

**Council: Tuesday, 5 November 2013**

**Non-Executive Business Item:** Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Amendment in the name of Councillor Kath McGuirk

Support Small Business Saturday

Add at the end:

Council also asks Cabinet to pledge to investigate as part of Small Business Saturday ways of offering small businesses in Barnet a discount on business rates under new powers in the Localism Act in order to attract new firms, growth and jobs to the local economy, and support those small businesses currently operating in the Borough. Council asks Cabinet to work with local businesses and traders on any proposals, and report back by the end of the financial year on possible proposals.

Substantive Business Item to read:

Council notes that Small Business Saturday is taking place right across the country for the first time on Saturday 7th December 2013.

Council also notes Small Business Saturday, which was introduced in the UK by Shadow Business Secretary, Chuka Umunna, and is supported by the Prime Minister, is a national grass roots campaign to encourage people to shop locally and support small businesses in their communities on the day and beyond.

Council further notes that the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) is a supporter of Small Business Saturday and wants to make sure as many small businesses as possible maximise the opportunities Small Business Saturday will create.

Council calls on Cabinet to support Small Business Saturday on the 7 December, by helping promote any local events taking place and by agreeing free parking throughout the day to help encourage local shopping on the day.

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*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.*