

## **Council: Tuesday, 10 September 2013**

### **Non Executive Business Item: Councillor Geof Cooke**

Amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen

#### Great Tory Train Robbery

**Paragraph 1** – replace “become the most expensive in the world” with “continued to increase”. Replace “56%” with “20%”. At the end add “Council recognises though that the percentage increases in fares was even greater under Ken Livingstone.”

**Paragraph 2** – delete all after “Council” and replace with “notes that many residents across Barnet are struggling with the cost of rent and other bills and that rising travel costs do contribute to this. That is why Council believes that the four-year Council Tax freeze delivered by this administration has been very important to all the Borough’s residents.”

**Paragraph 3** – delete all and replace with: “Council further notes the Mayor’s early proposal to close manned ticket offices at stations across London, but also notes modern ticket purchasing habits and recognises that services may need to change to keep up with the times.”

**Paragraph 4** – delete all after “the Mayor” and replace with “is delivering substantial and noticeable improvements to services and recognises that fare increases are an unfortunate necessity in order to fund this.”

**Paragraph 5** – delete all after “calling for him to” and replace with “minimise ticket increases in the context of continuing with his much needed programme of improvements and efficiencies.”

#### Substantive Non Executive Business Item to read:

Council notes that under Conservative Mayor Boris Johnson commuter fares have continued to increase, that the cost of a single bus journey has increased by 20% and that the annual cost of a zone 1-6 travel card is £440 more expensive. Council recognises though that the percentage increases in fares was even greater under Ken Livingstone.

Council notes that many residents across Barnet are struggling with the cost of rent and other bills and that rising travel costs do contribute to this. That is why Council believes that the four-year Council Tax freeze delivered by this administration has been very important to all the Borough’s residents.

Council further notes the Mayor’s early proposal to close manned ticket offices at stations across London, but also notes modern ticket purchasing habits and recognises that services may need to change to keep up with the times.

Council believes the Mayor is delivering substantial and noticeable improvements to services and recognises that fare increases are an unfortunate necessity in order to fund this.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member to write to Boris Johnson calling for him to minimise ticket increases in the context of continuing with his much needed programme of improvements and efficiencies.

*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.*