

**Council: Tuesday, 5 November 2013**

**Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Barry Rawlings**

Supermarket Levy

Council notes that the Secretary of State gives Local Authorities the power to introduce a local levy of 8.5% of the rate on large retail outlets in their area with a rateable annual value not less than £500,000 and requires that the revenue from this levy be retained by the Local Authority in order to be used to improve local communities in their areas by promoting local economic activity, local services and facilities, social and community wellbeing and environmental protection

Council notes that if this power was acquired it would present the opportunity to raise further revenue for the benefit of Barnet's local communities, should the administration wish to use it.

Council asks Cabinet to submit the proposal to the government under the Sustainable Communities Act and also asks Cabinet to work together with Local Works to gain support for the proposal from other councils in the region and across the country.

*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.*