

Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013

Non Executive Business Item: Councillor Geof Cooke

Great Tory Train Robbery

Council notes that under Conservative Mayor Boris Johnson London commuter fares have become the most expensive in the world, that the cost of a single bus journey has increased by 56% and that the annual cost of a zone 1-6 travel card is £440 more expensive.

Council believes that at a time when residents across Barnet are struggling with the cost of rent and other bills, most simply can't afford yet another inflation busting hike to the cost of transport as well.

Council also notes that to make matters worse, Mayor Boris Johnson is breaking an election pledge to keep a ticket office open at every station by planning to close the ticket offices at every station in Barnet, making residents' commute more difficult, less safe and resulting in 2,000 job losses across London.

Council believes the Mayor should not be asking Barnet residents to pay more whilst giving them a worse service.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member to write to Boris Johnson calling for him to freeze fares at inflation to help to ease the cost of living crisis in the capital, and setting out council's opposition to the ticket office closure plans.

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.