

<b><u>MEETING</u></b>
<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b><u>DATE AND TIME</u></b>
<b>TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY, 2019</b>
<b>AT 7.15 PM</b>
<b><u>VENUE</u></b>
<b>HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ</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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## 14.1 - Administration Amendment in the name of Cllr Anne Clarke

### The state of Barnet's streets

## AGENDA ITEM 14.1

Delete all and replace with (addition in bold):

Council knows how important a clean environment is to local residents, as well as how a neglected street scene can have a detrimental impact on levels of crime, disorder, and how safe people feel.

Council notes that the cleanliness of Barnet's streets has been deteriorating, with increasing complaints to local councillors about litter and detritus on pavements and roads, overflowing and uncollected street and park litter bins, fly-tipped rubbish and uncollected autumn leaves.

Council notes that this has been made significantly worse by the thousands of missed bin collections across the borough since 4 November.

**Council notes the ongoing bin collection fiasco is a direct result of the political decision to save money by reorganising the bin collection rounds.**

**Council notes that, far from making a saving, the administration has had to spend at least £250,000 in overtime and agency staff since 4 November to clear the missed bin collections caused by this ill-thought through reorganisation.**

**Council also notes that residents in Grahame Park had to put up with an enormous garbage mountain over the Christmas period because LB Barnet simply forgot to collect the rubbish there.**

**Council also notes that streets like Platts Lane endured weeks without a bin collection because LB Barnet did not have them on the list of Barnet streets.**

Council notes that in 2007/8 every residential street in Barnet was swept 13 times a year, with regular cleaning of town centres and regular street litter bin collections.

Council notes that LB Barnet's street cleaning policy for residential streets is now entirely reactive, and streets are only inspected or swept if someone reports an issue to the Council.

Council believes an urgent review of street cleaning and environmental enforcement is needed.

Council instructs the Environment Committee to:

- review all current policies on street cleaning and environmental enforcement, together with the impact these are having on the level of litter and fly-tipping across the borough;
- consider best practice in other boroughs including regular monitored community skips for bulky waste, closer working with private landlords and tenants on disposal of bulky waste, and ways to make it easier for residents to report issues to the Council - through a mobile device app for example;

- improve engagement with the community on environmental issues, including more systematic support for community groups that are concerned about the state of our streets, and working with businesses, especially fast food outlets, to ensure they are minimising litter on surrounding streets;
- and following this review, make recommendations to improve the cleanliness of Barnet's streets.

**Council asks that this review is done at the same time as the review into the ongoing bin collection chaos, as the cost of agency/overtime to ensure the bins are collected on time is not sustainable and will need to be withdrawn at some point.**

**This, together with the re-start of green waste collections, will mean that our streets are likely to be strewn with rubbish as a result of overflowing, uncollected bins for some time to come.**

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## 14.1 The State of Barnet's Streets

### Administration Amendment in the name of Cllr. Dean Cohen

#### (additions in bold)

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- improve engagement with the community on environmental issues, including more systematic support for community groups that are concerned about the state of our streets, and working with businesses, especially fast food outlets, to ensure they are minimising litter on surrounding streets;
- and following this review, make recommendations to improve the cleanliness of Barnet's streets **within the budget envelope**.
- **Consider developing a timed, alternate side, mechanical cleansing pilot with an appropriate parking initiative.**

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## 14.2 – Policing in Barnet

### Opposition Amendment in the name of Cllr Sara Conway

## AGENDA ITEM 14.2

Delete all and replace with (addition in bold):

Council rejoices that our borough is a nice place to live, where communities co-exist and residents live peacefully. It is important that Barnet residents can be confident in their own safety. When crime increases or when fear of crime becomes more prevalent, that lifestyle is at risk.

Our police force is important to us and a visible police presence remains an effective deterrent to criminals. Efficient investigation and detection are fundamental to our justice system. All this costs money and Barnet pays more into the system than any other borough. However, we have fewer police per capita than elsewhere.

Council **welcomes the additional Safer Neighbourhood Team Police Officers provided by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to Barnet following the loss of over 300 police locally as a result of cuts under Boris Johnson and** calls on our GLA representative and Leader of the council to write to the Mayor **supporting his call on the Government to end Home Office cuts to the Met, and provide more** police resource in **London and** Barnet.

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**14.3 - Rent arrears and universal credit**

**Administration Amendment in the name of Cllr. Gabriel Rozenberg  
(changes in bold)**

AGENDA ITEM 14.3

Council notes the clear evidence that where Universal Credit has been rolled out more people are made homeless because of rent arrears. The main causes of arrears are the five-week delay in first payment of Universal Credit and other delays caused by Department of Work and Pensions error.

Council notes that as of October 85 per cent of Barnet Homes' 321 Universal Credit claimants were in rent arrears and 20 per cent of their arrears had accrued since they transferred to Universal Credit.

Council calls on LB Barnet to Council **to learn from Camden and other authorities in order to avoid evictions caused by rent arrears as a result of the adoption of Universal Credit**

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#### **Opposition Amendment in the name of Cllr Ross Houston**

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Council notes the clear evidence that where Universal Credit has been rolled out more people are made homeless because of rent arrears. **Among** the main causes of arrears are the five week delay in first payment of Universal Credit and other delays caused by Department of Work and Pensions error.

Council notes that as of October 85 per cent of Barnet Homes' 321 Universal Credit claimants were in rent arrears and 20 per cent of their arrears had accrued since they transferred to Universal Credit.

Council calls on LB Barnet to follow the lead of Camden Council in refusing to evict Council tenants in rent arrears as a result of Universal Credit delays and to urge registered social landlords and private landlords to do the same.

**Council also calls for the relevant themed committee to receive regular monitoring information on the implementation of Universal Credit in Barnet and its impact on local residents.**

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#### **14.4 – Ultra Low Emission Zone**

##### **Opposition Amendment in the name of Cllr Alan Schneiderman**

## **AGENDA ITEM 14.4**

Delete final two paragraphs and replace with:

Council notes that the Environment Committee, at its meeting on 21 January 2019, has already asked officers to assess the impact of the ULEZ in Barnet when it is introduced and bring back any policy issues to the Environment Committee.

Council also notes that the Environment Committee has instructed the Chairman of the Environment Committee to write to the Mayor of London asking for further consideration of the impact of the ULEZ on families with older vehicles of 6+ seats.

Council welcomes the Mayor of London's £23m London diesel scrappage scheme for the most polluting vans, and supports his call for the Government to match-fund this to increase the scope of the scheme, as well as provide funds for a national diesel scrappage scheme.

Council asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Government setting out LB Barnet's support for both the match-funding of the London scheme and the funding for the national scheme.

#### **Substantive to read:**

Council believes that all who live in Barnet are entitled to breathe fresh air. The many main roads running through our borough are a source of pollution that is difficult to deal with. All our goods are carried by motor vehicle and our transport system is dependent on the Motor car. Undoubtedly there are trade offs to be considered. A large car with many passengers produces less pollution per passenger journey, than a smaller one with just the driver. An elderly vehicle making the occasional short journey will pollute less than a small car sitting for a long period on a very congested road.

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Council asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Government setting out LB Barnet's support for both the match-funding of the London scheme and the funding for the national scheme.

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**Barnet Council's Brexit Contingency Planning**  
**14.5 – Opposition Amendment in the name of Cllr Barry Rawlings**

**AGENDA ITEM 14.5**

Delete all and replace with (addition in bold):

Council notes that 62 per cent of Barnet residents that voted in the EU Referendum voted to remain in the EU, but the overall UK decision was to leave the EU.

Council celebrates Barnet's cultural and religious diversity, and its long history of welcoming refugees and migrants from all over the world, including the European Union.

Council notes that over 31,000 EU citizens live in Barnet and puts on record its appreciation of the contribution they make to the civic, economic and cultural life of the borough, and the role many play in delivering our public services.

Council notes that Barnet's Conservative councillors voted against ensuring that EU staff employed by LB Barnet have access to legal advice and financial support to understand and access their rights (including applying for settled and pre-settled status, obtaining permanent residency and/or citizenship). Council notes that LB Barnet has subsequently agreed to cover the cost of the settled status fee for Council employees despite that motion being defeated by the Conservatives.

Council expresses concern about the current Parliamentary deadlock on the Government's proposed Brexit deal, and the increased likelihood of a no-deal departure from the EU. Council believes both the Government deal and no-deal will have a negative impact on Barnet, its residents, economy and public services.

Council instructs Policy & Resources Committee to bring a report to its next meeting detailing LB Barnet's contingency plans in the event of each of these outcomes in order to ensure service continuity, provide reassurance and support for Council employees, residents and businesses at a time of national uncertainty.

**Council also calls for a meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership to be held after the Parliamentary vote on 29 January to discuss the likely impact on partners of a no-deal Brexit so they can input into LB Barnet's contingency plans.**

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#### **14.5 - Barnet Council's Brexit Contingency Planning Administration Amendment in the name of Cllr. John Marshall**

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**Council notes that the Borough has already agreed to support our staff, who are EU citizens through the registration process and had indicated that it would pay the fees. These fees are now being waived by the government.**

**Council expresses concern about the current situation within Parliament and any problems that may ensue within Barnet.**

**Council instructs Policy and Resources Committee to receive a report at its next meeting detailing LB Barnet's contingency plans in order to ensure service continuity, provide re-assurance and support for Council employees, residents and businesses at this time.**

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**Finchley Road Entrance to Golders Green Station  
Opposition Amendment in the name of Cllr Kath McGuirk**

AGENDA ITEM 14.6

Delete all and replace with (addition in bold):

Council notes the Finchley Road entrance to Golders Green Station has been closed for many years. This has been an inconvenience for passengers. Increased passenger congestion at the station and in the forecourt needs to be ameliorated.

Council instructs the deputy chief executive to write to TfL requesting **a meeting between LB Barnet, the relevant ward councillors, including Childs Hill, and TfL to discuss** an early re-commissioning of this entrance.

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