

<b><u>MEETING</u></b>
<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b><u>DATE AND TIME</u></b>
<b>TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 2017</b>
<b>AT 7.00 PM</b>
<b><u>VENUE</u></b>
<b>HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BG</b>

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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**Agenda Item 14.1 – Opposition amendment in the name of Cllr Gill Sargeant**

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Rohit Grover – Safety of the Ossulton Way/  
Kingsley Way/A1 Junction

Delete all and replace with (addition in bold):

On 4 April 2017 Council unanimously agreed to call an urgent meeting between Transport for London (TfL), officers of Barnet's Highways Department and local councillors to assess and improve the safety of the Ossulton Way/ Kingsley Way/A1 Junction. This urgent meeting took place three months later on 13 July.

During this meeting it was noted that the all-red phase of the traffic lights at the above junction is inadequate to non-existent, meaning that pedestrians do not have sufficient time to cross the A1. As there are parades of shops and cafes on both sides of the A1 at this junction, this crossing is frequently used, particularly by elderly residents who need to cross from the surgery on the south side to the chemist on the north.

Excessive speed levels were also observed on the stretch of the A1, in both directions, leading from this junction to Henlys Corner.

While the TfL representative who was present noted these concerns, it was mentioned that 'political pressure' would likely be required for action to take place, given concerns over the impact on bus schedules in the event that further traffic calming measures are implemented.

In view of the fact that since 2010, 11 serious collisions have taken place on this stretch of the A1, including the death of an elderly resident at the Ossulton Way junction earlier this year, Council calls for a further meeting to take place, at a high level, where those with senior decision-making authority at TfL are required to seriously consider what can be done to improve pedestrian safety. Options could include a longer all-red phase at the Kingsley Way/Ossulton Way/A1 junction where traffic from all sides is stopped, an improved pedestrian crossing facility, or speed cameras for this stretch of road generally.

**Council notes that this junction has been a problem for many years, and welcomes the fact that under the current Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, there are discussions taking place towards a solution.**

Under FCPR 23.5 I ask that my amendment is voted on at the meeting.

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**Agenda Item 14.3 – Opposition amendment in the name of Cllr Arjun Mittra**

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr David Longstaff – Is Mayor Khan an enemy of the people of Barnet?

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

**Council is concerned that the title of this motion uses language that is redolent of the divisive - and unsuccessful - tactics deployed by Zac Goldsmith against Sadiq Khan in the London Elections in 2016.**

**Council believes its elected members should be careful not to use coded language that portrays people of different backgrounds as "enemies" so that they are perceived as 'other' to everyone else.**

**On the main policy points Cllr Longstaff's motion makes in relation to Mayor Sadiq Khan:**

**Cllr Longstaff is concerned that** "Most recently the Aslef union revealed he had scrapped plans laid by his predecessor, Boris Johnson, to add 17 much-needed trains to the Northern line and increase services to 30 an hour. The explosion in demand projected for this vital but overcrowded service will now have to be met by current stock — and borne by residents."

**In response, Council notes that the Mayor is investing record levels into the future of London's transport infrastructure without burdening Londoners with fare hikes. This includes the biggest Tube capacity growth that London has ever seen, extending the Northern Line, opening of the Elizabeth line and upgrading key stations.**

**Council also notes that the Mayor is only temporarily pausing plans to buy more trains for the Jubilee and Northern lines.**

**TfL's modernisation programme has improved performance and reliability, and this means the Mayor can increase the frequency of existing trains without the immediate need for new trains, making journeys quicker and more comfortable for thousands of commuters every day from the new year.**

**Council further notes that the Mayor is achieving all this partly because TfL have successfully reduced their operating costs for the first time in history. In Q1 of 2017/18 they have saved £51m compared to last year through their efficiencies programme. This is set against a backdrop of continuing reductions in the level of grant the Mayor receives from Government, which fell by £50m from £103m for Q1 in 2016/17 to £53m for Q1 in 2017/18.**

**Cllr Longstaff is concerned that** "At the beginning of this month he also overruled Barnet's democratically elected Planning Committee in order to force a deeply unpopular development of 460 flats on the people of Mill Hill. Adding insult to injury, he removed 78 parking spaces from the original plans, meaning residents will have to fight for spaces on neighbouring residential streets. This is despite visiting the site himself by car rather than brave the Northern line."

**In response, Council notes that by calling in and determining this Mill Hill development, the Mayor doubled the number of affordable homes that will be provided from 92 to 185 (from 20% to 40%), at a time when the lack of affordable housing remains one of the top three concerns according to the Council's own Residents' Perception Survey.**

**Council believes that where this Conservative administration fails to secure enough affordable homes for Barnet's hard-pressed residents, the Mayor should intervene.**

**In addition, Council notes that the Mayor reduced the number of car parking spaces from 613 to 535, in order to comply with the maximum allowable in the London Plan. This also allowed the Mayor to save over 100 trees that Barnet Council proposed to remove, and to plant an additional 91 new trees.**

**Cllr Longstaff is concerned that** "Before clogging up the borough's roads and scuppering improvements to its Underground service, Mayor Khan decided to make private hire vehicles more expensive and less available for residents of outer London boroughs like Barnet. His decision against renewing Uber's private hire licence not only risks putting 1,789 Barnet based Uber drivers out of work; it will increase the costs for residents using black cabs."

**Although Cllr Longstaff** "agrees that any concerns about Uber's safeguarding procedures must be addressed."

**Cllr Longstaff is also** "baffled as to why data revealed under the Freedom of Information Act showed TfL inspectors had given Uber a clean bill of health on no less than 10 occasions in the last four years (the last after an annual compliance audit in April this year) and why Mayor Khan failed to meet with Uber representatives to discuss concerns. In revoking Uber's licence, Khan's message is that London is closed to innovation and business."

**In response, Council notes that it would not have been appropriate for the Mayor to attend meetings with Uber as he has no role in the licensing process – this is done by TfL as the legal taxi and private hire regulator for London. TfL concluded that Uber is not fit and proper to hold a private hire operator licence in London, and Council notes that the Mayor supports that decision.**

**Council believes regulation is there for a reason and that if Uber had played by the rules they would not find themselves in this situation today.**

**Council also notes that there are over 2,400 licensed Private Hire operators in London for drivers to choose from.**

**Council further notes that the Mayor welcomed the apology from Uber's global CEO and asked TfL to engage with these discussions as there is place in London for private hire operators who play by the rules.**

**Cllr Longstaff is also** "deeply concerned by Mayor Khan's intervention on the Grahame Park development."

**Cllr Longstaff claims that** "In making public an error-riddled letter from GLA planners he ensured the retraction, which Barnet was on the cusp of negotiating, would not happen. The planning application now risks being refused or amended by the Mayor."

**In response, Council notes that there will be a loss of 518 social rented homes on Grahame Park as a result of the estate development, and agrees that the Mayor's intervention in this matter is therefore completely justified.**

**Council hopes that the Mayor will be able to secure a better deal for Barnet's residents on Grahame Park - and applauds him in his efforts to achieve that.**

Council calls on the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition to write to the Mayor **thanking him for improving our tube network whilst keeping fares down; for securing more affordable housing for Barnet's residents; and for keeping Barnet's residents safe through TfL's appropriate regulation of private hire vehicles.**

[Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.]

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Council 31 October 2017

**Agenda Item 14.4 – Administration amendment in the name of Cllr Reuben Thompson** AGENDA ITEM 14.4

Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb – Planning school places in Barnet

Delete all and replace with (changes in bold):

**Council notes the revolution in school organisation which began with the introduction of academies through the Learning and Skills Act 2000 and continued with the enabling of free schools through the Academies Act 2010 has moved the education sector from a centralised command economy to a system which offers parents real choice on how they wish to have their children educated.**

**Council believes the benefits of this shift are obvious in the increased academic attainment of Barnet pupils; not least in the percentage of those on free school meals going to university, which has increased from 27% in 2006/07 to 44% eight years later. Furthermore, according to a Department for Education report published in September 2016, 83% of free schools opened since 2013 did so in areas which required extra school places.**

**Nonetheless, Council believes a dialogue between local government, central government, and those wishing to open free schools and academies, is an important element of good government.** Council also notes that at the most recent Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee members were advised that:

"The free school programme is a central government programme administered by the Department for Education. The council has no role in assessing or approving free school applications. In more recent years, the Department for Education has invited the council to provide a view of the local need for school places."

**Council therefore makes known its disappointment that the Labour Group has so often opposed the creation of new secondary school places — whether through expansion of an existing school or the introduction of a new school — despite knowing these are much-needed due to the fast approaching primary school 'bulge'.**

**Council resolves to continue to work with various levels of government as it already does; successfully planning school places, identifying new sites, and undertaking widespread consultation without creating extra and wasteful bureaucracy.**

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**Agenda Item 14.4 – Opposition amendment in the name of Cllr Paul Edwards**

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Pauline Coakley-Webb – Planning school places in Barnet

Delete all and replace with (addition in bold):

Council notes that the strategic planning of school places seems to have been replaced with random placement of free schools controlled by chain academies through deals done in Whitehall, with no control by Barnet Council and no guarantee that schools will be established where they are needed.

Council also notes that at the most recent Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee members were advised that: "The free school programme is a central government programme administered by the Department for Education. The council has no role in assessing or approving free school applications. In more recent years, the Department for Education has invited the council to provide a view of the local need for school places."

Council believes that Conservative-run Barnet Council should be providing this view and ensuring that school places are properly planned in the locations where they are most needed.

We call on Barnet Council to take a more proactive role by:

- 1) Instructing officers to meet with the EFA to establish a strategic planning approach to schools.
- 2) Identifying possible sites for new school development close to areas where it is known numbers are increasing.
- 3) Consulting with local residents on possible developments in advance of any formal planning application being made.
- 4) Developing and adopting a Planning for Schools DPD, as LB Ealing has done, to help plan for the provision of primary and secondary school places in the borough to meet identified need.

**Council requests that this matter is referred to the relevant committees for consideration and action.**

[Under FCPR 23.5 I ask that my item is voted on at the meeting]

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**Agenda Item 14.5 – Opposition amendment in the name of Cllr Ammar Naqvi**

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Barry Rawlings – Local government pay

Delete all and replace with (addition in bold):

Council notes that:

- For most workers in local government and schools, pay and other terms and conditions are determined by the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services.
- On average, across the country, NJC basic pay has fallen by 21% in real terms since 2010.
- NJC workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012 and have received only 1% pay increase annually since then.
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector.
- Differentials in pay grades are being squeezed and distorted by bottom-loaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased Statutory National Living Wage.
- The likelihood of rising inflation following the vote to leave the European Union will worsen the current public sector pay inequality.

Council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers and calls for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector.

Council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.

Council further notes the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding and calls on the Government to provide all additional resources to ensure local authorities can fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review.

Council resolves to:

- Write to the Local Government Association asking it to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC pay claim and the pay spine review;
- Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking the additional resources needed to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review;
- Write to the local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.

**Council believes that people should get a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.**

**Council notes that the Real Living Wage, calculated annually by the Resolution Foundation and overseen by the Living Wage Commission, is the only UK rate based on what families need to cover the cost of living.**

**Council therefore believes that LB Barnet should work towards becoming an accredited Real Living Wage council so that all contracted-out staff delivering Council services, as well as in-house staff, are paid at least the Real Living Wage (the London Living Wage in London).**

**Thereafter LB Barnet should encourage private sector employers in Barnet to pay at least London's Living Wage to their employees.**

**Council asks that Real Living Wage / London Living Wage accreditation is referred to the relevant committee for consideration and action.**

[Under FCPR 23.5 I request that my motion is voted on at the meeting.]