

Council: Tuesday, 10 July 2012

Opposition Business Item: Councillor Alison Moore

Let local people decide if they want the £1bn 'One Barnet' gamble

Council notes the Conservative's One Barnet plan to gamble around £1bn of council tax-payers' money by selling-off 70 per cent of council services to the private sector this autumn.

Council notes this will tie the council in to 10 year contracts, with no direct control by elected councillors and limited ability to bring services back in-house should the plan fail.

Council believes the risk of service failure to local residents, and the financial risks to the council of the One Barnet programme are too large and that it should be stopped – particularly given the council's appalling track record of procurement failures.

Council also believes that local residents deserve to have their say on whether they want the One Barnet programme to go ahead.

Council calls on Cabinet to hold a referendum on the One Barnet sell-off programme with immediate effect.