

Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 8TH APRIL, 2014 AT 7.00 PM

VENUE

HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, NW4 4BG

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Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
held at Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4BG, on 4 March 2014

PRESENT:-

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Melvin Cohen LLB) **AGENDA ITEM 1.2**
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Bridget Perry)

Councillors:

Maureen Braun	Geoffrey Johnson	Gill Sargeant
Anita Campbell	Sury Khatri	Joan Scannell
Pauline Coakley Webb	David Longstaff	Brian Schama
Dean Cohen	John Marshall	Alan Schneiderman
Jack Cohen	Kath McGuirk	Daniel Seal
Brian Coleman	Arjun Mittra	Agnes Slocombe
Geof Cooke	Alison Moore	Ansuya Sodha
Alison Cornelius	Graham Old	Stephen Sowerby
Richard Cornelius	Charlie O'Macauley	Andrew Strongolou
Tom Davey	Lord Palmer	Andreas Tambourides
Barry Evangeli	Susette Palmer	Joanna Tambourides
Claire Farrier	Wendy Prentice	Daniel Thomas
Anthony Finn	Sachin Rajput	Reuben Thompstone
Eva Greenspan	Robert Rams	Jim Tierney
Andrew Harper	Barry Rawlings	Rowan Quigley Turner
Helena Hart	Hugh Rayner	Darrel Yawitch
John Hart	Lisa Rutter	Zakia Zubairi
Ross Houston	Brian Salinger	
Andreas Ioannidis	Kate Salinger	

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Alex Brodtkin	Councillor Julie Johnson
Councillor Brian Gordon	Councillor Colin Rogers
Councillor Anne Hutton	Councillor Mark Shooter

1. **PRAYER - THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

The Mayor's Chaplain offered prayer.

2. **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY AND ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2014**

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Extraordinary and Ordinary meetings of the Council held on 21 January 2014 be approved as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member:	Subject:	Interest Declared:
Councillor John Marshall	2.1 - Report of Cabinet - 25 February 2013: Business Planning 2013/14 - 2015/16	Non pecuniary interest. Councillor Marshall is Chair of Barnet Carers Centre and a Council appointed Director on the Board of The Barnet Group.
Councillor Ross Houston		Non pecuniary interest. Councillor Houston is a Council appointed Director on the Board of The Barnet Group.
Councillor Joanna Tambourides		Non pecuniary interest. Councillor Tambourides is Trustee Chair of Mind in Barnet and Friends in Need in East Barnet.
Councillor Barry Rawlings		Pecuniary interest. Councillor Rawlings is part time employee of CommUNITY Barnet..
Councillor Brian Salinger		Non Pecuniary Interest. In relation to the Icelandic Banks, Councillor Salinger's son in law was employed by the council as the Deputy Director of Finance at the time
Councillor Kate Salinger		Non Pecuniary Interest. In relation to the Icelandic Banks, Councillor Salinger's son in law was employed by the council as the Deputy Director of Finance at the time.

4. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

The Worshipful the Mayor, moved, under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 7, that Council Procedure Rule 3.2 be suspended to allow 30 minutes for Part 1 business, as this included the election of the Mayor Designate for the year 2014/15. The Worshipful Mayor further proposed that Council Procedure Rule 20.1 and 26.1 also be suspended to permit the Councillor Richard Cornelius, Councillor Alison Moore and Councillor Jack Cohen to speak for a time in excess of five minutes each on the Council Budget and Council Tax 2014/15, item 2.1.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

- (i) **That Council Procedure Rule 3.2 be suspended to allow 30 minutes for Part 1 business as this included the election of the Mayor Designate for the year 2014/15.**
- (ii) **That Council Procedure Rule 20.1 and 26.1 be suspended to allow Councillor Richard Cornelius, Councillor Alison Moore and Councillor Jack Cohen to speak for a time in excess of five minutes each on the Council Budget and Council Tax 2014/15, item 2.1.**

5. **OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

6. **ANY BUSINESS REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

There was none

7. **THE MAYORALTY FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR, 2014-2015**

The Worshipful the Mayor called for nominations for election of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for 2014/15:

Conservative Group Nomination

Councillor Tom Davey, duly seconded by Councillor Kate Salinger moved that Councillor Hugh Rayner be proposed for the appointment of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 2 June 2014.

Labour Group Nomination

Councillor Geoffrey Johnson, duly seconded by Councillor Zukia Zubairi moved that the Councillor Agnes Slocombe be proposed for the appointment of Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 2 June 2014.

Upon being put to the vote, the nomination in the name of Councillor Hugh Rayner was declared carried.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Hugh Rayner be formally proposed and seconded at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 2 June 2014 for the appointment as Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet for the Municipal Year, 2014/15.

Councillor Hugh Rayner thanked those present for the confidence shown in him and undertook to do his very best in his term of office as Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet. He announced that Councillor David Longstaff had consented to be his Deputy Mayor.

8. **VARIATION TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Worshipful the Mayor under Council Procedure Rule 6.2 varied the order of business to bring forward Item 1 in the Report of the Head of Governance - Recorded votes at the Council's Budget meetings.

The Council is required to amend its procedure rules in line with The [Local Authorities \(Standing Orders\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2014](#) came into force on the 25th February 2014. This means that the votes of each individual Councillor on the budget (and alternative budgets) will be recorded by name in the minutes of the meeting. The full details and background are set out in Item 1, Report of the Head of Governance.

Upon being put to the vote the recommendations were declared carried

RESOLVED -

1. That Council approve the amendments to the Council Meeting Procedure Rules, paragraph 15, Voting, to reflect the recording in the minutes of the Council

budget meeting on how each Member present voted, on any decision relating to the budget or Council tax.

2. That the amendment take effect immediately.

9. **REPORT FROM CABINET - 25 FEBRUARY 2014: BUSINESS PLANNING 2014/15 – 2015/16**

The Leader, Councillor Richard Cornelius, moved reception and adoption of the recommendations set out in the Cabinet Report.

Councillor Alison Moore, Councillor Jack Cohen and Councillor Brian Coleman moved their alternative budgets.

Debate ensued.

Upon being put to the vote, the Labour Group's Alternative Budget was declared lost.

Voting on the Labour Group's Alternative Budget

For	Against	Absent	Not Voting
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Anita Campbell	Melvin Cohen	Alex Brodtkin	
Pauline Coakley Webb	Bridget Perry	Brian Gordon	
Geof Cooke	Maureen Braun	Anne Hutton	
Claire Farrier	Dean Cohen	Julie Johnson	
Ross Houston	Jack Cohen	Colin Rogers	
Andreas Ioannidis	Brian Coleman	Mark Shooter	
Geoffrey Johnson	Alison Cornelius		
Kath McGuirk	Richard Cornelius		
Arjun Mittra	Tom Davey		
Alison Moore	Barry Evangeli		
Charlie O-Macauley	Anthony Finn		
Barry Rawlings	Eva Greenspan		
Gil Sargeant	Andrew Harper		
Alan Schneiderman	Helena Hart		
Agnes Slocombe	John Hart		
Jim Tierney	Sury Khatri		
Zakia Zubairi	David Longstaff		
	John Marshall		
	Graham Old		
	Monroe Palmer		
	Susette Palmer		
	Wendy Prentice		
	Sachin Rajput		
	Robert Rams		
	Hugh Rayner		
	Lisa Rutter		
	Kate Salinger		
	Brian Salinger		
	Joan Scannell		
	Brian Schama		
	Daniel Seal		
	Ansuya Sodha		
	Stephen Sowerby		
	Andrew Strongolou		

For	Against	Absent	Not Voting
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
	Andreas Tambourides		
	Joanna Tambourides		
	Daniel Thomas		
	Reuben Thompstone		
	Rowan Quigley Turner		
	Darrel Yawitch		

For 17
 Against 40
 Absent 6
 Not Voting 0
TOTAL 63

Upon being put to the vote, the Liberal Democrat Group's Alternative Budget was declared lost.

Voting on the Liberal Democrat Group's Alternative Budget

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Jack Cohen	Melvin Cohen	Anita Campbell	Alex Brodtkin
Monroe Palmer	Bridget Perry	Pauline Coakley Webb	Brian Gordon
Susette Palmer	Maureen Braun	Geof Cooke	Anne Hutton
	Dean Cohen	Claire Farrier	Julie Johnson
	Brian Coleman	Ross Houston	Colin Rogers
	Alison Cornelius	Andreas Ioannidis	Mark Shooter
	Richard Cornelius	Geoffrey Johnson	
	Tom Davey	Kath McGuirk	
	Barry Evangeli	Arjun Mittra	
	Anthony Finn	Alison Moore	
	Eva Greenspan	Charlie O-Macauley	
	Andrew Harper	Barry Rawlings	
	Helena Hart	Gil Sargeant	
	John Hart	Alan Schneiderman	
	Sury Khatri	Agnes Slocombe	
	David Longstaff	Jim Tierney	
	John Marshall	Zakia Zubairi	
	Graham Old		
	Wendy Prentice		
	Sachin Rajput		
	Robert Rams		
	Hugh Rayner		
	Lisa Rutter		
	Kate Salinger		
	Brian Salinger		
	Joan Scannell		
	Brian Schama		
	Daniel Seal		
	Ansuya Sodha		
	Stephen Sowerby		

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
	Andrew Strongolou		
	Andreas Tambourides		
	Joanna Tambourides		
	Daniel Thomas		
	Reuben Thompstone		
	Rowan Quigley Turner		
	Darrel Yawitch		

For	3
Against	37
Not Voting	17
Absent	6
TOTAL	63

Upon being put to the vote, the Independent Member's Alternative Budget was declared lost.

Voting on the Independent Member's Alternative Budget

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Brian Coleman	Melvin Cohen		Alex Brodtkin
	Bridget Perry		Brian Gordon
	Maureen Braun		Anne Hutton
	Anita Campbell		Julie Johnson
	Pauline Coakley Webb		Colin Rogers
	Dean Cohen		Mark Shooter
	Jack Cohen		
	Geof Cooke		
	Alison Cornelius		
	Richard Cornelius		
	Tom Davey		
	Barry Evangeli		
	Claire Farrier		
	Anthony Finn		
	Eva Greenspan		
	Andrew Harper		
	Helena Hart		
	John Hart		
	Ross Houston		
	Andreas Ioannidis		
	Geoffrey Johnson		
	Sury Khatri		
	David Longstaff		
	John Marshall		
	Kath McGuirk		
	Arjun Mittra		
	Alison Moore		

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
	Graham Old		
	Charlie O-Macauley		
	Monroe Palmer		
	Susette Palmer		
	Wendy Prentice		
	Sachin Rajput		
	Robert Rams		
	Barry Rawlings		
	Hugh Rayner		
	Lisa Rutter		
	Kate Salinger		
	Brian Salinger		
	Gil Sargeant		
	Joan Scannell		
	Brian Schama		
	Alan Schneiderman		
	Daniel Seal		
	Agnes Slocombe		
	Ansuya Sodha		
	Stephen Sowerby		
	Andrew Strongolou		
	Andreas Tambourides		
	Joanna Tambourides		
	Daniel Thomas		
	Reuben Thompstone		
	Jim Tierney		
	Rowan Quigley Turner		
	Darrel Yawitch		
	Zakia Zubairi		

For 1
 Against 56
 Absent 6
 Not Voting 0
TOTAL 63

Upon being put to the vote the report of Cabinet dated 25 February 2014 was declared carried.

Voting the Report and Recommendation of Cabinet

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Melvin Cohen	Anita Campbell		Alex Brodtkin
Bridget Perry	Pauline Coakley Webb		Brian Gordon
Maureen Braun	Jack Cohen		Anne Hutton
Dean Cohen	Geof Cooke		Julie Johnson
Brian Coleman	Claire Farrier		Colin Rogers
Alison Cornelius	Ross Houston		Mark Shooter

For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Councillors	Councillors	Councillors	Councillors
Richard Cornelius	Andreas Ioannidis		
Tom Davey	Geoffrey Johnson		
Barry Evangeli	Kath McGuirk		
Anthony Finn	Arjun Mittra		
Eva Greenspan	Alison Moore		
Andrew Harper	Charlie O-Macauley		
Helena Hart	Monroe Palmer		
John Hart	Susette Palmer		
Sury Khatri	Barry Rawlings		
David Longstaff	Gil Sargeant		
John Marshall	Alan Schneiderman		
Graham Old	Agnes Slocombe		
Wendy Prentice	Jim Tierney		
Sachin Rajput	Zakia Zubairi		
Robert Rams			
Hugh Rayner			
Lisa Rutter			
Kate Salinger			
Brian Salinger			
Joan Scannell			
Brian Schama			
Daniel Seal			
Ansuya Sodha			
Stephen Sowerby			
Andrew Strongolou			
Andreas Tambourides			
Joanna Tambourides			
Daniel Thomas			
Reuben Thompstone			
Rowan Quigley Turner			
Darrel Yawitch			

For	37
Against	20
Not Voting	0
Absent	6
TOTAL	63

RESOLVED – That the recommendations set out in the Cabinet report dated 25 February 2014 be approved.

10. REPORT FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

There were none.

11. REPORT OF THE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE- 20 JANUARY 2014: PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2014/15

Councillor Richard Cornelius moved adoption and reception. Upon being put to the vote the recommendations as set out in the report were declared carried.

RESOLVED - That Council endorse the council's Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2014/15.

12. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

1. REPORT EXEMPT FROM CALL IN

RESOLVED - That Council note the report exempt from call-in.

2. CHANGE TO COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

Committee	Date of Meeting	New date of Meeting
Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee	26/02/2014	24/03/2014

RESOLVED – That Council note the change of meeting date contained in the table above.

3. VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

RESOLVED - That the following appointment be approved:

Frith Manor School

- Mr John Ward be appointed to the Governing Body of Frith Manor School

13. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

At its meeting on 4 February 2014, the Group Leaders Panel considered a complaint against Councillor Coleman which resulted in the Panel making a recommendation to Council to censure Councillor Coleman for his failure to act in accordance with the authority's reasonable requirements when using the council's resources (section Paragraph 5 (b) (i) of the Members' Code of Conduct). It was found that Councillor Coleman had disposed of council property (his laptop) where he did not have the right to do so.

Council considered the recommendations from the Group Leaders Panel. Upon being put to the vote the recommendations set out below were declared carried.

1. That there was a breach of Paragraph 5 (b) (i) of the Members' Code of Conduct "You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority act in accordance with your authority's reasonable requirements."
2. That in view of (1) above, the Panel recommends that Councillor Coleman be censured.

RESOLVED - That Council hereby censure Councillor Brian Coleman.

The meeting finished at 9.17 pm

Council Questions to Cabinet Members
8 April 2014
Questions and Responses

AGENDA ITEM 2.1

Question 1

Councillor Mark Shooter

How many new school places have been provided in the Borough in the last five years?

Answer by Councillor Reuben Thompstone

7,852 school places have been created over the last five years. These places are made up of both temporary and permanent places and have been provided in primary, secondary and special schools across the borough.

NB: Not all of these places are currently being used as some schools are filling from Reception / Year 7 upwards.

Question 2

Councillor Alison Moore

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how many council tenants subject to the bedroom tax are still in arrears, and what percentage of those subject to the bedroom tax that represents?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

Based on Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) information, there is no such Tax levied in the UK.

Question 3

Councillor Barry Evangeli

Can the Cabinet Member confirm that the Police will have access to Barnet's CCTV images 24/7?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

As part of our investment into upgrading the borough's CCTV there will be two viewing platforms (Colindale and Hendon) enabling the police to connect to the CCTV camera's whenever they need to.

Question 4

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Why have Tory councillors not attended any of the 'question time' events organised across the Borough despite being regularly invited?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

Conservative Councillors have not chosen to attend these meetings as they are organised by those with a pre-determined view. We have met many of them at meetings in the Town Hall.

Question 5

Councillor Barry Evangeli

Following the Council's resident engagement and feedback exercise in relation to the new recycling system, what is the latest information with regards to resident satisfaction?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

Results from the waste and recycling door-stepping campaign which ran from 15 October until 14 December 2013 showed that 81% of residents are satisfied with the new recycling service. The campaign delivered by Enventure Research involved conversations with 41,610 residents and was designed to assist them with any queries and ensure that they had all the information

they needed to make full use of these services. Resident satisfaction will continue to be monitored as part of the twice-yearly council survey.

Question 6

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Will Council commit to a ten year lease for Friern Barnet Community Library?

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

The Council is working with the Friern Barnet Community Library to enable them to develop a community library that is compliant and sustainable. An initial two year lease has been granted and in addition revenue and capital funding to improve the WC facilities has been committed. The community property strategy is being prepared to consider all community buildings and how they may be most effectively used to deliver community benefit. This will also address financial support, rent, repairs and compliance. On completion of the strategy consideration will be given to the agreements on all community buildings to ensure a consistent and effective approach.

Question 7

Councillor Lisa Rutter

Have the first council houses now been completed?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

I am delighted to confirm that the first three homes completed on 28th February and three families moved out of temporary accommodation the same day into the properties. The three units came in £24,000 under budget which is an excellent start to the initial programme of 41 units. The remaining 38 units are at different stages of planning submission but remain on target for their completion in 2015.

Question 8

Councillor Geof Cooke

After the last local elections you and the other Conservative councillors awarded yourselves inflation-busting rises in allowances while residents were suffering under austerity. Now you say you will defer a decision on allowances till after polling day. Do you agree that residents are right to expect that a Tory win would see another hike in allowances for Tory councillors?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

There will be a proposal that there will be a fall in the overall cost of councillor allowances after the election.

Question 9

Councillor Hugh Rayner

Could the Leader confirm the amount deposited in the Icelandic Banks before the financial crisis and the amount the council has now had back?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

The Council had £27.4m deposited in Icelandic Banks before the financial crisis. The Council has now received £28.6m back, which represents the principal deposited and an element of the accrued interest.

Question 10

Councillor Alison Moore

Would the Cabinet Member confirm how much of Barnet's award of just under £2m of Discretionary Housing Payment has been allocated to helping local residents who are struggling with the government's welfare reforms to date? Please would he provide a breakdown of what sums of money have been allocated to help people with the benefit cap, the bedroom tax, Local Housing Allowance (LHA) reforms or a combination, and how many awards have been made to date?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

Each application for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) is determined on its merits, and there is no specific amount allocated to each of the government’s welfare reforms. A breakdown of the amount spent to date is as follows:

- Benefit cap £565,796.59
- Removal of Spare Room Subsidy £108,607.08
- Local Housing Allowance (LHA) restrictions £413,373.08
- Combination £25,968.41
- Other Reasons £112,313.56
- Total: £1,226,058 (out of £2,000,000)

Between April 1st 2013 and February 28th 2014 1300 households received DHP awards.

Question 11

Councillor Hugh Rayner

Barnet is increasing social tenant rents below inflation for the second successive year, delivering a real-terms cut. How does this compare to our neighbouring Boroughs?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

Very favourably. Barnet’s rent increase of 2.5% for council tenants is significantly below those of neighbouring boroughs as set out in the table below:

Borough % Increase	Average Increase
Barnet 2.50%	£2.46
Brent 4.39%	£4.67
Enfield 4.60%	£4.43
Haringey 4.98%	£4.90
Camden 5.44%	£5.65
Islington 4.93%	£5.21
Harrow 5.1%	£5.43

Question 12

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

What has been the cost of removing fly tipping in each of the following years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

The total cost of removal and disposal of flytipping, for the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14, is as follows:

- 2010/11 – £228,611
- 2011/12 – £235,849
- 2012/13 – £251,560
- 2013/14 – £271,107

Question 13

Councillor Hugh Rayner

How much has been invested in the last year by Barnet Homes on improvements to social housing?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

During the 2013/14 financial year an estimated £26m has been invested in maintaining Barnet Homes managed stock. This has included:

£2.4m replacing roofs

£2.1m replacing windows

£1.0m replacing kitchens, bathrooms and associated works

£1.0m replacing boilers and or heating systems within dwellings

£0.9m on redecorating of externals of buildings, communal areas and associated repairs.

£0.9m on adaptations enabling residents to remain within their homes (such as level access showers, stairlifts etc.)

£1.6m rewiring and upgrading electrical installations within dwellings

£6.5m rewiring electrical rising mains and communal lighting installations

£2.1m on fire safety works including replacement of dwelling doors

In addition to the £26m of capital investment a further 7.8m has been invested through responsive repairs, minor planned works and estate works programmes.

Question 14

Councillor Gill Sargeant

Could you let me know how much bailiffs have received in fees from Barnet council in 2011/12 and 2012/134 and if possible year to date 2013/14?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

The Council's bailiffs are not paid any fees by the Council. The bailiffs however do charge fees to defaulters. These are regulated by statute and these fees are deducted from any payments that they collect, before paying over to the council.

Council receipts from bailiffs for the years 2011/12, 2012/13 and to 31 January 2014 for 2013/14 are as follows:

2013/14 £ 2,822,320.41

2012/13 £ 3,048,085.37

2011/12 £ 1,590,516.60

£ 7,460,922.38

Question 15

Councillor Ansuya Sodha

Does the Cabinet Member think it is right, as in Labour's budget amendment, to provide free parking in just four of the Borough's twenty-one town centres and completely neglect the other areas such as West Hendon?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

I certainly believe Labour have not thought through their proposals, with their budget amendment betraying the discrepancy between what they are promising and what they can provide costings for. Labour only had proposals for 4 of Barnet's 21 town centres and we are advised this did not include West Hendon.

Question 16

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

How many mattresses are dumped across Barnet each year?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

Categories / or types of fly-tipping are not recorded, only the number of fly-tipping incidents that are reported and cleared is recorded. It is not possible to answer this question, or record this data going forward as it would require the introduction of additional administration processes and resources to facilitate this, with the data having little value. It is, however, intended to undertake some sample surveys going forward to gauge fly-tip composition, offenders and to inform decision making. The new customer contact system being introduced at the end of April will enable the classification of fly-tipping in terms of category – household or commercial and size of fly-tipping.

Question 17

Councillor Ansuya Sodha

Does the Cabinet Member agree that the new housing in West Hendon is providing excellent homes for people and that in light of this, and its high quality of maintenance by residents and managing agents, we should be building more such accommodation?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

Yes. It is a shame that Labour do not believe in building new homes for people having opposed the West Hendon Regeneration.

Question 18

Councillor Alison Moore

Would the Cabinet Member confirm the up-to-date figures for how many residents are paying council tax under the Council Tax Scheme (CTS) are in arrears and how many have been issued with a courts summons for non-payment? Would he also confirm how many of those are in arrears or have been issued with a court summons under each category of the CTS including those paying council tax for the first time? Would he further confirm how much council tax has been collected under the CTS to date versus how much the council expected to collect, and how much it has cost the council (or the contractor) to collect it?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

Due to the nature of claimants joining and exiting the CTS scheme throughout the year, it is not possible to exclude arrears in respect of periods when residents are not in receipt of support.

As at 10 March 2013, in respect of the year 2013/14, there are 35,801 residents claiming CTS. Of those 9,373 have been in arrears or are currently in arrears. Of those 6,286 have been summonsed for non-payment.

Of the 9,373 residents in arrears, 415 are of pension-age, 8,958 are from residents of working age. Of these 3,740 are paying council tax for the first time.

The Council anticipated a 70% collection rate of the contribution to be made by claimants in receipt of CTS. It is possible to determine the amount of council tax that has been received against accounts where residents are in receipt of CTS, however due to the nature of claimants joining and exiting the scheme throughout the year, it is not possible to exclude payments made in respect of periods when residents are not in receipt of support. Whilst this does not allow us to report the exact outturn against the anticipated 2013/14 70% target, as at 28 February 2014 the CTS collection rate was 87.15% (target 69.15%). This includes all accounts where CTS has been credited to the account, for all or part of the year. This outturn is distorted by the payments made for periods when taxpayers are not in receipt of support.

It is not possible to disaggregate the cost of collecting CTS, as whilst some cases are being processed by a dedicated team, many council tax processes do not differentiate nor add further cost when the volumes are increased. The cost of these activities are all included in the management fee paid to Capita.

Question 19**Councillor Ansuya Sodha**

Does the Cabinet Member welcome the building of new council homes in Barnet, the first in more than twenty years?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

Yes, and I am looking forward to building more.

Question 20**Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb**

Does the Cabinet Member agree that it was public pressure and determination that led to the council closed Friern Barnet library being handed over to local trustees on a two Year lease?

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

If by public pressure she means the personal insults towards myself and my family then I cannot agree with her. I would like to especially praise Councillor Salinger who worked hard behind the scenes, to ensure the best outcome for the residents of Friern Barnet - unlike the Labour councillors who did not ask to meet with me once on this matter.

Question 21**Councillor Joan Scannell**

Will the Cabinet Member confirm that the protected status of the Green Belt will continue to be respected and defended by the administration with reference to future development in the borough?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

Yes, the Council will continue to protect the Green Belt from inappropriate development as enshrined in the Local Plan.

Question 22**Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

Prior to the removal of cash parking meters in 2011, how often were they emptied?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

Parking meters were emptied on average 3-4 times per week, with the cashier team collecting from the busier machines more frequently than those less used.

Question 23**Councillor John Marshall**

What is the latest estimate of the savings from the restructuring of the senior management?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

The total saving for the restructuring of senior management in 2012 equated to £1.2m.

Question 24**Councillor Gill Sargeant**

Could you let me know the increase in council tenant rent arrears in 2013/14 as compared to 2012/12?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

The accounts have not yet closed for the 2013/2014 period so it is not possible to provide an accurate number. This will be provided once the accounts are closed. However it is anticipated that this year's rent collection will exceed the previous years.

Question 25**Councillor John Marshall**

How many applications to fell trees in Garden Suburb have been rejected since May 2010?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

There have been 13 tree applications refused to fell protected trees (tree preservation trees) in the Garden Suburb ward since 1st May 2010 to date – list below:

- Electricity Sub-Station Adjacent to 11 Northway, London, NW11 6PB
- 32 Willifield Way, London, NW11 7XT
- The Lewis W Hammerson Memorial Home, The Bishops Avenue, N2 0BE
- 11 Spencer Drive, London, N2 0QT
- 48 Helen Close, London, N2 0UU
- Plot 3, 65 - 79 Winnington Road, London, N2 0TS
- Asmunds Place Allotments (Rear of 7/9 Asmunds Hill), London, NW11
- Plot 3, 65-79 Winnington Road, London, N2 0TS
- 33 The Bishops Avenue, London, N2 0BN
- Asmunds Place Allotments (Rear of 7/9 Asmunds Hill, London, NW11 6ES
- Grassed Area Adj to 27 - 47 Willifield Way, London, NW11 7XU
- Plot 3, 65 - 79 Winnington Road, London, N2 0TS
- 59 Kingsley Way, London, N2 0EJ

Question 26**Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

Has the Cabinet Member now had time to identify the key messages coming out of the parking focus groups held in December and January; and if so what are they?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

Yes and the key messages are as follows:

1. That we should relax enforcement – Civil Enforcement Officers are considered to be “ruthless and inflexible”
2. Free or cheap parking – free parking for 15-30 minutes are suggested in shopping streets and centres
3. Straightforward payment methods
4. Level of fines – it is suggested that there should be reduced car parking fines (but this is not under the Council’s control.)
5. Council Policy and Engagement – This supports the development of a comprehensive parking policy and further engagement but suggested that residents would also like to have reviews of all controls and that we should provide additional parking.
6. Controlled parking – residents are concerned about the “myriad of variations in restrictions” so clearly we need to better explain the need for locally appropriate controls

7. Parking costs – residents and businesses both suggest reduction of business and resident permit costs

These issues will be considered and addressed in the Council's parking policy which is under development.

Question 27

Councillor John Marshall

What is the latest estimate of the increase in recycling since the implementation of the new policy?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

Between the launch of the new services on 14 October 2013 and 15 March 2014, 11,629 tonnes of recycling has been collected compared with 8,519 tonnes for the same weeks the previous year (a 36.5% increase). For the same period, 3,088 tonnes of food waste has been collected, compared with an estimated 200 tonnes per full year with the previous service.

Question 28

Councillor Julie Johnson

Would the Council agree to put all planning applications affecting the Granville Road Estate on hold until after a full public consultation on the final proposals has taken place amongst residents living on the estate and in the surrounding streets?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

A number of local consultations have already taken place over the course of the project. The development partners are currently in the process of preparing a planning application which will have regard to the responses received through this consultation. Any application that is submitted in due course will be subject to a further full consultation as part of the statutory planning process and representations received through this will be material to the consideration of the proposals.

Question 29

Councillor Andrew Harper

Could the Leader expand on the two mentions of Barnet in the Budget?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

The budget contained two important announcements for Barnet, relating to two of our major regeneration schemes.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a new fund to support the rebuilding of large regeneration estates, citing the Grahame Park Estate in Colindale as a potential beneficiary.

The second announcement related to Brent Cross Cricklewood, where we have been lobbying Government for support to deliver the planned Thameslink Station early. This will mean that existing and new residents can benefit from excellent connection to central London from day 1, and give visitors to the expanded shopping centre better access by public transport. It will also help improve the financial viability of the scheme, and speed up delivery. The Chancellor announced that the Treasury would work with the Council and the GLA to forward the scheme.

These announcements are the result of many months of careful lobbying by Barnet Council.

Question 30

Councillor Alison Moore

Does the Leader regret not consulting residents more on key policy and service changes?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

Consultation is always a good thing.

Question 31

Councillor Andrew Harper

Would the Cabinet Member update the Council as to how many professionals volunteered in the Interview Skills at East Barnet School event on the 13th March?

Answer by Councillor Reuben Thompstone

There were 35 professionals from 30 different organisations at the event including BT, Waitrose and Microsoft.

Question 32

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

The recent Parking Task and Finish Group recommended a review of the enforcement approach undertaken by NSL to ensure that it is fair and appropriate. Does the Cabinet Member agree, and if so when will this review take place?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

The Task and Finish Group report is due to be considered by Cabinet at its next meeting and this will include consideration of all recommendations, including any related to reviewing the enforcement undertaken by NSL. Should this specific recommendation be agreed by Cabinet then this review will be arranged in due course.

Question 33

Councillor Brian Salinger

What progress, if any, has been made in investigating the nature of any data loss connected to the censuring of the non-aligned member at the last Council meeting?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

Questions were raised with Councillor Coleman's solicitor regarding the potential data loss. Councillor Coleman's solicitor has stated that he has no instructions from Councillor Coleman on this issue. Questions were therefore raised by the Monitoring Officer of Councillor Coleman to assess the risk. Councillor Coleman has stated that he does not consider any direct questions on the matter by the Monitoring Officer to be appropriate. As the Council has tried to seek reasonable and valid assurances as to how the laptop has been disposed of and these attempts have been unsuccessful we have taken the view that this incident requires reporting to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for them to investigate the matter and seek assurances.

Question 34

Councillor Gill Sargeant

Could you let me know the result of investigations into whether reminder letters are being sent out to those owing council tax and how much notice are people being given before receiving a court summons?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

Reminder notices are sent out to all taxpayers who are in arrears with their council tax.

Reminders are sent in accordance with council tax legislation and can be sent if payment is not paid by the instalment due date. Upon receipt of a reminder, the taxpayer has 7 days to bring the account up to date. If payment is not made within 7 days the whole year's Council Tax is due. A reminder can be sent at any time after the council tax has become due.

In practice reminders are issued every month and usually 12 to 15 days after the due date. The council aims to get the overdue payment collected within the month that it is due. A second

reminder can be sent if the customer pays on a first reminder and falls behind again. A maximum of two reminders will be issued.

A final notice may be issued in some circumstances and as with reminder notices; payment is due within 7 days.

If payment is not made within 14 days of a reminder notice, or within 7 days of a final notice then the council may apply for a liability order from the magistrates' court. This process starts with the issuing of a summons.

Therefore, usually the minimum notice period for a summons would be 14 days from the date of the instalment, but good practice and other considerations extend this time to approximately 28 days.

Question 35

Councillor Brian Salinger

Does the Council have proof that Councillor Coleman did destroy his council laptop and that he did so in a manner which would prevent data being recovered from it?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

The Council has written correspondence from Councillor Coleman's solicitor that he destroyed his laptop. Questions posed to Councillor Coleman's solicitor regarding the way in which he disposed of his laptop have neither been answered by his solicitor or Councillor Coleman himself. As a result we are unable to confirm whether the data contained on the computer was safeguarded appropriately.

Question 36

Councillor Alison Moore

Will the Leader confirm that he will work with the police to ensure that 20mph limits across the Borough are properly enforced?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

Yes.

Question 37

Councillor Graham Old

Can the Cabinet Member confirm the number of Marked and Measured Routes being installed in the Borough and update Council on progress in this regard?

Answer by Councillor Helena Hart

In all, there will be a total of 10 Marked and Measured Routes installed in parks across the Borough.

9 of these have already been completed and installed using Public Health funding, with the 1st one at Edgwarebury Park being opened to the Public on 27th February. A further eight have been completed and installed at the following locations:

- Barnet Copthall
- Barnet Playing Fields
- Bethune Park
- Clitterhouse Playing Fields
- Montrose Park
- Scratchwood Open Space
- Sunny Hill Park

West Hendon Playing Fields

The 10th route will be at Oak Hill Park and is expected to be installed by the end of April 2014. This Route is being delivered under a separate project to the 9 listed above.

Question 38

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Is the Cabinet Member disappointed that the recycling rate remains below the 40% target?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

I am far from disappointed, quite the opposite. For the period between 14 October 2013 and 1 March 2014 the proportion of household waste recycled, composted or reused is 38.1% (provisional). For the same weeks the previous year the figure was 29.4%, and the full year outturn for 2012/13 was 33.02%. The waste transformation programme expected that the recycling performance would increase to 43% by 2016/17 and the recent step-change in performance shows that this will be achieved by 2016/17. The target within the Corporate Plan 2013-2016 is 40%.

Question 39

Councillor Graham Old

Would the Cabinet Member like to comment on the launch of Fit and Active in Barnet?

Answer by Councillor Helena Hart

I cannot over-emphasise the importance of physical activity to the health and wellbeing of Barnet residents with countless studies showing that it can actually prolong life expectancy as well as prevent illness and enhance mental health. However, whilst health outcomes of Barnet residents have consistently been better than those for London and England as a whole, our levels of physical activity have very much lagged behind.

That is why I was so delighted, together with Dr Andrew Howe, our joint Director of Public Health, to be present at the Launch of our Fit and Active in Barnet campaign (FAB for short) with the installation of our first Marked & Measured route at Edgwarebury Park at the end of February. In addition to both these and our Outdoor Gyms, the FAB programme has also invested in a whole variety of activities to take place throughout the year to encourage **all** of Barnet's residents - whatever their level of fitness and ability - to be much more physically active.

Question 40

Councillor Charlie Omacauley

How many CCTV cameras have been taken off service in Barnet, and specifically how many in Burnt Oak? Was there any consultation?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

No cameras have been removed from Burnt Oak.

Barnet has 131 cameras across the borough. 5 cameras have been taken off service due to technical issues (this is since the CCTV was installed in Barnet approx. in 1999/2000). The details are as follows:

Camera 1: High Road Junction with Woodhouse Road

This area is sufficiently covered by three other cameras in the locality situated on the Kingsway Junction with Ballards Lane, High Road Junction with Nether Street and Woodhouse Road opposite Lambert Way.

Camera 2: Stanhope Road

Originally placed to monitor the Autumn House Public House which is now closed.

Camera 3: Lodge Lane Car Park

Placed to monitor the cash pay and display machine which is now no longer there.

Camera 4: High Road Junction with Woodside Park Road

This area is covered by two other camera's situated locally:

- High Road Junction, Torrington Park
- High Road, opposite Avenue Road

Camera 5: Cricklewood Lane, opposite Elm Grove

There are three other cameras in the local area

Barnet's current CCTV system is supported by BT cabling, the cameras and technology is outdated and we have now invested in the most up to date cameras supported by a wireless network. The system will be regularly maintained and the camera network extended following consideration of the CCTV consultation and analysing crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots, resulting in greater effectiveness.

There will also be an additional 20 Automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras at entry points around the borough.

Question 41

Councillor Kate Salinger

Can the Cabinet Member now confirm that the Council has been able to ensure a future for Community Focus, following their dispute with the ArtsDepot?

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

I am happy to confirm that on 25 February, Cabinet Resources Committee agreed funding to re-fit the vacant first floor of Friary House to allow Community Focus to move in. Community Focus has agreed a 20 year lease for the space, which provides them with the certainty they require. Works are on course to be completed to allow Community Focus to take up residence in July.

Question 42

Councillor Alison Moore

Does the Leader think it is fair for councillors to get free parking while residents and those that have businesses or come to work in Barnet have to pay for parking?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

Some Councillors accept parking permits that can only be used on Council business.

Question 43

Councillor Kate Salinger

Can the Cabinet Member tell me how many potholes have been filled in over the last year, how many miles of road have been resurfaced and how many streets have been resurfaced? How much has been spent on capital works on roads and pavements in the last year?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

During 2013/14, the Highways department spent £3.4 million on carriageway resurfacing and £5 million on Footway repairs (total of £8.4 m on planned maintenance).

4544 potholes have been repaired this year.

On the carriageway resurfacing, the £3.4 m spending covers a total of 43 schemes/roads. The

length of carriageway resurfaced or to be resurfaced during 2013/14 is 14.144 km or 8.79 miles.

Question 44

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

How much has been spent to date on security for the closed Church Farmhouse Museum?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

£43,120 (September 2012- February 2014)

Going forward the cost will be reduced as a new agreement has been negotiated with the guardians as a result of the installation of the shower and sink. The daily charge has been reduced from £85 per day to zero, and the guardians are contributing £100 per month to the running costs.

Question 45

Councillor Barry Evangeli

It is now a few months since I put a question at Council about reducing or eliminating the council's advertising in the local press. Can the Leader provide us with some details of progress to date?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

It is important to minimise the use of adverts and to reduce the cost as much as possible. This is being done but there are still occasions when the press is the best way to inform the public.

Question 46

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Does the Cabinet Member now accept that £2 million due to the Council from its disastrous Icelandic deposits will never be recovered?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

The Council has now received back an amount in excess of the principal deposited in Iceland, although it has not received back the accrued interest in full. This matter has been subject to significant press over the 5 years and affected many authorities in the country, and also the Audit Commission. Given the previous uncertainty over the recovery of these funds, and the significant amounts that had to be set aside in reserves and provisions, this is a positive result for Barnet Council.

Question 47

Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner

What percentage of the Council's total budget is covered by the two contracts with Capita?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

Prior to the letting of the Customer and Support Group (CSG) and Re contracts, these two service areas constituted 11% of the Council's budget. In 2013/14, the CSG and Re contracts now make up 8% of the Council's total budget.

Question 48

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

What changes have taken place to accommodate a security presence at the closed Church Farmhouse Museum and what costs have been accrued due to these changes?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

The installation of a portable self-contained shower has been made in the former WC and a sink unit has been replaced at a cost of £1,450. English Heritage carried out an inspection on 10

December 2013, and is in full support of the security solution in place and works carried out.

Question 49

Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner

Have Customer Services achieved their customer satisfaction target since transferring to Capita?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

The latest Customer and Support Group (CSG) quarterly Performance Report for Q3 2013/14 showed that 15 out of 15 performance targets were met with Customer Services achieving the Quarterly Customer Satisfaction Target of 60% despite an additional 45,000 calls when compared to the same quarter last year. The additional calls were a result of the Waste Project resulting in the rollout of new bins and recycling regime.

For Quarter 4, this target increases to 65% and in February the overall rating across all channels rated as "good" was 68%.

Question 50

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Does the Cabinet agree with a quote from a recent article on the Conservative Home website "Maude praises the Barnet formula" which said that "the Council has made mistakes - for instance a short lived proposal to hike councillor allowances"?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

I agree with much in this article.

Yes, all institutions make mistakes and have to put them right. However, this is not the main message of the article, which is to highlight the success and innovation of the council.

I totally agree with Mr Maude's comments in the referenced article. What he said was the following:

"Every part of the public sector has to adapt to tough economic times. For local government, the challenge of providing services on reduced budgets means taking a fresh look at service delivery and finding imaginative ways of delivering more for less. But we know that the voluntary sector, SMEs and mutual or joint ventures offer the chance to drive up productivity everywhere.

"Barnet is rising to the challenge by becoming a Commissioning Council. Instead of delivering all services directly, it is working with a range of service providers in the public and private sectors, and involving communities in the design and delivery of services. This is the sort of flexible, innovative approach that is needed to produce better value for money and better outcomes for citizens."

I agree with its assessment of Labour's contribution to the direction of the council in the last four years:

"The response of the Labour Party has been to attack it without offering a credible alternative of where they would find savings."

Finally, I also note that the conclusion of the piece states that the Conservatives deserve to win the forthcoming election for *"taking the borough in the right direction."*

Question 51

Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner

What action is the Council taking to remove grime and gum from the Borough's town centres?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

The Council has been investigating and trialling a number of pieces of equipment to address this particular problem. Following a successful trial, two machines have been identified that will deliver the desired outcome of both chewing gum and grime removal. One machine will 'zap' the chewing gum, removing all traces of it. Then a scrubbing machine will wash away the dirt and grime leaving the areas clean and chewing gum free. A team of staff will deliver an intensive cleansing programme to tackle all the boroughs town centres each year with the first town centre being cleaned week commencing 7th April.

Question 52

Councillor Arjun Mitra

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety will have heard of the dreadful assault on a 79 year old resident on Fortis Green. What measures can he take that might help to prevent such attacks?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

Tackling Violence against Women and Girls including domestic violence and sexual exploitation, are a key priority for the Safer Communities Partnership. We run various community partnership days, which will continue, where we provide the local community and especially vulnerable people, women and girls, with personal attack alarms – these are provided free and funded by the partnership.

This particular incident is very unusual in that it took place on a busy residential street with a high number of cars going by. It was in broad day light at 10.30am.

The partnership will continue to raise awareness and ensure appropriate support for victims is in place.

We work closely with the police and an incident of this type would be managed by the police.

Question 53

Councillor Andreas Tambourides

What has been the overall percentage increase or decrease in crime in the last year?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

In the last 12 months, up to 25 March 2014, there have been 22,793 crimes in Barnet. This is a 10.2% reduction compared to the same period one year ago, where there were 25,371 crimes.

Question 54

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Has Councillor Cornelius published his report into being a commissioning council a bit too early given that the section on "what we've achieved" only identifies savings that are yet to be delivered?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

No. The document sets out the approach the Council has taken to deal with the challenges of funding cuts and rising demand over the past few years. We have achieved a great deal by living within our means in a responsible way that allows us to continue to invest in what people like about the borough – schools, green spaces, infrastructure – and give something back to residents through a reduction in their Council Tax. This is in contrast to a number of authorities who have had to make more draconian cuts to the front line services residents depend on. We haven't done that in Barnet and the report sets out how we have achieved it. The two partnerships with Capita you refer to – by guaranteeing savings of £165m over the next 10 years – and our

transition to a commissioning model provide the foundations for dealing with the challenges that still await us and continuing this responsible approach.

Question 55

Councillor Andreas Tambourides

What has been the change in the number of burglaries in the last year?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

The following statistics are for the 12 months up to 25 March 2014 (compared against the equivalent period one year ago):

All burglaries: 3,972 vs. 4,812 a year ago (17.5% reduction)

Of which:

Residential: 2,738 vs. 3,439 a year ago (20.4% reduction)

Non-residential: 1,234 vs. 1,373 a year ago (10.1% reduction)

Question 56

Councillor Arjun Mittra

Despite years of complaints, the junction of Church Lane and Long Lane in East Finchley remains in a poor state. Why is it so hard for the Council to repair brickwork and re-pave the brickwork? It is enough to make residents "Apocalyptic".

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

This section of public Highway is Inspected every six months. Following a recent inspection all defective areas noted were passed to our contractors for attention. The next inspection for Church Lane AND Long Lane is April 15th 2014. I am pleased to confirm that the brickwork around the tree bases have been noted and will be passed to our contractor for attention within the next 28 days.

Question 57

Councillor Andreas Tambourides

What is the Council doing to tackle benefit fraud and how many prosecutions were there in this last financial year?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

In financial year 2013/14 there have been 27 successful benefit fraud prosecutions.

Question 58

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

What is the breakdown of how the £1.4 million Outer London Fund money is being spent in North Finchley?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

The total amount of funding for the Outer London Fund project in North Finchley is £1,453,140 including matched funding provided by Barnet Council of £379,080. The breakdown is as follows:

£12,000.00 to support 3 Apprenticeship opportunities in the town centre.

£24,000.00 for town centre events - £8,000 of this was spent on the Christmas event 2012 with the remaining £16,000 to the Summer event 2013 and Christmas event 2013.

£42,000.00 for Business capacity building and training including business events, promotional activities, setting up a town team, research and benchmarking, business training and development.

£127,000.00 was spent on celebrations and activities during the Olympics, including public realm improvements and activity to support the torch relay through North Finchley, along with two celebratory events - a Youth Festival and a 'Spectacular' Event.

Approximately £200,000 is being spent on a range of light touch improvements in the Grand Arcade, North Finchley which include new signage, flooring, roof cleaning and painting as well as on a grant which has been awarded to the North Finchley Town Team to activate three units within the Arcade for community purposes.

The remaining funds are for public realm improvements, the majority of which will be in the southern end of the town centre, around Tally Ho Corner but with approximately £300,000 on wider public realm improvements along the high street. £25,000 was spent on the traffic and parking review and improvements (now complete) which was delivered in September 2012. The funding also supports a Town Centre Officer post over the duration of the project.

Question 59 **Councillor Stephen Sowerby**

How much has the Council saved from its budget since 2010?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

Since 2010 settlement the Council has saved £75.9m, breakdown below:

	Efficiencies	Reductions	Income	Total
2014/15	(15,997)	(2,403)	(610)	(19,010)
% of savings	84%	13%	3%	

	Efficiencies	Reductions	Income	Total
2013/14	(12,425)	(1,426)	(641)	(14,492)
% of savings	86%	10%	4%	

	Efficiencies	Reductions	Income	Total
2012/13	(9,304)	(2,584)	(1,413)	(13,301)
% of savings	70%	19%	11%	

	Efficiencies	Reductions	Income	Total
2011/12	(13,592)	(10,613)	(4,900)	(29,105)
% of savings	47%	36%	17%	

Question 60 **Councillor Arjun Mitra**

Will the Cabinet Member for Environment lobby Transport for London to do their job and maintain their land properly, such as The Causeway N2? The Council has been requesting them to trim back the hedges, repair the pavement and fix a broken fence for about 6 months.

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

Transport for London (TfL) has been contacted regarding the bushes from the railway side. A Section 154 Notice (Over hanging-foliage) Highways Act 1980 has been issued to tube lines.

Highways can confirm that according to the last cyclical inspection which was recorded on 30th May 2013 (Please note this is an annual inspection) there were no intervention level defects noted. The next inspection for this area is due May 2014 at which stage any defective areas noted will be passed to our term contractors for immediate attention. The damaged fencing also falls under the responsibility of TfL (Tube Lines) who have been notified on a number of occasions of the required repair works.

Question 61

Councillor Stephen Sowerby

By what amount has the Council's funding from central government been cut since the last election?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

Since 2010, the Council has received £90.5m less in funding from central government.

Question 62

Councillor Julie Johnson

Does the Cabinet Member think it is fair to charge leaseholders tens of thousands of pounds for building works they will not benefit from, and will he agree to only charge them for the time they continue to live in their properties?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

Please refer to the Cabinet Resources Committee paper on Discounts for Leaseholders on Regeneration estates which covers this.

Question 63

Councillor John Marshall

What savings have resulted from the work of the Remuneration Committee?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

I refer to the answer to Question 23. £1.2m has been saved on senior management. The groundwork to bringing a logical and fair pay schedule for all council staff has been laid.

Question 64

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Given the closure of Whetstone Police station and the fact that Woodhouse ward, along with other wards, now only has one dedicated police officer, what can the Cabinet Member say to reassure residents concerned about burglaries and the fact they rarely see a police officer patrolling their streets?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

For the 12 month period March 2013 – February 2014

Number of crimes in Woodhouse Ward: 1,211

Change vs. one year ago: Reduction of 320 crimes (20.9% reduction)

The reduction of 320 crimes in Woodhouse Ward was the largest reduction of all wards in Barnet.

Between March 2013 – February 2014, 11 out of the 12 months had a lower level of crime than the same month a year ago.

Burglary remains a priority for the Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB). We have established a multi-agency working group to meet on a regular basis and consider the trends in

burglary and ensure areas suffering from burglary are targeted with appropriate interventions.

To date our local police, supported by the partnership have:

- Disrupted cross border criminal networks that have been targeting the borough.
- Caught burglars – Barnet has an exceptionally high sanction detection rate.
- Effectively targeted offenders committing burglary and managed their offending resulting in reduced re-offending. (SCP performance in the internet).
- Targeted more handlers of stolen goods resulting in increased arrests and convictions.
- Delivered a relentless partnership crime prevention campaign, promoting awareness of the risk of burglary, providing knowledge, advice, and assistance that can reduce the risk of being burgled.
- We have secured £30,000 a year for the next three years from Mayor's office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) so we can target harden the homes of the most vulnerable.
- Increasing ANPR – investing in 20 new automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras around the borough to deter cross border borough burglars. Cross border burglary is the most significant contributor to Barnet's overall burglary levels, during a 12 month sample period, 64% of suspects were from off borough.
- Barnet's sanction detection rate for burglary (19.7%) is the highest of all 32 London boroughs – this indicates our police are detecting, catching and convicting those committing burglary at a higher rate than other London Boroughs regardless of a closure of a police station.

Buildings do not solve crimes, Police officers do.

The facts demonstrate that our police have achieved good results.

Burglary is falling in Barnet.

Question 65

Councillor Mark Shooter

As the economy continues to recover and grow, what has been the local impact on unemployment?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

The unemployment rate peaked at 8.6 % from July 2011 to June 2012, and fell to 6.9% from July 2012 to June 2013. Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS) Annual Population Survey.

Barnet's Benefits Claimant Count peaked at 11.6% at the height of the recession in Aug 2009 but is now steadily declining, reaching 10.2% in August 2013.

Question 66

Councillor Alison Moore

Does the Leader agree with Lord Tebbit that the Bedroom Tax will cost the Conservatives votes at the next election?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

No. This is an important measure to ensure that tax payer subsidised housing is used to help as

many people as possible.

Question 67

Councillor Mark Shooter

What is the latest NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) figure for Barnet and how has this changed compared to a year previous?

Answer by Councillor Reuben Thompstone

Three Year Adjusted NEET figures:

January 2012	4.2%	411 young people
January 2013	3.5%	356 young people
January 2014	2.4%	229 young people

Question 68

Councillor Charlie Omacauley

How many people are on the (now closed) housing list in Barnet as a whole and in Burnt Oak specifically and how many have been waiting over ten years to be re-housed?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

Barnet does not operate a Housing list and has not done for a number of years. I am concerned if this is the information the Member is providing to his residents and suggests he contacts Barnet Homes for a training session, or alternatively, reads some historic Cabinet papers. Officers will be able to provide a copy of the relevant policy paper.

Question 69

Councillor Ansuya Sodha

The recent investment of £50,000 in Malcolm Park and £50,000 in Hendon Park is welcomed by the residents of West Hendon. Does this not show this administration’s commitment to investment in parks and in making them more attractive for residents?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

Absolutely. Parks and particularly play areas are integral to the wider community, contributing to community cohesion and the health and well-being of Barnet’s Residents.

In addition to Malcolm Park and Hendon Park, a further four parks are receiving a make-over this April and May with Cricklewood Playground benefitting from a £300k make-over (funded from OLF – £123,345, GLA Pocket Park - £40,000, S106 - £136,655).

Further play area improvements are planned for this year. A bid for a further round of pocket park funding (to be match funded by the Council) for Percy Road Playground, Stonegrove Park is to benefit from £75,000 and the Friends Groups at the above Parks and a number of others are seeking funding to deliver phase 2 of their projects.

Question 70

Councillor Arjun Mittra

Will the Cabinet Member provide an update as to the status of negotiations between Middlesex University and the Council regarding Church Farmhouse Museum?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

The proposed lease to Middlesex University was based on estimated costs of works of

approximately £200,000. Following detailed surveys and consultation with English Heritage costs are now in the region of £500,000. As a result the terms of the proposed lease and options for funding are being investigated and if provisional agreement is secured, a report will be submitted to Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee for approval.

Question 71

Councillor Andrew Harper

Would the Cabinet Member inform Council of preparations to support young people in Barnet to take advantage of job opportunities that arise from the expansion of the Brent Cross Shopping Centre?

Answer by Councillor Reuben Thompstone

Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration scheme will generate up to 27,000 new jobs and many of the new jobs will be in service industries requiring retail skills. Up to a further 10,000 other retail or related opportunities are projected to emerge across North London over the next 5 - 10 years, offering accessible opportunities for Barnet residents.

London Borough of Barnet Children's Service is leading on the Lets Talk Shop project which was recently successful in its funding bid of £155,000 for the Leader's Priority Fund. The vision of the Let's Talk Shop Project is to ensure that we capture both existing and future retail opportunities and ensure that Barnet residents are able to take advantage, with quality progression routes to successful careers in this sector.

This project will work through the aegis of the locally-based Retail Skills Academy at Hospitality House in East Finchley to inform and prepare Barnet residents for a career in emerging and future retail vacancies.

Let's Talk Shop in Barnet will develop quality progression routes and career pathways in retail, whilst also addressing feedback from the Brent Cross Shopping Centre (BXSC) that they would like a single point of contact that BXSC can work with to enable early joint working.

The project will deliver a clear pathway for residents to acquire skills and accreditations which will be developed through to graduate level. Schools will be supported and equipped to promote retail career opportunities for Barnet's young people. Links will also be made with Job Centre Plus and Work Programme Providers. The project will also help to reduce the number of young people who become NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) by working with existing NEETs and preventing younger pupils from becoming NEET by supporting them to join a retail pathway of learning and work.

Question 72

Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Given the 1p cut in beer duty in the budget, will the Cabinet Member reconsider his decision to refuse the application to list the Castle Pub in Childs Hill as an asset of community value?

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

No.

Question 73

Councillor Lisa Rutter

Does the Cabinet Member agree that the transition of our planning function to Capita seems to have gone very smoothly?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

Yes, the transition has been very smooth. In particular, the Planning Department has continued to

maintain its high performance when making planning decisions and is now in the top four Local Planning Authorities in London (34 planning authorities in London) for speed of decision making (based on Communities and Local Government performance tables).

There has also been an extension to the scope of enforcement actions taken, in so far as, a number of direct planning enforcement actions have been taken against unauthorised development, subject to enforcement notices, where illegal developments have been physically removed by contractors employed by the Council (some of these actions were against “beds in sheds”).

The Planning Service has also been able to accelerate delivery of the Council’s regeneration and major developments programme.

Question 74

Councillor Zakia Zubairi

Building works at Colindale School have been of a poor quality, with roof leaks, doors warping and window’s cracking for example. What is the Council doing to ensure that contractors perform repairs and refurbishments to a high standard, and the council tax payer gets value for money?

Answer by Councillor Reuben Thompstone

The Council appoints technical advisers to challenge contractors’ design and building work and ensure value for money is achieved throughout the design and build process. A dedicated adviser has been identified to investigate the issues at Colindale School. The contractor has been contacted and appropriate action will be taken.

Question 75

Councillor Maureen Braun

In a city such as London, there will always be concerns about violent crime. What has been the change in serious youth violence and knife crime in the last year?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

The following statistics are for the period 1st April 2013 to 16 March 2014 (compared against the equivalent period one year ago):

Knife Crime: 297 vs. 387 a year ago (23.2% reduction)

Serious Youth Violence: 178 vs. 206 a year ago (13.6% reduction)

Question 76

Councillor Julie Johnson

Does the Cabinet Member agree that non-secure tenants on the regeneration estates who have lived locally for over ten years and are an established part of the local community deserve to be re-housed in the Borough?

Answer by Councillor Tom Davey

I believe in fairness and this is facilitated through our housing allocations policy. Each application is assessed against this.

Question 77

Councillor Maureen Braun

Does the Leader agree with me that meetings of full Council will become more meaningful under the committee system, which will commence at the next meeting?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

Yes. Full Council will again become the ultimate decision making body for all council matters.

Question 78**Councillor Arjun Mitra**

How much are the estimated costs of repair work to Church Farmhouse Museum?

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

The costs to make the property fit for purpose are estimated at £483,000.

Question 79**Councillor Joan Scannell**

Would the Cabinet Member join me in welcoming the news that Barnet has the second lowest rate of teen pregnancy in London? What is the Council doing to ensure the continuation of this downward direction of travel?

Answer by Councillor Helena Hart

These latest figures are indeed to be welcomed with the most recent figures representing a 39% fall in the teenage conception rate across Barnet from 1998 to 2012.

However, we must never be complacent. Rates of teenage pregnancy generally are still high when compared with those internationally and maintaining progress in this area is critically important. That is why it is essential that we maintain our Public Health support to our sex and relationship education programmes which have contributed so much to getting these rates down and keeping them low. The Public Health service will continue to work hard to ensure even better access for young people to sex and relationships education, contraceptive services and emergency hormonal contraception. The investments the Public Health team have made in the Barnet Schools Wellbeing Programme and sexual health services properly reflect our extremely strong commitment to continuing this downward direction of travel.

Question 80**Councillor Alan Schneiderman**

Will the Cabinet Member do more to consider the cumulative effect of developments in North Finchley rather than simply looking at each application in isolation?

Answer by Councillor Joanna Tambourides

The Local Planning Authority considers all planning applications on their merit, taking careful account of any relevant planning policies and guidance. The assessment carried out will include evaluating the cumulative impacts of a particular proposal and any other relevant committed schemes (for example a consented scheme on a nearby site). Such an approach was taken in the assessment of the recent application at 931 High Road in North Finchley.

Question 81**Councillor Agnes Slocombe**

Would the Cabinet Member confirm if the cycle route from West Hendon to Cricklewood will be improved using any of the money from the government announced in the budget?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

The cycle route from West Hendon to Cricklewood is planned to be improved with the provision of a new route through the Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration scheme area, and this will be funded by the Brent Cross developer partner for the northern part of the route in the vicinity of the shopping centre which is expected to be completed in 2020.

The southern stretch of the new route will come forward as part of the substantive redevelopment of the regeneration area to the south of the North Circular and the delivery of this may be assisted by the Government's recent announcement.

The existing cycle route along the A5 between Staples Corner and Cricklewood town centre is also currently being examined as part of the development partner's funded study of the corridor.

Question 82 **Councillor Charlie Omacauley**

What is the crime rate in Barnet and specifically Burnt Oak?

Answer by Councillor David Longstaff

The following statistics are for 12 months: March 2013 – February 2014:

Annual rate of crime in Barnet: 62 per 1000 population

Annual rate of crime in Burnt Oak: 67 per 1000 population

Question 83 **Councillor Brian Coleman**

Do you think an attendance rate of 57% at Council and Committees is acceptable for a perfectly fit Councillor?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

All councillors make a commitment to public service as they seek election.

Question 84 **Councillor Brian Coleman**

Can you reveal the details of the "parking recovery plan" which according to an Officer briefing received by me is currently being worked on?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

Nothing entitled a "parking recovery plan" exists to my knowledge.

Question 85 **Councillor Brian Coleman**

Can you tell Council what financial measures have been adopted to deal with the £1 million overspend at quarter 3 on the recycling contract?

Answer by Councillor Dean Cohen

The £1 million overspend in waste and recycling was only in part due to the reduced income from recyclates at £700,000. The income estimated to be received from the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) co-mingled scheme is £322,000 for the part-year period October 2013 to March 2014 and income of £726,000 for 2014/15. Resulting in a net cost of £31,000.

It should be noted that the value of source separated recyclates has declined in recent years.

The change of the waste offer provided residents with the ability to more than double their recycling alongside collecting additional materials. This enables residents to reduce the materials placed into their residual bin, and thereby results in reduced costs for waste sent to land-fill. This can be equated to a likely reduction of the Levy (based on the current data) in the region of £235,000 for this half year (noting that NLWA landfill levy savings are 2 years in lag).

Question 86 **Councillor Brian Coleman**

Approximately what proportion of shelf space in the mobile library unit is given over to books as opposed to DVDs, CDs and videos? Could it be said that the mobile library has become a mobile branch of bankrupt Blockbusters?

Answer by Councillor Robert Rams

Videos and CDs are no longer stocked on the mobile library. A small number of current DVDs are available equating to approximately 10% of the mobile's total stock. Blockbusters failed because it did not adapt – our library service is adapting all the time and is going from strength to strength.

Question 87

Councillor Brian Coleman

How many current Councillors belong to the Local Government Pension Scheme and does the Leader support the disgraceful decision of Brandon Lewis to end access to that scheme for Councillors, Assembly Members and indeed the Mayor of London?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

20 Barnet councillors are members. One trusts that Brandon Lewis will now reform MPs pensions to complete his work.

Question 88

Councillor Brian Coleman

Following revelations that Haringey Council spent £16,000 in Cannes, did Barnet Council have any involvement in MIPIM (*Le marché international des professionnels de l'immobilier*) this year?

Answer by Councillor Daniel Thomas

Following the recent publication of a Prior Information Notice (PIN) notice for potential partners for the Brent Cross South development, one member of staff from Re attended MIPIM in March 2014 to publicise the opportunity, and to invite interest and discussions with potential development and funding partners. He was supported by a member of Capita who is assisting with the procurement activities for this project. Another Capita representative attended in a business development capacity to promote Re and its service offering across London. All costs incurred in undertaking the above were met by Re and Capita.

Question 89

Councillor Brian Coleman

Does the Leader agree with me that the reported suggestion from the Local Government Association that single occupancy Council Tax discount should be withdrawn from larger properties is fundamentally wrong?

Answer by Councillor Richard Cornelius

Yes.

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Council: Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Administration Business Item: Councillor Richard Cornelius

AGENDA ITEM 3.1

A Budget for Barnet

Council welcomes the latest economic figures, which continue to tell a positive story about the nation's progress. The forecast for growth in GDP in 2014 has been revised up to 2.7%, inflation has fallen to a four-year low of 1.7% and the deficit is down by a third. Council believes this is a vindication of the government's approach, but recognises that there is still much to be done.

Council further welcomes the measures set out in the Budget, which will help the residents of Barnet:

- Raising the Personal Allowance to £10,500 by next year – lowering income tax for hardworking people and complementing our local tax cutting policy.
- Help for savers by increasing the ISA limit to £15,000 a year and abolishing the 10p tax rate on savings income.
- Flexible pensions – allowing people to receive their pensions how and when they like, without punitive tax restrictions.
- A 20% tax break on childcare for working households, worth up to £2,000 per year.
- Frozen fuel duty, contributing to the fall in inflation and helping people with living costs.

Council particularly welcomes the mentions of Barnet in this year's Budget and the government support announced for two of our major regeneration projects. Council believes this to be a reflection of the Conservative administration's ambition, hard work and record for getting things done.

- Grahame Park – investment for regeneration and new homes, channelled through the Mayor of London, which may allow the council to bring forward the rebuilding of the concourse by as much as three years, helping create a better living environment for residents.
- Brent Cross Cricklewood – highlighted by the Chancellor as a key scheme. Government support will help the council deliver new homes and new jobs for the Borough. The council can now look to achieve an innovative funding scheme to deliver a new Thameslink Station to serve the area.

Council welcomes the fact that there are now three tiers of Conservative government (the council, the Mayor of London and Whitehall) all working together to ensure new homes and new jobs for Barnet and calls upon the administration to continue to collaborate with the other stakeholders in order to capitalise upon this Budget for Barnet and get on and deliver these schemes.

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Council: Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Opposition Business Item: Councillor Alison Moore

AGENDA ITEM 3.2

Restoring Democracy and Fairness

Council notes that after 12 years of a Conservative council in Barnet many people are angry about the way the Administration has handled things from parking charges, library closures or mass-privatisation of council services.

Council remembers just some of the things Barnet's Conservative councillors have done over the last few years:

- They voted to give themselves a bumper pay rise of up to £20,000 each - right after the last local elections in 2010
- They hiked up parking charges for residents by up to 300% in one year while claiming free parking across the Borough for themselves - and still continue to!
- They scrapped wardens for vulnerable older residents in sheltered housing
- They tried to introduce new parking charges in East Barnet Village car park
- They closed 8 children's centres and cut affordable child care funding
- They removed all cash parking meters on high streets without consultation
- They closed Friern Barnet Library, and then re-opened it a year later following public pressure and a court battle
- They privatised critical frontline services on a mass scale without consultation

Council further notes that many of these things had been done with very little or even without any consultation of local people, or despite consultation responses disagreeing with the proposals.

Council also notes that these things were done while the administration was busy curtailing the public's rights to speak at Council committee meetings.

Council believes that we need an administration that listens to local people and is fair.

Council notes that there is no further Cabinet meeting before the local elections on May 22, and requests that Council and Policy & Resources Committee or the relevant commissioning committee where appropriate considers enacting the following measures to restore democracy and fairness in Barnet after the local elections:

- Establish a Fairness Commission
- Draw up a robust consultation and community engagement policy to set out how the new council will engage with local people
- Agree webcasting of all council and committee meetings
- Establish 30 minutes of Public Question Time at Full Council meetings
- Revoke all free councillor parking permits
- Review the number of new committees and reduce them in order make savings of £200k in councillors allowances
- Bring forward proposals for at least 30 minutes free parking in all town centres
- Bring forward proposals to cash-enable all current card-only parking meters
- Bring forward proposals to establish free parking on weekends in December
- Bring forward proposals to set-up an Oyster-style 'Barnet Card' as an option to pay for parking

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Council: Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Brian Coleman

AGENDA ITEM 3.3

Membership of the Local Government Association

Council notes its' current membership of the Local Government Association which currently costs the Council taxpayer £60,000.

Council further notes its membership of London Councils and believes membership of that organisation is sufficient to deal with the Council's Political lobbying and representation needs.

Council resolves to give the LGA the required 12 months notice and to withdraw in 2015.

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Council: Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Andrew Harper

AGENDA ITEM 3.4

Barnet's Outstanding Schools

Council welcomes the latest Ofsted data which shows that 90% of Barnet's schools are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' and that these schools comprise 93% of all places. Council further welcomes the fact that Barnet has 47 schools rated as 'Outstanding', more than any other London Borough.

Council notes that more than 90% of our schools are rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' in each of the following areas: overall effectiveness; pupil achievement; behaviour; quality of teaching; and leadership.

Council further notes that in 2009 83% of our schools were 'Good' or 'Outstanding' and welcomes the improvement over the last council cycle. When the Conservatives took over control of the council in 2002, education services were in significant trouble. Council welcomes the fact that our schools are now seen as a huge strength of the Borough by parents and families. Council notes that:

- 90% of our schools are 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.
- Barnet is placed in the top 5% of local authorities nationally for GCSE results.
- Barnet has 3 of the top 10 state secondary schools in the country, including those ranked first and second.
- £55m has been invested in providing new school places. Council is set to add another 1300 places this year, meaning we will have created 7852 over the last five years.

Council recognises that Barnet's diversity of schools including faith schools and grammar schools, alongside academies, exciting new free schools and LA maintained schools, is a large part of the success of our school system. Council asks the administration to commit to protecting the status of faith schools, grammar schools and free schools from those who would seek to remove them or undermine their models of education.

Council congratulates the schools, their Head Teachers, staff and pupils for their hard work and achievements and calls on the council to work with them to ensure that our children and young people continue to receive the very best education possible.

Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.

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Council: Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Andrew Strongolou

AGENDA ITEM 3.5

Falling Crime and Police Partnerships

Council welcomes the significant local reductions in crime, with overall crime down 11% from February 2013 to February 2014. Council notes that Barnet has some of the largest reductions in burglary (down 21%) and robbery (down 33.5%) in London over the last year, meaning 747 fewer households were victims of burglary. Council further notes the substantial reduction in serious youth violence (down 18%) and knife crime (down 24%) and thanks the Police for their efforts in this regard.

Council believes our partnership with the Police, through the Safer Communities Partnership Board, is vitally important in achieving and sustaining such falls in crime and in securing the Borough as a safe place to live, work and study. Council therefore welcomes the council's collaboration with the Police in introducing the new and improved CCTV service and, alongside it, Automatic Number-Plate Recognition technology.

Council also believes that the public must have a strong partnership with our Police force. Council therefore recommends the extension of body-cams to Police Officers in Barnet, noting the positive effects such cameras would have for both the Police and the public. Body-cams would aid the collection of evidence and protect officers from false allegations of misconduct. Conversely, they would reassure the public and provide evidence in any allegations made against the Police. Council recognises that their use would need to be carefully regulated in order to protect civil liberties.

Council calls on the Administration to work with the Police towards these ends.

Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.

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Council: Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb **AGENDA ITEM 3.6**

Putting Local Communities First

Council notes the Council's stated motto of 'Putting the Community First'.

Council notes the recent celebrations of the 80th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Friern Barnet Library, and congratulates the library on the success of its longevity.

Council believes Friern Barnet Community Library should enjoy a long and successful future, and therefore suggests that one way of really putting local communities first would be to grant the library Trustees a lease long enough to ensure they can secure funding to sustain the library's future.

Council therefore requests the relevant commissioning committee after May 22 to agree a lease long enough to allow the Friern Barnet Community Library Trustees to ensure they can continue to serve and put first the local community and that they can start planning the 90th anniversary celebrations of the library.

Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.

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Council: Tuesday, 8 April 2014

Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner **AGENDA ITEM 3.7**

One Barnet Performing Well

Council notes the latest performance figures for the Customer Support Group (CSG) and welcomes the fact that they show the One Barnet contracts are performing well and that services are improving.

Council notes that:

- Customer satisfaction with Customer Services has already increased by 15% to 74%.
- There has been a 13% increase in the proportion of calls resolved at the point of first contact.
- £3.4m in procurement savings have already been identified, ahead of the target.
- 86% of HR queries are resolved at the point of first contact, compared to 73% previously.
- The collection rate for the Council Tax Support Scheme has exceeded its target by more than 10% and Business Rate collection now exceeds 99%.

Council recognises that delivering high quality services, in a climate of reduced funding, was the key driver behind the One Barnet transformation programme.

Council notes that the many bundles that make up One Barnet will deliver combined savings of £275m over ten years. Council welcomes the fact that 77% of savings so far have come from the back office and management costs. Council further notes that within the overall programme there are many different methods of service delivery:

- In-house e.g. the new recycling service was brought back in-house and has seen tonnages increase substantially.
- Outsourcing e.g. the CSG contract and Re joint venture. Together, they account for 8% of the council's budget (formerly 11% pre-transformation). These contracts are set to deliver combined savings of £165m over ten years.
- Shared services e.g. Public Health with Harrow. Barnet is now ranked 4th nationally for tackling health inequalities.
- Working with charitable trusts e.g. to deliver music services to schools.
- Engaging the community e.g. the Community Coaches scheme, which worked with residents facing significant life challenges and managed to reduce healthcare costs by 73% and homelessness by 80% within the first target group.

Council recognises that all these models focus on improving services whilst delivering efficiency.

Council recognises that funding challenges will continue for many years and therefore calls upon the council administration to continue in its drive to improve services and cut costs.

Under Council Procedure Rule, Section 1, Standing Order 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.

Report from the Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee

24 March 2014

AGENDA ITEM 4.3

Members:

Councillor Melvin Cohen (Chairman)

*Councillor Joan Scannell (Vice-Chairman, In the chair)

Councillor Jack Cohen	*Councillor Alan Schneiderman
*Councillor Richard Cornelius	*Councillor Mark Shooter
*Councillor Anthony Finn	Councillor Andrew Strongolou
*Councillor Alison Moore	*Councillor Rowan Quigley Turner
*Councillor Barry Rawlings	(substitute)

*Denotes Members present

1. JOINT VENTURE BOARD AND CONSTITUTIONAL ADDITIONS

The Commercial and Customer Services Director introduced the report. The Committee

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That the below proposals be included in the drafting of the Constitution:

As Cabinet will no longer exist under the new governance arrangements post 2nd June 2014, for the List of Matters from the Joint Venture Agreement that require consent, the consent to agree any reserved matter except for item 8.1.31 (agreement not to pursue a bid) be added to the Policy and Resources Committee Terms of Reference as item 10 of the specific responsibilities.

Under certain circumstances, Clauses 18.3 and 18.4 of the Joint Venture agreement (Appendix B), the Council is obliged to give agreement to the JVCo not to bid as soon as reasonably possible and in any event within 5 business days. Due to this contractual timescale, that this specific task is delegated to the Strategic Director for Growth and Environment in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee and a summary of such decisions be presented to the next Policy and Resources Committee for information.

2. CONSTITUTION DEVELOPMENT

The Council, at its meeting on 21 January 2014, agreed changes to each section of the Constitution and noted a revised Constitution that will come into effect from Annual Council on 2 June 2014. The Table in the Report to the Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee of 24 March 2014 (attached) set out some further proposed changes to the Constitution.

The Head of Governance introduced the report. The Committee having considered the proposed changes to the Constitution

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That Council approve the below changes:

No	Section	Reference (papers submitted to Committee)	Changes contained within Document	Recommendation to Full Council
1	Responsibility for Functions	Appendix A Pages 25 to 56	<p>1) Policy and Resources Committee (P&R)</p> <p>a) Internal Transformation: P&R has responsibility for internal transformation programmes. Consideration has been given to the involvement of thematic committees prior to P&R decision as most projects arising out of transformation programmes are likely to have specific themes (e.g. Parking Policy, Early Years Review).</p> <p>It is therefore suggested that an addition is made to the Terms of Reference for each theme committee to recognise their role: – “Discussion of transformation schemes not in service plans but not outside the Council’s budget or policy framework”</p> <p>Treasury Management: Amend table under heading (2) to say ‘Treasury Management Strategy’ as ‘activity’ will be included within reports to Performance and Contract Management Committee</p> <p>Procurement: Add ‘Corporate Procurement (including agreement of the Procurement Forward Plan and agreeing exceptions to CPRs)’, as this is a Resources issue rather than one relating to the performance of existing contracts.</p> <p>Barnet Group: Delete (6) and move the following: ‘approve Annual Report of the Barnet Group Ltd’ as this sits better with Performance and Contract Management, relating to the activities of an external Delivery Unit. Approval of the budget and business plan remains with P&R.</p>	<p>Agreed as per report with the following amendments:</p> <p>Amend the membership column for all committees to read “Chairman, Vice Chairman, <i>Members and substitutes</i> to be appointed by Council.</p> <p>Delete “remainder” to read “Committee to be made up in accordance with proportionality”.</p> <p><u>Policy & Resources Committee</u> (6) Amend to read “Approve budget and business plan”.</p>

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			<p>NOTE: There is an additional recommended addition to the terms of reference contained within the report elsewhere on this agenda in respect of the Joint Venture agreement.</p> <p><u>Performance & Contract Management</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Item (2) in the terms of reference only covers external delivery units. It should also include internal delivery units (Adults & Communities; Children's, Education & Skills; Street Scene; Public Health; Commissioning Group; Assurance). Recommended amendments to the ToR are as follows: "Monitoring of performance against targets by Delivery Units and Support Groups including: Customer Support Group; Re; The Barnet Group Ltd (including Barnet Homes and Your Choice Barnet); HB Public Law; NSL; Adults & Communities; Family Services; Education & Skills; Street Scene; Public Health; Commissioning Group; and Assurance" 2. Subject to the approval of the amendment to Item (2) above, Item (3) will need to be amended to refer to external delivery units only 3. Item (5) – Thematic committees will be able to agree resources subject to these being approved within the budget and MTFS, and should have responsibility for approving contract extensions, variations etc. as long as they are within budget and compliant with the rules around extensions, variations etc. as set out in the CPRs. This has been incorporated within the Contract Procedure Rules. P&R 	

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			<p>will be required to approve a waiver of CPRs for any procurement activities that are not complaint with CPRs. These have therefore been taken out of this section.</p> <p>4. amend table under heading (6) to include 'Treasury Management Performance'</p> <p>5. Delete under item (6) 'Corporate Procurement (including agreement of the Procurement Forward Plan and ageing exceptions to CPRs)', as this is a Resources issue rather than one relating to the performance of existing contracts.</p> <p>6. Add responsibility previously under P&R 'approve Annual Report of the Barnet Group Ltd' as this sits better under this committee, relating to the activities of an external Delivery Unit.</p> <p>Education Children Libraries and Safeguarding Committee</p> <p><i>Co-Opted members</i></p> <p>At present, in order to comply with the Local Government Act and other legislation, the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee provides for Co-opted Members representing the diocesan bodies and parent governors, as follows:</p> <p>Three Voluntary Aided School Representatives - to provide a faith perspective on education matters (Church of England; Roman Catholic; and Jewish Voluntary Aided representatives)</p> <p>Two Parent governor representatives (PGRs) elected by other parent governors to represent the views of all parents and hold the authority to account by consulting with and feeding back to parents on discussions and</p>	

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			<p>decisions relating to education.</p> <p>It is proposed these rights transfer to the new Education Children Safeguarding and Libraries Committee, but that their voting power is clarified. They will be able to speak on all matters but only vote on education matters. Matters on which they are entitled to vote will be clearly signalled on each agenda.</p> <p>In addition the Education Children Libraries and Safeguarding Committee needs to have added a new Term of Reference which was omitted and which is common to all theme committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop Fees and Charges for those areas under the remit of the Committee for consideration by Policy and Resources Committee <p>Audit Committee</p> <p>These Terms of Reference have been updated to more accurately reflect the Committee's existing responsibilities in respect of Anti-Fraud work.</p>	
2	Full Council Procedure Rules	Appendix B Page 57 to 68	<p>At the meeting of the Committee on 14 January it was agreed in principle to permit written questions to be submitted to the Leader at Full Council. This is the proposed process to be written into Council Procedure Rules:</p> <p>27.1 Members of the public are permitted to submit written questions to the Leader in accordance with the following provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any question must be delivered by e-mail, to be received by the Head of Governance by 10.30am ten clear working days before the day of the meeting. Any questions submitted after that time will not be considered, • The question should not relate to a matter previously considered 	<p>Agreed as per report with the following amendments:</p> <p><u>The Council Procedure Rules</u> 1(a) – Amend to read “Electing a Mayor and noting the appointment of the Deputy Mayor”</p> <p>1(g) – Amend to read “Appointing the Chairman, <i>Vice Chairman and members of Committees</i>, and other regulatory <i>bodies</i> and approving their</p>

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			<p>by a committee,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question should not relate to a matter that is within the remit of a committee, or be a matter best addressed by a committee. If this is the case, then the question should be directed to the appropriate committee. • The question must not be in substance a question that has already been considered by the Leader in the preceding 6 months. <p>Every question will be answered in writing. The Leader may decline to answer a question. Any questions not answered will be directed to the next relevant meeting of the themed committee.</p>	<p>respective terms of reference.</p> <p>5.2 – Amend to read “If the Mayor is absent from a meeting of the Council then the person appointed by the Mayor as Deputy Mayor if still a Councillor shall preside if chosen for that purpose by the Councillors present”</p> <p>5.3 – Amend to read “If the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent from the meeting or if the Deputy Mayor being present is not chosen, then another Councillor chosen by the Councillors present shall preside.”</p> <p>19.8 – Replace the words “oral elaboration” with “further comment”</p> <p>27.1 (last paragraph) Amend to read –“The question should not relate to a matter previously considered by a committee and subject to the six month rule”</p> <p>“The Leader may decline to answer a question <i>in exceptional circumstances and should include the reason for not answering the question.</i>”</p>

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3	Part 4, Section 2- Meetings Procedures	Appendix C Pages 69 to 78	<p>Current Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules provide for two non-voting representatives appointed by the Barnet Homes Performance Advisory Group to be invited to attend and speak but not vote at any OSC where an issue relating to housing is being discussed.</p> <p>There is no current provision in the proposed new Constitution for this. The views of the Committee are requested but it is proposed that in practice this, and any other co-optee arrangements, can be discharged through a general power for Chairmen to invite expert witnesses to contribute, which will provide a greater measure of flexibility.</p> <p>A new paragraph has therefore been added at 4.4 to make this explicit.</p> <p>This does not affect the existing membership of Audit Committee which includes two independent non-voting members.</p>	Agreed as per report.
4	Financial Regulations	Appendix D Pages 79 to 104	<p>These have been reviewed, principally to ensure that the former functions of Cabinet, Cabinet Resources Committee and Cabinet members have been reallocated to appropriate committees. References to the Audit Commission and Council posts that no longer exist have also been changed suitably.</p> <p>The particular attention of the Committee is drawn to table 4.4.3 which consolidates the scenarios in which virements would be posted. It also makes certain scenarios, which were previously silent, explicit (e.g. capital additions and allocations from contingency under £250k). The scheme of delegation gives powers of approvals as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to officers in three scenarios; within service virements where the bottom line does not change, contingency allocations below £250k and between service virements below £250k. 	<p>Agreed as per report with the following amendments:</p> <p><u>4.4.3</u> 3rd Row of 1st Table – Delete Performance and Contract Management and amend to read “Virements for allocation from contingency for amounts over £250,000 must be approved by <i>Policy and Resources Committee</i>.”</p> <p>9th Row of 1st Table – Add at the end of sentence “<i>in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources</i>”</p>

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			<p>- to Performance and Contract Management committee for contingency allocations over £250k, in year capital budget and funding transfers between projects and in year project deletions;</p> <p>- to Policy and Resources for resource allocation decisions, i.e. between service virements over £250k and in year capital additions to the programme.</p> <p>Explanation of the different roles of Policy and Resources Committee and Performance and Contracts.</p>	<p><i>Committee and reported to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.</i></p> <p>4.4.18 – Amend to read “Chief Officers, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer (section 151 officer), <i>should be</i> encouraged to explore all feasible.</p> <p>4.4.18 – Delete the last sentence “This may include lobbying Government with new funding proposals”.</p> <p>4.6.6 - Add at the end of sentence “<i>in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee and reported to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.</i>”</p> <p>5.7.2 (3rd bullet point) – Delete the word “should” and replace with “will” and delete “wherever possible”.</p>
5	Contract Procedure Rules	Appendix E Pages 105 to 118	<p>Amendments are required to reflect the new committee system and increase the robustness of the Contract Procedure Rules.</p> <p><u>Section 3 – Scope</u></p> <p>3.2 The current document referred to Exempted services, but this term is not used or authorised therefore has been removed. Approval by Procurement has been removed as it does not relate to any procurement activity and therefore</p>	<p>Agreed as per report with the following amendments:</p> <p>15.2 – Amend to read “Directors, Assistant Directors, Lead Commissioners and Heads of Service may take decisions on emergency matters (i.e. an unexpected occurrence requiring</p>

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			<p>requires Finance approval only.</p> <p><u>Section 7 – Authorisation</u></p> <p>7.1 Removal of additions as this is incorrect. Removal of reference to annual budget as this section relates only to authorisation to procure. Reference ‘Cabinet Resources Committee’ changed to ‘Policy and Resources Committee’ as per the Council change to a committee council structure.</p> <p><u>Section 8 – Procurement Method</u></p> <p>8.2 Additional reference to non-procurement activity in the list to provide complete clarity. Non-procurement defined in definitions.</p> <p><u>Section 12 – Contract Signing and Sealing</u></p> <p>12.3 Formal change of the OJEU threshold due to currency fluctuation. This is a change effected every two years on the 1st January.</p> <p><u>Section 13 – Contract Management</u></p> <p>13.1 Increasing the robustness of contract management and action if performance dips. Removed the reference to key performance indicators met, and added key performance indicators are monitored and any reduction in performance is acted upon and recorded;</p> <p>13.4 Formal change of the OJEU threshold due to currency fluctuation. This is a change effected every two years on the 1st January.</p> <p><u>Section 15 – Waivers</u></p> <p>15.4 Removal of ‘and will count as a</p>	<p>immediate action) <i>in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee</i> providing they report to the next available Policy and Resources Committee”.</p> <p>16.12 – Delete Article 11 and amend to read Article 9.</p>

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			<p>variation'. A waiver does not necessarily result in a variation of contract and therefore this needs to be removed.</p> <p><u>Section 16 – Definitions</u></p> <p>Re-arrange into alphabetical order.</p> <p><u>Appendix 1 Table A</u></p> <p><i>Procurement Value amended where appropriate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal change of the OJEU threshold due to currency fluctuation. This is a change effected every two years on the 1st January. <p><i>Governance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposed revised series of authorisation thresholds have been developed. These reflect the following principles: • Policy and Resources has overall responsibility for procurement strategy and compliance with CPRs, and will sign off the overall Procurement Forward plan to provide democratic authorisation for tender exercises. • Theme Committees are the main vehicles for individual procurements. • Any procurements not on a Forward Plan must be separately agreed by the relevant theme committee • Having a single set of approval procedures for all contracts above the EU threshold, rather than making a distinction between those under or over £500,000. • Acceptance of tenders, provided within budget and not departing from the agreed authorisation, can be agreed by Officers, but above a certain threshold the Chairman of the theme 	

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			<p>committee must be consulted. This broadly replaces the current powers of individual Cabinet members.</p>	
6	Asset Land and Property Rules	Appendix F Pages 119 to 132	<p>Changes have been made to reflect the new committee structure and the role of the new Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee. The frequency of meetings will need to be kept under review to ensure that there are as few urgent transactions as possible which will need to be handled by the Urgency Committee.</p> <p>A number of other changes are proposed to improve the drafting and to reflect current market conditions.</p> <p>Section 2 - Application</p> <p>2.1 – Inclusion of appropriation (change of status) as this previously missed from the review.</p> <p>2.3 – First bullet changed to be more specific to disposals and additional bullet added for acquisitions.</p> <p>2.4 – Change due to new Committee structure Cabinet Resources Committee to read Assets Regeneration and Growth Committee.</p> <p>2.6 – Changes to the titles of the documents. Asset Management Strategy is now the Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) and Asset Management Plan is now the now the Annual Work Plan (AWP).</p> <p>2.7 – As above</p> <p>2.8 – As above</p> <p>2.9 – Change Asset Management Plan to Annual Work Plan.</p> <p>2.9 (i) - Clarification of disposals of assets within the Annual Work</p>	<p>Agreed as per report with the following amendment:</p> <p>Appendix 1, Table A (2nd bullet point) – Amend to read “Transactions between £25,000 and £100,000 previously authorised by Cabinet Member delegated power are proposed to be dealt with by Officer DPR <i>in consultation with the Chairman of the appropriate Committee</i> (new Row C).</p>

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			<p>Plan.</p> <p>2.9 (iii) - Inclusion of Appropriation (see 2.1 above)</p> <p>2.10 – Clarification of ancillary accommodation eg sports facilities must be wholly used by the school to transfer to Academy status.</p> <p>2.12 - Changes to the titles of the documents as per 2.6 above.</p> <p>2.15 – Reference made to the Procedures as these must link to the Rules.</p> <p>2.16 – This section has been added to describe how to report the result of public advertising in the event that there is opposition to the result and no immediate forum is available to report feedback.</p> <p><u>Section 3 – Scope</u></p> <p>3.3 - Reference made to The Management of Real Estate, Property and Land Procedures as these must link to the Rules.</p> <p><u>Section 4 – Regulation & Legislation</u></p> <p>4.1 – Removed because it is duplicated within 4.2 and 4.3 (now 4.1 and 4.2).</p> <p>4.2 – Changes to the titles of the documents. –see 2.6 above</p> <p>4.3 – (Now 4.2) Corporate Estates now replaced by the Authority’s Estates Service to reflect outsourcing arrangements.</p> <p><u>Section 5- Roles and Responsibilities</u></p> <p>5 – Sentence re-worded to give clarity on roles and responsibility for Directors who manage Council buildings.</p> <p>5.8 – Addition to the rules to make clear</p>	

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			<p>the roles and responsibility of Health and Safety management.</p> <p>5.9 - To ensure that Directors who are responsible for Council buildings work in conjunction with the Authority's Estates Services.</p> <p><u>Section 6 – Asset Value Consideration</u></p> <p>6.2 - Clarity that the valuer has to be registered.</p> <p>6.3 – Correction as it should have read highest price in comparison to Best Consideration. The word 'best' was used incorrectly.</p> <p>6.4 – Extra clarity of when there is a requirement for special consent and now incorporated into 6.3.</p> <p><u>Section 7 – Authorisation</u></p> <p>7.1 – Change of wording to reflect change to Committee structure (CRC to ARG) and change Asset Management Plan to Annual Work Plan.</p> <p>7.3 - (Now 7.2) Clarification as change of use has planning implications and this section actually refers to service delivery from the building. Change due to Committee structure Cabinet Resources Committee to read Assets Regeneration and Growth Committee.</p> <p><u>Section 8 – Asset Acquisition, Variation and Disposal Method</u></p> <p>8.5 – Clarify the process for a variation to a previous decision.</p> <p><u>Section 12 – Waivers</u> Wording added to this section to clarify the process if there is a need for a waiver to the rules to ensure the continuity of Council's business.</p> <p><u>13 – Definitions</u></p>	

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			<p>13.4 – added to included definition of appropriation.</p> <p>13.6 – Asset Management Plan document now call Annual Work Plan.</p> <p>13.9 – The £2million value relates to an approval process and not a definition.</p> <p>13.14 – Addition of leased as this could also be a disposal dependent on length of lease. Best consideration removed as disposal could be less than best. If leased the freehold is retained and not removed from the Asset Register portfolio.</p> <p>13.15 – Asset Management Strategy should read Strategic Asset Management Plan.</p> <p>13.18 – Expanded the definition to include that market testing includes collation of competitive bids.</p> <p>13.23 – Addition of definition of Council's Estates Senior Responsible Officer.</p> <p>Appendix 1 Table A</p> <p>Less than £5,000 for property transactions in Barnet is not relevant in today's market and therefore the lower value has been increase to £10,000 which is still considered low. This will allow the majority of regular commercial lettings to proceed through one common and more efficient process. This will still be a summary DPR sign off.</p> <p>Transactions between £25,000 and £100,000 previously authorised by Cabinet Member delegated power are proposed to be dealt with by Officer DPR. (new Row C).</p> <p>Non value variation post authorisations have been added to capture any</p>	

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			<p>amendments that do not have a financial implication.</p> <p>All other changes on the table have been made to reflect the new Committee Structure.</p> <p>Appendix 2 Table B</p> <p>Less than £5,000 for property transactions in Barnet is not relevant in today's market and therefore the lower value has been increase to £10,000 which is still considered low. This will allow the majority of regular commercial lettings to proceed through one common and more efficient process. This will still be a summary DPR sign off.</p> <p>All other changes on the table have been made to reflect the new Committee Structure.</p>	
7	HR Regulations	Appendix G Pages 133 to 138	<p>These have been reviewed to cover the following:</p> <p>Generic references to 'Human Resources' have been changed to make clear the Head of Paid Service's statutory responsibilities and to ensure a named position has responsibility;</p> <p>References to the Executive have been deleted.</p> <p>One consequence of this is that any Member, and not only those on the Executive, is able to make a well-founded objection to any proposed Remuneration Committee appointments.</p>	Agreed as per report.
7	Members Code of Conduct	Appendix H Pages 139 to 148	<p>Retain the current Code but make changes where reference has been made to Executive to the following paras:</p> <p>1(4), 8.3, 8.4, 9.2, 12.1, 12.2 and Appendix 2, section (i).</p> <p>At 11.1 add a requirement to declare gifts and hospitality offered but declined, as well as accepted, that are over the</p>	Agreed as per report.

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			£25 de minimis level.	
8	Members Planning Code of Practice	Appendix I Pages 149 to 158	No change other than removing reference to Executive at para 1.1	Agreed as per report.
9	Members licensing Code of Practice	Appendix J Pages 159 to 170	No changes proposed.	Agreed.
10	Officer Code of Conduct	Appendix K Pages 171 to 186	No changes proposed.	Agreed.
11	Protocols for Member-Officer Relations	Appendix L Pages 187 to 202	Below paragraphs have been amended as they made reference to Executive: 2.2, 2.4, 5.6, 9.1, 9.2, 13.1	Agreed as per report with the following amendments: 9.9 (6 th bullet point) - Amend to read "The Chief Executive deals with appointment, induction, discipline and grievances. <i>The representatives of the Groups will conduct the appraisals. The Chief Executive will ensure the appraisals are undertaken by the Groups.</i> 9.9 (7 th bullet point) - Amend to read "Council Officers will not require the assistant to divulge confidential information regarding the group, its dealings or its members.
12	Code of Corporate Governance	Appendix M Pages 203 to 216	The Annual Governance Statement needs to be aligned to the Code of Corporate Governance. It is being reviewed with a view to approval by Audit Committee in July.	Agreed as per report.

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			<p>For the time being, the Code has been amended where it makes reference to Executive or Scrutiny function to ensure that it is compliant with the change to a Committee System:</p> <p>2.1, 2.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.3</p>	
13	Public Participation Rules	Appendix N Pages 217 to 224	<p>There is a discrepancy between the procedure set out in Tree Preservation Regulations and the Council's Constitution in respect of Public Comments on Tree Preservation Orders.</p> <p>Section 4.1 of the Constitution states "For requests to speak on planning applications or tree preservation orders at planning Committee or Sub-Committee meetings, the following rules apply." However the term 'tree preservation orders' could be ambivalent, as there are two separate procedures;</p> <p>(i) Applications for consent to undertake treatment of tree(s) already included in an Order</p> <p>(ii) The formal procedure of making / confirmation of a Tree Preservation Order itself.</p> <p>In regards to the latter, the Constitution currently allows public speaking in circumstances that appear to undermine the legislative provisions for the making and confirming of TPOs as currently set out in the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012; which is secondary legislation to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.</p> <p>These detail that, as soon as practicable after making an Order, specified actions need to be undertaken which include serving / making available copies of the Order and information about how to submit objections or other representations in accordance with Regulation 6.</p>	Agreed as per report.

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			<p>Regulation 6 states that objections and representations to an Order must be made in writing within a specified time period and include particular information; and that only if compliance with the stated requirements could not reasonably have been expected, may any other objections or representations be taken into account.</p> <p>Regulation 7 states that the Council must consider duly made objections and representations before deciding whether to confirm an Order.</p> <p><u>Constitution - Public Comments</u></p> <p>There is no requirement in the Constitutional provisions that any substantive information be submitted – only a request to speak needs to be sent by post or e-mail.</p> <p>Therefore, there is no obligation to submit an objection or representation in accordance with the timeframe and specifications in the Regulations.</p> <p><u>This</u> potentially puts the Council in a position of considering objections or representations that have not been ‘duly made’ as defined by the Regulations and failure to adhere to statutory requirements could result in legal challenge to the validity of a Tree Preservation Order confirmed in such circumstances.</p> <p>Part of the reason for requiring that objections and representations be submitted in writing within a specified timeframe is to allow an opportunity for matters raised to be investigated - which may, for example, involve site visits, further assessment, or cartographical revisions. It would not be possible to undertake such investigations if the first mention of an issue is by a Public Speaker at a Committee or Sub-Committee meeting; and it may not be possible for an Officer to address Speakers or Members queries on new matters.</p>	

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			<p>As there is a six month time limit for confirmation of Tree Preservation Orders, there is potential for an Order to lapse if matters are raised at a very late stage with insufficient time for assessment.</p> <p><u>Proposed amendments</u></p> <p>It is therefore proposed that the wording of section 4.1 be amended to clarify that the requests to speak refer only to planning applications or applications for consent to undertake treatment of tree(s) included in a Tree Preservation Order – but not to making / confirmation of a Tree Preservation Order.</p> <p>It is also proposed that section 5.1, which details exceptions to public speaking arrangements, be amended to include the making / confirmation of Tree Preservation Orders as the procedure for making objections or representations is prescribed by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the <u>Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.</u></p>	

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

1. COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT VEHICLE FOR LONDON PENSION FUNDS

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 18 March 2014, the Pension Fund Committee considered a report on proposals to move towards setting up a Collective Investment Vehicle (CIV) for London Local Authority Pension Funds and endorsed the business case and proposals to set up a vehicle. This vehicle will be in the form of a UK based, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) approved, Authorised Contractual Scheme (ACS). The Collective Investment Vehicle will enable Pension Funds across London to appoint fund managers at lower cost due to the size of the collective funds across London, and will enable greater flexibility in moving between asset classes. It is important to note that this decision has no impact on the ability of the Barnet Pension Fund Committee in setting investment and funding strategy which remains unchanged. This decision also does not have any impact on the current mandates with Newton and Schroder's, any decision to move funds would be subject to a separate decision of the Pension Fund Committee.

Based on the savings assumptions set out in the report to Leaders Committee, £5 billion under investment would result in net annual savings of £20.850 million. While precise details have not been worked out based on initial projections, if the Pension Fund invested £40 million, then the apportioned net annual saving would be up to £169,000. All costs will be met from the Pension Fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS - That Council:

- (a) Agree that the Council become a shareholder in a private company limited by shares which will be incorporated to be the Authorised Contractual Scheme Operator (the ACS Operator) of the Common Investment Vehicle;**
- (b) Contribute £1 to the ACS Operator as initial capital;**
- (c) Agree to join the London Boroughs "Pensions CIV Joint Committee", to be formed under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and to delegate to such Joint Committee those functions necessary for the proper functioning of the ACS Operator, including the effective oversight of the ACS Operator and the appointment of Directors.**

2. CHANGE TO HR REGULATIONS

Following its meeting on the 25 March 2014 the Remuneration Committee requested the following to be inserted within the HR Regulations:

HR Regulations

Under section 2.2 of the HR regulations included within the Constitution titled “varying terms and conditions of employment” after the first paragraph to insert:

“Where an Individual Market Factor Supplement is to be included for a position on grades LBB1 to LBB7 The Head of Paid Service, Directors or Assistant Directors must consult with the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and record the results of that consultation through a Delegated Powers Report”.

RECOMMEND - That Council note the change to section 2.2 of the HR Regulations as outlined above.

Council Meeting
8 April 2014

AGENDA ITEM 4.6

QUESTIONS TO REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

1. **From Councillor Brian Coleman**

Was Councillor Coakley-Webb happy with the way the Trustees at their autumn meeting went about appointing a Foundation Governor for QE Boys School?

Response from Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb – Council Representative Endowment Fund of the Schools of Queen Elizabeth the First, Barnet.

2. **From Councillor Brian Coleman**

Will he update Council on the business conducted at the last meeting of NLWA on Feb 13th, assuming he bothered to attend?

Response from Councillor Dean Cohen – Council Representative on the North London Waste Authority.

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