnet Council and other Conservative Groups have consistently asked the Mayor to take action to increase the number of affordable homes.**

**Council notes that the draft London Plan:**

- **Will increase housing to 65,000 new homes a year without building on the green belt, and with no net loss of green space**
- **Strengthens requirements for all new homes to meet high quality and safety standards, including minimum space standards**
- **Emphasises the importance of good design when building at higher densities that we all agree is needed**
- **Means it is homeowners, not developers, who can apply to build on their gardens – something that they have always been able to do with the right planning permission – but now any green space lost must be replaced by the same amount of green within the development or right next to it**
- **Removes outdated constraints and rigid density guidelines to give a significant boost to the number of new and affordable homes given planning permission**
- **Says boroughs should set out requirements for much needed family sized housing for low cost rent – in stark contrast to Boris Johnson's plans that made no mention of targets for family sized affordable housing.**

**Council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition to write to the Mayor of London welcoming the draft London Plan.**

[Under the relevant FCPR I request that my motion is voted on at the meeting.]

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Agenda item 14.4 – Opposition Amendment in the name of Cllr Barry Rawlings AGENDA ITEM 14.4

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr David Longstaff - Council condemns Labour's decision to close Barnet Police Station

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

Council is concerned about the loss of front desk services, the loss of a base for police officers and the reduced visibility of a police presence in the north of our borough.

**Council notes that because of Conservative government cuts to the Metropolitan Police, the Labour Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has taken the difficult decision to close Barnet Police Station - which receives less than one crime report on average per day - to protect police numbers. In Barnet, this will save the Met more than £230k per year – equivalent to the cost of more than four police constables.**

**Council also notes that the previous Conservative Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, also closed North Finchley, Golders Green and Whetstone Police Stations because of Conservative-led government cuts to the Metropolitan Police.**

**Council further notes that since 2010-11 the Met's funding from the Government has fallen by more than £700 million or nearly 40 per cent in real terms. In recent years the Metropolitan Police have had to find more than £600m of cuts with another £400 million over the Mayor's current four-year term. This has led to the loss of a third of police staff posts – down from 14,330 to 9,985, two-thirds of police community support officer posts – down from 4,607 to 1,591, as well as 114 police station front counters and 120 police buildings.**

**Under Boris Johnson police numbers in Barnet fell by the following:**

- **Police officers: 112 (19%) - comparing May 2010 to Oct 2016**
- **PCSOs: 129 (75%) - comparing May 2010 to May 2016**
- **Sergeants: 48 (43%) - comparing May 2012 to May 2016**
- **Specials - 43 (25%) - comparing May 2012 to May 2016**

Almost every police officer serving the borough will be based at Colindale Police Station, **and Council notes the concern that** this will undermine the ability of local neighbourhood teams to operate effectively and efficiently in the areas for which they have responsibility. Residents living in the east of the borough are also now as far from their only police station as they are to Edmonton's —a half hour drive or hour's bus journey on a good day.

**Council therefore notes plans to tackle the issue of long travel times to the 24/7 front counter for some residents in Barnet, including:**

- **additional dedicated contact sessions held twice a week for at least an hour at a predetermined location and time to provide a service for those members of the public requiring a face to face interaction,**
- **a Dedicated Ward Officer hub located at the Broadwalk Shopping Centre in Edgware**

Council understands the Metropolitan Police Service need to make savings and operate efficiently, whilst maintaining public confidence and effectiveness. **Council also understands that means they must make difficult choices like the closure of Barnet Police Station in order to prevent police numbers reducing further.**

**Council notes the Mayor's actions to protect Londoners by prioritising neighbourhood policing, and that he is on track to deliver an extra dedicated police officer in every ward of London by the end of 2017.**

**Council also notes that the Mayor has launched a new knife crime strategy to tackle the rise of violent crime in the capital head on, as well as developing a new policing plan for London.**

Council calls on the Leader of the Council **and the Leader of the Opposition** to write to the London Mayor and ask him **to continue to fight to get the funding the Met desperately needs from Government and to stop the Government cuts that are** putting Barnet residents' safety at risk, the police officers' safety and health at risk and increasing the fear of crime across Barnet.

[Under the relevant FCPR I request that my motion is voted on at the meeting.]



Full Council, 30 January 2018

Agenda item 14.6 – Amendment in the name of Cllr Hugh Rayner AGENDA ITEM 14.6

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Kath McGuirk - North Finchley Crown Post Office

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

**Council notes a campaign has been launched to prevent the proposed conversion of North Finchley Post Office into a franchise and to maintain it as Crown Post Office.** Council notes this will result in a reduced service with longer queues and waiting times for customers.

**Since the mass closure of Crown Post Offices began under the previous Labour government, some 97% are now franchises, leading in many cases to longer opening hours and greater convenience for customers. Indeed, despite Labour members' involvement in the campaign against the closure of East Finchley Crown Post Office in 2014, Council notes that the franchise is now open for longer. It is also open on Sundays, unlike North Finchley Post Office.**

**Council notes a Financial Times report on East Finchley Post Office, published on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016, which described how "Customers appear satisfied with the service." The newspaper quoted Gloria Benson, 50, who said "It's a wonderful post office. The old post office was a nightmare you had to wait for a long time" and Marc Schaller, 38, who said "I felt for a long time the post office needed to update and modernise."**

**Council wants to support and rejuvenate our Town Centres and believes this kind of innovative entrepreneurial partnership complements our aim and is in the best interests of customers.**

**Council therefore instructs officers to set out LB Barnet's position on the proposed closure in a response to the Post Office Ltd consultation.**

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## Full Council, 30 January 2018

### Agenda item 14.6 - Amendment in the name of Cllr Tim Roberts

#### Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Kath McGuirk - North Finchley Crown Post Office

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

Council opposes recently revealed plans to close the busy and well-used North Finchley Crown Post Office and relocate it to far smaller premises away from the heart of the Town Centre in a franchise office.

Council notes this will result in a reduced service with longer queues and waiting times for customers.

Council believes that the Crown Post Office in North Finchley is an important service for the Town Centre that should be maintained.

Council wants to support and rejuvenate our Town Centres, but this proposal to close the Crown Post Office will detract from the plan to regenerate North Finchley Town Centre which aims to concentrate footfall where the Post Office is currently located.

Council therefore instructs officers to set out LB Barnet's opposition to this proposed closure in a response to the Post Office Ltd consultation, **and to make clear Council's opposition to any future plans to downgrade Golders Green or High Barnet Crown Post Offices.**

[Under the relevant FCPR I ask that my item is voted on at the meeting]

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**Agenda item 14.7 - Administration amendment in the name of Cllr Richard Cornelius** AGENDA ITEM 14.7

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Phil Cohen - Working with Thrive LDN to improve mental health in Barnet

[Amendments in bold]

Council acknowledges that two million Londoners experience poor mental health, which equates to 62,500 people in each borough, and that London's suicide rate increased by 33 per cent from 552 to 735 incidents between 2014 and 2015 – the highest figure recorded by the Office for National Statistics since records began.

Council understands that employment for Londoners with a mental health problem is 31 per cent lower than the UK average and that the financial cost of mental ill-health is approximately £700 million for each London borough.

Council notes that overall rates of individual mental health problems are higher in Barnet than London and England, and the rate of detention for a mental health condition is significantly higher than the London or England averages.

**In light of this Council applauds the decision taken by the Government to create a Minister for Loneliness on the advice of the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness, as well as the £15 million extra mental health funding made available, but recognises we also have a role to play.**

Council **therefore** reaffirms its commitment to approach mental health and wellbeing as a key priority and to work collaboratively with partners within and outside the borough to address and tackle mental ill-health across our communities.

**To this end Council commits to investigating the case for supporting Thrive LDN, the mental health organisation led by the London Health Board, and how this could improve the mental health of Barnet residents.**

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