

**Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

**Opposition Business Item:** Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Amendment in the name of Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Parking

**Add at the end:**

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**Substantive 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 notes 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.

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 this is a scandalous decision and calls on the Leader to write to all affected residents with immediate effect providing them with reimbursement details.

Council believes the Conservative administration’s parking policy is a shambles, and calls on Cabinet to conduct an immediate review of all parking policy, and to ensure a robust consultation programme is undertaken with residents and traders as part of that review.

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