

# Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Barnet

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY, 2015 AT 7.15 PM

OR AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING,  
WHICHEVER IS THE LATER

VENUE

HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

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All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Council meeting for the transaction of the business set out.

Andrew Charlwood  
Head of Governance

Agenda and Timetable  
Tuesday 20th January, 2015

<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Page Nos</b>
	<b>Part 1 - Statutory formalities/Announcements (15 minutes)</b>	<b>7.00pm – 7.15pm</b>	
1.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>		
2.	<b>Elect a Member to preside if the Mayor is absent</b>		
3.	<b>Prayer</b>		
4.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>		
5.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>		To Follow
6.	<b>Official announcements</b>		
7.	<b>Any business remaining from last meeting</b>		
	<b>Part 2 - Question Time (30 minutes or until 7.45pm whichever is longer)</b>	<b>7.15pm – 7.45pm</b>	
8.	<b>Questions to the Leader (and Committee Chairmen if he/she has delegated)</b>		To Follow
	<b>Part 3 - Statutory Council Business (60 minutes)</b>	<b>7.45pm – 8.45pm</b>	
9.	<b>Petitions for Debate (20 minutes). A petition organiser (up to 5 minutes) and Members responding (up to 15 minutes)</b>		
10.	<b>Report from the Leader (if any)</b>		
11.	<b>Reports from Other Committees (if any)</b>		
12.	<b>Reports of Officers</b>		
12.1	Report of the Head of Paid Service (if any)		To Follow
12.2	Report of the Head of Governance		To Follow
12.3	Report of the Monitoring Officer (if any)		
13.	<b>Questions to Council Representatives on Outside Bodies (if any)</b>		

	<b>Break (15 minutes)</b>	<b>8.45pm – 9.00pm</b>	
	<b>Part 4 – Business for Debate (45 minutes)</b>	<b>9.00pm – 9.45pm</b>	
14.	<b>Motions (45 minutes)</b>		
14.1	Councillor Tom Davey - General Fund Housing		1 - 2
14.2	Councillor Alison Moore - Protecting the Vulnerable		3 - 4
15.	<b>Motions for Adjournment</b>		

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**Council: Tuesday, 20 January 2015**

**Administration Motion:** Councillor Tom Davey

**AGENDA ITEM 14.1**

General Fund Housing

Council notes that with accelerating population and economic growth, housing supply is an increasing concern among residents.

Council recognises that Barnet has some of the largest and most ambitious regeneration schemes in London, which have begun to deliver on the 20,000 plus new homes they are set to add. Council notes that 3260 new homes were built in the three years to 2013, including 1072 affordable homes – placing Barnet in the top third of London boroughs on this measure.

Council further notes that progress is being made to expand the programme of council house building, with another 38 having gone through the planning phase. Council recognises, though, that it is important to investigate and take advantage of all options for providing new homes for families.

Council notes the decision by neighbouring Labour-run Camden Council to develop property for private sale. Council believes that building or developing General Fund housing is both a way of increasing provision to meet resident demand and also a means of helping the taxpayer share in the opportunities of growth, closing the budget gap and thus offsetting potential future further cuts.

Council instructs officers to explore a programme of General Fund housing to sit alongside our existing and progressing regeneration and council house building schemes.

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**Council: Tuesday, 20 January 2015**

**Opposition Motion:** Councillor Alison Moore

**AGENDA ITEM 14.2**

Protecting the vulnerable

Council notes that the Barnet Conservatives often play lip service to supporting the most vulnerable and those in need, enabling people to live independent lives and helping them live at home, and assisting people to get back to work.

Council also notes that the Barnet Conservatives say they are trying to tackle child poverty.

Council does not believe that the recently announced policy of increasing council tax for those least able to afford it will help.

Council notes that the Barnet Conservatives have failed to provide enough affordable housing, failed to provide sufficient affordable child care, have happily implemented the hated Bedroom Tax, and have cut crucial council services - all adding up to a perfect storm for people who are already struggling financially.

Council believes that more families will be forced into poverty if those on the Council Tax Support Scheme are asked to increase their council tax, and therefore, Council asks that this policy is abandoned or implementation halted until sufficient discretionary support is in place for those in most need.

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