

<u>MEETING</u>

COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME

MONDAY 4TH APRIL, 2016

AT 7.00 PM

<u>VENUE</u>

HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

Dear Councillors,

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Referral from Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee – AGENDA ITEM 12.4 Barnet's Future Library Service

Amendment in the name of Cllr Anne Hutton:

Delete all Recommendations in the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee report and replace with:

- 1. That Council notes the comments of the Prime Minister at PMQs on 3 February 2016 that 'over the five-year period [the] local government settlement allows councils to use their reserves and also to sell unwanted property and use the money directly to provide services to bridge that period.'
- 2. That Council therefore elects to follow this advice and delay implementation of the proposed library plan until such time as a more detailed and robust business plan, including more sustained research into the proposed technology enabled system, has been brought to Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee, thereby avoiding the destruction of our library service as we currently know it.



Opposition Motion in the name of Councillor Alon Or-bach – EU Referendum $^{15.2}$

Amendment in the name of Cllr Richard Cornelius:

Amend the 3rd paragraph to read:

"Council asks that Policy & Resources Committee consider the implications of the result of the EU Referendum on Barnet at a meeting following the vote on 23 June."

Substantive motion to read:

Council welcomes the forthcoming EU Referendum on 23 June and the opportunity it gives to the residents of Barnet to have their say on whether the UK remains in or leaves the EU.

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Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5 I ask that my motion is voted on at the meeting.



Opposition Motion in the name of Councillor Alon Or-bach – EU Referendum

Amendment in the name of Cllr Paul Edwards:

Add after first paragraph:

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Council agrees with the founding values of the EU to respect human dignity, liberty, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of minorities, and the requirement for Member States to respect these values.

Council notes that:

- over 3 million UK jobs are linked to our exports to the EU one in every ten UK jobs,
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- 200,000 UK businesses trade with the EU, helping them create jobs here in the UK.
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Council asks that Policy & Resources Committee discuss the impact of the two possible outcomes of the EU Referendum on Barnet at its next meeting on the 17th May.



Administration Motion in the name of Councillor Reuben Thompstone – 15.4 Ensuring Continued Educational Achievement

Amendment in the name of Cllr Anne Hutton:

Delete last sentence in the 5th paragraph beginning 'Council will further.....etc' and replace with:

'Council will further investigate how demand for places for all pupils irrespective of faith and ability can be met going forward'.



Administration Motion in the name of Councillor Reuben Thompstone – Ensuring Continued Educational Achievement

Amendment in the name of CIIr Brian Salinger:

Add the word 'all' before 'Barnet's schools' in the first sentence of the penultimate paragraph.

Substantive Motion to read in full:

Council notes the Annual Statement of Educational Standards presented to the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee and welcomes the very positive results it contains. The analysis demonstrates that Barnet's diverse family of schools together deliver some of the very best educational outcomes in the whole of the country.

Council notes that:

- As of February 2016, 91% of Barnet pupils in Primary and Secondary schools attended a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' school;
- At Key Stage 1, Barnet's attainment was in the top 18 authorities nationwide for Reading, Writing and Maths;
- At Key Stage 2, progress for Reading and Maths was 3rd and 12th in the country respectively;
- At Key Stage 4, Barnet ranked 5th nationally for pupils achieving 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths and was ranked 1st for pupils attaining the English Baccalaureate;
- Secondary school progress in English and Maths was the 2nd and 3rd best in the country;
- At A-level, Barnet was 5th for pupils achieving AAB grades or better.

Council is proud that pupils and schools are achieving such strong results, but is particularly pleased that, within these overall outcomes, Barnet is performing well for those children with SEN (2nd nationally for SEN pupils without a statement at KS4), those who have English as an additional language, and those who come from less advantaged backgrounds (in the top 10%). Council notes that the attainment gap between pupils from disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged backgrounds is half that of the national average.

Council further welcomes the fact that Barnet ranks among the top 10 authorities nationally for social mobility. Council is committed to ensure the best outcomes possible for all children, irrespective of background or circumstances.

Council wishes to ensure that the progress and attainment detailed in the report continues. For example, Council notes the work being undertaken to tackle primary

school attendance issues. Council will position itself to support schools in their transition to academy status and will work to ensure that this process protects and even furthers the choice available to parents. Council will further investigate with government how demand for places at faith schools and grammar schools can be met going forward.

Council notes the announcement by the Secretary of State of a new National Funding Formula for Schools, intended to ensure a funding arrangement fair to all pupils and schools. Council notes the principles behind this policy – to ensure that funding is not determined by geographical luck and that it is properly linked to the needs of children.

However, Council calls on the Leader and Chairman of the CELS Committee to respond to the consultation and make further representations to government to communicate the importance of the formula reflecting the needs of all Barnet's schools. Council believes that the formula must, therefore, account for the higher running and staffing costs of schools in London; give proper weight to the challenges of teaching pupils who have English as an additional language (now comprising 48% of primary pupils in the borough); and respect the current pattern of deprivation in London and not rely upon an outdated 'Inner vs Outer London' dichotomy.

Council also calls on them to monitor the details of planned changes to the role of local authorities, with regards to schools, as they emerge and make appropriate representations on the borough's behalf, with the aim of enabling the continuation of the successes noted above.