

**Supplementary Questions and Answers – 20 October 2015**

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1	Cllr Brian Gordon	Are we working to address the concerns of local residents around Station Road Edgware about the over-supply and seemingly unfair allocation of parking permits that is causing a parking nightmare for so many in the area?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>There is currently a limit of 3 permits per household to residents within an existing CPZ. Permit holders are also advised that the permit does not guarantee a space with the CPZ.</p> <p>The Council's Development Management Policy 2012 prevents the issue of permits to occupiers of properties in new developments where parking is shown to be already at capacity.</p>	<p>I note what you say but there is a fear among the existing residents that new permits are going to be issued in quite a large number to new residents at the old Premier House development in spite of the parking congestion that already exists around that area. Can I assure residents that this will not be the case?</p>	<p>Cllr Gordon has caught me out here and so he will be very pleased with that. I am sorry I cannot give you a straight forward answer to that but I am sure that officers will work to make sure that happened. If planning permission was conditional on there not being ... the Planning Committee are nodding ... so I am able to give Cllr Gordon the assurance that he seeks.</p>

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2	Cllr Alison Moore	How many families are currently living in temporary accommodation and emergency accommodation, how many children are in families living in temporary accommodation and emergency accommodation, and please provide a summary breakdown of the time they have been living in TA/ETA?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Figures up to July 2015 for all households in Temporary Accommodation (TA) /Emergency Temporary Accommodation (ETA ) including those in PSL / regen</p> <p><b>Emergency Temporary Accommodation</b> : 275 households</p> <p><b>Temporary Accommodation</b> (excluding ETA): 1,689</p> <p><b>Total: 1,964</b></p> <p>Number of children in those dependent households:</p> <p><b>ETA:</b> 604</p> <p><b>TA</b> (excluding ETA): 3,274</p> <p><b>Total: 3,878</b></p> <p>Time split in TA / ETA is:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="927 1174 1532 1342"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="927 1174 1176 1275">Length of Time</th> <th data-bbox="1176 1174 1532 1275">% of Households with dependents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="927 1275 1176 1342">Under 1 Year</td> <td data-bbox="1176 1275 1532 1342">41%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Length of Time	% of Households with dependents	Under 1 Year	41%	According to the housing strategy there are currently an estimated 11,613 households in the borough who have difficulty paying their rent. 5,371 of whom have less than the DWP minimum household income once they have paid their rent. Given that we also currently have nearly 2000 properties ( <i>sic</i> ) in temporary accommodation, some of whom have been there for more than seven years, why does the housing strategy say that the council only needs to deliver 410 new homes for affordable rent	Because that is assessed and shall be reviewed in tandem with the government's policy about wage levels during the course of this parliament.
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3	Cllr Brian Gordon	It has recently been reported that Barnet has seen a 37 per cent increase in racist and religious hate crime in the 12 months to July 2015, as compared with a 26.9 per cent increase in London overall. Can you please comment on this disturbing statistic ?	Cllr David Longstaff (Chairman of Community Leadership Committee)	<p>The council and the Safer Communities Partnership are committed to tackling hate crimes and take any increase in race or faith hate crime very seriously. Indeed one of the current priorities of the Safer Communities Partnership is that 'Victims of hate crime [and domestic violence] are confident in reporting incidents and the Partnership intervenes to prevent repeat victimisation.'</p> <p><b>The increase in the last 12 months</b></p> <p>It is the case that, the percentage increase in Barnet has been greater than that seen in London as a whole, however we should also remember that <b><i>the racist and religious hate crime in Barnet is around 15% lower than the rate for London overall</i></b> (statistics source: based on number of crimes per 1000 population, date period 12</p>	No supplementary															

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				<p>months to July 2015). The increase in Barnet equates to around 10 more offences every month than a year ago.</p> <p><b>Barnet – a safe borough, strong community cohesion</b></p> <p>Barnet remains one of the safest boroughs in London (4th lowest rate of violence with injury out of all 32 London boroughs in the 12 months up to July 2015); and we are pleased that community cohesion remains strong in Barnet, the Barnet Communities Together Network have highlighted in their annual report:</p> <p>“Barnet is a place where residents from different backgrounds get on particularly well together, and we are justly proud of our diversity and the strength and cohesiveness of our communities. The Residents’ Perception Survey (RPS) (Spring 2015) showed that 84 per cent of residents agree that people from different backgrounds get on well together in Barnet, with 79 per cent of residents agreeing that people in Barnet treat each other with respect and consideration.”</p> <p><b>Taking action against hate crime</b></p> <p>We are determined to continue to work together with residents and communities in Barnet to tackle hate crime. We will do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Supporting the police in taking robust action</li> </ul>		

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				<p>against perpetrators,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Supporting the needs of victims and working to prevent repeat victimisation as part of our drive to provide a victim centred approach to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>•Working in partnership with the Barnet Communities Together Network and Barnet Multi-Faith Forum to promote community wellbeing and encourage cohesive and safe communities.</li> </ul>		
4	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Does the Leader think that PCSOs make a positive contribution, and if so will he join us in opposing the scrapping of these valued officers?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	What I would welcome is the reduction in crime in Barnet over the last few years and I want the Met to use its resources to ensure this trend continues. Police officers on the borough's streets are an important part of this effort. All parts of the public sector have to face up to the need for further savings, though, and no decision has been taken to remove these posts.	Does the Leader think that scrapping all PCSOs and cutting 8000 police officers will have a positive or negative contribution to crime rate?	It's very difficult to say what will happen to crime rates and personally, if I speak to my neighbours there's a great perception that we are all at risk and yet statistically crime is falling in the borough.

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5	Cllr Brian Gordon	Would you join me in congratulating the many schools within Barnet that have achieved outstanding examination successes this year?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Yes, once again our schools and their students have excelled themselves and I congratulate all involved for their hard work. The schools in Barnet seem to go from strength to strength and remain a key reason why so many families want to live in our borough.	Would you agree that great achievements in our schools, ranging from private schools to state schools to faith schools, academies, all types of school bear positive testimony to our policy of diversity and freedom of choice when it comes to education?	Of course, we are very proud of the diversity in the borough and I personally just to interject a note of controversy, I am very impressed with the idea of branches of grammar schools. I think that's a really positive development in some other boroughs.
6	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	At the last council meeting a Labour amendment to the motion in the name of Cllr Rozenberg which supported a relaxation of Sunday trading laws was voted on and passed. Can the Leader confirm that he has responded to the consultation and has expressed	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The premise of this question is false, both the amendment and the substantive item were defeated and thus Council did not agree on a position.	Is the Administration going to make a habit of defeating their own motions or was this one-off?	We are a very diverse group here and we don't like the whipping which is all too evident in some other parties within this council.

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		the view of council that it opposes any relaxation of Sunday trading laws which could threaten the future of our valued small traders?				
7	Cllr Brian Gordon	Would you please take note of the satisfaction of residents of Edgware Ward that several much-needed highway improvements such as the new Broadfields Avenue pedestrian crossing, are at last coming to fruition?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Yes, it is good to see progress on these schemes. Regarding the zebra crossing, the island has now been built, with beacons erected on each footway. Beacons for the central island are expected to be complete within a fortnight, along with the white lining which is still outstanding.	Can we all continue to work together to try to ensure that the approved road scheme throughout the borough are implemented more speedily than has been the case in recent times?	Absolutely. As Cllr Gordon is aware, very pleased to announce that the first street market in Edgware will be taking place on 6 <sup>th</sup> November.
8	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	Can the Leader provide an updated list of vacant assets belonging to Barnet Council? What are his plans to put these assets to good community use?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Table is attached at the end of the Questions to the Leader and Chairman document.	What will the Leader do to make sure that these vacant assets are allocated to community use as soon as possible?	The whole council will, I am sure, be working together to ensure that these assets are used properly for the benefit of the tax payers and the residents of

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9	Cllr Brian Gordon	In order to verify to TfL's licencing authority that minicab operators are acting lawfully in their homes, Barnet Council's planning department requires operators renewing licences to lodge detailed fee-costing applications for Lawful Use Certificates. Many feel very unhappy about this, since the Council could satisfy TfL's requirement by means of a simple letter. Can this be looked at?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>If a request is made to verify whether an activity is lawful and does not require planning permission, the appropriate process is to submit an application for a certificate of lawfulness outlining the proposed activity/use. Once the application is submitted, officers consider the case put forward and then formally advise whether the activity is lawful or not through a decision notice which is similar to a letter of confirmation. The fee for this application is set through the Planning fee Regulations set by the Government.</p> <p>The Council could advise TfL of the circumstances where operating a minicab office in a dwelling would be considered lawful in Barnet but TfL would decide whether this is acceptable to them or not when considering licensing application.</p>	I am informed that in some other local authorities in London when there is a need to renew a licenced mini cab operation at a private premises, it's not necessary to have a full blown certificate of Lawfulness application therefore generating a fee as well. Is there a possibility that we can look into this and see whether we can also scale down the need for such an application? It would very much	Sounds like a very good idea and I hope Cllr Gordon will bring that to the relevant committee for consideration appropriately.



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					help people running such firms.	
10	Cllr Anne Hutton	Please would the Leader join me in condemning the government's drastic cuts to ESOL funding and the Adults Skills Budget that is having such a terrible effect on Barnet and Southgate College in terms of funding and staff cuts; and would he also advise what impact this is likely to have on assisting people into work?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>In order to deliver a balanced budget Government are driving savings in public spending across many public services.</p> <p>While national funding for apprenticeships has been protected, funding for traditional classroom based training for adults has been reduced by more than a quarter for the 2015/16 academic year across the country. This included removal of ring-fenced funding (introduced in 2013) for English Language training for benefit claimants referred by DWP, due to poor take up nationally. However ESOL delivery by Barnet and Southgate college is strong and this funding accounted for 4% of their overall public funding in 2014/15. The college, along with FE colleges across the country, are therefore facing tough choices on the publicly funded training they continue to offer for Barnet residents.</p> <p>Through the Entrepreneurial Barnet board, we are working closely with the college and other education providers in the borough as well as the Job Centre to understand the broader impact of</p>	On the second paragraph it does say there is to be an area review of all post-16 education. Some London leaders have written to the ministers concerned expressing on behalf of their boroughs and I would like to ask if our Leader would also write to the minister to express how this particularly affects Barnet residents .	Of course we will be battling for Barnet in this respect.

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				<p>budget cuts with the aim of ensuring publicly funded provision focuses on meeting the needs of employers and learners in the Borough. At the same time, Borough Councils in London are in discussion with central government over the devolution of the adult skills budget to London in future years to ensure it is used to greatest effect to support Londoners to find, and progress, in work. As a step towards this the West London Alliance, along with other sub-regions in London, will be working with BIS and the DfE, as well as local employers and training providers, to undertake an area review of all post-16 education and training in the sub-region to ensure it is fit-for-purpose. Ensuring adequate ESOL provision is available for Londoners will form a key part of the devolution negotiations and these forthcoming area reviews.</p>		
11	Cllr Hugh Rayner	<p>Will the Leader join me in congratulating the Labour Party on electing Mr Corbyn as the new leader of their party and will Cllr Cornelius, if he gets the opportunity, wish Mr Corbyn a long and successful term of office as the</p>	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes.	<p>I have a question submitted by a Hale resident. Do you think Mr Corbyn's recent elevation to vice president of CND and his attitude towards the defence of this realm should be of any concern to voters in Barnet?</p>	<p>This council has great for vaunting ambition for policy all round the world but I don't think discussion of the nuclear deterrent is perhaps appropriate within this chamber.</p>

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12	Cllr Alon Orbach	What is the current level of demand for children books and study space across Barnet's Libraries?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Around 490,000 children's books were borrowed from Barnet's libraries during 2014/15. Study space remains a popular feature of the library service, in particular in the period leading up to exams.	If the libraries' proposal before us is implemented, how many more 15 year olds will be unable to use the study space in their libraries with massive reduction in the space used in libraries with the floor plans such as in East Finchley being cut by 57% as well as the requirement to be accompanied by an adult in open libraries and how will this negatively affect exam results in Barnet?	The spaces in libraries currently are used in a flexible way and under the new proposals will equally be used in a flexible way for study spaces and for other purposes.

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13	Cllr Hugh Rayner	Will the Leader join me in congratulating Watling Park School on opening on schedule in September and wish the school, its staff and pupils, every success in the future? Would he not agree that this new school will be a benefit not only to Burnt Oak ward in particular but also to the Borough in general?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Yes, I congratulate all those who have worked so hard to ensure this school opened on time – particularly given the uncertainty created by the Labour Group’s actions. On this side of the chamber, at least, we are convinced that this school will make a positive contribution to the borough’s educational offer, as well as deliver much needed school places for local children.	Cllr Thompstone, do you have any idea what the Labour Party are playing at opposing this wonderful school and the wonderful sports facilities it will bring? An opposition seemingly fronted by the current GLA member.	I have no idea what the Labour Group are playing at when they opposed this school. I don’t think they know themselves. But I do know that the parents and the children affected were not impressed by the actions of the Labour Group and they are very relieved that this school is, indeed, going ahead.

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14	Cllr Alison Moore	How many free child care places still haven't been taken up in Barnet, and what is the council doing to ensure parents are aware of the availability of free child care places?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>The delivery of two year old places is proving challenging across all London boroughs. In the Department for Education June headcount 43.2% of Barnet children took up the free early education entitlement whilst the London average was 52%, however we expect to see an increase in the October headcount. In Barnet all children who want to have a place are made an offer of one.</p> <p>To ensure parents are aware of the availability of free places all eligible parents are written to and outreach and brokerage staff have face to face discussions with parents in children's centres, community venues and shopping centres. Partners such as health and schools also promote the free places. There is a marketing campaign in place including posters and leaflets in places families attend such as libraries, health centres, schools and public transport, as well as online publicity. The new IT system now in place ensures easy online access for parents and applications have increased via this route.</p>	<p>You mentioned the October headcount in your response. Are you able to give me the results of that head count yet? Has Barnet at least reached the average for London in terms of two year old places? And if not, will you write to me as soon as that data from the October headcount is available?</p>	<p>I am more than happy to do that.</p>

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15	Cllr Brian Salinger	How many apprentices have been appointed to work in the Borough in the last 12 months? How many of those posts have been offered to 'Looked After Children'?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	It is difficult to know the total number of apprenticeships across the borough in the last 12 months, but from the available records we have found three 'Looked After Children' (16-19) currently in apprenticeships. This is a figure that the Virtual School and our in-house scheme are working to increase.	What priority is the Leader prepared to give to our 'looked after' children for whom all 63 of us are corporate parents when it comes to the allocating of apprenticeships within the borough?	A very important point and this should be something that all members across the council will support. The corporate parenting that we are all involved with by virtue of our election is something that we all take very seriously as seen by the extensive numbers of members who have attended the training on safeguarding. I think this is something that we really need to work at and I am prepared to make this a priority, yes.

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16	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	How can residents be assured that the dilapidated and dangerous state of many pavements will be addressed, and will any weighting be given to areas of high pedestrian usage especially by the elderly and children?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Sound financial management has enabled us to announce £50m in additional capital investment in our roads and pavements over the next five years.  The hierarchy of repairs and recovery programmes have been approved by Environment Committee.	Does this hierarchy of repairs take into account or give any weighting to the areas of high pedestrian use by the elderly and children?	Yes, it takes into account both foot-fall as well as high use areas around schools and other public facilities.
17	Cllr Brian Salinger	What is the Council's policy with regard to the placement of third party advertising materials on Council lampposts, railings and trees?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Council's Highways, Trees and Street lighting departments do not grant permission for any third party advertising materials to be placed on Council Street assets such as lampposts, fences or trees.	What priority is given by staff to removing these eyesores that appear the whole time right the way across the borough?	The flippant answer is clearly not enough and this is something that should be addressed and maybe we should all get into the habit of a previous environment director who carried a pair of wire cutters in his car to remove them himself.

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18	Cllr Barry Rawlings	What explanations does the Leader have for the fact that between 2008-2011 employment in Barnet's businesses decreased by 1.9% [a loss of 2,202 jobs] compared to a decrease of 0.9% for Greater London as a whole? [JSNA page 67]	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>This period covers the worst of the financial crisis, when the types of jobs and businesses held by people in Barnet were more badly affected than those in some other areas, simply due to those sectors being more exposed. However, some sectors in Barnet outperformed other areas during this time.</p> <p>Since 2010, there has been a significant increase in employment across the borough – and indeed the country – and both unemployment and youth unemployment have fallen to their lowest for many years.</p>	No supplementary	
19	Cllr John Hart	Could the Leader update me on what is being planned for the location of Barnet Community Transport for when the Mill Hill depot closes and could he reaffirm the council's commitment to support them in this transition?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Mill Hill Depot Relocation Programme is currently looking at all options for the future location of existing services that operate from the existing site at Mill Hill East. The programme also plans for engagement with other existing occupants of the site including Barnet Community Transport and will work with the occupants to provide assistance in vacating the site.	Would the Leader agree that a voluntary organisation which since 2004 has carried 120,000 passengers, mainly old and disabled, and has provided 20,000 young people in poorer areas with pleasure and instruction through its unique rolling base vehicles deserves our continued support	The quick answer is of course yes but that has to be subject to in so far as is possible. I am personally very supportive of Barnet Community Transport.



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					in kind by providing premises from which to operate thus eking out its scarce voluntary funding?	
20	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	Can the Leader state how much Barnet Council is saving by moving its offices to Colindale?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	The current estimate is for a cumulative saving of £46.1m by 2023/24. Following the approval of the OBC a pre-construction agreement has been entered into with a preferred contractor that is currently providing cost certainty which will provide a final estimate of the saving for the FBC due to be presented at ARG in November.	No supplementary	
21	Cllr Val Duschinsky	What benefits to the local community will be delivered by the new Youth Zone set to be built in the west of the borough?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>The Youth Zone will provide a brand new state-of-the-art centre in the west of the borough estimated to reach over 3,000 young people in the first year alone. In the current financial environment this presents a unique opportunity to invest in opportunities for young people in some of the most deprived areas of the borough, with no on-going revenue funding from the Council.</p> <p>The Youth Zone will offer opportunities to all young people between the age of 8 and 19 years (up to 25 for young people with disabilities). Activities include a range of sports, dance, music, arts as well as targeted employability workshops and specialist activities for people with disabilities.</p>	No supplementary	

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22	Cllr Alon Orbach	<p>How many complaints have there been from members of the public trying to access the Barnet Library Service via Customer Services since the service was outsourced to Capita?</p>	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>There have been just two formal complaints made to customer services about accessing the library service since the CSG contract went live, one of which was upheld. 13 complaints expressing dissatisfaction with the new telephone menu options introduced at the start of August were submitted via the customer services feedback surveys in August and September 2015. These menu options were adjusted and improved mid-September, and no complaints have been received since.</p>	<p>Most recently I learned that on first use on library computers, the library computer service provided by Capita, blocks the council's new website provided by Capita. I regularly hear about how often the library network IT facilities go down, so I would like to know has the response rate got worse since the CSG outsourcing of the service and how long a period of network down time does the Leader</p>	<p>Any down time is intolerable. I am shocked at what the councillor is actually telling us here tonight and I would value seeing the emails that he sent complaining about it and the response from officers that he's received.</p>

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23	Cllr Val Duschinsky	How did this year's GCSE and A-level results compare to last year's and to the national average?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p><u>Key Stage 4:</u> Only unvalidated data is available at present. It includes data for pupils whose results will be excluded from the final figures (e.g. new arrivals from abroad). As a result the final figure is usually higher than the unvalidated results. Validated datasets are expected to be released by the DfE between December 2015 and January 2016 and an update to all Councillors will be provided when these are available.</p> <p>The unvalidated results indicate that the proportion of pupils in Barnet schools who attained 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths this year is 68.8%. This is 1.3 percentage points above the 2014 validated data and is expected to increase once validated data is available. It is already above the national average for state funded schools in 2014 (56.8% - validated data). There is no national data available for 2015 yet – a provisional figure is expected to be released on 15 October 2015.</p> <p><u>Key Stage 5:</u> Results have been collected from 18 out of 19 secondary schools with KS5 pupils. 2015</p>	No supplementary	

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				<p>national data has been identified through press releases, and may not represent the provisional data due to be released by the DfE on 15 October 2015.</p> <p>The proportion of entries attaining an A*-A grade in Barnet increased by 6.6 percentage points, whilst nationally the proportion fell by 0.8 of a percentage point. The proportion of A*-C grades increased by 3.1 percentage points, whilst nationally the proportion increased by 0.1 percentage points.</p> <p>In 2015, Barnet's proportion of A*-A grades and A*-C grades is above national (37.5% compared to 25.9%; and 82.7% compared to 77.3% respectively). An estimate for the national percentage of A*-B grades is not available, but Barnet's attainment of 63.3% A*-B grades is well above last year's national percentage of 53%. Barnet's percentage of A*-E grades (pass grades) is 98%, which is slightly below national (98.1%).</p>		
24	Cllr Adam Langleben	Given the decision by Grahame Park development partner Genesis to no longer build housing for social rent (The Guardian,	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Following recent budget changes the Council and Genesis have engaged at a senior level to assess the impact of the proposals at a local level. In respect of Grahame Park Genesis have given assurances that their obligations in respect of affordable housing remain unchanged and they are committed to the long term partnership	Considering the comments made by the Chief Executive of Genesis Housing Association in regards their ambition to rent	I thank the councillor for his question. He asked a very similar question last night and it was answered

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		7 August 2015), what discussions has the Leader had with Genesis regarding their long term commitment to the delivery of the regeneration of the Grahame Park estate and its primary role of rehousing those in the social rented sector currently residing on the estate?		<p>working with London Borough of Barnet.</p> <p>Furthermore, Genesis will continue to invest in new homes across a range of tenures and will remain consistent to its social purpose whilst recognising the challenge in providing housing below market rates. They have 16,000 social homes and will continue to house some of the most vulnerable people in London. They will also continue to look for regeneration opportunities but, in doing so, must ensure that the mix of tenures generates a viable outcome. As they move into the new operating environment they are keen to work closely with their Local Authority partners to create the best outcome for all parties.</p> <p>There is constant contact between Genesis and the council.</p>	<p>out vacant units in their possession at market rates or as close to and also to deregulate as a social landlord, does the Leader not think that our partnership with this business would turn out to be the biggest mass privatisation of our housing stock via the back door and what is he going to do about it?</p>	<p>fully by officers and the reassurance that he received should indicate that this is not so.</p>
25	Cllr Val Duschinsky	What has been the change in unemployment in the borough over the past year?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The current unemployment rate in Barnet is 6.2%, one year ago it was 6.8% indicating a reduction of 0.6% over the past year.	Elsewhere in these answers it's revealed that at the same as unemployment has been falling, the average income across the borough has increased by £6000 or 17% since 2010. Does the	Of course I welcome this. This is very pleasing and in some way the council is responsible for that by paying the minimum London Living wage.

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					Leader welcome these trends?	
26	Cllr Phil Cohen	Does the Leader understand that the disgraceful axing of the council's meals at home service will not only deprive 253 vulnerable and often elderly people of receiving over 48,000 meals (in 2014-15) but means they will lose that vital social contact with outside helpers and delivery staff which can be so important if you live alone or have health problems.	Cllr Sachin Rajput (Chairman of Adults and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>The scale of the financial challenge facing the council means we have to look very carefully at every service the council currently provides.</p> <p>Over the last 5 years we have seen a fall in the number of people receiving the home meals service through the Council; there has been a 33 per cent reduction in people using the service, from 326 at the end of 2010/11 to the current number of service users – 216.</p> <p>While the Council is proposing to no longer provide a home meals service in the future once the current contract comes to an end, we are proposing that all customers will be signposted to alternative options within the community. We have already started this process by collecting information about a range of alternatives available and this information has been published on the Council's website.</p> <p>The range of alternative options includes (but is not limited to):</p>	Thank you for the reply on the shameful scrapping of the £250,000 meals at home service subsidy that the council has been providing. But did he see the Daily Mail for October 7 <sup>th</sup> with the headline 'Home care for elderly crisis sees thousands going hungry' which quoted official figures saying thousands of elderly people at home are not given enough to eat or drink or are in danger of	At this stage all I can say is that those who need to be provided for always have been provided for. This is something the Adults and Safeguarding Committee is looking at and certainly the councillor is fully aware of that. All options are still open. It is important that we do what's best for all our residents as a whole going forward.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sodexo – where people can continue to purchase a hot meal directly from them, without a subsidy from the Council</li> <li>• Other providers of meals such as Wiltshire Farm Foods</li> <li>• Lunch clubs, for example those provided through Age UK, Friend In Need and others</li> <li>• Supermarkets, on-line shopping and shopping services</li> <li>• Signposting to other voluntary sector and community services, for example befriending schemes and day activities, particularly where social isolation is a concern</li> </ul> <p>We are also in the process of completing face to face reviews of current home meals service users and their carers / next of kin (as appropriate) to ascertain their level of need and identify what alternative options may be suitable for them in the future, should the proposal be agreed.</p> <p>This approach has been successfully implemented by a number of local authorities including Camden, Ealing, Enfield, Hillingdon and Newham.</p> <p>Although the Council has provided a home meals service over the years, local authorities do not have a statutory duty to provide meals. Councils</p>	<p>malnourishment. Doesn't he agree this is the very worst time to be taking away a council subsidy of £250,000 to deliver meals to vulnerable people which incidentally robs them of vital social contact with the outside world?</p>	

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				do have a statutory duty to meet assessed eligible needs including nutritional needs and have a duty to safeguard vulnerable adults. Under this duty we will continue to support people who have an assessed eligible need.		
27	Cllr Joan Scannell	Does the Committee Chairman welcome the opening of primary schools by Wren Academy and London Academy to create 'all-through' schools and further welcome their contribution in providing much needed new school places in the borough?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	The provision of two new 'all through' schools will add to the diversity of Barnet's educational offer and is warmly welcomed. The capital investment in new primary facilities will provide over 840 new primary school places at the Wren and London Academies to help meet the need for new school places in Barnet.	No supplementary	
28	Cllr Andreas Ioannidis	How much has been spent on the new system of road surfacing dressing in Brunswick Park this year?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	The value of surface dressing projected works spend in Brunswick Park Ward will be at least £260,000. Invoice value already processed has totalled £227,000 approximately.	No supplementary	



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29	Cllr Joan Scannell	How successful has been the trial of Open+ technology at Edgware Library?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Results from the pilot at Edgware Library have been very encouraging. As of early October, a total of 701 customers had registered to use the service; there had been 1157 visits; 666 books issued; 494 uses of the PCs; and 305 instances of people using the Wi-Fi. In addition, the feedback from those registered has been positive, with no complaints recorded.	No supplementary	
30	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	It has long been common practice, with so many roads in Barnet being narrow, that vehicles were allowed to park with two wheels off the road. Now that Re is managing this situation and the previous councillor request list for exemption is now defunct can I be assured that any area which is drawn to the attention of Re be also drawn to ward councillors attention and that no enforcement measures take place	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	The established policy for enforcement only takes place in a ward at the request of the ward councillors. Officers are working on codifying this approach.	My experience in my ward has been that enforcement did take place, not at the request of ward councillors, so hopefully in view of what you have said that won't happen again. And when will this codifying approach be completed so that both the residents and the councillors know where we stand as regards narrow roads and people being able to park with two wheels off, or within a required limit from the kerb?	The item on footway parking is coming to the next Environment Committee.

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		without consultation with ward councillors.				
31	Cllr Caroline Stock	Since Council passed my motion seeking to establish a primary school fitness award, work has been progressing on this front. Would the Committee Chairman like to update Council on the latest developments?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	The Council has circulated to all primary schools the opportunity to participate in the Mayor of Barnet's Golden Kilometre Challenge taking place from Monday 12 October to Friday 13 November 2015. It will involve hopefully as many of the 92 primary schools in Barnet as possible walking to their nearest park or open space or using their own playground. Once there they would calculate distances of 250, 500, 750 and up to 1 kilometre. Children would then walk, run, skip or hop around the route. On 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2016 there will be a celebratory tea with The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Mark Shooter, for schools who have demonstrated innovative ways of engaging their pupils and perhaps staff.	I just want to have a further update which is that both London Athletics and Saracens Foundation are keen to join the Mayor's Golden Kilometre which is going to be really exciting in getting our primary schools to be more actively involved in the sport.	
32	Cllr Alon Orbach	With the farcical process that has given us only one possible provider for a range of major education services, why should residents have any	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	It is not unusual for Competitive Dialogue procurements to end up with a single bidder and there are various robust means through which best value can be tested. There are very clear objectives in place for this procurement, against which any final tender will be evaluated. Whilst price will play an important part in that evaluation, the Council has always been clear that the ability	My concern is that I don't share the same optimism here. Rather than using financial modelling as a matter of comparison, why do	The options that would have continued with an in-house were clearly looked at, at the outset before the decision was

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		confidence that the inevitable outsourcing will give best value to the school children of Barnet?		to maintain excellent service quality and effective relationships with schools is more important in respect of these services. The Council is working closely with its commercial and legal advisors to develop detailed sub-criteria to strengthen the ability to test any final tender against the objectives. The Full Business Case will include a comparison of the final tender against the financial modelling that has previously been carried out for the in-house and social enterprise models. An independent Gateway review was commissioned which confirmed the approach taken remains appropriate.	we not allow the council to form a proper in-house bid that actually properly values and looks at the opportunities for savings and improvement of the service, especially given previous examples where such a commissioning has failed?	taken to go forward with the joint venture. The decision has not been fully taken yet. It is due to come to the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee when we will have had a full opportunity to look at all of the options within the bid.
33	Cllr Caroline Stock	Could the Committee Chairman comment on the council's new JSNA?	Cllr Helena Hart (Chairman of Health and Wellbeing Board)	<p>The production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is one of the most important responsibilities of Barnet's Health &amp; Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>It has been developed as a truly shared endeavour by the Council, Barnet CCG, and Healthwatch, with just the right balance achieved between professional analysis and extensive engagement with both individuals and a wide variety of organisations across the Borough - ensuring its credibility as an impartial, high quality and up-to-date base for decision making across</p>	What stands out for the chairman in the new joint strategic needs assessment?	Barnet is, for the first time, the largest borough in London by population which brings both opportunities and challenges. The high level of resident satisfaction with their local area as a place in which to live, 88%

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				<p>organisational boundaries.</p> <p>It will be invaluable in formulating our Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy as well as supporting alignment across the wider public sector in Barnet and ensuring that every penny of public money is spent effectively and efficiently to improve health and wellbeing in the Borough.</p>		<p>against the national average: 82%. Success of Barnet schools, six nationally for reading, twelve for mathematics. Growing life expectancy for Barnet residents but still with the need for all of us to focus more on improving healthy life expectancy in the future. What we call 'life to years' not just years to life.</p>
34	Cllr Barry Rawlings	In Barnet the total reduction in benefits received by eligible residents is expected to be £81.4m in 2015-2016. This is the 10th highest reduction in the country. What will be the effect on the	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Overall, and at a borough level Barnet's economy is growing. The number of claimants of Job Seekers Allowance continues to fall, reducing from 4,313 in August 2014 to 3,252 in August 2015 (-24.6%) and CACI PayCheck data shows that average incomes across the borough have increased from £35,412 in 2012 to £41,468 in 2015 (+17.1%).</p> <p>Barnet has not only been effective in reducing the benefits bill, but also in helping claimants move</p>	Taking the Leader's answer that average incomes have gone up and that an estimated £81.4m is being taken away from the poorer residents of Barnet, is he proud that there is a growing	I have answered the question as I thought best and in fact being helpful. The economy is improving in Barnet. The only way we can progress for all the community is

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		local economy of this enormous loss of money? [JSNA page 70]		into work – helping them better support themselves and the local economy in the long run.	social divide in Barnet and if he's not what is he going to do about it?	for the economy to grow and for Barnet to continue to be the successful place that it is shown to be now.
35	Cllr Caroline Stock	Barnet and Harrow have become the first places in the country to offer free self-sampling HIV postal test kits to residents who think they may be at risk. How important could this provision be in assisting earlier detection and, consequently, increasing survival rates and reducing transmission rates?	Cllr Helena Hart (Chairman of Health and Wellbeing Board)	<p>The treatment for HIV is both clinically effective and is cost effective. Modern drug treatments now allow people with HIV, if diagnosed early, to have a near normal life expectancy. Patients treated successfully can achieve undetectable viral load (&lt;50 copies/mL) and this can eliminate their risk of passing the infection through sexual contact.</p> <p>Early diagnosis is cost effective in that it avoids the complications associated with the late diagnosis (individual`s inability to perform day to day activities i.e. going to work), reducing the number and frequency of hospital in-patient episodes for treatment of difficult to treat infections. People who know their HIV status are also more likely to practice safe sex in future and thus reduce the transmission of HIV.</p> <p>Barnet and Harrow have a relatively large proportion of newly diagnosis HIV cases where the infection is already advanced. This makes increased testing a priority and home testing is a</p>	Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee were told at their last meeting that about a third of the public health grant is currently spent on sexual health services. What are you doing to ensure this money is going to be spent to the best possible effect?	<p>Bearing in mind that prevention is better than cure, we have developed a three step approach to commissioning sexual health services in Barnet.</p> <p>Firstly, prevention: working with communities to help them stay healthy. For instance, through targeted education and community engagement we</p>

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				<p>means of making this more accessible. Residents can order a test online or over the phone and can receive a kit without needing to attend a GUM service.</p>		<p>can prevent people from contracting a sexually transmitted disease in the first place.</p> <p>Secondly, by early diagnosis: to prevent those who already have a sexually transmitted disease from spreading it further and to treat them effectively.</p> <p>Lastly, we need to point those who really need it toward effective diagnosis and treatment services as early as possible and in a targeted way that focuses on those groups and</p>

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						individuals who are at greatest risk from infection and transmission. And we are talking about a third of the public health budget.
36	Cllr Arjun Mitra	What is the additional cost to the council of individual electoral registration compared with household registration that was in place before?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	There have actually been no additional costs to the Council for IER this year– the transition from ‘household’ registration has been fully funded from central government.	Can the Leader give the figure going forward as well as the figure that we have the grant to cover?	Not really because it is covered by government grant.
37	Cllr Caroline Stock	What progress has been made in increasing access to high speed broadband for households and businesses in the borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>High Speed Broadband infrastructure is a private marketplace, with a wide range of providers serving the differing needs of businesses and residents within the borough through fixed line and wireless mechanisms.</p> <p>Concerns about progress are often linked to BT Infinity’s installation or upgrading of specific cabinets within the borough to facilitate faster broadband. A recent announcement by BT has confirmed that their planned rollout programme will be expanded. Additionally, the Council has</p>	No supplementary	

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				encouraged local businesses to use vouchers available from the GLA to cover up-front costs of installing broadband. To date, 336 vouchers have been provided to Barnet's local businesses, the 12th highest number by borough in London.		
38	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	What safeguarding measures are in place to protect the land and homes of those people who live close to Silkstream from flooding?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The maintenance and safeguarding of the Silkstream river which runs through the Borough of Barnet falls under the responsibility of the Environment Agency.	No supplementary	
39	Cllr Phil Cohen	What pressure has the Leader and the Barnet Tory administration put on Chancellor George Osborne to alter his damaging austerity programme which is cutting into the core fabric of local authorities like ours, forcing them to consider closing libraries, privatising	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The council accepts the need for further reductions in public spending to deal with the deficit and, looking at the general election results locally and nationally from May, it seems the public accept this also.</p> <p>The Chancellor's approach in the last Parliament saw the UK become the fastest-growing economy in the developed world and satisfaction with services also increased.</p> <p>No one pretends the next few years will be easy – there will be difficult choices to make. The council has made representations to the Treasury and a number of Cabinet Ministers with regards to the</p>	The Leader says that he'd been making a recommendation to the Treasury ministers about the spending review devolution. Perhaps he could give us an insight into what response he's had.	Cllr Cohen will know the way government works and frankly the letter I received is opaque to say the least. I look forward to hearing the results from the Chancellor when the spending review is announced.



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		parks and scrapping meals on wheels?		<p>forthcoming Spending Review and in relation to issues around devolution. In these we have, for example, lobbied for more resource to support Adult Social Care.</p> <p>We feel the best approach is to work constructively and in a targeted manner with the government, as opposed to engaging in generalised whingeing or deficit denial.</p>		
40	Cllr Paul Edwards	Will the Council Leader explain why just one of the more than 10,000 Barnet households in receipt of Council Tax Support has been awarded a grant from the £100,000 CTS Hardship Fund since its establishment, and will he also explain what proactive measures have been taken by this administration so far to ensure claimants in financial difficulty are made aware of	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Applications are processed by the Council's Welfare reform Task Force Team who manage applications to a number of funds and can therefore to decide the best and most appropriate fund to assist the customer whether it is the Hardship Fund, Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) or Crisis Fund.</p> <p>As at 30 September a total of 219 claims have now been received with 6 residents being awarded Hardship Fund payments; 95 claims are still being assessed. Applications may be refused following a full assessment of their resident's income and expenditure. We have made arrangements in some cases to reduce the rate at which they repay their council tax arrears and/or housing benefit overpayments which will also enable them to pay their current council tax liabilities. Others have been signposted to other support, such as debt advice agencies, for whom those applications may be subsequently reviewed.</p>	Given my case work, I find it astonishing that there are only six vulnerable Barnet residents who are in severe financial difficulty as a result in the increase imposed by this council. Will the Leader therefore take urgent action to instruct officers, that all CTS claimants will be written to making sure that they are aware that they may be eligible to the shockingly	That was a long and complicated question. I take from the information that we have that actually the changes to various benefits have not been as quite as dramatic as Labour billed them to be. In fact, it all seems to be going remarkably well and the collection rate for council tax is successful across all levels of wealth.

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		this funding?			underspent hardship fund and will he also assure me that he will not authorise the use of bailiffs against the CTS claimants unless they have been considered for an award from the hardship fund?	
41	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How much was collected in Council Tax from those who get Council tax support and what percentage of the total is due?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	For the financial year 2014-15 the collection rate as at 31 March 2015 for Council Tax Support Cases was 91.03%. This equates to £8.8m being collected on these cases. Not all customers receive maximum support, and some residents join and leave the scheme during the year. Therefore the amount of council tax paid does not necessarily reflect the gap between maximum entitlement (91.5% in 2013/14 and 2014/15). For the financial year 2015-16 the collection rate as at 30 September 2015 for Council Tax Support Cases is 47.54% which is 1.75% below the same point in 2014/15. This equates to £5.1m collected with a further £5.7m payable by 31 March 2016. The take up of instalments over 12 months is being promoted, which has the effect of deferring payment to later in the year.	No supplementary	
42	Cllr Adam Langleben	What discussions has the Leader had	Cllr Richard Cornelius	I have not had specific discussions with housing associations on the proposal to extend the Right to	The Leader has misrepresented the	I am not concerned for

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		<p>with Housing Associations operating in the borough regarding the Conservative government's proposal to extend Right to Buy to housing associations?</p>	<p>(Leader of the Council)</p>	<p>Buy to housing association tenants, although officers have engaged with housing associated where an immediate issue has been raised.</p> <p>In addition, the National Housing Federation (NHF) has consulted its members widely on this policy and proposed a voluntary agreement with the Government which would extend the Right to Buy to all housing association tenants without the need for primary legislation.</p> <p>Housing associations would have discretion not to sell, for example where a property is in a rural area and could not be replaced, or where it is adapted for special needs tenants. The Government would compensate the housing association for the discount offered to the tenant and housing associations would retain the sales receipt to enable them to reinvest in the delivery of new homes.</p> <p>86% of NHF members (controlling 93% of the housing association stock in England between them) have agreed to sign up to this voluntary agreement with Government. The Government announced that it had accepted this proposed agreement on 7 October 2015 and that the first sales could be made during 2016.</p>	<p>National Housing Federation ballots. Actually, the 86% quoted only includes him who took part in the vote. Actually 45% of housing associations either voted against or abstained. Is the Leader not concerned and does not share the concern of smaller housing associations who will be far more affected by this change than the larger ones?</p>	<p>housing associations as institutions but I am concerned for the work that they currently do and the homes that they provide to our residents.</p>

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43	Cllr Kath McGuirk	It is my understanding that Lodge Lane Car Park N12 has been identified by the Council as a venue for events. Can the Leader confirm how many events have been booked for the next 12 months and how many enquiries the Council has received?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	<p>While Lodge Lane car park has not been officially identified as a venue for community events, power sockets have been installed to enable it for use other than car parking, including markets. At present, there is a weekly market that takes place every Friday and makes use of the newly installed power points.</p> <p>Local community groups in North Finchley, including the North Finchley Town Team, are also organising a Christmas festival for this year. Part of the festival will be taking place in the car park.</p> <p>The Council is currently in the process of developing the 'town centre offer' which will identify a clear process for using space in town centres to delivery community events.</p>	<p>Last month the town team has been dissolved and the money from the mayor's fund spent. Barnet is, as you know, a very leafy, green and very middle class borough and as you have already advocated, the economy is going up only if in some parts of the borough. Can the Leader then explain now there is no dedicated team, how we are going to encourage in businesses, markets and the like to come into this wonderful part of our borough and can you actually answer and confirm how many events have been booked for the next 12</p>	<p>I'll write on the enquiries but clearly the response does indicate that we do have the weekly markets and we do have the community groups in North Finchley organising a Christmas festival and quite clearly don't need constant grant funding to do these things. Traders and organisations can get together, approach the council and we will do what we can. We will support them in all their applications but I will certainly write to you on the enquiries. As</p>

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					months and how many enquiries the council has received as per the original question?	for booked events, it is all there is.
44	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	Part of the area undergoing regeneration around Brent Cross includes a trade recycling plant which, as far as I am aware, is not shown on future plans. Could the Leader please inform me where the trade recycling plant will be relocated to?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	<p>It has been assumed that the 'trade recycling plant' refers to the Hendon Waste Transfer Station. If this is not the case further information will be required to provide an accurate response.</p> <p>At present LBB is negotiating with the North London Waste Authority to relocate the existing Hendon Waste Transfer Station to the opposite (west) side of the main railway line on land bordered to the east side by the A5 Edgware Road. Relocation of the existing Hendon facility is needed to deliver the Thameslink Station area identified in the existing 2014 Brent Cross planning permission.</p> <p>The 2014 planning permission identified two sites on the west of the railway line (SELCO and Bestway) as appropriate options for a new facility. It is our intention to co-operate of the NLWA and LBB's Planning Service to help to construct a facility which supports the fulfilment of the regeneration objectives at Brent Cross and relate to the parameters and acceptable impacts assessed within the Environmental Statement in</p>	No supplementary	

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				<p>the 2014 planning permission.</p> <p>If you would like further information an electronic versions of the 2014 planning permission can be found at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.brentcrosscricklewood.com/planningapps/2013/planningapp2013.php">http://www.brentcrosscricklewood.com/planningapps/2013/planningapp2013.php</a></p>		
45	Cllr Alon Orbach	Given the years of service that have been given to the school children of Barnet by much valued staff, what guarantees can be given that no employee will be less well off after the Unified Pay process has been completed?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Unified Pay, which applies to Council employees and support staff in community schools, aims to create a pay and grading structure that is fairer, simpler, more flexible and rewards performance. As such, the pay of some staff may increase while for others it may decrease. The Council will seek to minimize the impact on individuals. Unified reward is not aiming to save money and it is intended that any changes will be cost neutral overall.</p>	Given the acknowledged adverse impact on staff that Unified Pay will have and that's not aiming to save any money, why are you doing it, how is the scheme more flexible and for whom?	Since the scheme will be broadly neutral it won't adversely affect members of staff in the round. This came in at the wish of the old Remuneration Committee to bring various arcane allowances and an extraordinary way of paying people under some kind of rigour and having a proper unified scheme. It's actually a fair thing to do.
46	Cllr Arjun	Does the Leader of	Cllr David	Graffiti is a form of anti-social behaviour. Barnet	Does the councillor	Will reducing

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	Mittra	the council agree with me that graffiti is anti-social, and that it should be a priority for the safer neighbourhood teams to stop the recent spate in East Finchley?	Longstaff (Chairman of Community Leadership Committee)	<p>Community Safety Team have received the reports from Cllr Mittra on the area which he has seen persistent graffiti and provided a direct response to this.</p> <p><b><u>Safer Neighbourhood Ward Priorities</u></b> Local police ward priorities are set in partnership with the local community through the Local Ward Panels and further supported by consideration of the local levels of crime and ASB, this is to ensure that both the police and the council respond to the crime and ASB issues that matter to residents within their neighbourhoods. Priorities can differ across the wards in Barnet. This issue is being monitored by the Community Safety Team in partnership with the local police and StreetScene.</p> <p><b><u>Stopping Graffiti</u></b> Note: Graffiti tends to be the type of incident where, in order to catch the person committing the offence, the police would need to be in the right place at the right time to witness the person committing the offence. In the absence of an identified offender (where it can be proved in court under criminal damage) enforcement action is necessarily limited. This type of ASB, has in the past in other boroughs been subject to covert surveillance, however given the strict requirements to comply with current legislation regarding covert surveillance this is not current seen as a police priority area.</p>	agree that scrapping our local PCSO is not going to help reduce the graffiti problem in East Finchley?	PCSOs help? Well, five-six years ago when we had a full PCSO complement of staff across Barnet, burglary was 25% higher. As we get less PCSOs, we get less burglary. So the answer to the question is no.

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47	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How many applications were there for DHP and the crisis funds - how many were accepted, and the total spend for 2014/15 and so far in 2015/16?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p><b>For the Crisis Fund:</b></p> <p>In 2014-15 there were 2,732 applications to the Crisis Fund of which 2,612 received an award amounting to a total paid of £532,750.59.</p> <p>So far in 2015 there have been 1,001 applications to the Crisis Fund of which 572 received an award amounting to a total paid of £100,670.35.</p> <p><b>For Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP):</b></p> <p>In 2014-15 there were 1,468 applications for DHP of which 1,027 received an award amounting to a total paid of £1,145,781.50.</p> <p>So far in 2015 there have been 945 applications for DHP of which 335 received an award amounting to a total paid of £306,844.35</p>	No supplementary	
48	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Why is it necessary to issue parking tickets to cars parked on single yellow lines on bank holidays?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	A report detailing why Yellow lines are enforced on Bank holidays was submitted to the 24th September Environment Committee for consideration. This report can be found here. <a href="http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s26023/Bank Holiday Enforcement of single yellow lines.pdf">barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s26023/Bank Holiday Enforcement of single yellow lines.pdf</a>	The real reason for enforcing single yellow lines on bank holidays is indeed given in that report referred to. It says if a decision was taken to cease enforcement this would reduce the special parking account income'. When will the	The parking policy is continuing to be evolving and it is improving by the week.



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					Tories actually stop using parking as a source of income and introduce parking policies that support our town centres and encourage more visitors to visit local businesses in our town centres?	
49	Cllr Adam Langleben	Further to the government announcement on the extension of Right to Buy to housing associations, what discussions has the Council had with Metropolitan Housing Association regarding its long term commitment as a partner in the West Hendon regeneration?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Please see answer to question 42.  At West Hendon existing secure tenants moving to new homes on West Hendon provided by MHT will continue to have the Right to Buy on the same basis as if they had remain Council tenants. This is stated in the contractual arrangements for the scheme	No supplementary	
50	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Leader raise with Transport for London the small green on Long Lane	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment	This matter will be raised with Transport for London and officers will advise Ward Members of the outcome of these discussions in due course.	No supplementary	

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		next to the North Circular and opposite Font Hills, which is frequently fly tipped, is the venue for allegedly insalubrious meetings of drug dealers and an easy access to the back gardens on Long Lane, from which a number of burglaries have occurred?	Committee)			
51	Cllr Jim Tierney	Many residents are complaining about the new procedure for road maintenance which is termed surface dressing, as opposed to resurfacing. This appears to entail spreading an initial mix of tar and chippings followed by a mechanical sweep two days	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	<p>A series of inspections have been conducted to address concerns raised about excess stone chippings and outstanding road markings. The contractor had been made aware of these issues and we await contractor's adjusted programme to confirm when the additional sweeping will be carried out together with any outstanding line painting. It has been noted that due to the persistent rainfall over September exacerbated the backlog of road marking reinstatement. The contractor is working as quickly as possible to reinstate outstanding markings.</p> <p>This process will be revised at committee.</p>	<p>Could I thank the councillor for the full answer and for acknowledging the street dressing is a superficial approach and doesn't work, and is unsatisfactory? Can I ask him to confirm the very last line of the report, can I ask him to confirm that we will revert to straight forward</p>	<p>The decision will be made by the Environment Committee.</p>

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		<p>later, and then a final sweep in a week or so. And that's the dressing complete. All that remains is to reinstate the road markings. This may well be a cheaper process but one that is far from satisfactory. This process leaves loose chippings all over the road which are scattered by passing vehicles up onto the pavement and are a danger to pedestrians and even motorists. Moreover these tar encrusted chippings are sticking to resident's footwear and therefore getting indoors. These roads are left like this. There are no further sweeps. It is also noted that</p>			<p>road resurfacing as opposed to this redressing system. Those are the instructions going to the committee?</p>	

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		<p>even a month after a road is surface dressed in this way the road markings have still not been reinstated. I am asking the Leader to review this practice - it is an inconvenience and even a danger to residents. It may be cost saving. But it is not the quality of service our residents need and were promised.</p>				
52	Cllr Adam Langleben	<p>Will the Leader provide me with the Council's own forecast on the impact of the extension of Right to Buy on housing associations in the borough?</p>	<p>Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of Housing Committee)</p>	<p>Each housing association will have to review their business and development plans as a result of the extension of the Right to Buy. Changes to social housing rents (which will reduce by 1% a year for four years from April 2016) and "Pay to Stay" proposals to charge higher rents for higher income tenants will also need to be taken into account.</p> <p>These reforms will all impact on the rent base for housing associations and may impact on the ability for some to deliver new homes. The Council will work with housing associations to understand the likely implications of these, and other, changes in the forthcoming Housing Bill as more details</p>	No supplementary	

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				<p>become available.</p> <p>On the Right to Buy specifically housing associations have reached a voluntary agreement with on extending the Right to Buy (see question 42.)</p>		
53	Cllr Adam Langleben	What are the details of the six LOBOs (Lender, Option, Borrower Option) that the council has, how much money have we borrowed and what is the interest rate for each LOBO that we are paying?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Table is attached at the end of the Questions to the Leader and Chairman document.	No supplementary	
54	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Leader confirm that the traffic survey they are to conduct around Tarling Road with regard to the Old Barn will be done in school term to give a fuller picture of what traffic flows are likely to be?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	The proposals in relation to the new community centre at Tarling Road will be supported by a comprehensive Transport Statement and Travel Plan including surveys which will account for local traffic conditions during school term. The approach will seek to ensure that the proposals do not adversely affect the safety and free flow of traffic in the surrounding highway network and car parking arrangements.	I was concerned by the wording of the reply which says 'will take into account the local traffic conditions in the school term'. That's not really enough. Will you make sure that the survey is done during school time? If you want residents to buy	I will be take this up with officers.

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					into this scheme, you need to make sure that all the work is done properly.	
55	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Given the huge number of complaints across the Borough from the poor quality of resurfacing, will the leader arrange for all the roads recently resurfaced, particularly those where surface dressing has been used, to be inspected and for all problems including loose clippings to be rectified as soon as possible?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Yes. See Q51.	Given the shocking state of Barnet's roads and pavements always comes out very poorly in residents' perception survey, and I am sure all members have regular complaints about this, will you understand to a) make sure the problems with this surface dressing treatment are immediately fixed and b) undertake to respond to areas of the borough where roads and pavements are in shocking state. Not just concentrate resources in certain areas?	The councillor agreed to the same report that I did at the Environment Committee approving that surface dressing and approving the roads that were on that list.

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56	Cllr Andreas Ioannidis	Which administration councillors voted against the administration item at the council meeting on 28th of July 2015?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I do not understand the councillor's interest in this. Voting behaviour is a matter of public record where a division is called.	Who were the two Conservative councillors who voted against the notion in the name of Cllr Rozenberg who supported the relaxation of the Sunday trading? Could you give us the two names?	I'm sure the councillor knows better than me. I certainly can't recall.
57	Cllr Adam Langleben	Could the Leader tell me how many Barnet Homes tenants across the borough are 'non-secure' tenants who have been in the same property for more than five years as of 19th October 2015?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of Housing Committee)	The total number of non-secure tenants in the same property for more than five years as at 19th October 2015 are stated below as follows:  West Hendon: 65 Dollis Valley : 80 Grahame Park : 270	No supplementary	
58	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Does the Leader agree that consultation with residents will be key in ensuring the success of any plans for the future of the Old Barn? Will you ensure consultation	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes.	No supplementary	

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		is wide and well informed at all stages?				
59	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will the Leader agree to join with me in opposing the £125,000 cut that the Tory Mayor of London has made to made to Barnet's funding for road and transport works?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I will continue to work constructively with the Mayor to get things done. Fortunately, this council has also been able to announce an additional capital investment of £50m in our roads.	The Leader says that he is working constructively with the Mayor. The question was will he join me in opposing the £125,000 that the Tory Mayor of London has cut from this borough?	The councillor knows perfectly well the state of the nation's finances. No elected body is immune from the need to cut expenditure. Many Labour councils, in fact all Labour councils are doing just the same and the councillor should not be surprised by this.

No further supplementary questions – out of time

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60	Cllr Andreas Ioannidis	Why did administration councillors vote against the administration item at	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the	Because we are a broad-minded Group, where people are allowed to make up their own minds how to vote – unlike in the Labour Group. The item was an opportunity to have an early and open debate.



		the July Council meeting?	Council)	
61	Cllr Adam Langleben	Could the Leader tell me how much has the Council paid to landlords in incentives in 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and the current financial year to date?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of Housing Committee)	2015/16 £510,370.65. (Year to 30th Sept) 2014/15 £840,170.36 (final verified figure for 14/15) 2013/14 £566,538.12
62	Cllr Andreas Ioannidis	Did the Leader know that members of his Group were against the administration motion taken at the July Council meeting?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The councillor has a fixation. If Labour councillors have time to worry about such things, you would think they would have, by now, come up with their plan for Barnet and its budget – both of which are still conspicuous by their absence.
63	Cllr Adam Langleben	Would the Leader tell me how many non-secure tenants (as 19th October 2015) are living on: a) the West Hendon estate b) Stonegrove estate.	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of Housing Committee)	There are currently 183 non-secure tenants on West Hendon Estate as at 19/10/2015. There are no non-secure tenants residing on Stonegrove Estate.
64	Cllr Andreas Ioannidis	Will any council vehicles proposed to use Abbots Depot as part of the new waste operation there be over 40 tonnes and if so, how many?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	There will be 2no. 44T lorries based at the new depot. These remove the dry recycling from the depot for disposal at Edmonton. There are 5-6 loads per day, creating a total of 10-12 vehicle movements.

65	Cllr Adam Langleben	Would the Leader tell me whether Capita are still engaged as the partner for valuations for properties the Council wishes to acquire on our regeneration estates?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Yes, GL Hearn/Capita are appointed to undertake valuations at Brent Cross on behalf of the Council. Capita are no longer involved in any of the other regeneration schemes.
66	Cllr Andreas Ioannidis	What proportion of the annual members' allowance bill is paid to Conservative councillors, and what is the annual cash figure?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	About two-thirds, reflecting roles of leadership on the council and the additional time, work and responsibility these entail.
67	Cllr Adam Langleben	Could the Leader tell me how much Capita were paid for their work in negotiating the acquisition of properties on the West Hendon estate CPO process?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Negotiation of acquisition of properties is part of the regeneration service in the Re contract and therefore the cost of this contained with the contract fee.
68	Cllr Adam Langleben	Is the Leader aware of the various complaints about the shoddy resurfacing work that has taken place over the past few months and if so what is he planning on doing about it.	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	See Q51.

69	Cllr Adam Langleben	Will the Leader of the Council inform me of what compensation the Council, Barratt or its contractors will be providing to the residents of Tyrell Way who spent the whole of the 29th September without power due to construction on the regeneration estate?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The power outage in question took place last week and issues around damage and loss incurred by individuals is still being resolved. 10 residents were affected by the power outage. Offers of compensation have been made to the affected residents for any loss or damage to perishable foods. As yet no claims for compensation have been put forward by the affected residents.
70	Cllr Adam Langleben	Does the Leader believe that it is acceptable for residents living on the regeneration estates to be faced with constant noise, disruption, power outages and general discomfort – especially when a great many of them will be denied the chance to move into the properties being constructed?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Excessive disruption cannot be tolerated.

71	Cllr Adam Langleben	Does the Leader not agree that residents living on regeneration estates which are under construction for long periods of time may be more likely to face health issues, especially mental health issues, due to living in such surroundings and if so what advice does he have for those affected?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No.
72	Cllr Agnes Slocombe	Who is responsible for the bin enclosure on Layfield Road NW4 3UG which serves the 10 flats of council tenants? It is a health hazard and needs cleaning.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The bin enclosure on Layfield Road is the responsibility of Barnet Homes. The Housing Officer for this area has arranged for it to be cleaned and they will monitor going forward.
73	Cllr Adam Langleben	Does the Leader think it acceptable for the Council and its development partners to blackmail and bully residents into accepting payments for their leasehold properties?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The question is wrong to suggest such practices are taking place.

Question 8

<b>Voids 2015/16</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Status</b>
Brickfield Lane. Agricultural Land at the northern end of Brickfield Lane.	Agricultural land	A lease of the land is to be marketed.
Basing Hill Park Café	Kiosk	A kiosk building which is vacant and which is to be marketed. The building is too small for community use
Bell Lane 21	Shop unit	Heads of Terms have been agreed for a letting of the shop. References on the applicant are being obtained.
Bell Lane 25	Shop unit	The unit has been offered for letting and offers received are being assessed
Brent Park, Bell Lane NW4 - former visitor centre/pcs	Cafe	Boarded up café to be re-let Alternatively, the premises may be suitable for community use.
Burtonhole Lane Upper Winches	Agricultural	This vacant agricultural land is to be offered to let.
Brent Lodge Open Space	Land	Site vested under a will to remain as gardens and open space open to the public. Sale of the property requires consent from the Charity Commissioner and funds to be used for open space.
Cherry Tree Wood, Summerlee Avenue N2- Park Keeper Store	Store	Property leased out, but vacant due to delays in refurbishment.
Church Farm Estate off Church Hill Road East Barnet. Part first floor of Mill Hill County High School, Oak Hill Campus.	Former community centre	To be let on an Academy lease with the adjoining Oak Hill Campus school building.
Darlands Adj Agricultural Land	Agricultural	Agricultural land. Options being considered.
Greenhill Gardens, Great North Road, Barnet Vale, EN5	Store	A storage container. Not suitable for community use
King George Fields former sports pavilion, Tudor Road, Barnet EN4	Former sports pavilion	Options are being considered through Community Asset Strategy.

Moat Mount OS, Barnet Way NW7 storage building & WCs	Store	Brick storeroom and public WC block on public open space land, discussions with campsite lessee about a lease of the building are being pursued.
Montrose Playing Fields Former engine Shed building	Former tram shed	The Council plans to refurbish this building as a park café.
Nether Street N3 Arts Depot shop	Retail	A prospective tenant for the unit has been found and a lease can be completed when consent has been obtained from the Council's superior landlord.
Former Quinta Club, off Mays Lane EN5	Former community hall	Options are currently under consideration for the future use of this property.
Riverside Walk, Argyle Road	Store	Used for storage.
Land adjoining the Thrift, Mays Lane Barnet EN5	Agricultural	It is to be marketed for re-letting.
Thorne Hall , Hurstmead Court HA8	Building and land	The future of the property is under review as part of Community Asset Strategy.
Woodfield Park, Adj Hendon Rifle Club	Former pavilion building	This building is derelict and in need of redevelopment.
Former British Legion, Legion Way	Building and land	The future of the property is under review.
80 Daws Lane, Mill Hill	Building and land	This is the site of a proposed new Community Hub. A scheme is being developed with local community groups.
Land to rear 26-28 Park Road	Land	This land is a former tennis court. The potential future use is being investigated. This may be suitable for development for community use. There is a claim of adverse possession which is being contested.
The Old Barn	Land	This is the site of a proposed new Community Hub. A scheme is being developed with local community groups.
The Former Orion School, Grahame Park NW9	Primary school premises	These premises are being refurbished as a teacher's training centre to be called The Best Hub.
Church Farm - stores	Storage	Vacated on lease expiry. To be marketed. Unlikely to be suitable for community use.

Tudor Sports Ground - Pavilion - East Barnet Golf Club	Pavilion	The Council have repossessed this site and pending a claim of relief from forfeiture, this will become available for letting as a café.
Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill NW4	Former Museum	Vacant with guardian security. Approval to lease to Middlesex. Legal documentation being finalised.
Danegrove Primary School - playing field	School playing field	This land is being considered as part of the Sport and Physical Activity public consultation concerning options for the Church Farm swimming pool.
Fordham Road garage. Fordham Road EN5		The future of the property is under review.
Jubilee Gardens - land adjacent Wood Street	A site	The future of the property is under review
Northway Fairway -surplus school land, The Fairway NW7	Land	These sites are part of the Council's development pipeline project. Council's Regeneration Team is carrying out a feasibility study on the future development of the site
Nursery Approach, N12- land nth side/east Compton Academy	and	Problems with the Council's title to the site need to be resolved before the site is considered for development. The site is not considered to be suitable for community use.
Pavilion Way, HA8 -former sports centre	Land	Subject to consent for disposal at less than best consideration being granted and the grant of planning permission, it is proposed that the land be let on a Free School lease to enable the Department for Education to build a two form entry primary school on the site.
Trott Road, N10 - land on south side.	Land	Former allotment land being held for alternative uses. It may be suitable for community use.
Land at the junction of Tapster/Moxon Street, Barnet EN5	Land	These sites are part of the Council's development pipeline project.
Victoria Park Lodge, Victoria Park N3	Residential	The sale of this property is in lawyer's hands and completion is awaited.
Whitings Hill - surplus school land, Whitings Road EN5	Land	These sites are part of the Council's development pipeline project.
Land Adjacent the Thrift	Agricultural land	Marketing completed heads of term to be issued for lease for glazing land.
Arts Depot Mobility Shop	Shop	The tenant has requested the Council's consent to an underletting. This matter is with Legal and the documentation needs to be in a particular format to protect the Council's interests as this matter is exceptionally complex.

Question 53

Counter Party	Deal Type	Start Date	Loan Term	Maturity Date	Principal £	Interest Rate
FMS WM (was DEPFA BANK)	Maturity	29/11/04	50	28/11/54	2,000,000	4.65%
DEXIA CREDIT LOCAL	Maturity	01/10/08	46	01/04/54	5,000,000	4.50%
FMS WM (was DEPFA BANK)	Maturity	29/11/04	50	30/11/54	2,500,000	4.65%
EUROHYPO EUROPAISCHE HYPO	Maturity	30/08/05	60	30/08/65	5,000,000	3.79%
FMS WM (was DEPFA BANK)	Maturity	19/01/06	60	19/01/66	5,000,000	3.67%
DEXIA CREDIT LOCAL	Maturity	25/08/06	70	25/08/76	3,000,000	3.94%
FMS WM (was DEPFA BANK)	Maturity	06/09/06	70	06/09/76	40,000,000	3.83%
					<b>62,500,000</b>	