

<u>MEETING</u>
COUNCIL
<u>DATE AND TIME</u>
TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 2015
AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u>
HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ


Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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13.2	SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF HEAD OF GOVERNANCE	1 - 4
15.1	AMENDMENTS TO OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ARJUN MITTRA - PROTECTING OUR EMERGENCY SERVICES: AMENDMENT IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ALISON MOORE AMENDMENT IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR DAVID LONGSTAFF	5 - 8

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	<p>COUNCIL</p> <p>8 December 2015</p>
<p>Title</p>	<p>Supplemental Report of Head of Governance</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix C – Appointment of Members to Outside Bodies</p>
<p>Officer Contact Details</p>	<p>Andrew Charlwood, Head of Governance, 020 8359 2014, andrew.charlwood@barnet.gov.uk</p>

<p>Summary</p>
<p>This item presents various constitutional and administrative matters for Council’s agreement. Full details are as set out in the appended reports.</p>

<p>Recommendations</p>
<p>That Council make appointments to the vacancies as attached in Appendix C</p>

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Head of Governance report seeks Council’s approval for various matters of business relating to the Council’s statutory and constitutional functions.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 As set out in the attached Appendices.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 N/A

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Council decisions will be minuted and implemented through the Head of Governance.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As set out in attached Appendices.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 Any specific implications are set out in the attached Appendices.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Functions of Full Council – details that full council has responsibility for “Appointing representatives to outside bodies (including school governing bodies) where an urgent decision is required before the next scheduled General Functions Committee, unless that appointment has been delegated by the Council.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 As set out in attached Appendices.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 As set out in attached Appendices.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None specifically arising from this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(i) Fostering Panel

An Opposition Member vacancy currently exists on the Fostering Panel following the resignation of Councillor Zakia Zubairi.

The Labour Group Secretary, Councillor Ammar Naqvi, has moved the Labour Group nomination for the representative on the Fostering Panel is Councillor Claire Farrier.

RECOMMEND – That the Council make an appointment to fill the vacancy to the Fostering Panel for a three year period.

(ii) Arts Depot Trust Ltd

There is a vacancy on the Arts Depot Trust.

The Labour Group Secretary, Councillor Ammar Naqvi, has moved the Labour Group nomination for the representative on the Arts Depot Trust be Cllr Anne Hutton.

RECOMMEND – That the Council make an appointment to fill the vacancy to the Arts Depot Trust Ltd for a three year period.

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Council – 8 December 2015 – Agenda item 15.1

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Arjun Mittra – Protecting our Emergency Services AGENDA ITEM 15.1

Amendment in the name of Cllr Alison Moore:

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Council notes that the Metropolitan Police are still not properly reimbursed for its Capital City function, the grant for which is £174 million, compared to the £340 million that is actually spent. In addition the national police funding formula which would have cut the Met by £184 million is being reviewed, and this may still result in further cuts.

Council further notes that the additional massive cuts to local government funding announced in the spending review will also put at risk the non-statutory, discretionary work councils do in community safety, including the funding of CCTV schemes and diversionary activities for young people at risk of becoming involved in crime, and the 'buy one get one free' deals that some councils operate with the Met where boroughs currently directly fund 338 police officers across London.

Substantive motion to read:

Council has serious concerns about the state of emergency services in London.

Despite the recent announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, previously announced budget pressures of £400 million to the Metropolitan Police that still need to be found could still result in the loss of all London's Police Community Support Officers. Barnet has already effectively lost 81 Police Officers and 121 PCSOs since 2010, with safer neighbourhood teams cut from 1 Sargeant, 2 PCs and 6 PCSOs down to just a PC and PSCO each. Current plans would leave ward safer neighbourhood teams with just one PC.

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Council is also concerned about the plans to remove 13 fire appliances as the fire service is already stretched and further cuts could have more fatal consequences if it takes 13 minutes to respond to a fire instead of the target six minutes as happened during the recent fatal fire in Camden.

Council is further concerned that the London Ambulance service also continues to struggle due to funding cuts and a shortage of paramedics, with many leaving the service and posts left unfilled. Patients unable to book GP appointments are increasingly reliant on fewer ambulances and paramedics taking them to A&E departments that are full.

Council notes the announcement by the CQC that following a recent inspection of the London Ambulance Service they have rated it as Inadequate for being safe and well-led and are therefore recommending it is placed in special measures.

Council believes that cuts to public services are putting life-threatening pressures on our emergency services. After the recent tragedy in Paris, it is all the more important to recognise the importance of our emergency services and the need for faster response times.

Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to write to the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to urgently reconsider the proposed cuts to emergency services in London.

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Amendment in the name of Cllr David Longstaff:

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Council notes concerns about the state of emergency services in London.

Council therefore welcomes the recent announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the overall policing budget is to be protected.

Council notes previously announced budget pressures of £400 million for the Metropolitan Police that still need to be found could still result in the loss of all London's Police Community Support Officers, with the Met Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, questioning whether PCSOs offer the best value to the public and the taxpayer. Council notes, however, that no firm proposals have been advanced.

In the last Parliament the Metropolitan Police had to save £600m from its budget. Council recognises that since 2010 the number of officers and PCSOs in Barnet has fallen, with safer neighbourhood teams cut from 1 Sergeant, 2 PCs and 6 PCSOs down to just a PC and a PCSO dedicated to each ward, while more officers work flexibly across a the neighbourhood cluster in support of the dedicated team; and led by a sergeant and an inspector. During this period overall crime is down 12%, with over 3,000 fewer offences in 2014/15 compared to 2009/10 and priority crimes like burglary and robbery are down 24% and 47% respectively when compared to 2012.

Council also notes efforts to make better use of resources, with over 2,600 officers across London being moved from back office and support roles to frontline duties since 2012, increasing the proportion of officers engaged on the frontline from 89% to 92%.

Council believes changes to policing methods, allied with the development of Barnet's Safer Communities Partnership, the Integrated Offender Management Programme, intelligence-led policing and the multi-agency response used to tackle issues like Anti-Social Behaviour, have contributed to this reduction in crime.

Council is aware of plans to remove 13 fire appliances in a bid to save £8.1m for the Fire Service. Council notes that these engines have been out of service for two years already, as part of the Brigade's strike contingency arrangements, and that none are located in the vicinity of Barnet. During this time the service has continued to meet its response time targets. Council further notes that returning the 13 appliances to service would improve average London-wide response times by around 4 seconds for the first engine and around 18 seconds for the second. Council understands that,

instead, the Brigade Commissioner wants to reinvest some of the savings in increasing the number of staff available to crew Fire Rescue Units.

Council recognises the significant downward trend in both the number of fires – which fell below 20,000 across London for the first time last year – and in fire-related deaths.

Council notes the announcement by the CQC that following a recent inspection of the London Ambulance Service they have rated it as ‘Inadequate’ and recommended it be placed in special measures. Whilst the report gives the service a ‘Good’ rating for its care of patients, it highlights a number of areas that require improvement.

Council expresses its concern at these findings, but notes that actions are already being taken to address issues around staffing levels, leadership and vehicle standards.

Council notes the pressures on our emergency services. After the recent tragedy in Paris, it is all the more important to recognise the importance of our emergency services and the need for a strong emergency response. Council recognises that the emergency services have recently been taking part in major exercises such as Operation Strong Tower to test their response and resilience in such a dreadful eventuality. In light of this threat, Council also notes the importance of implementing the Government’s Prevent Strategy.

Council calls upon the Leader and the Chief Executive to communicate to the leaders of the emergency services in Barnet our continued support and appreciation for the work they do and to reaffirm our commitment to work with them and our other partners across the public sector to drive further improvements for residents of the borough.