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1.	Cllr Brian Gordon	The latest official GLA figures show that just 743 new homes classed as affordable were ready for families to move into across the capital between April and June, the first quarter of this financial year. In view of Mayor Khan's previously declared targets, and looking at this from Barnet's housing-friendly perspective, is the said figure one the Mayor can be proud of?	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg  Chairman of the Housing Committee	The Mayor's recently published figures for Q1 2018 show that 743 affordable homes were completed across the capital. Of those, 62 were in Barnet. In other words, if every Local Authority had completed as many affordable homes as Barnet, Mayor Khan would have been able to report 2,046 new affordable homes across London during the quarter.
2.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How many Barnet families, especially those with children, will or have had their income reduced by the roll out of Universal Credit in the borough? What is the average income loss per household?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	The Council does not hold this information.
3.	Cllr Brian Gordon	There are a number of posters around the Borough advertising the chance for residents to have their say by visiting the "Engage Barnet" website. Opinions thereby canvassed will "help us develop our corporate plan for 2019-2024" as to "how we will use our resources". What sort of response have we so far had from this consultation initiative?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	The consultation was open between 16 July and 23 September 2018. 287 people responded to the survey. In addition, 141 people attended 3 Engage Barnet events. We are currently analysing the results.

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4.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	After three years I understand there are still additional planning sign offs to be completed so that the bridge over to Montrose Park can be completed by early 2019. What additional planning sign offs need to be completed by the Council, and when will this be done by?	Cllr Daniel Thomas  Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee	No additional planning sign-offs are required for construction of the bridge at Montrose Park to start. The developer has advised the Council that work is due to start early in 2019.
5.	Cllr Brian Gordon	The Government has committed a large budget to try and tackle the problem of “rough sleepers” around the country. How big a problem is this within Barnet?	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg  Chairman of the Housing Committee	<p>Barnet Homes conducts an annual rough sleeping estimate each autumn which is independently verified by Homeless Link. Working in partnership with Homeless Action in Barnet, Community Safety and Thames Reach, who deliver outreach services in the borough, 21 rough sleepers were identified in 2017.</p> <p>As part of the Governments Rough Sleeping Initiative, Barnet Homes successfully submitted a bid for funding a range of initiatives including recruiting a rough sleeping coordinator and three outreach support workers. A condition of receiving £190,000 funding for 2018/19 is to complete four rough sleeper counts.</p> <p>Barnet Homes conducted a count on 26 September with five teams working across the borough between midnight and 3.00am. The count found three rough sleepers.</p> <p>Barnet has a specialist rough sleeper adviser from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government supporting the new initiatives and, with the rough sleeping coordinator now in post, it is expected that more accurate information and</p>

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				intelligence will be gathered on the extent of rough sleeping in the borough. The next estimate will take place on 29 November.
6.	Cllr Anne Clarke	According to officers, none of Barnet Council's libraries have hearing loops. Please would you advise if not having hearing loops in libraries and public buildings is in violation of the Equalities Act as reasonable adjustment must be made for those with disabilities?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	Local Authorities are required to make reasonable adjustments to facilitate access to council buildings. Hearing loops have not been in use in libraries in Barnet historically. We will investigate if any hearing loops are now required.
7.	Cllr Wendy Prentice	What was the cost of minibuses for Planning site visits in the 2017/18 municipal year?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	The amount spent on planning visits from April 2017 to March 2018 was £3,240.
8.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Where does the council publicise its social care fees?	Cllr Sachin Rajput  Chairman of the Adults & Safeguarding Committee	The council's charging policy is published online at <a href="https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/adult-social-care/money-legal-matters/financial-assessment.html">https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/adult-social-care/money-legal-matters/financial-assessment.html</a> Information and advice is provided by council officers to residents when they go through the adult social care assessment process.
9.	Cllr Linda Freedman	As the daughter of Holocaust survivors, can I ask would the Leader agree with me that all minorities in Barnet have cause to worry about the rise in	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the	Indeed — there is no room for prejudice in Barnet.

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		antisemitism in this country. And that we should all heed the words of the 12th century Islamic philosopher, Ibn Rushd, "ignorance leads to fear, fear leads to hate and hate leads to violence-that is the equation"	Council						
10.	Cllr Alison Moore	How many Barnet primary, secondary and special schools have had to set a deficit budget this year and in each of the past ten years?	Cllr David Longstaff  Chairman of the Children, Education & Safeguarding Committee		Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Special	<b>Total</b>
				18/19	0	6	2	0	<b>8</b>
				17/18	0	7	2	0	<b>9</b>
				16/17	0	5	2	0	<b>7</b>
				15/16	0	2	3	0	<b>5</b>
				14/15	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
				13/14	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
				12/13	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
				11/12	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
				10/11	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
				09/10	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>

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11.	Cllr John Hart	What does the leader think about changes to the planning regime with regard to hydraulic fracking in Barnet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I regret that councils are to be excluded from consideration of proposals. I do not think this will be a local problem but feel we should have the last word as residents' democratic representatives.
12.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How much has the Council spent on legal advice regarding the cessation of separate food waste collections including to challenge any potential direction by the Mayor of London?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	The Council has paid £4,750 for independent legal advice regarding the intervention of the Mayor of London on this issue.
13.	Cllr Sarah Wardle	Could the Chairman of the Housing Committee outline the latest thinking on housing targets and population projections for the borough and region?	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg Chairman of the Housing Committee	Barnet's population is expected to increase from 391,500 in 2017 to 466,500 by 2041. A recently commissioned Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) completed by Opinion Research Services, to provide an objective assessment of housing need in Barnet. The SHMA's provisional findings are that up to 76,500 new homes are needed in Barnet by 2041, including 17,600 affordable homes for rent and for sale. This equates to 3,060 new homes a year of which 704 would be classified as affordable.
14.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Barnet Council has received money to help in decontaminating Pinkham Way. What are the longer-term plans for the part of the site retained by the borough and when will ward councillors be involved in any discussions on the future of site, if ever?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	When there are concrete proposals.

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15.	Cllr Felix Byers	Could the Chairman provide an update on progress at New Barnet Leisure Centre in my ward, and at Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre in Mill Hill? Can he confirm that the leisure centres are set to open on time, and on budget?	Cllr Daniel Thomas  Chairman of the Assets, Growth & Regeneration Committee	<p>The leisure centre developments at New Barnet Leisure Centre and Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre are scheduled for practical completion in July 2019 and August 2019 respectively.</p> <p>At both sites, the swimming pools have been excavated, filled and passed integrity testing required. The steel structures have been erected at both sites, with roof work due for completion over the winter period. There is also ongoing construction work to the external areas at both sites, including car park upgrade and development.</p> <p>The allocated project budget is £41.5m which is monitored on a monthly basis as part of the construction programme.</p>
16.	Cllr Anne Clarke	How is it that the weeds on the railway terraces and on Cloister Road have been allowed to grow knee deep?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>The Terraces were missed by the weed spray contractor which caused the significant growth. The street was added to remedial work and has since been resprayed and removal started.</p> <p>Our weed contract has not fully met the standards that we expect in all areas, and as such they are carrying our remedial works at their cost while payment is withheld. We have also been utilising our own in-house staff, however this means staff being taken from other roles as such the street cleansing team are working to strike the right balance, while also re-directing the contractor back to areas where standards have not been met.</p>

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17.	Cllr John Marshall	Has the Leader considered what impact the delay in Crossrail will have on Barnet commuters?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	The delay in Crossrail will prevent our residents accessing the exciting new routes that this railway creates.
18.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	When will the CPZ for Colindale be implemented?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	February 2019.
19.	Cllr John Marshall	Does the Chairman welcome the announcement by the Prime Minister encouraging house building by local authorities?	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg  Chairman of the Housing Committee	Yes, and more information about this will be provided to the Housing Committee in January 2019 as part of a report on the HRA Business Plan.  This is on top of the £1bn of additional HRA borrowing which the Government had already offered. Barnet bid for an increase in headroom of £25m to support the development of about 100 additional council homes.
20.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many tickets have been issued at the main junction of the High Road, East End Road and Fortis Green in East Finchley for cars jumping red lights?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	The Council does not enforce red light offences. This is a criminal matter dealt with by the police.

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21.	Cllr John Marshall	Would the Chairman please comment on the GCSE and A Level results achieved by pupils of the schools in the borough?	Cllr David Longstaff  Chairman of the Children, Education & Safeguarding Committee	2018 Provisional Results from Barnet schools were very impressive.  At GCSE, the average Progress 8 score was +0.57 (the national average being 0). This is an increase from 2017 which was 0.47. It ranks Barnet as the second best local authority in the country, only behind the Isles of Scilly which only had 14 students. Our average Attainment 8 score was 55.9 (the national average being 46.5). This is an increase from 2017 which was 54.7. It ranks Barnet as the fifth best LA in the country.  At A Level, 19.6% of Barnet students achieved 3 or more A Grades (the national average being 12.5%). This is an increase from
22.	Cllr Paul Edwards	Why is it a good idea to license private sector landlords now, but wasn't in 2013/14?	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg  Chairman of the Housing Committee	I am excited about our emerging strategy of introducing selective licensing in Barnet, and I'm grateful to Cllr Edwards for his support of those plans.  With renting on the rise in the borough, it was right that the Council took action to introduce additional licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation in 2016. The evidence is that licensing works to drive up standards for tenants. The next step is to make sure that every HMO in Barnet is licensed, as too many are evading the law. Selective licensing is a promising approach to tackling this problem.
23.	Cllr Helene Richman	Can the Conservative led Council of Barnet declare its commitment to assist stakeholders who wish to preserve the well-loved and historic pubs of Barnet	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the	Yes.



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		which provide so much value to the communities in which they are embedded?	Council	
24.	Cllr Anne Clarke	How many children participated in the summer reading challenge in 2016, before the changes to the library service, and in 2018?	Cllr David Longstaff  Chairman of the Children, Education & Safeguarding Committee	2,133 children participated in the Summer Reading Challenge in 2018. In 2016 4,216 children participated in the challenge. This could have been down to Labour and their friends spreading the myth that libraries were closing and children could not gain admittance.
25.	Cllr Rohit Grover	How many requests have been made to remove redundant street furniture since the communication informing members of this service on 21 September? What is the breakdown by ward of those requests and how many have been actioned?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	Ten. Nine of these were from Hampstead Garden Suburb and one was from Mill Hill. Five have been completed or are close to completion. One has been delayed as it requires an electrical contractor. The remainder have not been possible to implement because they will create conditions that are not compliant with rules for parking enforcement and signs on the highway.
26.	Cllr Alison Moore	What is the LB Barnet's assessment of the current demand for nursery places (for under twos, two year olds and three year olds) in the borough, the estimated provision in the local authority, voluntary sector and private sector across Barnet and the take up, including in each case those that are free places?	Cllr David Longstaff  Chairman of the Children, Education & Safeguarding Committee	We are currently undertaking our sufficiency audit which will be published by the end of the year.  We have not identified any sufficiency issues at a borough level for early years places. Our providers continue to deliver the FEE2 and FEE 3 and 4 year old offer of 15 hours as well as the 30 hour entitlement for eligible children. We have not identified any sufficiency issues for children under two.

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				<p>The number of registered childcare places (as registered with Ofsted) within our PVI sector is 10,910. This is made up through 133 Private Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers and 121 childminders. In addition to this we have 58 schools with nurseries and 4 maintained nursery schools.</p> <p>With regard to take up of FEE and 30 hours, the actual numbers in settings is only known at the end of each term following headcount.</p> <p>The latest figures from the summer 2018 term shows 871 children were accessing FEE2 places. 6,168 children were accessing the universal 15 hour offer for 3 and 4 year olds. Of these, 1,985 were accessing their 30 hour entitlement.</p>
27.	Cllr Jennifer Grocock	What percentage of Council Tax does the council collect?	<p>Cllr Richard Cornelius</p> <p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Last year (2017/2018) 96% was collected during the year. We continue to collect Council Tax after the year end and work to 98.5% as a four year collection target. At present, this target is being exceeded and further information can be found within the quarterly strategic performance report to Policy and Resources Committee.</p>
28.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will the Leader guarantee that a separate food waste collection will be restored in Barnet?	<p>Cllr Richard Cornelius</p> <p>Leader of the Council</p>	No.

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29.	Cllr Val Duschinsky	How would the Government's proposals to reform freehold and leasehold housing aid the Council in cracking down on rogue landlords and ground rent abuse?	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg  Chairman of the Housing Committee	<p>The Government is seeking views on how to implement its reforms to the leasehold system in England to improve the housing market for consumers. In December 2017, the Government announced it would tackle unfair practices in the leasehold market by introducing legislation to prohibit new residential long leases from being granted on houses, other than in exceptional circumstances, and restrict ground rents in newly established leases of houses and flats to a nominal amount.</p> <p>The consultation sets out how the Government intends to make changes and on how it should implement the reforms. This includes understanding circumstances for exemptions and measures to improve how leasehold properties are bought and sold. The consultation also promotes fairness for freeholders and includes proposals to ensure that the charges that freeholders may pay towards the maintenance of communal areas are fairer and more transparent. The consultation closes on 26 November 2018.</p>
30.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How many Barnet children do you expect to be homeless (whether in emergency temporary accommodation or temporary accommodation) this Christmas?	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg  Chairman of the Housing Committee	<p>It is not possible to predict how many children will be in temporary accommodation at Christmas.</p> <p>However since 2015/16 Barnet Homes has begun to drive down the numbers of households in temporary accommodation. This has gone from 2,941 at the end of 2015/16 to 2,519 at the end of September 2018/19.</p>

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31.	Cllr Brian Gordon	How many PCN's have been issued within the past 3 months for the offence of parking unlawfully with wheels on the pavement, and what proportion is this of the total number of parking PCNs issued within the same period?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	1,804 PCNs were issued to vehicles parking on the footway in July, August, and September 2018.
32.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What traffic restrictions need to be imposed on parking in the short term so that buses can pass round Corner Mead in Colindale?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	A new controlled parking zone for the Colindale Area is currently under consideration. The proposals will include parking controls in Corner Mead. In the meantime, the Council will consider introducing yellow lines at selected locations to create passing gaps to improve access for buses.
33.	Cllr Val Duschinsky	Could the Leader comment on Berlin's success in supporting small retail businesses by reducing their rates to almost zero, and whether such an approach could one day be replicated in our capital?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	Business rates are an inappropriate way of taxing businesses in the age of the internet, as they are blatantly unfair. The best way of supporting businesses is for people to give them trade.
34.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What is the Council doing to encourage more shops to become fully disabled accessible?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	The Council is undertaking public realm improvements in town centres and shopping districts, for example in West Hendon, where modifications are made to pavements to improve disabled access.

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35.	Cllr Felix Byers	Would the Leader join me in wishing the best of luck to the Builders Arms in Albert Road, New Barnet, which has been nominated by Theresa Villiers MP for Parliamentary Pub of the Year?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	Yes.
36.	Cllr Alison Moore	Would you explain why a number of roads in East Finchley have potholes that were marked for mending at least 6 weeks ago but which have still not been dealt with?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	According to information provided by contractor Conway Aecom there are no outstanding potholes for repair in East Finchley. There was planned patching programmed to take place on East End Road at the junction with Finchley Road on 19 October 2018. Re Highways Officers are happy to investigate further if Councillors can provide Jackie Staples with locations.
37.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	How many, and what percentage of, active library users are now signed up for self-service?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone  Chairman of the Community Leadership & Libraries Committee	As of 3 October 2018, 34,118 library members had signed up for self-service. This represents 64% of active library users.
38.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	When will a separate food waste collection service be restored?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment	Maybe not.

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39.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Could the Leader update the chamber, as much as he is able, on the progress of contract renegotiations with Capita?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	The renegotiations are proceeding but, like Brexit, slowly.
40.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	I have seen the budget forecast for a one-form Barnet Primary school and the bottom line moves from over £40k cumulative surplus in 2018/19 to a cumulative deficit of more than £180k in 2020/21. Some of this is pupil numbers but some also is the effect of the government's decision to cut school budgets through the "Fair" Funding Formula. This new system was welcomed by the Barnet Conservatives. Does the Leader regret supporting a formula that has meant so many Barnet schools are suffering such mean cuts?	Cllr David Longstaff  Chairman of the Children, Education & Safeguarding Committee	Cllr. Rawlings doesn't disclose the primary school or detail the pupil numbers that affect the school's funding; he then provides some general figures and extrapolates that to an undisclosed number of Barnet schools.  Cllr. Rawlings refers to 'mean cuts', but doesn't mention what the school is considering. Extra Government funding for 2018/19 meant no Barnet school received less funding per pupil than it received in 2017/18.
41.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Could the Chairman update the chamber on the progress Barnet's Children's Services are making?	Cllr David Longstaff, Chairman of the Children	So far there have been four two-day inspection visits, which have resulted in positive letters from ofsted, published on the Council website, noting their findings and improvements made.  There will be two further inspections in November and

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			Education & Safeguarding Committee	<p>February. A full inspection of the service is likely to take place around May 2019.</p> <p>Improvements are being made and there is still plenty to be done. The management team is fully aware and, along with all the staff, working extremely hard.</p> <p>The Improvement Board, involving all partners across Barnet, continues to meet each month to discuss progress and make recommendations.</p>
42.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What is being done to ensure that eligible Barnet residents do not suffer delays in receiving Universal Credit which can lead to arrears with rent, and debt?	<p>Cllr Sachin Rajput</p> <p>Chairman of the Adults &amp; Safeguarding Committee</p>	<p>The Welfare Reform Task Force has received DWP funding to help claimants gather the information they need to make a claim and to go through the digital claim process. This was detailed at P&amp;R Committee on 23 October 2018. Claimants can contact the Task Force on 020 8359 2442 or <a href="mailto:welfarereformtaskforce@barnet.gov.uk">welfarereformtaskforce@barnet.gov.uk</a>. From April 1 2019 DWP will fund Citizen's Advice to provide Universal Support.</p>
43.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Are figures available for the number and percentage of Barnet university entrants this September, how many of these young people come from disadvantaged backgrounds, and how this compares with previous years?	<p>Cllr David Longstaff</p> <p>Chairman of the Children, Education &amp; Safeguarding Committee</p>	<p>We do not collect this information.</p>

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44.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What is the eligibility and other criteria for the enablement service to provide home from hospital support to residents?	Cllr Sachin Rajput  Chairman of the Adults & Safeguarding Committee	<p>The Enablement service is for people who have the potential to work with an enablement carer and relearn 'self care' skills that will allow them to live independently. People get referred to the service for a number of reasons, examples of which are enablement following a fall, a hospital admission or a short period of illness.</p> <p>There is a criteria for the service which is broadly that the individual has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• had a recent decline in function which has affected their ability to perform essential daily living tasks</li> <li>• goals that can be achieved in 4 weeks or less</li> <li>• the cognitive ability to accept and engage with the service</li> <li>• is medically stable</li> <li>• does not double handed care</li> <li>• lives in a safe environment for care to take place.</li> </ul>
45.	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Could the Leader share with the chamber what he learned from the latest round of Engage Barnet public meetings in September?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	That Burnt Oak needs a lot of work from the Council and police which it is now receiving. Public and obvious law-breaking is just not acceptable. Constant vigilance is needed, and multi-agency action.
46.	Cllr Alison Moore	Has the Council had discussions with or lodged any complaint to the Adjudicator for Schools about the timing of the direction to the Archer Academy on changing its admissions criteria this year?	Cllr David Longstaff  Chairman of the Children, Education &	No. Any decision of the Office of the Schools Adjudicator is legally binding and must be acted upon without delay. The Council does not have a role in relation to such a decision by the OSA other than to facilitate its implementation. The process and timescales for objecting to school admission arrangements are statutory and are as set out in the School



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			Safeguarding Committee	Admissions Code.
47.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Does the Leader have any update for the chamber regarding greater police numbers for Barnet from the Mayor of London?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	I have written to the Mayor again.
48.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will the Chair of the Environment committee apologise for residents being told to dispose of their brown food waste bin in their black bin as the separate food waste collection service was being stopped?	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of the Environment Committee	No.
49.	Cllr Lachhya Gurung	Does the Council record occupancy rates for shops in the borough and, if so, what is the rate in Burnt Oak?	Cllr Daniel Thomas Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee	Vacancy rates in town centres are recorded on an annual basis. The vacancy rate recorded for Burnt Oak is 6 units (2.93% compared to UK vacancy rate of 12.13%).
50.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	So that the process is fully clear to residents, please set out all levers and stages of contractual action that is available to the Council from applying a	Cllr Peter Zinkin Chairman of	The published contracts can be found at: <a href="https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/council-and-democracy/one-barnet-transformation-programme/regional-">https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/council-and-democracy/one-barnet-transformation-programme/regional-</a>

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		<p>service credit to full contractual breach if Capita fails to meet contractual obligations under the CSG contract and DRS/Re Ltd contract?</p>	<p>the Financial Performance &amp; Contracts Committee</p>	<p><a href="http://enterprise-ltd-re/regional-enterprise-ltd-re-contract.html">enterprise-ltd-re/regional-enterprise-ltd-re-contract.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/council-and-democracy/one-barnet-transformation-programme/customer-and-support-group-csg/customer-and-support-group-csg-formerly-nscso-contract.html">https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/council-and-democracy/one-barnet-transformation-programme/customer-and-support-group-csg/customer-and-support-group-csg-formerly-nscso-contract.html</a></p> <p>A summary of the contractual actions available to the council is provided below.</p> <p>Service Credits or Deductions, may be levied for performance failure, as measured by the agreed Key Performance Indicators. These are calculated on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.</p> <p>Where there is a failure to meet contractual obligations, the council may serve a Remedy Notice requiring an acceptable rectification programme.</p> <p>If the Service Provider fails to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) put forward a reasonable rectification programme; or</li> <li>b) rectify the breach; or</li> <li>c) implement the agreed rectification programme; or,</li> <li>d) having been rectified, the breach occurs again at any time within a three-month period,</li> </ul> <p>then the council is entitled to take action in accordance with Authority Step–In provisions and/or serve a Final Warning</p>

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				<p>Notice.</p> <p>The council may serve a Step-in Notice for failure to rectify a serious breach of the agreement, and a Step-Out Notice if satisfied with the Service Provider's plans to deal with the breach.</p> <p>If a breach continues, then the council may serve a Persistent Breach Final Warning Notice.</p> <p>If the Service Provider fails to comply with the Final Warning Notice, the council may then serve a Default Termination Notice to terminate the Agreement in whole or in part.</p> <p>In the case of fraudulent, erroneous or misleading reporting, the council may require an increased level of monitoring, until it is reasonably demonstrated that the Service Provider can perform its obligations.</p>
51.	Cllr Lachhya Gurung	How many potholes were filled in Barnet in the last quarter?	<p>Cllr Dean Cohen</p> <p>Chairman of the Environment Committee</p>	The total number of potholes repaired borough wide in July, August and September 2018 is 369.
52.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What steps are being taken to ensure that unemployed Barnet residents get adequate financial support when they	Cllr Sachin Rajput	Officers have contacted Cllr Sargeant to find out more about this resident's circumstances.

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		<p>need to update their skills. I have an example of an unemployed chef who had to upgrade one of his certificates. As he was unemployed he couldn't afford to pay for the course. He has done the course and paid for the course on the understanding he would be reimbursed. He has now acquired a new job but delays in receiving payments for the course led to arrears with his rent.</p>	<p>Chairman of the Adults &amp; Safeguarding Committee</p>	<p>Some general information is included below.</p> <p>There is information available on Gov.UK about national student finance. This includes career development loans, grants and bursaries for adult learners and Discretionary Learner Support.</p> <p>Locally, Jobcentres are able to provide support to claimants to gain accredited qualifications as long as they can evidence this may lead to a job offer.</p> <p>The BOOST projects at Burnt Oak and Childs Hill offer support and advice and work with partners such as National Careers Service. BOOST works closely with jobcentres and employers to provide Sector Based Work Academies and similar courses where accreditations can be obtained alongside links to guaranteed job interviews.</p> <p>Finally the Skills Escalator provides advice to those are working but have a low income. This team are sometimes able to pay colleges for courses where there are no other funding options available and where the course will help the resident increase their income.</p> <p>Where residents are experiencing difficulty in paying their rent there may be help available through Discretionary Housing Payments. This form of top-up payment can often help ease the overall burden on household budgets and create some headroom for paying training costs.</p>

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53.	Cllr David Longstaff	What is the Leader's view on the TfL proposed changes to the 384 bus?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	As a keen bus user, I want to see the current route maintained.
54.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Can the form to assess financial assets for disabled assistance be streamlined to remove intrusive questions about relatives' finances?	Cllr Sachin Rajput Chairman of the Adults & Safeguarding Committee	Questions on a partner's finances are voluntary but they can lead to individuals making lower financial contributions. Questions on family finances are included in the financial assessment for residential and nursing care because they are a requirement set by the Department of Health.
55.	Cllr David Longstaff	This year's Key Stage 2 results put us in the top 10% of local authorities, for the first time, in the government's headline measure for primary achievement - the percentage achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined.  Will the Leader join me in congratulating all those involved with educating our primary school children on this success?	Cllr Richard Cornelius Leader of the Council	Yes.
56.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	The news story on the Barnet website announcing changes to the waste and recycling service says that "Barnet officers will be reviewing how to deliver	Cllr Dean Cohen Chairman of	This is happening.

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		the collection service.....". Has the Council now agreed to accept the GLA offer on an independent review of the borough's food waste collection service, which was explicitly ruled out at the last Environment committee on 13 September?	the Environment Committee	
57.	Cllr David Longstaff	<p>Barnet's Children, Young People and Families Department successfully bid for funding which is aimed at social workers, police, nurses and other professionals to form close, protective relationships with children and young people at risk of sexual exploitation, gang crime or relationship abuse.</p> <p>Will the Leader join me in recognising the excellent work of the team and welcoming the successful bid for £1.2m from the Home Office's Trusted Relationships Fund to support vulnerable children in our borough?</p>	<p>Cllr Richard Cornelius</p> <p>Leader of the Council</p>	This is very good news.
58.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Why was an entire agenda item, including recommendations, placed on blue papers with no accompanying public report at the Financial Performance &	<p>Cllr Peter Zinkin</p> <p>Chairman of</p>	<p>The publication of this report on blue papers was agreed by the Council's legal advisors, based on current practice.</p> <p>There have been discussions about changing the approach to</p>

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		Contracts Committee on 9 October? Has Barnet Council abandoned the principle of open and transparent decision-making?	the Financial Performance & Contracts Committee	blue papers in the future, so that there is a requirement for both a public and a non-public report, but this is not yet council policy.
59.	Cllr Nizza Fluss	Regarding the waist high (and higher) weeds in Southbourne Crescent, what is the timetable for weeding in this street? Has the weed killer been changed due to EU regulations?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	Southbourne Crescent was cleared in early October. The chemicals available for use have not changed in the last few years. All chemicals used conform to UK and EU law.
60.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What help is being given to Barnet residents who find that after several years of living in a Care Home they can no longer afford the fees?	Cllr Sachin Rajput  Chairman of the Adults & Safeguarding Committee	A Barnet resident in these circumstances would be offered both a care & support needs and financial assessment. If eligible care and support needs (under the Care Act 2014) are identified and are best met by a continued residential or nursing placement, then it is likely that the council will fund the placement with the financial assessment determining the individual's contribution towards costs. In some circumstances, a top-up may be payable within the national charging policy for residential and nursing care set by the Department of Health and Social Care. If the resident has a property that they need to sell to release funds to pay for care, a deferred payment agreement could be entered into whereby the council pays the care fees and is subsequently repaid with the proceeds from the property disposal.

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61.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	I am not receiving any updates or responses to queries about the small car park on Manor Park Road which is extremely badly maintained. Can the Council please send a team down to sweep it of all the rubbish, clean up any graffiti and make sure it is usable again?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	Property Services have allocated a case officer, who will visit site as soon as possible to assess it and then provide recommendations for the best way to manage the land, in collaboration with ward Councillors.
62.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	What unit cost is Capita charging Barnet Council for the Lenovo device that council officers and members have been given, and how many Lenovos have been purchased so far?	Cllr Peter Zinkin  Chairman of the Financial Performance & Contracts Committee	The 70 Lenovo Miixes (including reserve stock) were purchased at the bulk price of £904. A further 32 were purchased for officers by request at £949.
63.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	At the Environment committee on 13 September, Conservative members voted to adopt a new garden waste collection policy (policy 4a), which refers to a suspension of garden waste collections for up to 12 weeks a year? Is this policy designed to enable the current 6 week winter suspension period to be increased to 12 weeks in the future?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>The policy 4a states:</p> <p><i>“Garden waste collection will be suspended during the Christmas/New Year holiday period. The suspension will be for up to 12 weeks a year. The details will be advertised on the Council website and through other media.”</i></p> <p>This allows for a suspension of between 2 weeks (depending on how Christmas as new year bank holidays fall) and 12 weeks. This year the Committee agreed to a 6-week suspension.</p>



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64.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many free school meal pupils in Barnet are also recipients of food bank support?	Cllr David Longstaff  Chairman of the Children, Education & Safeguarding Committee	We do not have this information.
65.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	It has taken 5 years of a 10 year contract with Capita for the Council to work out what the terms of the contract's gainshare agreement really mean. How many other elements of the Capita CSG and Re Ltd contracts are Barnet Council still confused about and what are they?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	It may have taken Labour a long time to understand any aspects of the contract. Amendment was always envisaged at commencement of the contract. I am sorry that Labour are still confused.
66.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Is it fair for the Mayor of Barnet to be chauffeured around the borough in a luxury car at the same time as the recent report on 're-commissioning' the borough's bus shelters states that "the cost of continuing to provide all of the 123 shelters in the future could become too expensive"?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	Civic dignity must be maintained.
67.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Is there scope to speed up the processing of section 106 agreements?	Cllr Richard Cornelius	They are processed as fast as possible. What would the member propose?

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68.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	There are large projected overspends in the budget for Capita CSG (£6.6m / 30% adverse variance and Re Ltd (£1.3m / 686% adverse variance) this year. Please outline what the current projected savings are for both Capita CSG and Re Ltd this financial year compared to the core costs of the relevant in-house services before contract mobilisation?	Cllr Peter Zinkin  Chairman of the Financial Performance & Contracts Committee	<p>The baseline cost of running CSG services prior to contract mobilisation was £38.8m per annum. The forecast cost of the CSG Core Fee for 2018/19 (excluding volume changes, indexation and other change requests) is £28.3m, alongside managed budgets of £3.7m, giving a total estimated saving in the current year of £6.8m against the baseline.</p> <p>The baseline cost of running RE services prior to contract mobilisation was £14.2m per annum. The forecast cost of the RE Core Fee for 2018/19 (excluding change requests, indexation and growth costs) is £13.6m, giving an estimated saving of £0.6m against the baseline. The total income generated across the RE services in 2013 was £12.275m, and is now projected to be £14.768m.</p>
69.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will Conservative councillors apologise to people who get wet in the rain while waiting for a bus because they have removed their bus shelter?	Cllr Richard Cornelius  Leader of the Council	I like bus shelters when it is raining.
70.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What discussions is Barnet Homes having with TfL about doing joint development projects on TfL owned sites?	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg  Chairman of the Housing Committee	<p>TfL have commitments to make use of their estate to help meet London wide targets for housing delivery, which includes several sites in Barnet including Colindale, High Barnet and Finchley Central tube stations, and Edgware bus garage.</p> <p>The Council is working with TfL to ensure that this programme</p>

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				<p>is delivered in Barnet in ways that align with our local priorities, and has recently applied for support from the Housing Infrastructure Fund.</p> <p>Barnet Homes worked on a bid for one of the TfL small sites last year with one of our partners but were unsuccessful.</p>
71.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Please set-out what the Council would need to pay Capita for to bring IT services back in-house or not renew that part of the CSG contract e.g. IT equipment, licenses etc.?	<p>Cllr Peter Zinkin</p> <p>Chairman of the Financial Performance &amp; Contracts Committee</p>	This is being assessed as part of the work that officers are carrying out to evaluate the options for the future of the Capita contracts.
72.	Cllr Alan Schneidman	What discussions have been held with the police regarding the proposal to stop locking parks at night? How much money will this save?	<p>Cllr Dean Cohen</p> <p>Chairman of the Environment Committee</p>	<p>There is an MTFS agreed annual saving of £75,000 attributed to ceasing the overnight locking of parks in Barnet.</p> <p>The Greenspaces Team will be consulting with colleagues in the Community Safety Team and partners in the Police's ASB Team before these activities cease.</p>
73.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	When can we expect the consultation on Leslie and Leopold Road CPZ proposals to be completed?	<p>Cllr Dean Cohen</p> <p>Chairman of the Environment Committee</p>	<p>The Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee noted the results of the Leslie Road and Leopold Road N2 parking consultation and the recommendation to not introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in these roads.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that further consideration was required as the results were inconclusive and as such this</p>

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				<p>recommendation was deleted in its entirety.</p> <p>The one-way operation in Leslie Road and Leopold Road has recently been consulted on and there were many representations received both in support and against the scheme. Officers are meeting ward members on 7 November.</p>
74.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Capita CSG continue to 'Pass' Finance KPIs 29 and 30 relating to budget forecasting/variance and delivery of savings. Given the Council's budget has a forecast adverse variance of £6.9m and £1.83m of forecast savings have now been deemed unachievable what is the point of these two KPIs?	<p>Cllr Peter Zinkin</p> <p>Chairman of the Financial Performance &amp; Contracts Committee</p>	<p>The purpose of the two KPIs is in relation to the quality of financial information provided and are not judged purely on the scale of budget variance or non-delivery of savings.</p> <p>KPI29 measures the movement in financial forecasts between the reporting periods.</p> <p>KPI30 relates to the quality of evidence of the deliverability of savings in the year.</p> <p>Responsibility for managing budgets and, ultimately, budget variances sits with the relevant budget holders and not the CSG finance service.</p>
75.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What investigation has been made of the effect of increased parking on residential roads as a result of the proposal to charge for use of car parks in parks and other green spaces?	<p>Cllr Dean Cohen</p> <p>Chairman of the Environment Committee</p>	<p>The charging proposal will be developed on a site-by-site basis and will be designed to safeguard the car parks used for park users. The impact on surrounding roads would be considered as part of each site's development and would be subject to a statutory public consultation.</p>

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76.	Cllr Alan Schneidman	Why is not possible to reorganise waste collection rounds without suspending the separate food collection service?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	For reasons of cost.
77.	Cllr Alan Schneidman	What is the additional cost of disposing of food waste with general waste in the period between the planned suspension of the separate food waste collection on 4 November 2018 and the 31 December 2019 by which time the London Environment Strategy requires a separate food waste collection service to be in place?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	Based on the 2017/18 food waste tonnage of 4,630 tonnes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2019/20 the additional cost of disposal is estimated to be £201k for 9 months, with a saving in collection costs £440k.</li> <li>• In 2018/19 the additional cost of disposal is estimated to be between £9k and £112k for 5 months (dependant on Levey price), with a saving in collection costs £244k</li> </ul>
78.	Cllr Alan Schneidman	What consultation has been undertaken on the plan to remove the borough's seven automatic public conveniences?	Cllr Dean Cohen  Chairman of the Environment Committee	A comprehensive Equalities Impact Assessment is being performed. We are also seeking alternative public convenience facilities which we believe will offer an improvement on the seven automatic public conveniences we currently have as they will be modern, up to date, heated and fully accessible facilities.