

**Council: Tuesday, 5 November 2013**

**Administration Business Item:** Councillor Helena Hart

Amendment in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings

Breast Screening at Finchley Memorial Hospital

Retain 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraphs and amend the rest to read:

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Substantive Business Item to read:

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Council is adamant that such a situation cannot possibly be permitted to be repeated and welcomes the "Lessons Learned Report" requested by the Health and Wellbeing Board and the urgent implementation of any actions recommended as a result.

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