

**Full Council: 25 July 2017**

**Administration Motion: Cllr John Marshall**

**Failure of UN-sponsored talks in Cyprus**

Council regrets the failure of the United Nations-sponsored intercommunal talks in Cyprus, caused by the intransigence of the Turkish Cypriots refusing to let Greek Cypriots return to Morphou, our twin town.

Morphou was home to a predominantly Greek Cypriot community before the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974. There cannot, therefore, be a lasting settlement to the dispute on the island without a right of return for this displaced population — many of whom live in Barnet.

Council urges the borough's MPs Theresa Villiers, Mike Freer, and Matthew Offord to condemn this selfishness and urges foreign secretary Boris Johnson to raise these concerns with the Turkish government.