

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
held at Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ, on 26 January 2016

PRESENT:-

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mark Shooter)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Alison Cornelius)

Councillors:

Hugh Rayner	Anne Hutton	Tim Roberts
Maureen Braun	Andreas Ioannidis	Gabriel Rozenberg
Rebecca Challice	Dr Devra Kay	Lisa Rutter
Pauline Coakley Webb	Sury Khatri	Shimon Ryde
Dean Cohen	Adam Langleben	Brian Salinger
Jack Cohen	Kathy Levine	Gill Sargeant
Philip Cohen	David Longstaff	Joan Scannell
Geof Cooke	Kitty Lyons	Alan Schneiderman
Richard Cornelius	John Marshall	Agnes Slocombe
Tom Davey	Kath McGuirk	Stephen Sowerby
Val Duschinsky	Arjun Mittra	Caroline Stock
Paul Edwards	Alison Moore	Daniel Thomas
Claire Farrier	Ammar Naqvi	Reuben Thompstone
Anthony Finn	Nagus Narenthira	Jim Tierney
Brian Gordon	Graham Old	Laurie Williams
Eva Greenspan	Charlie O-Macauley	Peter Zinkin
Helena Hart	Bridget Perry	Zakia Zubairi
John Hart	Wendy Prentice	Rohit Grover
Ross Houston	Sachin Rajput	
	Barry Rawlings	

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Melvin Cohen
Councillor Alon Or-Bach

Councillor Reema Patel
Councillor Amy Trevethan

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Melvin Cohen, Alon Or Bach, Reema Patel and Amy Trevethan.

2. ELECT A MEMBER TO PRESIDE IF THE MAYOR IS ABSENT

The Worshipful the Mayor was present.

3. PRAYER

The Mayor's chaplain, Dayan Yonason Abraham, offered prayers.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 8 December 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

6. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students from JCoSS, the Wren Academy and St Mary Church of England School were welcomed to the Council meeting by the Worshipful the Mayor.

The Worshipful the Mayor announced that it was with deep sadness and greatest sympathies he had to advise that Cllr Alison Moore's father recently passed away; John Moore at the age of 91.

The Worshipful the Mayor announced the birth of a grandson to the Chaplain Dayan Yonason, in Israel, and wished him Mazel Tov.

The Worshipful the Mayor noted that Barnet recently marked Holocaust Memorial Day with a service held at Middlesex University. It was noted that around 300 people attended the event, including many Barnet councillors, and there were some very moving and poignant words spoken by those in attendance, including by the Chief Executive of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, Olivia Marks-Woldman, Joshua Castellino, Professor of Law and Dean of the School of Law at Middlesex University, and students from JCoSS.

It was noted that a number of Barnet residents who are holocaust survivors had been honoured in the New Years honours list this year. Lily Ebert, of Golders Green received the British Empire Medal (BEM), Susan Pollack, from Temple Fortune, received an MBE for her services to Holocaust Education and awareness, and Agnes Grunwald-Spier, of Golders Green, former Trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust also received an MBE. The survivors were congratulated at a tea party at the Holocaust Survivors Centre in Hendon, which the Worshipful the Mayor attended earlier in the month. It was further noted that the Worshipful the Mayor had attended a Holocaust Memorial Service at City Hall earlier that day, which was also attended by Boris Johnson. It was noted there were some moving speeches by Holocaust survivors as well as two young students from the borough who had recently visited Auschwitz.

The Worshipful the Mayor thanked everyone who promoted applications to the Civic Awards over the last month, noting that a very large number of applications had been received, and that the results would be announced shortly. Members were requested to note that there was a revised date for the Civic Awards which would now take place on Tuesday 12 April 2016.

The Worshipful the Mayor invited as many people as possible to sign up to the Mayor of Barnet's Community Challenge taking place on Sunday 13 March. It was noted there was the option to take part in either a 20-mile cycle ride around the borough or a three-

mile walk or run around the Copthall site to raise money for the Mayor's charities. The Worshipful the Mayor further reminded that his Gala Charity Dinner would be held on 7 April and that tickets were selling out fast.

7. ANY BUSINESS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING

There was none.

8. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER (AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IF HE/SHE HAS DELEGATED)

The questions, together with the answers provided and the text of any supplementary questions and answers, are set out in Appendix 1 to the minutes.

9. PETITIONS FOR DEBATE (20 MINUTES). A PETITION ORGANISER (UP TO 5 MINUTES) AND MEMBERS RESPONDING (UP TO 15 MINUTES)

There were none.

10. REPORTS FROM THE LEADER

There were none.

11. REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

There were none.

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1 REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONING DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENT - INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY AND ITS SEVEN CONSTITUENT AUTHORITIES

Councillor Shimon Ryde left the Chamber at the start of consideration of this item.

The Chief Executive introduced the report.

The recommendations as set out in the report were put to the vote, and were declared carried.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That Council agree to be a party to the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) and to authorise the Commissioning Director - Environment, following consultation with the Chief Operating Officer and the Leader to agree the final form of the IAA on the basis set out in this report.**
- 2. That Council agree to the introduction of Menu Pricing and to authorise the Commissioning Director - Environment, following consultation with the Chief Operating Officer and the Leader to agree the final form of Menu Pricing, on the basis set out in this report.**

- 3. That Council note that the Chief Operating Officer shall be nominated in the IAA as the Council's Representative for the purposes of the IAA and shall discharge that responsibility either personally or by a nominated deputy as appropriate.**

12.2 LONDON BOROUGH GRANTS SCHEME - BOROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS, 2016/17

The Chief Executive introduced the report. Debate ensued.

The recommendations as set out in the report were put to the vote, and were declared carried.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the recommendation of the London Councils Leaders' Committee for an overall level of expenditure of £10,486,000 in 2016/17, involving total borough contributions of £9,000,000 and a levy on Barnet of £373,835, be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Resources be instructed to inform the Chief Executive of London Councils accordingly.**

12.3 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

The Head of Governance introduced the report and the supplemental report.

The recommendations as set out in Appendices A, B, B1, C and C1 were put to the vote, and were declared carried.

It was noted there were amendments to recommendations 4 and 5 in the Head of Governance report which had been published as Appendix D1. Councillor Geof Cooke moved an amendment to Appendix D1 as follows:

That Recommendation 2 of Appendix D1 be replaced with:

- 2. Note that any further variations to the Council calendar will be made by the Head of Governance in consultation with the Chairman of the General Functions Committee and the Leaders of the main Political Parties as agreed by Council on 20 October 2015, and requests that Constitution, Ethics & Probity Committee report back to Council with recommendations to change the Constitution accordingly.**

Debate ensued. The amendment in the name of Councillor Cooke was put to the vote and was declared carried.

The substantive recommendations as amended by Councillor Cooke's amendment were then put to the vote and were declared carried.

RESOLVED –

1. That Council note the changes to the Calendar of Meetings 2015/16 in Appendix A
2. That the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee be delegated the power to appoint an existing Independent Member of the previous Group Leaders Panel as Chairman to the Standards Committee, should the need arise prior to the appointment of a pool of Independent Persons.
3. That Council approve changes to Council Constitution Contract Procedure Rules as attached in Appendix C1.
4. That Council approve the Calendar of Meetings 2016/17 and 2017/18 as attached, subject to an amendment to change the dates of the Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee from 9 January 2017 and 8 January 2018 to 17 January 2017 and 16 January 2018 respectively.
5. That Council note that any further variations to the Council calendar will be made by the Head of Governance in consultation with the Chairman of the General Functions Committee and the Leaders of the main Political Parties as agreed by Council on 20 October 2015, and requests that Constitution, Ethics & Probity Committee report back to Council with recommendations to change the Constitution accordingly.

13. QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were none.

14. MOTIONS (45 MINUTES)

14.1 JOINT MOTION IN THE NAMES OF CLLR REUBEN THOMPSTONE AND CLLR ANNE HUTTON - BARNET'S CORPORATE PARENTING PLEDGE

The Worshipful the Mayor moved under Council Procedure Rules 7.1 and 7.2 for the Suspension of Full Council Procedure Rule 2(14) to ask Council to agree to take a joint motion in the names of Councillor Reuben Thompstone and Councillor Anne Hutton. The suspension of Council Procedure Rules was duly agreed, and debate ensued.

Council voted on the joint motion, and the motion was duly carried.

RESOLVED –

Barnet's Corporate Parenting Pledge

Council recognises that councillors are, individually and collectively, Corporate Parents to all children and young people in care in the London Borough of Barnet. Council notes our special responsibility for those in our care and takes most seriously our role in championing their needs and protecting them from harm.

Council believes the safeguarding of young people to be among the primary functions of the council and a key part of our duties as councillors. Council, therefore, reaffirms our commitment to improving the lives of children in care and care leavers in the borough, by working across the council, with partners and with the young people themselves.

To demonstrate this renewed commitment, Council notes, welcomes, and subscribes to, the following Corporate Parenting Pledge, which sets out what we offer as Corporate Parents and what we expect from our young people in return.

Council notes that the themes around which the Pledge is based were the result of an extensive engagement process involving those in our care and what they told us was important to their prospects and wellbeing.

As Corporate Parents we want to support you to achieve the best in your childhood, adolescence and adulthood. As with all parents we know we won't always get things right, but we pledge to do our best.

A Good Education

- **We, your Corporate Parents, pledge that;**
 - **Our virtual school will support you and your school to ensure you can achieve the best results.**
 - **We will make sure that you have access to good quality early years education between the ages of two and four.**
 - **We will make sure that you have stability in your education and that you only attend a school that is right for your needs.**
 - **We will make sure that you will go to a school rated OFSTED 'good' or 'outstanding' and if not ensure that the virtual school supports you more**
 - **We will ensure that you have access to independent Information, Advice and Guidance in order to help you plan your future career. We will put in place volunteering and work experience opportunities for you.**
 - **We will make sure that you have access to Apprenticeships offered by us, or our partner organisations.**
 - **We will support you post 16 into further education, University or employment.**
 - **We will provide a laptop where it is an essential part of your learning.**

- **I, the child or young person, pledge that;**

- I will do my very best to take advantage of the education, training or employment that is provided.
- I will speak to my social worker, personal assistant, teacher, the Virtual School, carer or other workers if I feel that I am struggling.

Feeling a Sense of Belonging

- We, your Corporate Parents, pledge that;
 - We will try our best to ensure that you will be as near to your family and friends as possible where that is in your best interests.
 - We will ensure that you are placed in safe and welcoming accommodation.
 - We will ensure that your voice and wishes will be at the forefront of any decisions taken on where you live
 - We will make sure you are able to ‘Stay Put’ with your existing foster carers, if you wish, up to the age of 21.
 - We will make sure that when you transition to Leaving Care a housing nomination form is undertaken to help you move in to independent living if you wish.
 - We will ensure that you have a passport, NI number and all other forms of identification at the times you are legally allowed to have them.
- I, the child or young person pledge that;
 - I will look after and respect the accommodation, carers and support workers that are there for me.

Keeping Healthy

- We, your Corporate Parents, pledge that;
 - We will ensure that if you are under 5 years old you will receive a health assessment every 6 months.
 - We will ensure that if you are aged 5-18 years old you will receive a health assessment once a year if you consent to have one.
 - We will ensure that you have regular eye and dental examinations.

- We will help you access leisure, recreational and cultural opportunities through reduced rate gym membership, free swimming and school holiday/weekend activities and trips.
 - We will see that you have a named nurse who can provide support on physical and emotional health issues. If you need more specialist support, such as that through Child Adolescent Mental Health Services, then we will ensure that you are referred for the right interventions at the right time.
- I, the child or young person, pledge that;
 - I will make sure that I will communicate with an adult about how I am feeling through the way I feel most comfortable. If necessary I will attend appointments related to my health and emotional wellbeing so that I can get the best possible support.
 - I will seek to explore my own interests and seek to take full advantage of opportunities to engage with positive activities.

Staying Safe

- We, your Corporate Parents, pledge that;
 - We will ensure that you see your social worker a minimum of once within the first week of your placement and then a minimum of every 6 weeks thereafter.
 - We will only change your social worker if it is absolutely necessary and we will inform you as soon as possible if this happens and outline the reasons.
 - We will allocate you an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) who you will review your Care Plan with and you will be given the opportunity to meet with your IRO separately prior to your reviews to talk about how you feel.
 - We will put in place a variety of different ways in which you can communicate with us your thoughts, feelings and views. If this isn't with your social worker or personal adviser, this could be through an advocate, digital media or online surveys.
 - We will ensure that we will educate you and raise awareness of current and emerging issues that place children and young people at risk of harm in the community. We will do this through identifying the

right interventions at the right time. If we feel that you are not staying safe, we will speak to you and together we will support you and make decisions.

- **I, the child or young person, pledge that;**
 - **I will communicate with an adult in the way I am most comfortable if I feel that I am not in a safe situation. I will put my trust in and communicate with those who are responsible for looking after and protecting me.**

Championing Your Needs

- **We, your Corporate Parents, pledge that;**
 - **We will acknowledge your differences through your individual care plans and reflect your nationality, religion, ethnicity, sexuality, gender and disabilities and strive to ensure that you are able to remain in contact with your cultural background.**
 - **We will celebrate your achievements every year through events, newsletters and social media.**
 - **We will help develop your Life Story through photo albums and creativity to help you develop good memories for the future.**
 - **Will provide opportunities for you to have your voice heard through our children in care council and lots of other youth voice forums such as Barnet Youth Board or Youth Parliament.**
 - **We will include and consider the needs of children in care and care leavers within all of our future commissioning, policies and strategic development.**

- **I, the child or young person, pledge that;**
 - **I will express myself, my diversity and my beliefs in a positive fashion that promotes inclusiveness, and consideration to others.**

14.2 ADMINISTRATION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR JOHN HART - CAMPAIGN FOR A CLEANER BARNET

Councillor John Hart moved the Motion in his name. Debate ensued.

Votes were taken on the Motion in the name of Councillor John Hart, and the motion was declared carried.

RESOLVED –

Campaign for a cleaner Barnet

Council notes that the quality of Barnet’s environment, its neighbourhoods and open spaces is among our most distinguishing and popular features.

However, Council notes that, despite the best efforts of hard-working council staff and conscientious residents, levels of grime and litter in parts of the borough are greater than they should be.

Council recognises that keeping our borough clean and tidy is the responsibility of the whole community, from individuals and businesses to the council itself. Council believes that Barnet works best when it works together.

Council notes these ideas and values are at the heart of the ‘Clean for the Queen’ campaign being run in partnership between Country Life and Keep Britain Tidy. The campaign notes the nationwide increases in litter and pledges to give the country a thorough spring-clean ahead of Her Majesty’s much anticipated 90th Birthdaycelebrations.

Council notes the thousands of volunteers across the country who have signed up for the big clean weekend from 4th-6th March and resolves that Barnet should take part in this initiative, in order to improve some of the borough’s grot-spots and to show our gratitude for the Queen’s committed service to the nation. Council calls on officers to organise Barnet’s involvement, including bidding for one of the professional cleaning teams being dispatched to locations around the country.

Council believes, though, that we can go much further – using the impetus of this campaign to launch an on-going and wide-reaching scheme. Council believes we can all do more to look after our neighbourhoods and keep our local areas clean.

Council therefore encourages volunteers to get out and make a difference, even if just by looking after the area directly outside their own homes and, moreover, recognises that councillors should lead by example and be among the first out there involved. Council believes that if we all do our little bit we can make a huge difference to the look and feel of the borough.

The council will promote, support and facilitate this where possible. It will also take more direct action. Council notes the work being undertaken to maximise the efficiency and effectiveness of street cleansing activities and calls on officers to continue to think innovatively to deliver the best outcomes for residents.

Council also believes it is right to explore how those required to perform community service or community payback can be utilised to help keep the borough clean.

Finally, Council welcomes the forthcoming enforcement policy, initially requested by frontline staff, which sends the message that we are all individually responsible for the litter and mess we create and which should act as a deterrent to those who cause the untidiness.

Council therefore calls upon officers to progress the suggestions set out in this motion and bring forward proposals for a scheme to give Barnet a spring-clean that engages residents, businesses, the voluntary sector, councillors and anyone else who can work together with us to achieve a cleaner borough.

14.3 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR GEOF COOKE - REVIEW OF CAPITA CSG CONTRACT

Councillor Geof Cooke moved the amendment in his name. Debate ensued.

Council voted on Councillor Geof Cooke’s motion, and the votes were declared as follows:

For: 30
 Against: 28
 Abstain: 0
 Absent: 5

TOTAL: 63

At least ten members called for a formal division on the voting. Upon the vote being taken, the results of the division were declared as follows:

	For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Maureen Braun		✓		
Rebecca Challice	✓			
Pauline Coakley Webb	✓			
Dean Cohen		✓		
Jack Cohen	✓			
Melvin Cohen				✓
Philip Cohen	✓			
Geof Cooke	✓			
Alison Cornelius		✓		
Richard Cornelius		✓		
Tom Davey		✓		
Val Duschinsky		✓		
Paul Edwards	✓			
Claire Farrier	✓			
Anthony Finn		✓		
Brian Gordon		✓		
Eva Greenspan		✓		
Rohit Grover		✓		
Helena Hart		✓		
John Hart		✓		
Ross Houston	✓			
Anne Hutton	✓			
Andreas Ioannidis	✓			
Devra Kay	✓			
Sury Khatri		✓		

	For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
Adam Langleben	✓			
Kathy Levine	✓			
David Longstaff		✓		
Kitty Lyons	✓			
John Marshall		✓		
Kath McGuirk	✓			
Arjun Mittra	✓			
Alison Moore	✓			
Ammar Naqvi	✓			
Nagas Narenthira	✓			
Charlie O'Macauley	✓			
Graham Old		✓		
Alon Or-Bach				✓
Reema Patel				✓
Bridget Perry		✓		
Wendy Prentice		✓		
Sachin Rajput		✓		
Barry Rawlings	✓			
Hugh Rayner		✓		
Tim Roberts	✓			
Gabriel Rozenberg		✓		
Lisa Rutter		✓		
Shimon Ryde				✓
Brian Salinger		✓		
Gill Sargeant	✓			
Joan Scannell		✓		
Alan Schneiderman	✓			
Mark Shooter		✓		
Agnes Slocombe	✓			
Stephen Sowerby		✓		
Caroline Stock		✓		
Daniel Thomas		✓		
Reuben Thompstone		✓		
Jim Tierney	✓			
Amy Trevethan				✓
Laurie Williams	✓			
Peter Zinkin		✓		
Zakia Zubairi	✓			

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Against: 30
Abstain: 0
Absent: 5

TOTAL: 63

The motion was declared to be lost.

15. MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT

There were none.

The meeting finished at 9.22 pm