

Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013

Opposition Business Item: Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Amendment in the name of Councillor Brian Coleman

Parking

Add to paragraph 1

Council calls for the publication of the original robust legal advice.

Paragraph 2

Add the regrets to replace notes

Add after word finances which will eventually have to come from higher charges

Paragraph 4 delete

Paragraph 5

Add after May 2014 after the words parking policy

Add at end of paragraph

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Substantive Business Item to read:

Council notes the recent ruling of the High Court that parking permit charge increases imposed by this Conservative administration in 2011 were "unlawful" following the Appeal brought by the Barnet CPZ Action Group. Council calls for the publication of the original robust legal advice.

Council regrets that LB Barnet has accepted the ruling, and is reluctantly reimbursing all affected residents who claim a refund which will leave an ongoing budget gap of approximately £2m in the Council's finances which will eventually have to come from higher charges.

Council notes that the Conservative administration has refused to write to all residents affected immediately to advise them of how to reclaim their money.

Council believes the Conservative administration's parking policy is a shambles, and calls on Cabinet to conduct an immediate review of all parking policy, after May 2014 and to ensure a robust consultation programme is undertaken with residents and traders as part of that review. But Council believes residents benefit from the income raised in pothole and general road repairs, road safety measures and transport improvements.

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Council accepts that whichever Party wins the 2014 Council elections parking charges will have to rise.