

<u>MEETING</u>
COUNCIL
<u>DATE AND TIME</u>
TUESDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 2018
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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Agenda Item 14.2

Amendment to motion: Cllr Jo Cooper

The Barnet View

AGENDA ITEM 14.2

Delete all and replace with (addition in bold):

Council recognises the distinct social, environmental, health, housing and transport needs of outer London boroughs such as Barnet and their differences to those of inner London boroughs. These relate to, among other things, less developed public transport infrastructure, an older and more sparsely settled population, and links with areas beyond the borders of Greater London.

Council therefore supports the adoption of a Barnet-focused view in responding to the current consultations, particularly in support of Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding applications, which should reflect the priorities of this borough and its residents and not those of inner London. Council calls on the Environment Committee to ensure that we maximise LIP receipts and allocate them in line with the Barnet view.

Council also calls on the Environment Committee to support local residents' and Barnet Labour's campaigns for Transport for London to retain the current 384 bus route within New and East Barnet, including servicing Northfield Road, Crescent Road, East Barnet Road, York Road, Longmore Avenue, Lyonsdown Road and Gloucester Road, and the stops that serve Sainsbury's and the new Aldi.

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Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Anne Clarke

Administration amendment in the name of Cllr David Longstaff

AGENDA ITEM 14.3

(Changes in bold)

School funding

Council notes that **because of** ongoing Government **work to balance the economy**, a new funding formula has been introduced. Barnet schools will see increased pressure on their budgets, resulting in lower reserves for many.

Council notes that Barnet schools, under current arrangements, will fund the National Insurance increases.

Council also notes the shortfall in High Needs Block Funding is being topped-up by the Schools Forum.

Some Barnet schools have depleted their reserves to the point where **they have asked** the Council to assist them, in the short term, while they balance their **budgets**.

Council **supports** our schools and notes **that** pupils' education **attainment remains excellent**.

Council resolves:

To call for more national funding in **schools and for the Government to fund any cost increase for teachers**.

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Full Council, 30 October 2018

Agenda Item 14.3

Amendment: Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb

School cuts

Add at the end:

Council asks the Children's, Education & Safeguarding Committee to continue to monitor the funding situation for all Barnet Schools and to assist those schools in need where possible.

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Agenda Item 14.4

Amendment: Cllr Alison Moore

Breaking Point campaign

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

This Council notes that many council budgets are now at Breaking Point. Austerity has caused huge damage to communities up and down the UK, with devastating effects on key public services that protect the most defenceless in society – children at risk, disabled adults and vulnerable older people – and the services we all rely on, like clean streets, libraries, and children’s centres;

- Tory cuts mean councils have lost 60p out of every £1 that the last Labour Government was spending on local government in 2010 - LB Barnet's budget will have halved between 2010 and 2020;
- Councils had to spend an extra £800m last year to meet the demand on vital services to protect children;
- With an ageing population and growing demand adult social care faces a gap of £3.5 billion – with only 14% of council workers now confident that vulnerable local residents are safe and cared for;
- Government cuts have seen over 500 children’s centres and 475 libraries close, potholes are left unfilled, and 80% of councils' workers now say have no confidence in the future of local services;
- Northamptonshire has already gone bust due to Tory incompetence at both national and local level, and more councils are predicted to collapse without immediate emergency funding;
- Councils now face a further funding gap of £7.8 billion by 2025 just to keep services ‘standing still’ and meeting additional demand. Even Lord Gary Porter, the Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association, has said ‘Councils can no longer be expected to run our vital local services on a shoestring’.

This Council condemns Chief Secretary to the Treasury Liz Truss for stating on BBC Newsnight on 1 st October 2018 that the government is “not making cuts to local authorities”, when all independent assessments of government spending show that this is entirely false;

and that this Council further notes that Prime Minister Theresa May has also claimed that “austerity is over” despite planning a further £1.3bn of cuts to council budgets over the next year;

This Council agrees with the aims of the ‘Breaking Point’ petition signed by Labour councillors across the country, in calling for the Prime Minister and Chancellor to truly end austerity in local government by:

- Using the Budget to reverse next years planned £1.3bn cut to council budgets;
- Immediately investing £2bn in children’s services and £2bn in adult social care to stop these vital emergency services from collapsing;
- Pledging to use the Spending Review to restore council funding to 2010 levels over the next four years

This Council resolves to:

- Support the ‘Breaking Point’ campaign, recognising the devastating impact that austerity has had on our local community;
- Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government setting out the funding pressures faced by LB Barnet, and calling on the Government to truly end austerity in local government.
- **Involve Barnet residents, businesses, and community and faith groups in the campaign to get the best deal for Barnet from central Government.**

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Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Paul Edwards

Administration amendment in the name of Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg

AGENDA ITEM 14.5

(Changes in bold)

Winter homeless shelter

Council notes that:

- rough sleeping nationally has increased 169% since 2010.
- 7,484 rough sleepers in London were seen by outreach workers in 2017/18.
- it is extremely dangerous to sleep outdoors in the UK in winter.
- some homeless people die while sleeping on London streets.

Council thanks Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB) and the many volunteers and charitable and religious organisations working hard to help the homeless in Barnet.

Council welcomes improvements already made by our Labour Mayor of London which include:

- 87% of people helped by Mayoral services left the streets last year.
- An 8% drop in the number of London's rough sleepers last year, for the first time in a decade.
- The Mayor's new Plan of Action to tackle rough sleeping.

Council notes that the Council's draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy seeks to procure accommodation specifically for entrenched rough sleepers and for those with low to medium support needs, but that this has only just gone out to consultation and will not be formally agreed until April 2019.

Council resolves:

- To **call on** the Mayor of London to set up and fund a homeless winter shelter in one building in Barnet throughout the winter as Severe Weather Emergency Provision for rough sleepers.
- That this shelter should be well-equipped to support rough sleepers, and should be opened as soon as possible and close at the end of March.
- To publicise streetlink.org.uk, which members of the public can contact to connect people sleeping rough with local services that can support them.

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Amendment: Cllr Claire Farrier

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Council asks the Housing Committee to include the provision of an annual homeless winter shelter in its Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

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Agenda Item 14.6

Amendment: Cllr Ross Houston

Brexit and Barnet

Add at the end:

Council notes the growing feeling of uncertainty and concern about what will be in the final Brexit deal as demonstrated by this month's 'People's Vote March' in central London which was attended by councillors from both political Groups on Barnet Council.

Council agrees with the sentiments behind the 'People's Vote March', that democracy does not end with one vote and that people's views on both sides of the EU membership debate may change once the final Brexit deal is known.

Council believes it would be wrong to deny the British people, including Barnet residents, a say on the final Brexit deal.

Council asks the Chief Executive to write to the Government making LB Barnet's position on this clear.

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Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Arjun Mittra

Administration amendment in the name of Cllr Brian Gordon

AGENDA ITEM 14.7

(Changes in bold)

Celebrating Diwali in Barnet schools

Council looks forward to Diwali in November this year, and recognises the importance of the celebration in the lives of the Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities. The Council notes that the teaching of Diwali has happened in Barnet schools for many decades, and is a welcome contribution to community relations, promoting a better understanding of the customs of our friends and neighbours.

Council believes that though we are all different, we are one community, and that our diversity and multiculturalism is a strength. It helps to promote an open and accepting culture, which in turn helps make Barnet a place for trade and business, as well as expanding our cultural horizons. **Council believes schools are best placed to decide how best to teach students about different faiths and their festivals.**

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