

<u>MEETING</u> COUNCIL
<u>DATE AND TIME</u> TUESDAY 4TH APRIL, 2017 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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1.	QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER (AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IF HE/SHE HAS DELEGATED)	3 - 42

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Council Questions – 4 April 2017 (in proper order)

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1	Cllr Peter Zinkin	Jeremy Corbyn’s friends at Liverpool City Council have temporarily backtracked on the planned closure of four of the city’s 13 libraries, having already closed three. This was only after the Chancellor promised £27 million for adult social care in the city, which Mayor Joe Anderson said would allow three years’ ‘breathing space’. Could the Leader offer Liverpool any advice on how to keep libraries open?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I understand the Mayor of Liverpool had already considered transferring the running of some libraries to community groups, as we are now doing, with NW7Hub, Kisharon, and Barnet Mencap taking over the running of South Friern Library and Childs Hill libraries this month. He may also consider investing in technology to enable self-service opening. When faced with these issues in Barnet, we managed to save money while keeping all our libraries open.
2	Cllr Barry Rawlings	In 6 months there has been a significant fall in the number of residents that trust the present Council. Why does the Leader think this is so?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The latest results from the Resident Perception Survey showed the number of respondents who said the Council was trustworthy had fallen from 71% to 61%, which is in line with the national average. All other core reputation indicators have remained consistent, such as satisfaction with the Council and perceptions of those who think the Council is doing a good job. The change was mostly through a six percentage point increase in respondents answering ‘don’t know’.

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3	Cllr Caroline Stock	Could the Leader update the Council on the success of the shisha awareness campaign?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The shisha awareness campaign ran from October 2016 to February 2017 with the aim of increasing awareness about the health impacts of smoking shisha, particularly among young people aged 13 – 25. As a result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quarter of Barnet residents have heard about the dangers of smoking shisha (Nov 2016) – this was after the soft launch of the campaign and we expect to see an even greater awareness level following the January 2017 campaign activity. • The campaign was promoted through a mix of communications channels including a borough-wide poster campaign in bus shelters and on high streets, and significant coverage in the Barnet First which goes to every household in the borough. • 4,264 young people were engaged specifically from schools and youth groups in attending workshops on shisha awareness and in developing an educational film. • 80% of Barnet’s young people aged 13-25 were exposed to digital advertising on websites such as YouTube and 600 people clicked on and interacted with the digital advertisement link. • Six video blogs were created with a GP registrar who works with the council’s public health team. Each video presented the truth behind each health myth around shisha smoking and were posted on the council’s social media channels – receiving 981 views from both Barnet residents and also across the world, including in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. • We received 119 responses from an online survey to measure the impact of the campaign. Thirteen (37%) of the 35 respondents who reported having smoked shisha agreed with the statement that they had either cut down or stopped smoking shisha since seeing the campaign.

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4	Cllr Agnes Slocombe	Would the Leader please update me with a progress report on action taken to reduce air pollution in Barnet over the last year under the Council's Air Quality Action Plan, and any measurable outcomes? Please include the impact of spend from the Mayor's Air Quality Fund.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The progress is contained in detail in the Borough's Air Quality Action Plan. There are 25 measures to improve air quality from 2017-22 detailed including details of the Mayors Air Quality Fund (MAQF) projects.</p> <p>https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/environmental-health/air-quality/air-quality-action-plan.html</p> <p>The trend in Barnet for air quality is gradual reductions of air pollution from traffic which is documented in latest monitoring reports. The 2016 Results will be published in May after validation.</p> <p>https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/environmental-health/air-quality/air-quality-monitoring.html</p> <p>Congested roads are still a problem, but the Council has introduced free green parking permits to drivers of electric cars, installed new charging points, and tabled the introduction of a diesel surcharge for Controlled Parking Zones later this year. Last year Barnet was awarded Clean Air Borough Status by the GLA.</p> <p>There are regular meetings of the Air Quality Steering Group which is a multi-departmental group which will incorporate the air quality action plan into the Transport Strategy.</p> <p>Recent MAQF progress has seen the Construction Dust Enforcement Officer visit sites in Barnet since January 2017 as well as three neighbouring boroughs.</p> <p>The Feasibility Report on consolidated procurement in Barnet will contain options for all buildings, libraries, significant number of schools, Brent Cross and the new Colindale building to reduce deliveries and use cleaner vehicles to reduce pollution and congestion. Report to be finalised in May for the GLA who will decide on funding options.</p>

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5	Cllr Joan Scannell	According to the Mayor's own statistics, Barnet is the burglary capital of London. Last month it was revealed gun crime is rising quicker here than any other borough and that Barnet accounted for a sixth of all fatal shootings in London last year. Could the Leader tell me what he is doing to tackle this problem?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>What we are doing, and will continue to do, is to demand more police officers on our streets from the Mayor. Labour may feel £495,000 for an extra 15 officers is value for money, but the fact is we are already paying more than any other borough for fewer officers. With 736 residents per officer, we are woefully underserved, but pay the highest precept to the Metropolitan Police of any borough. The cost to our taxpayers works out as £54,803 per officer. In Camden that figure is £27,666; in Islington £27,630; and in Haringey £26,197.</p> <p>However, efforts by the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership, which includes the Council and police, has already reduced residential burglaries by more than 25% in the last five years. This includes 15,000 households receiving 'Met Trace' crime prevention technology, working closely with Barnet Borough Watch, and the borough's integrated Offender Management programme, which works to prevent burglars reoffending. However, residential burglary remains 23% above the London average, and we need more manpower from the Mayor to tackle it.</p>																																			
6	Cllr Ross Houston	How many Barnet residents has the Council re-housed outside of the Borough and outside of London - either in temporary accommodation or permanently - since 2010. Please include the number of children in each household.	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	<p>We currently only have data from 2011, as set out below:</p> <p>No of households placed outside the borough (within London)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2011/12</th> <th>2012/13</th> <th>2013/14</th> <th>2014/15</th> <th>2015/16</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Temporary Accommodation</td> <td>143</td> <td>598</td> <td>693</td> <td>897</td> <td>913</td> <td>3244</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Permanent (voluntary moves to social housing through Homefinder UK)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No of households placed outside London</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2011/12</th> <th>2012/13</th> <th>2013/14</th> <th>2014/15</th> <th>2015/16</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Temporary accommodation</td> <td>2</td> <td>17</td> <td>42</td> <td>210</td> <td>188</td> <td>459</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Total	Temporary Accommodation	143	598	693	897	913	3244	Permanent (voluntary moves to social housing through Homefinder UK)				4	1	5		2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Total	Temporary accommodation	2	17	42	210	188	459
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7	Cllr Maureen Braun	Will the Leader join me in congratulating Wendy Kravitz and North London Aquatics on recruiting Joanna Lumley OBE as their first patron?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I will indeed. Joanna Lumley is a tireless and much-loved campaigner who will be of invaluable help in gathering support for a North London diving centre here in Barnet.							
8	Cllr Arjun Mitra	What communications has the council had with MOPAC regarding the merger of Borough Command Units?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The Met is piloting larger Borough Command Units by merging Islington and Camden, and Barking, Redbridge and Havering. These pilots have just started, and the Met will speak to MOPAC and councils as they progress.</p> <p>Should the pilot be deemed a success, the approach would be applied to other areas, subject to approval by the Mayor. There is speculation that, should this happen, Barnet, Harrow and Brent would be merged. I am in agreement with Andrew Dismore that this would result in resources being sucked into Brent and would oppose such a move.</p>							
9	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	Could the Leader tell us how many Syrian refugees the borough has housed to date?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I'm very proud to say we have resettled 14 families in Barnet, or 47 people, putting us well on our way towards achieving our target of 50. Immigration Minister Robert Goodwill wrote to thank us for our contribution to the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme, but I think I speak for all sides of this chamber when I say humanitarian work of this nature is very much its own reward.							

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10	Cllr Charlie Omacauley	How many registered mental health patients are there in Burnt Oak, how many are students, and what support is offered to them in terms of care and housing?	Cllr Helena Hart (Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board)	<p>There are currently 388 people in Burnt Oak in receipt of Barnet Council adult social care services and 51 of these are in receipt of a mental health service. This support could include a range of social care support, which will vary according to individual need, such as social worker and occupational therapy support; home care, day activities, residential or supported living care, personal assistance, direct payments.</p> <p>The Council provides a number of mental health support services in Burnt Oak which can be accessed by students or other residents. They include the Council funded Burnt Oak Opportunity Support Team (BOOST), a multi-agency service set up to support Burnt Oak residents into work; the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) and Motivational And Psychological Support service (MAPS), supporting residents with mental health issues such as depression or lack of confidence; the Network, which provides short-term, enabling support to people with mental health problems; and the NHS-funded Barnet Mental Health Wellbeing Hub. In addition, students over 18 can access specialist mental health services provided by Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust, subject to eligibility and a referral from their GP. They can also access counselling and therapy from the NHS-funded Barnet IAPT service (IAPT – improving access to psychological therapy) and medical treatment via their GP.</p>
11	Cllr Caroline Stock	How do Council Tax increases in neighbouring boroughs compare to the freeze for Barnet residents this year?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Including the Adult Social Care precept, Camden, Enfield, and Harrow have increased their Council Tax bills by 4.99% on last year, and Brent by 3.99%. In Barnet, we have frozen Council Tax again, and raised a 3% Adult Social Care precept.
12	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What percentage of residents are using recycle bins?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>Based on the last participation survey in 2015, 85% of residents take part in the dry recycling service.</p> <p>The survey was based on monitoring of 1,098 households who took part in the service at least once over a two-week period. The monitoring covered houses, converted houses and blocks of up to five flats.</p>

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13	Cllr John Marshall	Could the Leader provide information on how many Jewish pupils who do not get their first preference place subsequently attend non-Jewish schools?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>Although school place applications do not allow the Council to collect data on the faith of an applicant, the Education and Skills Service showed that in 2016/17, 18.7% of Reception applicants and 16.4% Secondary Transfer applicants did not receive a first preference offer of a place in a Barnet Jewish school.</p> <p>Research by the Institute for Jewish Policy Research published last month claimed that, of pupils who kept their names on waiting lists for JCoSS and Hasmonean in 2015/16, 20% were admitted to a non-Jewish state school, while a further 9% were admitted to a non-Jewish private school.</p>
14	Cllr Phil Cohen	Barnet has a high number of self-employed people. Following the Chancellor of the Exchequer's recent u-turn on national insurance contributions for self-employed people, does Phil have Hammond egg on his face?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I welcome the decision, and hope the Chancellor will launch a review into National Insurance and Income Tax to deal with many anomalies.
15	Cllr John Marshall	Does the Leader welcome the commitments in the Chancellor's budget to support the future growth of grammar schools?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Yes. "I am myself in favour of an educational system which will break down class barriers, and will preserve the unity of the nation, but I am also in favour of variety and entirely opposed to the abolition of old traditions and the levelling down of everything to dull uniformity." Those aren't my words, they're Clement Attlee's.

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16	Cllr Devra Kay	<p>Members Items appear early on the Agenda of Committee meetings. They offer the opportunity to residents to come to the Town Hall and express their views and describe their predicaments as part of the democratic process, either in support or against the issues that closely affect their everyday lives. But it has become the practice at Environment Committee meetings that at the discretion of the Chairman, Members Items are moved on the night to the end of the long Agenda which means that not only must residents sit through a long meeting before their chance to speak arises and the Members' Item are considered, but it has become the case that the Members' Items don't get heard at all as the meeting runs out of time.</p> <p>To quote my veteran fellow Ward Councillor, Agnes Slocombe, "We are here</p>	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	We are here for residents and do need to get through the business of the committee in order to serve them. It is regrettable that residents had to wait a long time at what was an extended meeting and it may well be that extra meetings will be needed in the future.

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		<p>for the residents". Does the Leader agree with me that to deny residents their right to be heard and their issues considered is a misuse of the Chairman's discretion, riding roughshod over residents' rights, preventing them from having their issues aired at Committee level, treating them with contempt, with no consideration, while preventing Ward Councillors from providing effective action on their behalf?</p> <p>I also ask for consideration to be given to a better way of coping with the hefty remit of the Environment Committee such as more frequent meetings or the setting up of sub-committees.</p>		
17	Cllr Eva Greenspan	Does the Leader welcome reports of a possible Royal visit to Israel this year, in this centenary year of the Balfour Declaration?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I do. Britain can pride herself in having played a pivotal role in the creation of the State of Israel. I hope Her Majesty or His Royal Highness has time to visit our twin town Ramat Gan, which houses the tallest skyscraper in Israel, during any visit.

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18	Cllr Geof Cooke	<p>On 14/07/16 the Environment committee decided a new policy on the choice of surface treatment for replacement footways. It decided that 'type 1 ASP paving [pre-cast concrete slabs] should be used mainly in town centres and conservation areas' and that type 1 should be considered in other residential roads only in 'exceptional circumstances' (the alternative being one of the asphalt options). Many roads are not wholly in or out of a town centre or conservation area, an extreme case being Southover N12 where one house is in a conservation area at the end of an otherwise normal suburban road. Please could you list all the cases where the default policy has not been applied in 2016/17 schemes starting from 01/09/16 and in schemes approved by Environment committee on 15/03/17 for</p>	<p>Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)</p>	<p>When considering roads that are partially within Conservation Areas or Town centres, the Commissioning Director of Environment has agreed that on no-through roads and cul-de-sacs the treatment type should continue as Type 1 for the full extent as opposed to part Type 1 and part Type 3.</p> <p>On all other roads where the scheme exists only partially within a Conservation Area or Town Centre, the nearest road junction or most suitable cut off point, will be used to appropriately separate the treatments.</p> <p>The policy agreed at the Environment Committee on 15th March 2017, will be used to determine the treatment types for the full 17/18 programme. Please see Appendix Q18.2 attached for a summary of all these schemes within the 17/18 footway programme and an explanation for each of the treatments proposed, based on that agreed at the Environment Committee and as instructed by the Commissioning Director for Environment.</p> <p>You raised an enquiry regarding the treatments used for 6 specific schemes within the 16/17 programme. These are outlined within attachment Q18.1, and were emailed to you on Wednesday 8th of March. All other schemes completed within the 16/17 programme have been carried out as per the agreed Policy and Instruction from Commissioning Director for Environment.</p>

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		implementation in 2017/18 together with the 'exceptional circumstances' that were deemed to justify each decision?		
19	Cllr Alison Cornelius	Could the Leader provide an update on the number of Council houses the borough administers, and how many we are building?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	<p>There are currently 9,844 council houses managed by Barnet Homes of which 43 were newly built over the past 2 years. There are also a further 3,775 leased or shared ownership council properties.</p> <p>There are 53 extra care affordable homes currently being built on site with 320 further new affordable homes general needs homes being built over the next three years by Opendoor Homes, a Registered Provider subsidiary of Barnet Homes on behalf of the Council.</p>
20	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	At the Environment Committee meeting on 15 March, the Chair said that there was not enough information in the Street Scene Alternative Delivery Model Report for a decision to be made. Was this information sought in advance of the meeting and if not, why not?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>While preparing the report, views were sought from a number of areas, and addition information and changes to the presentation of the report was made through the clearance process.</p> <p>Members decided on the night of the committee that they would like to see more detailed information regarding the remaining options and requested that a report be submitted to the committee meeting in May.</p>
21	Cllr Brian Gordon	Could the Leader tell us the impact of union 'facility time' in Barnet, and how many employees spend 50 per cent of their time working on union duties?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	There are 3 employees who spend more than 50% of their working time released on TU activities, one employee is given five days' paid release and two employees are given three days' paid release each week. This paid release encompasses work across the Council, Community schools, CSG and Re: covering more than 7,000 staff. There is no funding paid directly to trade unions as the individuals are given paid release from their role with the

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				Council. The funding for TU facility time is shared between the Council, CSG and Re.
22	Cllr Anne Hutton	Please provide details (% difference and cash) of the Council's most up-to-date modelling for school funding under the new proposed National Funding Formula by individual Barnet school for the next three financial years.	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>We are not yet able to develop accurate modelling for school funding under the new proposed National Funding Formula by individual Barnet schools over the next three financial years. In 2017/18 funding will be allocated to schools under the local authority's local school funding formula. In 2018/19 the total allocated to the council will be based on the national funding formula but the local authority will be able to allocate funding to schools based on an agreed local formula. The national funding formula will determine funding to all primary and secondary schools from 2019/20.</p> <p>It is understood that the DfE may provide illustrative allocations later this year, once decisions have been made about the future funding formula following the closing of consultation on 22 March and using 2017/18 actual funding and pupil level data as the baseline. Until that happens it is not possible to model the impact on individual schools in Barnet with any degree of accuracy. However, current information on the formula does suggest that on average the funding per pupil in Barnet primary and secondary schools will fall by about 1% over the two years 2018/19 and 2019/20 as a result of the introduction of the national funding formula, with a maximum fall for any individual school of 1.5% per year and of 3% over the two years.</p>
23	Cllr Joan Scannell	How would the Leader respond to Barnet being named the 10th most equal borough in the country for wellbeing by What Works Wellbeing?	Helena Hart (Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board)	I commend What Works Wellbeing for recognising that there are many more factors in what makes people happy than simply income. While we do all we can to give residents of all income levels value for money while protecting the most vulnerable, our priority is to keep Barnet a pleasant, diverse, and tolerant place to live, work, and raise a family. We seem to be succeeding.
24	Cllr Ross Houston	How long should the Council take to answer residents' questions on funding of the unfinished	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the	The Greenspaces team has been investigating the potential of utilising a S106 fund to help with community park Percy Road Park scheme. We can confirm that the fund is available and unspent. However, there is a query as to how the specific S106 fund identified can be allocated, and a final review is

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		community park at Percy Road?	Environment Committee)	need to ensure that the scheme meets the S106 fund criteria. The Greenspaces team will endeavour to provide a timeline for resolution or final answer to this within the next two weeks and will keep the local group informed.
25	Cllr Peter Zinkin	Would the Leader agree that the fact most residents will see the frequency of their street cleansing increase from April while we are making a saving in the street cleansing budget is further testimony to the efficiency of Barnet Council?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Yes. We have been and will continue to be a forward-thinking borough and, wherever possible, will invest in new technology to make our services more efficient thereby giving taxpayers the best possible value for money. Although we have made a saving in the street cleansing budget, we are investing £600,000 in new-generation equipment, including five large mechanical sweepers to keep roads and pavements clear all year round. We are also not above following the example of other forward-thinking authorities around the world, and will be trialling a New York City-style scheme in which parts of some streets will be kept clear of cars while larger cleansing vehicles clean them.
26	Cllr Alon Orbach	What provisions have been made to provide alternative study space whilst the libraries are closed for a prolonged duration?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>All the secondary schools in Barnet have been advised of the planned temporary closures so that they can take these closures into account when making study and revision arrangements for their students. Most schools provide additional revision classes and open up their school libraries before and after the school day to support exam preparation.</p> <p>During the exam period (April to June) the following libraries will be open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnt Oak Library • Childs Hill Library • Chipping Barnet Library (open until 5 June) • Church End Library • Colindale Library • East Barnet Library • Edgware Library (open until 1 May) • Mill Hill Library • South Friern Library <p>The following libraries are closed for building works but will re-open during</p>

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				<p>June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golders Green Library (re-opens on 19 June) • North Finchley Library (re-opens on 12 June) • Osidge Library (re-opens on 26 June)
27	Cllr Brian Gordon	Does the Leader share my pride in having helped make Barnet the first authority in the country to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of antisemitism?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes, and I thank all sides of this chamber for unanimously adopting the motion. Sajid Javid, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, wrote to me personally to congratulate us all on this momentous decision. Since Barnet adopted the IHRA definition, other authorities have followed suit, including Hertsmere, Enfield, North Lincolnshire, Bournemouth, and the London Assembly.
28	Cllr Agnes Slocombe	Have any residents from the West Hendon estate been re-located to properties in Luton?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	One household moved from West Hendon to Luton in 2015/16. The family consisted of a large overcrowded household who could not be accommodated within Barnet, as they were affected by the benefits cap. The household had a family connection/support network in Luton.
29	Cllr Rohit Grover	Would the Leader agree that the seizure of 11 lost, stolen, fraudulent, and counterfeit blue badges in a single day by the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team sends a strong signal out to would-be fraudsters evading parking charges?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes. Blue badges are issued for disabled people in genuine need can only be used by the named badge holder or by a person who has dropped off or is collecting the badge holder from a place where the vehicle is parked. Their misuse is a criminal offence and it will not be tolerated. Investigations are ongoing.
30	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Why does the Leader consider it better to pay for spin doctors rather than extra police officers to protect Barnet residents?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>With the significant service changes we are making to improve Council services while meeting a £53.8 million budget gap by 2020, it is more important than ever that Barnet taxpayers are not only kept informed of what the Council is doing with their money, but are involved and engaged.</p> <p>They already contribute the highest Metropolitan Police precept of any</p>

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				London borough but get the fewest officers per head in return. They've already paid for extra police officers, and would be unlikely to appreciate us spending a further £495,000 to get them, as Cllr Rawlings has proposed. And, if he had been paying attention, he would know communications staff are paid for through project budgets, not the general fund, so the money could not be used on police officers.
31	Cllr John Marshall	Would the Leader agree that, given the high standard and popularity of Barnet schools, it is quite an achievement that each parent applying for a secondary school place for their child was offered one?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Yes, with the assistance of Barnet headteachers and governing bodies, all Barnet children who applied for a secondary school place on time have been offered a school place for September 2017. Furthermore, almost 70% secured a place at their first choice, and more than 86% received an offer from one of their top three.
32	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What assessment has been made of the revaluation of business rates, and the impact on Barnet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Whilst we may know the business rates that we will collect, the percentage that will be retained in Barnet is a complex matter which is under discussion, though it is currently anticipated to be approximately £1 million greater since revaluation.</p> <p>Using the September 2016 data, the overall valuation had increased by 11.9% in Barnet, compared to an increase of 22.8% in London and 9.1% in England. Locally 6,300 businesses will see small increases, but 1,585 will see a decrease, or pay nothing at all (because they are entitled to Small Business Rate Relief) and just 824 will see increases of more than 5%.</p> <p>Those that are better off following the revaluation, will have their reductions in their bill limited. Those that are worse off as a result of the revaluation, are having the increase capped.</p>

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33	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Would the Leader agree the 'tears of joy', seen in the public gallery when Kisharon was granted planning permission to double its capacity on a site in Hendon, were well-deserved?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes. The borough will face increasing pressure over the coming years to accommodate an increase in demand for school places, and it is right that those with special educational needs and disabilities are not excluded in the process. Kisharon does an amazing job of educating youngsters with special educational needs and disabilities within a faith setting.
34	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What plans are in place to replace the 20mph signs that were taken down by Highways when Heybourne Crescent was adopted?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	The 20 mph signs that were erected on Heybourne Crescent were unauthorised private signs provided by the developer while it remained a private road. The adoption agreement does not specify a reduced speed limit. Changing this would be an issue for the Environment Committee.
35	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	The regeneration of the West Hendon Estate has made provision for affordable housing, but how many new residents have also benefited from Government support through Help to Buy?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Of the 358 flats sold in the most recent phase of the development, 102 were purchased through Help to Buy, which equates to 28.5%. In one of the buildings, Hawfinch House, this figure rises to more than 50%, with 67 per cent of those also being first time buyers.
36	Cllr Phil Cohen	Does the Leader have any advice for Philip Hammond on where to find £2 billion for social care?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Chancellor is a resourceful man, he doesn't need my help.
37	Cllr Peter Zinkin	Does the Leader share my concerns that TfL's proposed redevelopment of Golders Green station threatens the character of the area and would involve dismantling the war	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Public consultation on a draft planning brief for Golders Green Bus Station and adjoining depot site is due to start on 23 March for a period of 7 weeks. It includes a proposal to relocate the war memorial within the main pedestrian area adjacent to the bus station. Historic England is being consulted on the draft planning brief and removal of the war memorial would require Listed Building consent authorised by the Secretary of State, Historic England's advice.

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		memorial?		The development would fall entirely within the Golders Green Town Centre Conservation Area, and as such, any plans put forward by the Mayor and TfL must be done so in full consultation with residents and local councillors and respect the character of the surrounding area. Should the war memorial need to be dismantled and reassembled, it must of course be done so with the respect and diligence deserving of those it honours.
38	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	When did the Barnet Group submit their street scene business cases to the council and what feedback was given to them?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	The submissions from The Barnet Group were received on 24 October 2016 as part of the assessment of Alternative Delivery Models. Feedback has not been given to The Barnet Group, as the ADM process has not been finalised.
39	Cllr Rohit Grover	How many fixed penalty notices have been issued since the launch of the Keep Barnet Clean campaign, and does the Council take action when these are not paid?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Between July and the end of February, 2,693 Fixed penalty Notices were issued as part of the Keep Barnet Clean campaign. These constitute an £80 fine, reduced to £50 if paid within ten days. The payment rate is estimated to be 74%. Final Warning letters are issued after 14 days, allowing a further seven days for payment, after which the case is referred for prosecution. There have been 41 successful prosecutions since July. In February, 28 people were taken to court, and ordered to pay £430 each.
40	Cllr Alon Orbach	For road and pavement re-surfacing, what is the difference in spend between a similar street within a conservation area and a street outside a conservation area?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	The cost of Type 1 paving for shopping areas and conservation areas is approximately 3.4% higher than an average Type 3 scheme.

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41	Cllr Caroline Stock	Nitrogen oxides emitted by diesel cars have the potential to be the next great health epidemic in densely populated cities like London. What is Barnet doing to reduce emissions in the borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Diesel emissions are a London-wide problem and it is right that City Hall takes the lead on this issue. However, we recognise the borough has a role to play in improving air quality, and we have pledged to collect data on the use of diesel cars in Barnet from this month as well as introducing a diesel surcharge for residential parking zones this year. This is in addition to providing free 'green' parking permits for drivers of electric cars and introducing new charging points for electric cars.
42	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Is the Leader happy with Cllr Thompstone welcoming the school funding formula under which Barnet schools are losing out?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The schools funding formula is unfair and does not reflect real need. I support all Barnet schools.
43	Cllr Graham Old	Would the Leader agree that the outcome of this year's Residents' Perception Survey demonstrates Barnet is a pleasant, tolerant, and family-friendly place to live?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Yes. Of those questioned, 85 per cent said there were satisfied with living in Barnet, 81 per cent agreed people from different ethnic backgrounds get on well together, and 78 per cent not only thought Barnet was a family-friendly place to live, but said they were satisfied with the way the Council is run.
44	Cllr Arjun Mitra	How many 18-21 year olds in Barnet receive housing benefit?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	There are 303 18-21 year olds in receipt of housing benefit.
45	Cllr Caroline Stock	Could the Leader indicate how bookings are going for marriages at the new register office in Hendon Town Hall?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Between 6 February when the Registrars moved in, and 22 March, there have been 54 marriages in Hendon Town Hall. Feedback from the public at large about the town hall as a marriage venue has been positive.

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46	Cllr Gill Sargeant	When will the Loading bay in front of Sainsburys in Heath Parade be adopted by Barnet Council?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Ongoing discussions are taking place with Countryside Properties Ltd as to when required remedial would take place in order that maintenance certificate can be issued. The agreement states a two year maintenance period for the developer to maintain before formal adoption take place. Therefore, the earliest date for adoption is during summer 2019.
47	Cllr Anthony Finn	Does the Leader share my excitement now plans for the redevelopment of Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre and construction of a new leisure centre in Victoria Recreation Ground have been approved?	Cllr Sachin Rajput (Chairman of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee)	Yes, and I'm pleased to say the plans have caused considerable excitement on social media, too. This is a £35 million investment aimed at increasing physical activity for all residents in the area and I'm very much looking forward to it coming to fruition.
48	Cllr Phil Cohen	Can something be done about the continuing problem of untaxed cars being left in the council-owned car park at Church Hill Road, East Barnet, possibly as part of a second hand car business? The police and the DVLA have been alerted yet this problem persists, meaning local shoppers and traders cannot park there?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Our parking enforcement contractor NSL will investigate all reports of abandoned and/or untaxed vehicles. There is a requirement to follow a process whereby the owner of the vehicle is notified that the vehicle is being monitored and may be removed if it is not taken away if they do not remove it themselves. A request will be made for NSL to review the current position in this car park and to ensure that where a vehicle can be removed this is instigated with our vehicle removals contractor as quickly as possible.

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49	Cllr Brian Gordon	Would the Leader join me in condemning the Edgware-based gang members jailed last month for arranging 26 sham weddings to facilitate illegal immigration?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes. Barnet is greatly enriched by law-abiding people we welcome from all over the world who come here via the proper channels. I have seen for myself the pride many then take in becoming British citizens through ceremonies presided over by our mayor. They are no doubt as outraged as I am that criminals seek to profit from illegal immigration.
50	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How much of the planned cut of £100,000 from bowls clubs in 2017/18 are on track to be achieved?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Negotiations with the bowls clubs are ongoing but nearing completion. The estimated saving for 2017/18 is between £75,000 and £80,000
51	Cllr Brian Gordon	What is the political makeup of the top five London boroughs for cost per police officer?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	They are all Conservative. When the precept is divided by the number of officers in the borough, the top five authorities for cost per police officer are Richmond upon Thames, Bromley, Barnet, Wandsworth, and Kensington & Chelsea.
52	Cllr Barry Rawlings	What work has been carried out so far on the One Public Estate in Barnet?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	<p>We have been successful in three rounds of One Public Estate (OPE) funding. Funding received from OPE2 (£50k) was used to set up programme management, and the Programme Board and to input all our property data onto the Government's E-Pims system.</p> <p>The Funding received in OPE3 (£300k) was used for 6 projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examine options for updating the flood plain solution for the Silk Stream; 2. Examine possible end users to go in Chandos Hub (a s106 funded building in Whetstone) and providing a space planning solution for them; 3. An Options study and Viability appraisal for Edgware Community Hospital; 4. A study on Edgware Town Centre public realm;

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				5. Investigate whether a community hub can be established in Burnt Oak; Most workstreams have now been reported on (save for Burnt Oak) and recommendations are being actioned. We have recently received funding from round 5 of OPE (£100,000) which will be used to maintain Programme Management for the OPE programme.
53	Cllr Brian Gordon	If under the Labour Group's budget proposals, we could pay Sadiq Khan for six police officers at a cost of £495,000 and get six free, could we not just get the six free ones?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	If the Met budget makes provision for six free police officers, I can't see why not.
54	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Is the Leader of the Council now happy to admit that Cllr Zinkin was wrong to say that Councillors have a veto over which surface dressing type is used in the resurfacing of Roads and pavements?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	No. Councillor Zinkin is correct in stating that ward councillors have a veto on any particular road scheme in their ward if they don't like the scheme or the treatment that is proposed by the engineer.
55	Cllr Brian Gordon	Is the Metropolitan Police precept set exclusively for the purposes of being spent on policing in London?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Greater London Authority precept for 2017/18 includes a Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), which the Mayor has raised this year for an extra £11.2 million for the extra 1,000 officers he promised to bring the force back up to 32,000. But, in the end, he abandoned this plan and allocated the money for other things. Another broken election promise.
56	Cllr Gill Sargeant	When will the additional parking bays for shoppers at the rear of Sainsbury's in Heath Parade be available for customer parking?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth)	A local authority can introduce parking restrictions subject to agreement with the land owner, and in this respect officers have contacted Genesis to request their permission to introduce a loading bay governed by a Traffic Management Order (TMO) in the current loading bay on Grahame Park Way by the side of Sainsbury's.

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			Committee)	Consent has recently been received and officers are currently considering whether there is any opportunity to provide short term public parking as well as a loading bay. Subject to the processes to progress the TMO, including the necessary statutory consultation, the agreed measures will be finalised before the 2017 summer holiday.
57	Cllr Stephen Sowerby	Would the Leader agree that, while the hundred trees provided courtesy of the Mayor for Brunswick Park and Oak Hill Park are appreciated, this still falls somewhat short of his election pledge to plant two million trees by 2020?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes. Barnet's character is very much that of a leafy, suburban borough and more trees are always welcome here. But the Mayor's target requires him to plant 1,370 trees per day, every day, for his entire four year term. This is a promise unlikely to be honoured.
58	Cllr Phil Cohen	Would the Leader like to congratulate the 50 traders and shop owners of East Barnet village who have all signed up to support a successful bid for Area Committee funding to decorate the village with hanging flower baskets?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes.
59	Cllr Brian Gordon	How do the number of residents per police officer compare in outer London boroughs against inner London boroughs?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Not favourably. The average number of residents per police officer in outer London boroughs is 586. For inner London boroughs this figure is 419. In Barnet it is 736.
60	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What action is being taken to improve air quality around Barnet schools where levels of nitrogen dioxide has breached legal	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Apart from building a 'green wall' around St Joseph's Catholic Primary, introducing free green parking permits to drivers of electric cars, installing new charging points, and introducing a diesel surcharge in Controlled Parking Zones, we will shortly be asking the Labour Group to join us in calling on the Mayor to improve nitrogen dioxide levels on the TfL roads by said schools.

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61	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Could the Leader indicate when the scheme to have a deposit made by developers against damaging the pavement will start?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	The damage to footway project is currently being finalised and will be presented to Environment Committee for agreement in May.
62	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Over 6 years ago I raised concerns with the Cabinet Member for Crime at the time, former councillor Brian Coleman about gangs to be told by his erstwhile Totteridge colleague there are no gangs in Barnet. I have raised this several times since. We are facing a serious and growing problem. What action is now being taken?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Whilst I am not erstwhile, there are now gangs operating in Barnet. Operation Trident will have pushed them here from Brent and Enfield. Therefore the Council is working in partnership with the police, the local community, businesses and partner organisations to reduce gang related crime. Particularly through the REACH Programme, we are working to prevent young people from becoming involved in gangs in family, school and community settings.</p> <p>The REACH Programme brings together a multi-professional and multi-disciplinary team with expertise in safeguarding, mental health, parenting, education and learning, health and communication. They jointly assess, plan and intervene with young people presenting with high risk or vulnerability to issues such as gang involvement.</p>
63	Cllr Alison Cornelius	I recently watched the street sweepers struggle to clean detritus from around parked cars. Is there any way that the leader can suggest to make their work easier?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	From April, we will be using a combination of mechanical sweepers and teams of staff armed with blowers and brushes. The council has also obtained new street vacuums for the removal of smaller pieces of light litter. We are also investigating a New York-style approach whereby residents may be asked to leave parts of some streets car-free so that larger cleansing vehicles can access roads.

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64	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What is the spending allocated in each ward for road resurfacing as part of the network recovery plan that Councillors have recently had meetings with officers about in: 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	All the details are in the Highways Planned Maintenance Work Programme report approved by the Environment Committee on 15 March. All members were also sent details.
65	Cllr Alison Cornelius	Would the Leader indicate how many cases of delayed discharge from The Royal Free group of hospitals were caused by Barnet Social Services not being able to arrange social care and why this happened in each case for the last two weeks?	Cllr Sachin Rajput (Chairman of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>In the week ending 2 March, there were five social care delays and seven health delays at the Royal Free, and 11 social care delays and 11 health delays at Barnet & Chase Farm.</p> <p>In the week ending 9 March, there were five social care delays and two health delays at the Royal Free, and 12 social care delays and 12 health delays at Barnet & Chase Farm.</p> <p>The reasons for the increase in DTOCs are explained below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There have been considerable challenges in the local domiciliary care market. There is high demand for care in the community focusing around intensive packages of home care. With a prevalence of people coming out of hospital with high level needs we are having to source large care offerings – sometimes with 2 x carers 4 times a day. As a result we are having frequent dialogue with all our key providers and our working with Your Choice Barnet to significantly increase their enablement offer. The council is also purchasing significantly more hours of care than in previous years as a result of this increased demand. 2. There is volatility in the residential and nursing care market where price and quality can be significant variants. LBB will only place in care homes where we are satisfied that the quality of the care meets CQC compliance standards. Furthermore neighbouring local authorities will place into Barnet care homes due to our sizeable bed base. Nursing Home capacity is reducing

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				<p>though. In June 2015 there were 23 homes registered for nursing care, with a total of 1305 beds. There are now only 19 registered nursing homes providing a total of 1059 beds.</p> <p>3. It has become clear recently that the patients referred to the hospital social work teams are much older, frailer and more dependent, with greater needs than previously. This partly reflects the demographic growth in Barnet aligned to the commitment to keep people at home as long as is possible. The Length of Stay (LoS) is now much shorter in the rehab hospitals 19/20 days as opposed to 30/35 days in the past. This adds another challenge with regard to ensuring a safe and well planned discharge.</p> <p>4. As Adult Social Care we work together with colleagues in Health through a number of forums. From senior level A&E Delivery Board to local arrangements such as 'escalation calls' we ensure that we are responsive and alert to all hospital pressures. More recently we have been actively participating in Safer Faster Better programmes of work across the Acute Hospitals. Furthermore we provide a 7-day social worker service working across all sites and maintain a presence within 'temporary' wards such as those in Chase Farm Hospital.</p>
66	Cllr Gill Sargeant	How many children in social housing in Colindale are going to be decanted because of the regeneration during the next 18 months?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	73 children under 18 will be decanted within the next 18 months from plot 10 in Grahame Park.
67	Cllr Graham Old	Could the Leader explain the historical underfunding of GP services in Barnet, when compared with other boroughs in the NCL group?	Cllr Helena Hart (Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board)	Barnet is poorly funded compared to other boroughs in the NCL group. In the latest funding allocation for the GP Access Fund, which supports CCGs' transition to extended GP opening hours, the borough came a distant last, with little more than £2 per head. Camden, Enfield, Haringey, and Islington each received more than double this sum. This is despite the borough having comparable numbers of residents reporting poor health and the highest number of residents over 90.

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68	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What has been the outcome of discussion between senior officers from RE and the council and the contractor's Chief Operating Officer over the remedial work to roads that were the subject of 'surface dressing' or 'micro asphalt' schemes?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Officers have met with the Chief Operating Officer to initially discuss the extent of remedial work required. The Council has issued Defect Notices on 14 roads where the work undertaken is considered unsatisfactory. The Council has also commissioned an independent Surveyor to assess the entire Year 1 NRP carriageway work programme. The result of this survey is expected at the end of March and will be used to agree the extent of remedial work required with the contractor and timescale for delivery.
69	Cllr Wendy Prentice	Could the the Leader explain how traffic consultations are initiated and whether ward councillors are consulted beforehand?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Traffic Schemes that have been through Feasibility and initial Design stages, where a traffic management order will be required, are subject to statutory consultation for a period of 21days. A Statutory Consultation notification is sent to all stakeholders deemed to be affected by the proposed scheme and will also be published in Local News Papers and notices on-street. A traffic management order is required when the proposal includes changes to the rules of the road (e.g change to speed limit, banned turns and waiting restrictions).</p> <p>Councillors of the affected ward should be consulted prior to any consultation material being delivered to residents. Officers endeavour to inform Councillors about proposed consultation 5- 10 days prior to delivery. This exercise also forms part of the wider consultation and all councillor feedback is taken on board. Any objections received from councillors or residents may affect the outcome of the scheme depending on factors such as severity and/or volume of the objections.</p> <p>The process of consulting should in no way be considered as confirmation that a scheme will be implemented. Additionally, some schemes may require resident feedback during feasibility stages, in order to shape the proposal and an informal consultation is undertaken. These are not part of statutory consultation and again, are not confirmation that a scheme will be implemented.</p>

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70	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How much does someone need to be earning in order to get a mortgage to buy a house in Barnet at the average price for a two bedroom home?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	The Land Registry does not hold data by bedroom size, making it difficult to access reliable data. However, according to Rightmove, there are currently over 900 two bedroom properties (mostly flats) for sale in Barnet, the bulk of which are advertised at between £350k and £550k, with the cheapest at around £200k.																								
71	Cllr Rohit Grover	Can the Leader indicate whether satisfaction rates for users of the Council's website are on an upward trajectory?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes, satisfaction has risen from 46% 'good' ratings in the first quarter of 2016-17, to 56% 'good' ratings in the final quarter. In February our website was ranked third of 60 councils. This is a result of the Council and Capita working together to act on negative feedback and fix the things that matter to residents.																								
72	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What is the spending allocated in each ward for pavement resurfacing as part of the network recovery plan that Councillors have recently had meetings with officers about in: 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Repeat Question See response to Question 64																								
73	Cllr Rohit Grover	Do we have statistics for how many people have listened to both the livestream and recordings of committee meeting audio webcasts (broken down by committee)?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Audio Minutes software isn't expected to show streaming data by committee until this month. General data since the system went live in November 2016 is set out below: Audio Minutes Statistics <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>11-2016</th> <th>12-2016</th> <th>01-2017</th> <th>02-2017</th> <th>03-2017</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Live Minutes</td> <td>429</td> <td>120</td> <td>142</td> <td>71</td> <td>639</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Archive Minutes</td> <td>691</td> <td>870</td> <td>846</td> <td>884</td> <td>1592</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Minutes</td> <td>1120</td> <td>990</td> <td>988</td> <td>955</td> <td>2231</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Month	11-2016	12-2016	01-2017	02-2017	03-2017	Live Minutes	429	120	142	71	639	Archive Minutes	691	870	846	884	1592	Total Minutes	1120	990	988	955	2231
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75	Cllr Rohit Grover	Do we have statistics comparing completion of agenda items for Area Committees both before and after they were de-coupled from Residents Fora?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>The Area Committees have considered, on average, between three and five fewer agenda items after de-coupling of the Forums/ Area Committees as detailed in the table below.</p> <p>The Finchley and Golders Green (F&GG) Area Committee did not consider all business items due to overrunning of the Residents' Forum on 26 October 2016. As a result, the business which was not discussed was deferred and a Special F&GG Area Committee meeting was called to consider the remainder of the business items on 30 November 2016.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Nr of items on agenda after de-coupling of Residents' Forum and Area Committee</th> <th>Nr of items on agenda prior to de-coupling of Residents' Forum and Area Committee</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Hendon Area Committee</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 (20th February 2017 agenda) meeting finished 8.30pm </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 (26th October 2016) meeting finished 10pm 19 (6th July 2016) meeting finished 9.50pm </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chipping Barnet Area Committee</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 (8th March 2017) meeting finished 8.50pm </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 (26th October 2016) meeting finished 9.12pm 18 (6th July 2016) meeting finished 8.17pm </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee</td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 (16th February 2017) meeting finished 9.06pm </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 (26th October 2016)* meeting finished 10pm, items were deferred to: Special meeting, 16 items (30th November 2016) meeting finished at 9.55pm </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Nr of items on agenda after de-coupling of Residents' Forum and Area Committee	Nr of items on agenda prior to de-coupling of Residents' Forum and Area Committee	Hendon Area Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13 (20th February 2017 agenda) meeting finished 8.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 (26th October 2016) meeting finished 10pm 19 (6th July 2016) meeting finished 9.50pm 	Chipping Barnet Area Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 (8th March 2017) meeting finished 8.50pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 (26th October 2016) meeting finished 9.12pm 18 (6th July 2016) meeting finished 8.17pm 	Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 (16th February 2017) meeting finished 9.06pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 (26th October 2016)* meeting finished 10pm, items were deferred to: Special meeting, 16 items (30th November 2016) meeting finished at 9.55pm
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76	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Why do proposals for a public realm management forum only apply to conservation areas and not all parts of the borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Environment Committee Members voted against an amendment to Councillor Grover's motion, which created the public realm management forum, because it would have diverted resources from the forum's primary purpose. This is to bring key stakeholders together to agree recommendations about the design of public realm works in conservation areas.
77	Cllr Graham Old	Would the Leader welcome the results of the Labour Force Survey, which show unemployment in Barnet has been halved since 2010?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Absolutely.
78	Cllr Ross Houston	Please provide details where known of the phasing over the next ten years, including breakdown of affordable units, for developments that are part of the 27,000 new homes being built in Barnet.	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	The details of all the future phases are currently being updated and will be reported in the Annual Regeneration Report which will be considered by Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee at its meeting on 24 April 2017.
79	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Given the shocking statistics revealed by the Barnet Times that one sixth of fatal shootings in London were recorded in Barnet last year, and that Barnet is the London borough with the biggest risk of burglary, will the Leader reconsider their rejection of the Labour	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	We will not reconsider the Labour Group's proposals, because it would involve spending an extra £495,000, when Barnet taxpayers have already paid more than their fair share for policing. Despite paying the single largest GLA precept of any borough, Barnet taxpayers get the fewest police officers per person. I would instead invite the Labour Group to request the Mayor give us the officers we have already paid for.

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80	Cllr Arjun Mitra	What advice or guidance does the council provide to schools regarding female genital mutilation?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	The Barnet Local Assessment Protocol is a multi-agency protocol for professionals with concerns about children's welfare and includes details about what to do if FGM is suspected or identified. The council also works with schools and colleges by providing safeguarding training which covers FGM, and they can also purchase their own bespoke training. Barnet Homes delivers a drop in service as part of the Violence Against Women and Girls strategy, which includes FGM.
81	Cllr Gill Sargeant	When will the pavements in Lynton Avenue, broken by building contractors, be replaced as was promised to residents?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Council's highways contractor Conways Aecom have a works order to repair the paving outside 18 Lynton Avenue. Further inspection will also be completed by the Highways Area Inspector on Lynton Avenue.

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82	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will the Leader arrange for his Tory colleagues to meet the council's in-house street scene staff, as it became clear at the last Environment Committee meeting that some of them were not aware that these staff were employed by the council despite many of them sitting in the audience in hi-vis jackets?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I have met with street scene staff a number of times and will continue to do so. It is for Members to arrange such meetings if they wish to follow suit.
83	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How much did the recent re-configuration of the Town Hall cost, and what was the original budget? Please provide a breakdown for the first floor (Committee Room 3 and offices) and the ground floor (reception / lobby and offices). What is the square footage for each of the new offices created?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The total cost for the reconfiguration of Hendon Town Hall was £460k. The original budget was estimated to be £570k. These works have enabled us to free up Burnt Oak Registry Centre for future development.</p> <p>The cost of the first floor, including professional fees, was £113k. The cost of the ground floor, including professional fees, was £203k.</p> <p>£86k was spent on works in the basement and surveys of the balcony, £21k was spent on IT (including Brent IT) and £36k on furniture, move costs, planning submission, lighting, signs, etc.</p> <p>Square footage of Registry Room 2 is 11.3 square metres, Registry Room 3 is 7.8 square metres, and the new Governance and Custodian room is 40.9 square metres.</p>

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84	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How many complaints about dust pollution caused by construction sites and commercial premises, including depots and skip hire companies, has the Council received since 2010? Please provide a breakdown by location / company.	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>Since 2010 there have been 183 commercial/construction site dust, fume and smoke complaints.</p> <p>The waste management depots/skip hire companies are regulated by the Environment Agency so this does not reflect the dust complaints made to them directly.</p>
85	Cllr Arjun Mitra	What support does the council offer to victims of female genital mutilation?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The council commissions a range of specialist support services for victims of Violence Against Women and Girls, including FGM. These include the Domestic Abuse and Advocacy and Support Service (DVAAS) which offers information, advocacy and support to reduce risk and increase safety for adults and children affected.</p> <p>If necessary, there is also refuge provision which provides a safe space and support to women and their children. Experienced and specialist staff provide individual practical and emotional support and women and children are supported to cope, recover from their experiences and helped to find new accommodation.</p>
86	Cllr Gill Sargeant	Please confirm where the additional 100 parking spaces for the New Council Offices in Colindale will be located?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	The Council is exploring parking sites to lease around the Colindale area; these include Avion Crescent, Platt Hall (Middlesex University Campus) and two supermarket car parks on Edgware Road. The Council aims to make a decision on the location of the car parks following feasibility studies and indicative costs.

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87	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What action is being taken in response to the latest performance indicators showing that only 24% of residents are satisfied with Barnet's parking services?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Increasing resident satisfaction with Parking Services is a key objective for the Barnet's Parking Transformation programme. With this in mind Environment Commissioning has conducted three resident satisfaction groups with residents to ascertain how the Borough can improve its parking services to best meet resident's needs and perception.
88	Cllr Arjun Mitra	How many cases of Female Genital Mutilation have been reported to the council?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	In terms of children and young people aged 18 and under, there has been one female victim of Female Genital Mutilation reported over the past 12 months and 15 females (across seven families) that had an assessment where there were concerns the child may be at risk of FGM.
89	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Given that half of Barnet residents are not satisfied with street cleaning, why is £600,000 being cut from the budget and cleaning frequencies reduced?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	As has been explained to Opposition Members several times, a cut in a budget does not automatically translate to a worse service. The Council has invested in new equipment, including small and large mechanical sweepers, which will make it easier for teams to clean large areas. Most residents will actually see the frequency of their cleaning go up. This Council works efficiently to get the best deal for Barnet taxpayers, where the Labour Group's solution is always to spend more of their money.
90	Cllr Arjun Mitra	Will the Council undertake to do a full consultation with residents of Stanley Road to find the best parking arrangements and CPZ times, rather than make changes without resident support?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	The Council's first priority is to provide a safe environment for the children of Archer Academy School. However, the timing of the School Keep Clear restrictions will be slightly reduced to 3.15pm-5.45pm, to try to alleviate some of the concerns expressed by residents.

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91	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	It was agreed at Environment Committee on 11 January 2017 that prior to any significant developments in negotiations with bowling clubs that this would be reported to the Environment Committee. Given that the 15 March Environment Committee was only two weeks before the start of the new financial year, why was no report presented?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	As negotiations with the bowls clubs had yet to be concluded there were no significant developments to report back to the 25 March meeting of the Environment Committee.
92	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Residents of Strawberry Vale are unable to access fiber-optic cables and high speed broadband. Is there any action the Council can take to liaise with residents, Peabody and potential suppliers, such as BT?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Officers will raise concerns about Strawberry Vale with Peabody as requested. The best thing residents can do is contact providers directly, as the Council will always reinforce their feedback where possible. The Council worked with Virgin in 2016 to secure early roll out of ultrafast broadband to 40,000 homes in businesses, for example.
93	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	On what dates have the Environment Agency and Barnet Council visited the Donoghue waste management and skip hire site over the last year and what was the outcome of those visits and any	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Council officers visited Donaghue's on 24 March, alongside colleagues from the Environment Agency, to inspect and check the conditions on site to see whether improvements could be made to reduce dust and mud in the area.

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94	Cllr Arjun Mitra	Cherry Tree Wood continues to have problems with poor drainage. This was inspected a few years ago, but it is not clear what action was taken. What was the outcome of any investigation, what action is the Council going to take and when will it be done?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>Due to the high water table in Cherry Tree Wood, it is not possible to resolve the drainage issue across the whole site.</p> <p>One area that we can improve is around the play equipment that sits outside of the fenced play area. Once the ground conditions are more stable, our contractor will install a new safety surface around the equipment. We will be installing a bonded rubber surface which can be seen already under the zip wire.</p> <p>The quotation has been received and the order will be raised in the new financial year.</p>
95	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Does the Leader agree that it is unfair to expect members of the public who speak during the public questions and comment section at the beginning of a committee meeting to have to wait over three hours to hear the outcome of the item on which they spoke - and that even if they wait they may find that there is no time to discuss that item?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Please see the answer to Q16.

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96	Cllr Ross Houston	What money is available for the community park at Percy Road either from S106 or money left over from the Mayor's Outer London fund / Town Team budget in North Finchley?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Subject to queries on how the funds can be allocated, available S106 money could be as much as £15,000, and there is £3,935 remaining from the NO2 Clean Air Fund to be spent on planting. The Town Team also has some funding available.
97	Cllr Arjun Mittra	The application to build on the car park on Viceroy Close, off East End Road, was rightly rejected by officers, but has subsequently been allowed on appeal. The planning inspector ignored the conditions requested by officers to approve an even worse application than feared. Will this case be investigated by planning officers to consider why the inspector found against the department and ignored their entirely reasonable conditions, to see if there are lessons for the future?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes. It is standard procedure for officers to review the outcome of planning appeals to identify any lessons which can be learned.
98	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How many fines have been issued for dog fouling over the last three years?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	None.

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99	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Are the serious inaccuracies in the reports for the application on 12-18 High Road, East Finchley, a cause for concern, or are the Council happy to continue to make wrong decisions based on incorrect information?	Cllr Melvin Cohen (Chairman of the Planning Committee)	Inaccuracy is always a concern. However in that instance, officers clarified the situation with an accurate addendum to the report, allowing Committee Members to make an informed decision on correct information.
100	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will the Leader ensure that the outcome of any negotiations with bowls clubs provides that they have a secure and sustainable future?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	That is their responsibility, but we will do all we can to help them achieve that.
101	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What is the nearest public lavatory to East Finchley library, and will this be publicised at the library when the new arrangements come in?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>There are toilet facilities in nearby cafes, as well as Camden and Islington Cemetery (open 9am-5pm, 7days per week), all of which are a 5-10 minute walk from the library.</p> <p>The Library Service is currently working to ensure the library toilets are open for as long as possible during opening hours, using a number of options, including council custodian cover. The opening times of the toilets will be displayed in the library with information of local public facilities displayed when the library toilets are closed.</p>
102	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Why has it taken over 13 years to adopt Section 16 of London Local Authorities and TfL Act 2003?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>In the past, the borough has used powers under the Highways Act 1980 to undertake works and recover costs from the owners or occupiers of the property, which has worked well until recently.</p> <p>The decision to adopt Section 16 was made in response to an increase in the damage caused by vehicles overrunning the footway to gain access to driveways without proper crossing facilities.</p>

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103	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Barnet Homes have rolled out some excellent lockable bicycle storage hangars in estates such as Brownswell Road and Norfolk Close. When will these be installed by the Council at other locations, such as those requested for outside East Finchley station?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	A consultation is currently in progress and can be accessed online: https://barnet.geovey.org/app/barnet/geovey_commercial/ We will also be working with TfL regarding the most appropriate provision of a cycle hub/covered cycle parking at or near the station.
104	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Please provide a list of streets which will have their street cleansing frequencies reduced under the new proposed street cleansing regime.	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	The majority of roads will have an increase in frequency, moving to once every four weeks, rather than the current regime which is once every six weeks.
105	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many complaints have been made about electric vehicle charging points in the borough, and broadly what have the complaints been about?	Cllr Daniel Thomas (Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	There have been no complaints received. However, there have been about eight enquiries regarding new facilities.
106	Cllr Arjun Mittra	If the Council supports more grammar schools for the borough, which schools will pupils who fail the 11+ go to?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	There is a wealth of non-selective schools under a variety of models in Barnet, and we support the introduction of new schools and expansion of existing ones, under the right circumstances.

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107	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What work has been carried out into the need for a shuttle bus to the new Council offices in the initial phase of relocation?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	A shuttle bus option between the East and West side of the borough was explored, but ultimately discounted. This was because the Council is progressing negotiations with TfL for an extension to bus route 125. The 125 is aimed at improving cross-borough connections.