

MEETING

COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 2019

AT 7.00 PM

VENUE

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.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
1.	QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER (AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IF HE/SHE HAS DELEGATED)	3 - 78

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Qn.	Councillor	Question	Response by	Response
1.	Cllr Gordon	<p>The Department for Transport has announced it will allow people with “hidden disabilities” to apply for blue badge parking permits. This will include for example those unable to walk without considerable psychological distress or risking severe harm. Can we ensure that this more understanding approach being promoted by the DfT will be replicated within our own Council among those whose task it is to assess the eligibility of applicants within this Borough?</p>	Leader	<p>In anticipation of the introduction date for the new criteria the London Borough Barnet, as all local authorities are required to do, adopted the Department for Transport's updated guidance for the issuing criteria for a blue badge. The new criteria were in place and available for consideration for anyone applying after the date of the change. We have been considering applications made based on those new criteria since that date and consider that the London Borough of Barnet fully meets its duty to reflect the revised guidance from the Department for Transport.</p>

2.	Cllr Rozenberg	What new measures will Barnet bring forward over the 2018-22 term to reduce the carbon footprint of both the council and the borough as a whole?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>The emerging Transport Strategy proposes multiple initiatives to promote sustainable and active travel and reduce air quality impacts.</p> <p>Officers are preparing to implement the Ultra-Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) within LBB, a London wide initiative to reduce polluting vehicle journeys into the city. Officers are currently looking at our fleet procurement options to ensure that we have a compliant fleet operating across the Borough.</p> <p>Electric vehicle charging points have been installed in the borough to encourage the use of Zero-emission vehicles.</p> <p>As part of the RE:FIT programme, final surveys are currently underway to confirm energy saving measures which will be installed across 13 Council owned assets (including libraries, depots, the town hall). At this stage, it is anticipated that across these assets, there will be an annual emission reduction equivalent to 227 tonnes of CO2 due to the energy-saving works. Where possible, the Council will seek to include additional assets and encourage schools to participate in the RE:FIT programme.</p>
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3.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	<p>The Governor of the Bank of England has warned that companies that are not moving towards zero-carbon emissions could go bankrupt, and he has also warned about a potential fall in asset values for fossil fuel companies as a result of government regulations. Will the Pensions Committee review the Council's holdings in such companies and propose a plan for divesting from such companies in order to comply with the Council's fiduciary duty of ensuring returns on the Pension Fund are maximised?</p>	Chairman of Pension Fund Committee	<p>The investment of the pension fund are highly diversified across sectors and geographically to avoid a concentration of risks. The Pension Fund Committee, through its appointed fund managers, challenges the companies in which we invest on their management of risks, of which climate change is a major concern, with corporates expected to have long term business plans that recognise moves to a lower-carbon world while still servicing the needs of their customers. The Pension Fund Committee will be reviewing its current approach to engagement, including monitoring of climate change risks, later in the year.</p>
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4.	Cllr Gordon	I have been receiving complaints about dogs being allowed to roam freely in sections of parks where there are signs mandating dogs to be kept on a lead, with no complaint or enforcement measures in place. Is there anything the Council can do to toughen up on this issue?	Chairman; Environment	<p>At the present time there are two Council bylaws in relation to Dog Control that originated in 1992 and 1993 respectively for dog fouling, dogs on leads and no dog areas across the borough.</p> <p>Where the Council receives complaints for dog fouling or poor/unsafe dog control they are investigated by Re Enforcement officers and supported by the Council's Waste Enforcement Contractor where we have a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) relevant to Dog Control. At the present time the Barnet Dog Control PSPO is limited to Brook Farm Open Space and King George Playing fields in Underhill and Totteridge wards.</p> <p>As elected members will recall we instigated our Dog Control PSPO in Barnet for these two specific areas agreed with the Environment Committee. This PSPO is now due to be reviewed in accordance with the Delegated Powers Report at the 6 month point (due 13th November). It is our intention to now seek to extend the PSPO into the following areas, subject to approval by the Executive Director, Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hadley Wood • Tudor Park • Clitterhouse Recreational Ground • Moat Mount Open Space • Arrandene Open Space • Dean Road Open Space
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				<p>In 2017, Council passed a motion to limit the number of dogs that can be walked by an individual at one time and the following PSPO limited this to four.</p> <p>We welcome any reports of poor dog control to be reported to the Community Safety Team by email at BarnetCST@Barnet.gov.uk. Any dangerous dogs need to be reported to the police using 999.</p>
5.	Cllr Brayne	How much has Barnet Council spent on paid for advertising promoting the improvement of its children's services Ofsted rating from 'failed' to 'good'?	Chairman Children's Committee	The Council has not spent money on advertising promoting the improvement in Children's Services. We have cited our improvement in routine staff recruitment activities.
6.	Cllr Anne Clarke	Is the Leader satisfied with the living conditions of residents living on Marsh Drive?	Leader	Since some residents of Marsh Drive raised specific issues with Barnet Homes regarding the block, they have responded quickly by addressing the problem with vermin and pest infestation, including the implementation of an extended baiting programme across the estate, as well as setting up a dedicated hotline for people to report any issues. Urgent roofing works are also underway to fix the issue of flooding.

7.	Cllr Gordon	The Met Police Commissioner has announced that of the 20,000 additional police officers Boris Johnson promised nationwide, 6000 are to be deployed in London. Are we lobbying strongly for Barnet to obtain its fair share of these?	Chairman; Safer Communities Partnership Board	Absolutely. Barnet residents currently receive far too few officers, particularly with the size of the precept that they pay. We will continue to lobby Commissioner Dick for a fair share of officers.
8.	Cllr Rozenberg	In the aftermath of the antisemitic, far-right extremist murders in Halle, Germany, would the Leader like to put on record this borough's solidarity with the Jewish community in Germany? Would he like to take this opportunity to note the important work done in this borough by the Community Security Trust to keep synagogue attendees safe?	Leader	<p>CST is a fantastic organisation, that help keep so many of our residents feel safe. I am both proud and glad that they are headquartered in our borough, along with the largest Jewish population between New York and Tel Aviv.</p> <p>It is clear that what happened in Halle was a despicable act of hate-motivated violence, that could have been even worse if the synagogue did not have security measures in place.</p> <p>It is the good use of the security measures that makes me relieved that CST receive a generous grant from the Government to protect Jewish schools and synagogues, and that CST is also taking part in community outreach – helping other religious communities learn how to best protect themselves through best practice.</p>

9.	Cllr Danny Rich	Why do Barnet Council continue to entirely omit Finchley Nurseries, one of Barnet's oldest surviving businesses – now 90 years old, from all relevant planning documents, describing it repeatedly as "open fields to the North" despite the site being just 10 meters from the former NIMR?	Chairman Planning Committee	The non-inclusion of neighbouring business or properties is not unusual in Ordnance Survey maps. The existence of Finchley Nurseries is known by both Barnet Council and the developer Barratts London, and noise and vibration monitoring equipment have previously been installed at this site as a result of a request by the Council's Scientific Services Team.
10.	Cllr Gordon	How many cases have there been within the past ten years of Planning Consents being granted by Committee being challenged by judicial review to the point of a hearing in Court? If there were any, how many of those actions were successful against the Council?	Chairman; Planning	There has been 1 case overturned by Judicial Review in the last 10 years.

11.	Cllr Brayne	Regarding the consultation on green waste collection, to what extent will the public consultation influence the decision? If over 50% of residents disagree or strongly disagree with the proposals, will the proposals still go ahead? What about if it's 90%?	Chairman Environment Committee,	The results of the consultation as a whole will be considered by the Environment Committee, taking into account the responses received and the requirement to deliver savings as set out in the consultation document.
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12.	Cllr Sara Conway	Following recent footage of Class A drugs being taken in the hallway please can you advise on the current security situation in the Barnet Homes properties at Marsh Drive and when the intercom system will be repaired?	Leader	<p>Barnet Homes continue to work with the Police and the councils Community Safety Team to address anti-social behaviour issues on the estate and Barnet Homes have issued tenancy related legal sanction warning letters to two residents within Marsh Drive.</p> <p>Barnet Homes have also increased their presence on the estate, carried out door knocking exercises within Marsh Drive to obtain evidence and the local Police Safer Neighbourhood team have increased their patrols to the block.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the intercom system to parts of Marsh Drive is beyond economical repair, meaning that the only option would be to replace the entire system including all doors and installations into each property. In order to address the security concerns raised by residents, we have significantly increased the hours of the Wardens on the estate and currently they patrol the estate between 6pm – 4am Monday to Sunday.</p>
13.	Cllr Gordon	Has our Council appointed a Brexit lead to work with Government, as recommended by the Secretary of State for Housing , Communities and Local Government?	Leader	Yes. The Council's Deputy Chief Executive is the Brexit Lead Officer.

14.	Cllr Rozenberg	Does the Leader of the Council stand by his view that Brexit does not come up on the doorstep when he meets with Barnet residents?	Leader	I stand by my statement that nobody brings up Brexit on the doorstep. I find that residents would prefer to talk to councillors about local matters; particularly crime and local environmental issues. I have no doubt that canvassers obsessed with Brexit will claim otherwise.
15.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Could I have an update on progress for the air quality audit for Martin school that I requested?	Chairman Environment Committee	The levels of Nitrogen Dioxide predicted for Martin primary school are just below the levels set in the air quality objectives. Consequently, Martin Primary school is not one of the top 10 schools which are being prioritised for an air quality audit. The schools which will be audited have Nitrogen Dioxide levels which exceed the air quality objective levels. However, we will put Martin Primary School on the reserve list for an air quality audit should any of the top 10 schools not want an air-quality audit to be carried out.
16.	Cllr Rutter	Have Wilmot Dixon taken responsibility for the issues at the depot?	Leader	Yes, they have taken responsibility for the issues at the depot and are undertaking the necessary repairs at their expense.

17.	Cllr Brayne	Given that 35% of children in Barnet are in poverty (inc. housing costs), what proportion of children are living in households that use food banks? What percentage of children living in poverty does the council consider acceptable?	Chairman, Children	<p>The most recent figures for child poverty from the HMRC (defined as children aged under 16 years old living in families receiving out of work benefits or tax credits, where their reported income is less than 60% median income) show that between 2006 and 2016, the number of children living in poverty has fallen from 15,985 to 10,000. This a reduction from 25% to 14% and is significantly lower than both London (18.8%) and England (17.0%) averages.</p> <p>The council wants to continue to reduce the percentage of children living in poverty and work is already underway to refresh the current Child Poverty Strategy enhancing targeted support to combat child poverty in the borough.</p> <p>The figures from the Child Poverty Action Group, released in 2019, set the percentage of children in poverty in Barnet during 2017/18, at 17% before housing costs and 35% after housing costs. It should be noted that these figures are estimates and that different methodologies for calculating child poverty yield different results.</p> <p>Data is not collected on the proportion of children living in households that use food banks. Food banks are provided by independent organisations and accordingly have different referral processes. Some do not require any referrals at all and do not collect information user demographics. Others, such as Trussell Trust, do not share local data for food</p>
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				banks with local authorities. However, the lack of data on food bank usage and food aid usage was identified as a gap within the food security needs analysis completed June 2018. This report also identified key geographical areas at risk as well as population groups. These findings fed into the Food Security Action Plan (found here: https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s55446/Appendix%201%20Barnet%20Food%20Security%20Action%20Plan%202019.pdf).
18.	Cllr Anne Hutton	How many registered organisations are there in Barnet providing Home Care?	Chairman Adults	There are 76 Domiciliary Care Providers registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in Barnet who provide home care services. The Council currently has contracts with 45 of these providers.
19.	Cllr Teare	Would the Leader join me in congratulating our sixth form and college students on their A-level results?	Leader	Yes, I would like to congratulate and thank our secondary schools and colleges for another year where our A Level students surpassed national averages at all thresholds at A-Level.
20.	Cllr Rozenberg	Is knife crime rising or falling in Barnet? What practical steps does the borough plan to bring it under control?	Chairman Safer Communities Partnership Board,	There were 422 Knife Crimes in Barnet in the last year (the 12 months up to June 2019). There has been an increase in knife crime since Sadiq Khan became in 2016. Barnet residents continue to get fewer officers for their money than any other borough. If we were to receive our fair share, then

21.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What action will be taken in response to the recent environmental report from Friends of the Earth which says that "Barnet particularly needs to do much better on increasing the use of public transport, cycling, and walking, improving home insulation, and increasing renewable energy"?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>The Borough's Transport Strategy encourages better use of Public transport and we are working with TfL to increase the capacity of tube and bus services including proposals for Crossrail 2 and the West London Orbital train service. New stations are to be built at Colindale and Brent Cross.</p> <p>New Housing developments are designed to encourage active travel (Walking and Cycling), High levels of insulation are installed in new developments and renewable energy provision is designed into the schemes by developers. Government grants are available for retrofitting of energy-saving initiatives for existing homes.</p>
22.	Cllr Rutter	What impact will the works to repair the depot have on my residents in Brunswick Park?	Leader	<p>We are working with the Principal Contractor to limit impact on the local community and highway network. The works will require periodic deliveries although this will be coordinated to avoid peak traffic times. There may also be some construction noise during the rectification work. We have selected construction methodologies that limit both noise and vibration (such as auger piles as opposed to percussively driven), although we cannot eliminate these factors completely. The Contractor will be instructed to operate within the policy and planning constraints imposed under the original scheme.</p>

23.	Cllr Brayne	How is the air pollution around each of the borough's schools monitored? What measures is the Council taking to reduce school children's exposure to air pollution whilst at school and during their journey to school?	Chairman Environment Committee,	Barnet have had their annual air quality review and assessment recently approved by DEFRA/GLA. The updated Air Quality action plan details on schools was described in the September Environment Committee. The GLA have carried out accurate predictions for Nitrogen Dioxide levels at Schools for 2013 and 2016. 2 schools have been audited, Wessex and Tudor, to identify measures to improve air quality. There are 10 schools now on the list that still exceed NO2 levels and audits will be done via the LIP process for most of the schools in the next 2.5 years - part of that process may include monitoring. The Stars scheme is very successful in Barnet (as set out in the details of the Air Quality Action plan points 13 and 14)
24.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	When will the primary school on the Redrow site need to be submitted for Planning in order for the school to open in 2021?	Leader	The initial pre-application discussions are due to take place shortly and we anticipate the submission of a planning application at some stage next year.

25.	Cllr Wardle	What are we doing to enhance civic pride in Barnet?	Leader	<p>The Council is always trying to enhance civic pride wherever possible. One of the most visible vehicles for doing this is with the Mayoralty, which has attended 210 engagements since the beginning of the term in May.</p> <p>During this time the Mayor, as first citizen of the borough, has been a visible presence within the community whilst also promoting Health and Wellbeing and setting up the Heritage walks for the community to be involved with, to keep fit and learn of the historical facts around Barnet whilst also enjoying Barnet's greenspaces.</p> <p>Community groups and individuals are recognised for the good work that they do, usually voluntary, and the Barnet Civic Awards, hosted by the Mayor, is an opportunity for these unsung heroes to be officially recognised.</p> <p>The Mayoralty officiates at Citizenship ceremonies and is an invited speaker at many functions.</p> <p>The <i>Together, we are Barnet</i> campaign is also helping enhance civic pride across the borough – promoting much of the great work we do.</p> <p>I, of course, want us to continue to enhance the pride that people have living in our borough – and I welcome any suggestions from anyone on how this can be best achieved.</p>
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26.	Cllr Rozenberg	<p>The Station Road exit to Finchley Central tube has a problem with anti-social behaviour which the Council needs to address. But in recent weeks, some community activists have been calling for the exit to be closed early every night. Does the Council agree that this would punish ordinary commuters while doing nothing to prevent bad behaviour?</p>	<p>Chairman Safer Communities Partnership Board</p>	<p>The area of Station Road and Finchley Central including the Finchley Central Tube area is currently subject to an open investigation by the Community Safety Team and Local Policing Team.</p> <p>This has been subject to a live Community Safety MARAC referral since June 2019. The main issues identified are begging and street drinking and this conduct is linked to a core group of 6 problem persons several of which have been subjected to interviews under caution by the Council's local Community Safety Team and Local Police Team officers resulting in the issuing of Community Protection Notices to the key problem persons within that group. These notices continue to be monitored by the local police Team and are subject to ongoing enforcement activity.</p> <p>Consideration is also being given to the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order in the locality however due to recent reports from the local police team that the area has seen a reduction in the issues and complaints the Council has not instigated a public consultation as yet.</p> <p>The Community Safety Team were not aware of calls for the closure of the tube station exit at night so therefore will be making further enquires with Transport for London and British Transport Police to ascertain their assessment of the matter and will then update the Chair of the Safer Communities</p>
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				Partnership Board and Cllr Rozenberg.
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27.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Is the Leader ashamed of the number of children living in poverty revealed in the latest figures, and what are the administration's plans to deal with this scandal?	Leader	<p>Any child poverty is too much, and that is why we are working on a number of initiatives to support families experiencing poverty, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free access to benefit and debt advice through BOOST and the Welfare Reform Task Force at community venues or in customer's own homes. In 2018/19 our advisers gave benefit advice to 836 people and helped 1,467 with universal credit claims. • The Skills Escalator project, which is aimed at low-income households and provides access to training and career advice to help those in work to increase their incomes. BOOST provided holistic family support which includes career progression and working with employers to increase work hours, as well as dedicated help for people to find jobs. The new job retention project going live this autumn will help working people to sustain employment when going through a period of poor mental health. In 2018/19 BOOST had more than 11,000 visits and helped 227 people into work. • The Taskforce engages with households affected by benefit caps or impacted by the change to universal credit. Services offered include welfare benefit, debt and budgeting advice. Discretionary housing payments (DHP) are used to provide a respite to enable households to sustain tenancies
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			<p>while seeking employment or finding more affordable accommodation. In 2018/19 1081 DHP's were awarded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other discretionary spend that has been made available to those facing poverty include the Crisis Fund which paid out £268,997 in 2018/19 and the Discretionary Council Tax Support Fund which paid out £112,996 to 221 households. <p>The most recent figures for child poverty from the HMRC (defined as children aged under 16 years old living in families receiving out of work benefits or tax credits, where their reported income is less than 60% median income) show that between 2006 and 2016, the number of children living in poverty has fallen from 15,985 to 10,000. This a reduction from 25% to 14% and is significantly lower than both London (18.8%) and England (17.0%) averages.</p> <p>The figures from the Child Poverty Action Group, released in 2019, set the percentage of children in poverty in Barnet during 2017/18, at 17% before housing costs and 35% after housing costs. It should, however, be noted that these figures are estimates and that different methodology for calculating child poverty yield different results.</p> <p>Child poverty is a complex area and relying on a single source of data is therefore not advisable. A</p>
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				<p>better approach is to view child poverty from different perspectives, using different sources as in the Barnet JSNA: https://jsna.barnet.gov.uk/</p> <p>The current Child Poverty Strategy runs from 2016 to 2020. Work is already underway to refresh the current Child Poverty Strategy enhancing targeted support to combat child poverty in the borough.</p>
28.	Cllr Byers	Has this year's programme of weed spraying been more or less successful than last year's?	Chairman; Environment	<p>Two borough wide herbicide applications have been delivered to date in the 2019/20 cycle. A further application is being programmed in for quarter 4. These applications have been undertaken by a specialist weed spraying contractor selected following officer research and dialogue with other London Boroughs. The sprays were delivered successfully. Die back of weeds across the borough has been comprehensive and regrowth vastly reduced. Feedback from residents and Members has been positive and post spray assessments from officers have demonstrated a vast improvement on last year's outcome.</p>

29.	Cllr Rozenberg	Can the Leader reassure me that the important work of the borough's Housing Committee over the past 18 months in reducing and preventing homelessness will continue undiminished in the coming years? What will be the role of the new Homelessness Forum?	Leader	Preventing homelessness and reducing rough sleeping remains a key priority for the council. Objectives and actions from the Homelessness Strategy have been embedded in Annual Delivery Plans and within the council's performance framework with progress against key activities reported quarterly. The Homelessness Forum will continue to take forward early intervention and prevention work with partners to help residents remain in good quality homes they can afford.
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30.	Cllr Anne Clarke	What discussions and preparations has the Council had regarding the possibility of food and medicine being in inadequate supply in the Borough in the event of a no deal Brexit?	Leader	<p>The Government is working with pharmaceutical companies, suppliers, and the NHS to make sure patients continue to receive the medication they need if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. The Government has analysed the supply chain, made plans to reduce the risk of disruption, and given instructions to pharmaceutical companies to ensure that they have adequate stocks to cope with any potential delays at the border. To avoid the uninterrupted supply of medicines following Brexit, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) are putting in place arrangements for an 'express freight service'. Council contracts are held with sexual health and substance misuse providers, and care home providers, we continue to monitor these contracts regularly ensuring that they reflect their responsibilities in sourcing adequate quantities and quality medicines.</p> <p>In terms of food, while the advice from government is that it is unlikely there will be an overall shortage of food, there may be a reduction in choice. If there was a shortage of some types of food, the council would work with central Government and other regional and national organisations to respond. The council is in the process of setting up a communications network with foodbanks across the borough so that we can monitor levels of supply and demand and respond to issues accordingly.</p>
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31.	Cllr Jajeh	Christmas is a very important time for our town centre businesses. Will we be offering free parking in the council's car parks again this year to boost the number of high street shoppers during the festive season?	Chairman; Environment	I am very pleased to announce that we absolutely will be once again offering free parking in the council's car parks, and on streets, for the festive season. This will commence on Small Business Saturday – on the 7 th December, and run through to Christmas.
32.	Cllr Rozenberg:	Will the Leader reassure me that despite changes to the Housing Committee, Barnet Council will continue to put tenants first? Does he continue to believe that expanding selective licensing for the private rented sector will help the borough to crack down on rogue landlords and thus improve conditions for Generation Rent?	Leader	A key objective of the council's Housing Strategy is to improve standards within the Private Rented Sector. As part of that commitment, officers are collating evidence to support the case for selective licensing. Barnet Council has a strong record of prosecuting rogue landlords and the council, in partnership with Re, received £93,000 to develop state-of-the-art, sector-leading technology to combat rogue landlords after a successful funding bid to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

33.	Cllr Danny Rich	<p>Why was the demolition of the former NIMR allowed to proceed without Barnet's Scientific Sciences having any independent asbestos testing equipment in place? Is the Barratt's site manager correct when he reportedly declared the CEMP designed to protect Barnet residents from harm from this most toxic of sites as a "guideline document only"?</p>	Chairman Planning Committee	<p>Prior to demolition, there was a full independent hazardous materials survey done of all the buildings and soil on site.</p> <p>All the asbestos was removed from the buildings. Buildings, where asbestos was present, were air tested and no levels exceeded the appropriate standards after removal, this was done mainly in 2017 and all before demolition.</p> <p>This work was done by asbestos contractors independent of developers and demolition company. Most councils do not have National Measurement Accreditation Service asbestos labs so all this work is done by asbestos consultants who provide very detailed reports with photographs of the asbestos removed.</p> <p>During demolition officers visited the site regularly and looked at dust suppression which was reasonable and saw no obvious asbestos materials that were not correctly covered or disposed of separate to the demolition process.</p> <p>The Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is important but differs to the site investigation, remediation strategy and verification of the contamination on site.</p> <p>The CEMP outlines what measures they propose for the site to minimise issues however the verification</p>
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				<p>of the removed contamination is more important (condition 9) to assess that this is done correctly. Site assessments are also important and have been carried regularly during the demolition phase.</p> <p>This proved that the developers had asbestos consultants on site during the pre and post demolition phases and there was adequate suppression in terms of Statutory legislation.</p>
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34.	Cllr Don	How do this year's GCSE results compare with those in the past?	Chairman; Childrens	<p>We were very happy with the provisional results in 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress 8 was +0.58 in Barnet, above the national average of -0.03 and a 0.01 percentage points increase on our results in 2018. Our Progress 8 in 2019 ranked us the best Local Authority in the country (out of 151 LAs), up one ranking position from 2018. • 79% achieved a standard pass (grade 4 and above) in English and Maths, ranking us 3rd best LA nationally (up from 7th in 2018). This is 14% higher than the 2019 national average and an increase of 2% in Barnet from the results in 2018. • 63% achieved a strong pass (grade 5 and above) in English and Maths, ranking us 2nd best LA nationally (up from 5th in 2018). This is 19% higher than the 2019 national average and an increase of 2% in Barnet from the results last year • The average 'Attainment 8' score in Barnet is 56.9 points, compared to the national average of 46.7 points, and an increase of 0.9 points in Barnet from the results in 2018. Our Attainment 8 was the 2nd best in the country (up from 5th in 2018) • The English Baccalaureate (EBacc) measure reflects pupils who achieve a 5+ in all of English, Maths, Science, Humanities and a Language. Attainment in this measure is strong in 2019 at 37%, compared to the national average of 17.1%, and this matched our results in 2018.
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35.	Cllr Brayne	What is the current state of affairs with respect to the proposals to relocate Ravenscroft Medical Centre to Finchley Memorial Hospital? Does Barnet Council support these proposals or oppose them?	Chairman Health & Wellbeing Board	The council has been advised that the move of the practice to Finchley memorial hospital will not now take place, due to the withdrawal of one of the two GP practices from the move. The CCG is writing to residents registered with the practice and other stakeholders to inform them of this change.
36.	Cllr Sara Conway	Will the review of the restrictions of residents' questions recognise the need for residents associations and similar groups to be able to ask more questions as representatives of larger number of residents?	Chairman Constitution & General Purposes Committee	The Constitution & General Purposes Committee agreed to review arrangements relating to resident engagement at their meeting on 16 January 2020. Consideration of whether the rules should be varied as suggested will be considered as part of that review.
37.	Cllr Wardle	The Mayor of London appears intent to overrule those who know best and approve inappropriate developments in Barnet. Why does the Leader believe this is happening?	Leader	It is quite clear that the Mayor is using his powers in this way due to sheer desperation. I doubt that it's a coincidence that it's Conservative councils that the Mayor keeps overruling – attempting to meet his unrealistic London plan by damaging Barnet.

38.	Cllr Brayne	How is the Council supporting EU citizens to achieve settled status? In particular those residents who need extra support, such as those who are elderly, in care homes, have learning disabilities and are without family to support them?	Leader	<p>The deadline for applying for EU Settled Status is 30 June 2021. However, if there is a no deal scenario, people will need to be living in the UK before it leaves the EU to apply. The deadline for applying will then be 31 December 2020.</p> <p>The process to apply for EU settled status is primarily online via the Home Office. As of Monday 1 April 2019, the council started offering support with the digital ID verification process which is part of the application. Residents who are unable to use the app can therefore book an appointment with the Registrar's service to have their passport checked and verified in person. This service has now supported over 360 people, and overall data shows that in Barnet there has been over 15,000 applications for EU settlement (as of 30 June 2019). Due to this increased demand on the Registrar's service, a temporary worker has been brought in to add capacity in the short term, so more appointment slots can be offered.</p> <p>Local authorities also have a responsibility towards children in care, care leavers, vulnerable residents and those who are homeless to ensure they apply for EU settled status where necessary. Frontline staff in Adults and Childrens services are currently working to support this, seeking legal advice where necessary. Two volunteers have also been trained within the Housing service to support with applications for clients who are homeless.</p> <p>Charities and voluntary organisations across the UK</p>
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				are also being funded to provide help and information to vulnerable citizens applying to the EU Settlement Scheme. Practical support is available for a range of needs including disabled people, those with severe mental health conditions and those who are elderly or isolated. Within Barnet, Citizens Advice Barnet are providing this service.
39.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What is the latest on the status of the Pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood?	Chairman, ARG	A contractor has been appointed to demolish the old pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood. A bat survey was completed to confirm that there are no bats roosting in the building itself and the contractor is working with utility suppliers to arrange their safe disconnection prior to the physical demolition starting on site.
40.	Cllr Zinkin	Would the Leader join me in thanking all the teams in estates, street scene, commercial and legal, that are working to minimise the disruption caused by the works to the depot?	Leader	Absolutely. The teams have done, and are doing, great work.

41.	Cllr Brayne	How is the council publicising its EU settlement scheme support service? Have vulnerable eligible residents been contacted directly and where has the service been advertised?	Leader	<p>The council has used Government materials to publicise the scheme through all usual media channels. This includes articles within the Barnet First magazine (145,000 households), Barnet First e-newsletter (21,000 recipients), Communities Together Network bulletin (1,200 recipients) and social media. The council has also sent posters to be put up in leisure centres, libraries, job centres and GP surgeries.</p> <p>Vulnerable residents that are known to social care (both Adults and Children) will be supported through the relevant service.</p>
42.	Cllr Anne Hutton	At what stage in the development of properties is the CiL levy collected from the developer? Is it at the completion of works? Or is some portion of it collected earlier?	Chairman Planning Committee	<p>The CiL is collected at the commencement of development (e.g. when demolition of buildings takes place, or when works to dig trenches for foundations begins). If the development is a phased scheme (generally larger developments such as West Hendon Estate or Colindale Gardens) then payment needs to be made on commencement of each phase.</p>

43.	Cllr Byers	Does the Chairman of Environment Committee welcome the commitment which the Secretary State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has made to consider amending the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 so as to make it more economically feasible for local authorities to enforce anti-idling schemes?	Chairman; Environment	We welcome initiatives that aim to reduce pollution especially avoidable pollution caused by idling of vehicles around schools and await the details of the legislation to appraise how best to implement any improvement schemes
44.	Cllr Brayne	Which local organisations is the Council working with to ensure resilience in the event of a no-deal Brexit? Please provide the names of local businesses, charities, community groups, representative bodies etc.	Leader	The council is represented on the Borough Resilience Forum (which feeds into the London Resilience Forum) and includes partners such as the police, NHS and fire brigade. We have also liaised with our strategic partners in the public, private and voluntary sector (who make up our strategic partnership board) to understand the preparations of each organisation. We continue to work with the Communities Together Network (CTN) to get key messages out to the wider voluntary sector and community.

45.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Why does Barnet's waste reduction and recycling plan make no commitment to reintroducing a separate food waste collection service?	Chairman Environment Committee	The Reduction and Recycling Plan and supporting letter to the GLA state that the council will seek to reintroduce the separate food waste service for street level properties from April 2022, subject to the issues set out in the report to Environment Committee on the 11th September 2019 being resolved (fleet capital programme, depot space and infrastructure, and financial impact.)
46.	Cllr Simberg	Can the Chairman tell us more about the work that's being done to improve the Council's street lighting?	Chairman; Environment	We have already successfully launched a small batch of LED street lanterns and commencing in November 2019, and throughout 2020, all Street Lighting lanterns will be replaced by LED lighting which consume less energy, are more reliable and have a whiter light colour that improves colour definition.
47.	Cllr Rozenberg	In the event of a No Deal Brexit, only EU citizens who were living in the country prior to Brexit will be allowed to apply for settled status, according to the council's Brexit Preparedness document (par 5.4.1). How will the council know?	Leader	It is not the council's role to 'know'. The EU Settlement Scheme and immigration is controlled via the Home Office, any issues with applications will be dealt with by that department and not the council. As detailed in previous answers on the subject, the council is assisting practically and by raising awareness on the need to apply.

48.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What complaints have Barnet been receiving from residents who are overlooked by the new Barnet offices and what can be done by Barnet to ameliorate this?	Leader	Only one complaint has been received. This complaint was when the building was first occupied, and we have received no further complaints. Therefore, this is not considered to be a significant problem that requires a response at this time.
49.	Cllr Grocock	Can the Chairman of Children's comment on this year's SAT scores?	Chairman; Childrens	The recent DfE statistical first release for provisional KS2 results in 2019 ranked Barnet 7th best Local Authority in the country (out of 151 LAs) for the percentage of Year 6 pupils achieving the Expected Standard or above in Reading, Writing and Maths combined. Maths results were particularly strong (4th best LA in the country).
50.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	What steps are being taken to ensure that decisions at Planning are right, proper and legal?	Chairman Planning Committee	Decisions made by Planning Committee are made in accordance with the Council's Development Plan. If the Monitoring Officer considers that due process was not adhered to in the decision-making process, Planning Committee will be requested to reconsider the proposal. If applicants are aggrieved by the planning decision, there is an independent planning appeal process, however, there is no third-party process for appealing planning decisions. If anybody considers that a planning decision has not followed process, the decision can be judicially reviewed, although this is rare and there have been no such reviews in Barnet in recent years.

51.	Cllr Bokaei	How many people have used our new leisure centres in New Barnet and Copthall since they opened at the end of September?	Chairman; Adults	The most recent information that we have on this covers up to the first two weeks of October. In just the six weeks these centres have been opened, they have jointly been used 112,331 times. That is over 75,000 visits to Copthall and over 35,000 at New Barnet.
52.	Cllr Anne Clarke	The council accepts that Brexit may have an impact of the recruitment and retention of social care staff in the borough in the council's risk register. What is the likely cost to the council of this?	Chairman Adults	<p>In the Council's directly employed social care workforce, around 5% are EU nationals. As staff are being supported with 'settled status', officers are confident that retention risks can be managed. However, it should be noted that there are longstanding challenges across London in recruiting qualified social workers and occupational therapists, especially those with more experience. If there were further constraints on the employment market this challenge could be exacerbated.</p> <p>In the workforce employed by Barnet based adult social care providers, approximately 27% of workers are EU nationals, equating to around 2,800 individuals. There are already significant challenges in recruitment and retention of this workforce. If Brexit exacerbates these challenges, it may lead to increased financial pressures, as a lack of workforce supply may increase the rates the council has to pay to secure care.</p> <p>However, it is not possible to quantify these potential impacts with accuracy at this point.</p>

53.	Cllr Prager	What is the Council doing to improve conditions in Marsh drive on the West Hendon estate?	Leader	<p>We fully accept that a number of residents in Marsh Drive are living in homes that fall below our standards. We are very sorry about that.</p> <p>We are already addressing the problem with vermin and pest infestation, including setting up a dedicated hotline for people to report any issues. Urgent roofing works are also underway to fix the issue of flooding in communal walkways.</p> <p>An Independent Tenants' Advisor has been on hand for a number of years to offer residents advice and to answer questions on any aspect of the move process and its timetable. Tenant meetings and drop-in sessions regularly take place, offering a forum to voice concerns, with further dates planned for later this year and in 2020.</p> <p>We are firmly committed to ensuring any concerns are dealt with quickly, whilst also recognising that these buildings will only continue to be used for a relatively short period of time. Although any offers housing will be based on residents' individual needs, we would like to reassure residents that we will do our utmost to try and find them a new home in the area.</p>
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54.	Cllr Danny Rich	The contamination report for the NIMR site identifies asbestos present in the ground and all buildings ranging from a moderate to high risk – why has the CEMP not been adhered to?	Chairman Planning Committee	<p>Following on from the answer to question 33. This risk was found in the site investigation and survey prior to demolition.</p> <p>The removal of asbestos was considerable and comprehensive prior to demolition and proves the removal of asbestos was done in accordance with best practical means and means the site during construction and operation is now a low risk site for asbestos.</p> <p>The detail for this is vast and contained in the recent application to discharge condition 9 the verification of the contaminated land removal.</p>
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55.	Cllr Don	How would Labour's policy to scrap Ofsted impact education in Barnet?	Chairman; Childrens	<p>Ofsted is the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. Ofsted was introduced, by the Conservatives in 1992, in all state-funded schools to improve the quality of education across the UK.</p> <p>It enabled parents to see the standard of a school through published reports. Those reports inform important parental decisions. In Barnet, all our secondary schools and 96% of Primary schools are classified as 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.</p> <p>Labour have not provided any firm proposals for the replacement of Ofsted, just created uncertainty. That usually means Labour have something unpalatable they want to hide from parents. Labour are also keen to scrap the SATs exams.</p> <p>Removing Ofsted for a new and, as yet, unannounced 'light touch' approach will see standards drop and leave parents left in the dark as to a school's qualities and attainment.</p>
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56.	Cllr Sara Conway	What measures are being put in place to create and maintain a safe and clean environment in Silkstream and Montrose Parks (i) during and (ii) after the regeneration schemes?	Leader	<p>During the construction the onsite team have reinforced the fencing around the site to ensure it is kept safe and secure.</p> <p>With the increase in facilities within the park we expect to see the number of people in the park increase which will help to drive out anti-social behaviour in the park. Additionally, the Council is looking to set up Friends Group which will play a key role in helping to ensure the parks are safe and clean.</p>
57.	Cllr Grocock	Does the Leader agree that we should be flying a Union Flag outside our new offices in Colindale?	Leader	I would very much like to see the Union Flag flying outside our new offices, and the current lack of flagpoles is something we're looking to remedy soon.
58.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How much would reintroducing a separate food waste collection service in 2022 cost? How much did the separate food waste collection service cost when it was suspended in 2018?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>The additional collection cost of the separate weekly food waste service has been calculated to be over £585,000 per year in 2018.</p> <p>The costs for reintroducing the service in 2022 cannot be fully defined due to a number of variables including participations rate and reductions in waste collection costs.</p>

59.	Cllr Byers	Does the Leader agree with our Labour colleagues that Barnet's private schools ought to be abolished and their assets seized?	Leader	Of course not. Policies such as these are further evidence of how out-of-touch Jeremy Corbyn's hard-left Labour Party is. Yes to choice, not to collectivisation
60.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	Can a sign be put up in Heybourne Park to ask residents to stop feeding the birds?	Chairman Environment Committee	The Greenspaces Team will arrange for signage to be ordered and installed.
61.	Cllr Smith	Barnet's rates of child vaccination are below the average in both London and across the UK. What is being done to remedy this problem?	Leader	Barnet's uptake of one dose of MMR by the age of 2 is lower than both the English and London average however it is comparable or better than its neighbours in the North Central London. A multiagency forum has been formed to consider flu and immunisations in Barnet. This group consists of representatives from Public Health England, Barnet Council (Public Health and Family Services), NHS England, Barnet CCG, and CLCH (Health Child Programme provider and school immunisation provider). At the end of July this group agreed an evidence-based action plan to address the low immunisation rates in Barnet. This forum will meet quarterly and review progress with these actions at each meeting. Detailed action plan has been published on Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda for 28th October.

62.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Flooding is becoming a serious problem in East Finchley after rain because of blocked drains. Will the council look at drains in the area and clear them out?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>Although it is accepted that there are some blocked road gullies, the recent flooding experienced across Barnet (especially in the south of the borough) has been a result of sewer surcharging in heavy rainfall. Sewer Surcharging occurs when the sewer is unable to contend with the quantity of flows generated by the storm and water is then forced back up the pipe and out of the sewer system through the manhole covers. As illustrated in the photo below:</p>  <p>Although it would be desirable to increase the level</p>
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				<p>of road gully cleaning, this will not lessen a problem of sewer surcharging. One solution would be instead for Thames Water to embark on capital expenditure to increase the capacity of the sewer infrastructure in vulnerable areas.</p>
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63.	Cllr Byers	What evidence do we have that our two new state-of-the-art leisure centres are delivering a more 'fit and active' Barnet?	Chairman; Adults	<p>The two new leisure centres opened at the very end of August 2019. In September and the first half of October, there were 112,331 attendances at the centres, with a reported increase in FAB memberships of 3,360 in this period. Sport England has conducted some early research on the use of the new centres. The early findings from this show that the two new centres are attracting a diverse membership base, representative of Barnet's community and particularly in respect of reaching residents within lower socio-economic groups.</p> <p>GLL's customer communication portal ('Listen 360') has captured the following feedback:</p> <p>New Barnet: "Great facilities and helpful staff"</p> <p>"As a member I've only used the swimming pool facilities so far, but I can say that I'm very happy with my experience and the fact that the centre is so easy to access."</p> <p>"Great new facilities in a lovely setting, looking out over Victoria park when training in the gym and the big bright windows on poolside make working out a pleasure. Clean and welcoming, you can tell the staff take pride in their work and are proud of the centre. Staff are friendly, helpful and attentive. Easy (free!) parking, both in the grounds and outside the</p>
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				<p>centre. Good availability for public use throughout the day”</p> <p>Copthall: “Love the face recognition entry to Copthall. Brand new exercise gym with great equipment and helpful staff. The views out those large windows are beautiful. Changing rooms really nice too with lockable lockers. The water fountain for drinking or bottle filling is great.”</p> <p>“I like the new facility and the classes are so much easier to book now as they have a larger capacity”</p> <p>“An amazing gym to suit all. Very spacious and clean building . Excellent Gym instructors. Variety of classes to suit all”</p>
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64.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	<p>Barnet is now completely surrounded by authorities that have declared a climate emergency and stated what they intend doing to mitigate it, yet at the last Council meeting every Conservative councillor, including one who is now a Lib-Dem, twice voted against declaring a climate emergency. Could the Leader explain why Barnet is uniquely immune from climate change?</p>	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>At the last Council, it was the Labour group who voted against the resolution 'Climate Emergency' simply because in its amended form it contained a request for City Hall to act on the issues.</p> <p>Barnet is of course not immune to climate change, and that is why we are taking concrete steps to ameliorate environmental harm however, wherever and whenever we can.</p>
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65.	Cllr Smith	The government spending review contained a number of announcements that will positively impact local government. Which in particular are positive for Barnet?	Leader	<p>The council's financial position remains under pressure, however, there were a number of positive announcements in respect of funding to Local Government, which help mitigate some but not all of the pressures. For Barnet, the positive announcements were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The continuation of £3.9m Social Care (Adults and Children's) funding; • An additional c£6.0m of Social Care Funding; • Consultation on an ability to levy a 2% Social Care Precept (net impact would only be an increase of 1% as there is also a proposal to reduce general council tax); • Revenue Support Grant is not expected to reduce; which would result in an additional £2.3m from previous assumptions.
66.	Cllr Anne Clarke	There are many more memory foam mattresses being disposed of now. Has the council undertaken any analysis or have plans on how to dispose of these, given the apparently higher amount of carcinogenic compounds?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>North London Waste Authority (NLWA) act as the statutory disposal authority for seven north London boroughs including Barnet. Options to handle mattresses separately to recover recyclable materials from these and dispose of the non-recyclable elements appropriately have been previously explored by NLWA. To date a specialist disposal arrangement for mattresses managed by NLWA on behalf of boroughs is not in place. Officers will raise this at a future authority meeting for consideration.</p>

67.	Cllr Byers	<p>Would the Chairman of Community Leadership and Libraries Committee agree that CCTV and ANPR are crucial tools for deterring and detecting crime? Could he set out the Council's plans for reviewing the current CCTV and ANPR schemes in our borough, and what scope there might be for expanding them?</p>	<p>Chairman; Community Leadership</p>	<p>Yes – CCTV and ANPR are important tools for both deterring crime and helping to identify and bring to offenders to justice.</p> <p>During the last year Barnet CCTV cameras contributed to the arrest of 286 individuals for offences which have been committed (including assaults, robbery, possession of weapons offences) and provided over 225 evidential packs to the police, council and enforcement agencies to support investigations and prosecutions.</p> <p>During this period the cameras have located individuals who are wanted and on the run from the police – leading to their arrest; and have alerted the emergency services to vulnerable people who appear to be in danger.</p> <p>The CCTV cameras also make an important contribution to tackling environmental crime such as flytipping – as a result of evidence provided by our cameras offenders vehicles have been seized and enforcement action taken against the culprits.</p> <p>Alongside CCTV Barnet Council has also invested in community safety ANPR which are monitoring the roads 24 hours a day helping the police identify offenders and bring them to justice. Vehicle details linked to more than 500 convicted thieves and burglars have been uploaded by the police onto the ANPR system connected to these cameras.</p> <p>We now have more community safety CCTV and ANPR cameras deployed across the borough than</p>
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				<p>at any time in the last 5 years.</p> <p>A review of CCTV and ANPR camera deployment locations is scheduled to take place in January 2020 – the review will consider the changing patterns of crime and anti-social behaviour and seek to ensure that our limited camera assets continue to be deployed in the locations where they are most needed.</p> <p>Expansion of the existing CCTV and ANPR schemes would be contingent on the provision of increased capital and revenue funding.</p>
68.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What is the status of the space in East Finchley library that was redesignated for commercial use?	Chairman, ARG	Over the summer months the commercial space in East Finchley library was hired by a psychotherapy group. The group are now indicating they do not want to lease the space, so the space is now being investigated as a public facing space for Family Services. Should that not be viable, other commercial tenants will be sought.
69.	Cllr Rutter	Has there been an increase in FAB memberships since our new leisure centres opened?	Chairman; Adults	The total FAB Card membership is presently 21,896. There was a reported growth at New Barnet Leisure Centre of 2332 from September 2019. There was a reported growth of 1028 at Barnet Cophall Leisure Centre from September 2019. New Barnet and Barnet Cophall Leisure Centres represent a combined total of 13,268 of the total FAB membership base.

70.	Cllr Sara Conway	A fire safety report in 2017 stated that Marsh Drive was moderate risk. Please can you provide an update on (i) what action has been taken since then; (ii) When action will be taken to stop electric boxes filling with water and have effective fire doors fitted?	Leader	<p>Due to its size and type, Barnet Homes undertake Fire Risk Assessments (FRA) on Marsh Drive on an annual basis. The risk rating assigned by the Fire Risk Assessor takes into consideration amongst other things; the construction, block size, current fire safety measures, the number of occupants and any known resident vulnerabilities. There are 5 risk levels, with moderate being the “middle rating” and a relatively standard assessment for a block of the size of Marsh Drive.</p> <p>In relation to the individual updates requested, responses are below:</p> <p>(i) Actions identified within the FRA’s for the blocks that had an urgent or high priority are complete.</p> <p>(ii) The partially blocked rain water pipe causing water ingress to one of the communal rampways when it rains has been cleared. Further roofing inspections and works are being completed by Barnet Homes. The communal electrics were also tested on the 11th October, with no safety issues to report.</p> <p>The fire doors that have been identified for replacement by the FRA are within enclosed corridors. The vast majority of properties in Marsh Drive have front entrance doors that are accessed from open balconies and therefore do not require replacement, however the doors to the flats within</p>
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				the enclosed corridors are recommended for replacement within 3 to 5 years and these form part of the wider Barnet Homes fire safety programme.
71.	Cllr Teare	How are we as a Council celebrating the charities that work within Barnet?	Leader	<p>The council's Community Participation Strategy sets out how we support the voluntary and community sector. A key part of this work is the promoting the work of community organisations and amplifying their message through our own communications channels. This includes the Communities Together Network – a thriving partnership with over a thousand members that enables us to promote the good work of charities to their peers and the wider community. We have a regular page in Barnet First magazine where we feature a different community group in each edition. We also support a number of events throughout the year including Small Charities Week and Volunteering Week.</p> <p>The council's current 'Together we are Barnet' campaign celebrates the positive diversity of our borough by highlighting some of the community groups and charitable organisations that bring people together around good causes.</p> <p>At this Council meeting I will be putting a motion to support Giving Tuesday 2019 to support Barnet's over 1000 charities.</p>

72.	Cllr Danny Rich	Residents are concerned about a conflict of interest between Re Ltd and Scientific Services following what they see as failures in relation to the NIMR site. Please set out how the CEMP and all regulations have been complied with in dealing with contamination at the NIMR site.	Leader	<p>Scientific Services is a team within Re. Re has not Completed any consultancy work with NIMR and act purely in an enforcement role checking the development and as such there is no conflict of interest.</p> <p>The contamination issues are detailed in the assessment of the verification condition 9 which is currently in consultation. Staff are still checking all the documents which are considerable, detailing the amount of remediation done on site.</p>
73.	Cllr Grocock	In view of the time of year and potential forthcoming icy/snowy weather and the repair works being undertaken at the depot - can the Leader confirm that our gritting lorries will be ready to roll out when needed and that we will have sufficient grit for the entire borough should this be required?	Leader	<p>Preparations for Winter Gritting are now complete with initial stocks of grit having been delivered and neighbourhood grit bins filled. Winter gritting arrangements will be deployed in line with our winter plan.</p> <p>It can be confirmed that arrangements are in place in readiness for the forthcoming winter period. This includes Gritter Vehicles and a sufficient quantity of salt being in place. Drivers are currently being refamiliarized with the routes in advance of the commencement of the winter season which in accordance with our Winter Service Plan is designated as 27th October. Salt is available across three depot sites, Harrow, Oakleigh and Gateway Services, thereby ensuring that the gritting operation has some built in contingencies.</p>

74.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Has the unsafe plan to stop locking parks been abandoned as a result of police advice or is the intention to push ahead despite police advice?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>Phase 1 has already been implemented. As approved at the Environment Committee in March (see below hyperlink for the paper) of this year the council will be undertaking a public consultation on the proposals to cease parks locking on the sites listed under phase 2. The consultation is planned for the new year.</p> <p>Environment Committee 14 March 2019 – Item 7</p>
75.	Cllr Bokaei	How did the Council support Silver Week this year?	Leader	<p>The prevention and well-being team in Adults and Health leads on the co-ordination and promotion of Silver Week in Barnet, and have developed really positive joint working relationships with a range of voluntary sector partners enabling us to showcase services in Barnet.</p> <p>This year Barnet’s Silver Week have seen more than 60 local organisations and partners host over 80 activities and events throughout the borough including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 exercise and fitness events • 20 information and advice/education opportunities • 15 coffee mornings or social events • 6 digital learning classes • 13 opportunities for improved wellbeing through the arts <p>Attendance at the activities and events was over 1,160 people.</p>

76.	Cllr Gill Sargeant	When will chewing gum be removed from pavements to the rear Sainsbury's in Valentine Avenue and more litter bins be put in Colindale park near the benches?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>The acquisition of an additional jet washing vehicle was agreed as part of the Street Cleansing Improvement Options by Environment Committee on 4th August 2019. Officers have been engaging other boroughs and requesting in borough demonstrations of equipment to identify the most suitable equipment to tackle work including graffiti removal, pavement washing, cleansing of street furniture and grot spots. This vehicle is in the process of being procured and will be with the service for quarter 4 in 2019/20.</p> <p>Greenspaces Officers will assess the litter bin provision in Colindale Park and adjust this as needed.</p> <p>The Greenspaces Team recently relocated two of the bins in Colindale Park to key hotspot locations within the park, additional bins will be considered as part of the Master Planning exercise that is currently underway this will include the number and location of bins in this park. Bins are not usually located directly next to benches due to insects flying in and out of the bin.</p>
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77.	Cllr Wardle	What is the Council doing to show that it is serious about dealing with tenants in housing we let who flout the rules?	Leader	<p>Barnet Homes have a dedicated Neighbourhood Management team who investigate all reported cases of serious anti-social behaviour and/or tenancy breaches. Tenancy enforcement action is subsequently taken wherever sufficient evidence exists to take legal action.</p> <p>If Barnet Homes discover through ongoing tenancy audits or are made aware of any fraudulent activity relating to the subletting of a property a referral to LBB's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team is made to investigate further. Again, wherever sufficient evidence exists to take legal action this is pursued robustly.</p>
78.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Will the Leader ensure that at Council supplementary questions are answered by same person who responded to the written question?	Leader	Yes.

79.	Cllr Jajeh	How has the borough been coping with recent bouts of torrential rain?	Chairman; Environment	<p>The Gully Cleaning contractor has been fully engaged in reactive gully cleaning works following recent bad weather. Heavy rainfall started on 23 September and culminated with particularly heavy rainfall on 24 September (BBC weather report on 24 September 2019, stated that there was 25mm of rainfall within 1 hour duration in London). This extreme weather event resulted in flooding across the borough, especially in the south of the borough with properties flooded.</p> <p>Reactive gully cleansing has increased compared to the same period last year 20/09/18 to 14/10/18 - 25 adhoc instructions 20/09/19 to 14/10/19 – 128 adhoc instructions.</p>
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80.	Cllr Anne Clarke	Capita finally updated the list of historic buildings in the borough. How many buildings were added in the update and on whose nominations, including from members of the public?	Leader	<p>The Local List has not yet been updated and is still undergoing a review process, prior to it being presented to committee for adoption.</p> <p>However, during earlier review boards to assess nominations, approximately 390 new nominations were accepted as they were considered to comply with the adopted selection criteria. However, the review board still needs to consider consultation responses whereby owners have asked for their properties to not be placed on the local list.</p> <p>The majority of nominations were put forward by members of the public, either in their roles as volunteers who had offered to survey areas of the borough, or by members of various local amenity societies and interested parties.</p> <p>Members of the review boards, including Cllrs. Sowerby and Roberts, the council's heritage officers, Urban Vision, Historic England and various members of local Amenity Societies, also put forward nominations for consideration.</p>
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81.	Cllr Fluss	<p>In my recent experience when the Council procures an item it seems to be well over double the market cost. In the Hendon Area Committee 2 table tennis tables were requested. The price was £7,500. When it was bought the price rose to £14,000. What can we do make sure we purchase for the market price or less.</p>	Leader	<p>The Council undertakes its procurements in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. All purchases over £10,000 must seek at least two competitive quotations which are then assessed in terms of quality and price with award decision based on the most economically advantageous supplier. In this case, the council required sourcing, supply and installation of tennis tables. The council's main term contractor was unable to source the Table Tennis Tables to the council's preferred specification. An initial order was placed with a supplier at the cheaper price referenced; however following numerous delivery delays it was found the supplier was unable to deliver the required product at this price, meaning the order had to be cancelled. Although cheaper quotations were subsequently identified these did not meet the required specification so would have been more prone to vandalism, and did not include the installation/surfacing required; therefore the total cost to the council was higher. The supplier awarded the contract was deemed to have been able to deliver the tables at the required quality at the most economically advantageous price to the council.</p> <p>The Council undertakes all of its procurements in line with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. In this case in question, the council's main term contractor was unable to source the Table Tennis Tables to the council's preferred specification, as such an alternative supplier was used to source,</p>
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				<p>supply and install the items.</p> <p>The council is currently considering the use of alternative procurement systems which will allow for a more agile procurement process when purchasing more bespoke equipment or services.</p>
82.	Cllr Arjun Mitra	Does Barnet Council own the derelict piece of land next to 373 East Finchley High Road?	Leader	The Council does not own the derelict piece of land 373 East Finchley High Road. It is owned by Ark management and Maintenance Services. The Council does, however, have rights of way across it.
83.	Cllr Prager	The Public Works Loan Board has recently announced a 1 percentage point increase in its rates, what are the implications for the Council and, in particular, the loan to Saracens?	Leader	The Council currently has borrowing from the PWLB of £321.6 million. The rate of interest on existing borrowing is not affected by the Government's decision to increase the margin over gilts on future loans to local authorities by 1%. The Council has to date and will in future fund its loan to Saracens from general cash balances and not from specific borrowing from PWLB. The Council expects to borrow in the future to fund its capital programme and it is evaluating potentially lower-cost alternatives to the PWLB. The current PWLB rates across all maturities for new loans remain below 3%, which is considerably lower than the interest rate being charged to Saracens of 6%. The business case to advance funding to Saracens remains supported by the availability of alternative investment opportunities

84.	Cllr Sara Conway	Given the amount the Council spends on communications when will clear information be provided to residents to explain the role of a local councillor, and the powers they have on a range of the core issues raised, including enforcement notices?	Leader	To date, we have not undertaken a communications campaign to educate Barnet residents about the civic role that councillors play. We do not have data on what our residents do and do not know about the work of councillors. All of our campaigns are insight-led, so we will use the findings of the next Residents Survey to identify any knowledge gaps that may exist and use that to inform any future campaign.
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85.	Cllr Byers	<p>TfL's proposals to develop some 450 units on Cockfosters Station car park would have an unacceptably adverse, detrimental impact on residents in East Barnet ward - displacing cars into roads in the north-east of the borough that are already heavily parked, likely necessitating CPZs, and changing the character and density of Cockfosters Road for the worse.</p> <p>Does the Leader agree that Mayor Khan's recent dismissive response to concerns expressed by local residents from across Barnet and Enfield is unacceptable, and that the Mayor's plans are ill-informed, naïve and desperately need to be halted and rethought?</p>	Leader	I do agree, and I am pleased that Cllr Byers has been engaging with TfL on this issue.
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86.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Following the environment committee's rejection of the crackpot scheme to charge residents for pavement repairs, will the leader abandon plans for any similar schemes that create a two-tier service that would leave residents who can't afford to pay with a second rate service?	Chairman Environment Committee	No scheme will be abandoned until it has been discussed by the relevant committee or full Council and voted on by members. This is what a committee system is all about.
87.	Cllr Grover	When will the bridge pillars at Northway NW11 be repaired? We were informed this would take place by the end of August. The pavement has been cordoned off for months which is a serious hazard to elderly residents.	Chairman; Environment	The design and assessment by structural engineers is continuing with the programme to replace four weakened pillars scheduled to early next year. In the meantime, Engineers are working with Contractors and Planning Officers to agree interim measures to remove the most unstable pillar. Officers will review the temporary fencing to allow continued use of the footway for pedestrians.
88.	Cllr Anne Clarke	What discussions has the council had with the Metropolitan police to offer Council owned assets for use as contact points?	Leader	An open offer has been extended to the police to utilise any of the 14 libraries in Barnet as venues for police Safer Neighbourhood Team community engagement activities such as ward panel meetings or Safer Neighbourhood drop-in surgeries.

89.	Cllr Simberg	Can the Chairman briefly outline the progress Barnet council has made in its £5 million regeneration of Silkstream Park in Burnt Oak and Montrose Playing Fields in Colindale?	Chairman; Environment	<p>The project is progressing well and is on target for the majority landscape elements to be completed before the end of December, the café which is under construction now is due to be completed in early spring. Some areas of Montrose Park are open to the public others are closed until key infrastructure can be completed and the grass has grown to a sufficient length.</p> <p>If any councillors would like to arrange a walk around site to see the progress please contact Matthew Gunyon – Greenspaces Service Manager via email; matthew.gunyon@barnet.gov.uk</p>
90.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	The Barnet War Memorials Trust are working hard to install a permanent memorial at Finchley Memorial to those who gave their lives in service to the country. Could we have an update on progress to install it?	Chairman Community Leadership and Libraries Committee	The installation of the memorial has been put on hold due to the Charity having a lack of funds. The Council has tried to assist the Charity in securing funds, however, have been unsuccessful.

91.	Cllr Prager	Does the Leader agree with me that by merging some Committees we can streamline the decision-making process while saving taxpayer money?	Leader	<p>I'm in total agreement on this issue, and am pleased that we are proposing to merge Housing Committee into ARG at this Council meeting.</p> <p>This is a Conservative council, and we will always seek to improve the Council's structures, to stop undue bureaucracy wasting our residents' money and getting in the way of efficient decision-making.</p>
92.	Cllr Sara Conway	When will the severe fly-tipping along Silkstream Road at the bridge and all the way along the footpath to the bridge at the end of Market Lane be cleared?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>This waste was cleared in Friday the 18th October 2019 by our Street Scene services. The area is to be subjected to a longer-term clean-up and Silkstream riverbank project using Community Payback however this will not be started until December 2019 at the earliest. In the interim the Community Safety Team and Street Scene area Operations Manager will be maintaining fortnightly inspection of the now cleansed area until the project is initiated.</p>

93.	Cllr Grocock	Over the summer, unauthorised campsites were set up in some parts of the borough. Could the Leader outline what was done to resolve these instances?	Leader	<p>Between April to October Barnet had '42' incidents of illegal encampments. The Council's Community Safety Team co-ordinated swift responses, coordinating with the police, other council departments, legal and the environment agency.</p> <p>The process involved either the serving of the council notice to leave under section 77 of the Public Order Act 1994 or under Section 61 of the same act served by the police where there were more than 6 vehicles (or caravans) on the site and reports of nuisance and ASB. Officers also engaged with the local residents, ward members and MPs keeping them updated on progress and in some areas attended resident meetings and wrote the residents in the surrounding streets reassuring them that action is being taken. The council worked with and will continue to use the legal powers available to it to deal with this issue.</p> <p>Our local residents also stepped up the joint work with the council, providing vital evidence of the individuals and their activities, which supported the council and police action. We have asked the local communities effected to email barnetcst@barnet.gov.uk or via their ward member or MP the impact that these incidents have had and any nuisance and Anti-social behaviour they have witnessed which will be used in our assessment as to whether Barnet can apply for a borough-wide injunction banning unauthorised encampments in</p>
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				<p>our public open spaces and parks. We have also gathered a huge amount of intelligence which we are sharing with the police, environment agency and neighbouring boroughs, where we have identified over 100 vehicles that have been involved and actively using the councils CCTV assets to secure vital evidence.</p>
94.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What involvement did Capita have in the opening of the council's Oakleigh Road depot?	Leader	<p>Capita, primarily in the form of the CSG Corporate Programmes team, were responsible for the overall successful Programme Management of the entire Depot move from Mill Hill to Oakleigh Road. This included oversight of the construction work to time, cost and quality, hence their continued involvement in now ensuring that Wilmot Dixon discharge their responsibilities fully.</p> <p>Wilmot Dixon were responsible for designing and building the site under a standard Design & Build Contract so liability for all aspects of the design and the quality of the construction lies with them, for which they have so far accepted responsibility.</p> <p>Wilmot Dixon also chose, independently of the council, to use Capita Real Estate and Infrastructure for some design work as part of their wider supply chain but Wilmot Dixon remain responsible for the design and build under the contract.</p>

95.	Cllr Grover	<p>Can we ask TfL to take another look at safety issues on the A1 at Falloden Way, and particularly the Ossulton Way/Kingsley Way crossing? Both a motorcyclist and elderly pedestrian have died in recent years and we have repeatedly asked for action – there must be something that can be done.</p>	Chairman; Environment	<p>Following a meeting between Transport for London (TfL) and Andrew Dismore (AM) in October 2018, officers from TfL and Re met to discuss road safety concerns.</p> <p>TfL have subsequently commissioned a comprehensive safety study along A1 Falloden Way, including the Ossulton Way/Kingsley Way junction.</p> <p>They advise that they have since commissioned a number of traffic and pedestrian surveys, with a view to identifying suitable safety measures and will share the options developed with Barnet and Andrew Dismore as soon as the they are finalised</p>
96.	Cllr Anne Clarke	<p>What weighting does mental health play when seeking support for housing and temporary accommodation?</p>	Leader	<p>All applications for housing undergo a holistic assessment which considers the needs of the household members, including mental health issues. This is a statutory requirement and Barnet Homes have a dedicated medical assessment team to assist in making recommendations on the eligibility for long-term and temporary accommodation.</p>

97.	Cllr Jajeh	Can the Chairman of Environment comment on improvements and repairs to highways since the last Council meeting?	Chairman; Environment	<p>Re Highways have now progressed 70% of the carriageway resurfacing, and 56% of footway relay programme for the 2019/20 NRP programme.</p> <p>20 roads have been fully resurfaced, 13 footways relayed and 18 roads have had large scale machine patch resurfacing.</p> <p>The total combined works add up to an area of 89,996m² of LB Barnet's roads and footways undergoing treatment.</p>
98.	Cllr Arjun Mitra	Has the Council received any communications from any school or individual opposed to LGBTQ+ inclusive education, and will the council continue to support inclusive education for all pupils?	Chairman Children's Committee	<p>The Council has not received any communications from schools or individuals opposed to LGBTQ+ inclusive education. The council will continue to support inclusive education and expects schools to follow relevant guidance issued by the DfE, such as the new guidance, 'Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education', issued in June this year.</p>

99.	Cllr Simberg	Can the Chairman of the Environment committee tell us what, if anything, can be done to address the effect of pollution in Barnet once the ULEZ boundary is extended to the NCR which crosses our borough? The effect will see pollution rocketing around all homes that border this road.	Chairman; Environment	The implementation of the ULEZ has the overall objective of reducing the amount of pollution from motor vehicles across the greater London area by providing incentives to move away from use of the most polluting vehicles. We are in active discussion with GLA/TfL to assess the impact that the initiative will have on the Council's own activities and the potential effect on air quality.
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100.	Cllr Sara Conway	When was the last health and environment report of the West Hendon estate carried out?	Leader	<p>We are not aware of what a “Health & Environment Report” actually is and therefore such a specific report has not been carried out on West Hendon or any other estate.</p> <p>Barnet Homes do however undertake Fire Risk Assessments on Marsh Drive on an annual basis, the last of these being in June 2019 and we can confirm that all recommended actions with a rating of urgent or high priority have been completed.</p> <p>Barnet Homes also carry out routine inspections of the caretaking standards at the block, along with quarterly estate inspections.</p> <p>Additionally, in accordance with government guidance they are also currently in the process of undertaking structural surveys in relation to the Large Panel System type construction of the Marsh Drive block.</p>
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101.	Cllr Grocock	Regeneration work has begun in Victoria Park, Finchley. Can you outline the improvements that we are going to be making to this popular local park?	Chairman; Environment	<p>The Greenspaces Team has begun the delivery of improvements to Victoria Park in line with the Master Plan that was approved and adopted at the Council as Trustees meeting in March. A full list of the improvements can be found by following the hyperlink below, however the project team has progressed the following workstreams;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of all the litter bins in the park, • Refurbishment of existing and installation of new benches, • The play area behind the café is closed whilst it is rebuilt. Once this has been completed the Long Lane play area will be closed and rebuilt, • A specification is being written for the refurbishment of the Tennis Courts 2-4 and construction of the new Multi-Use Games Area on Court 1. <p>The next workstream we will be focussing on will be replacement of the old café kiosk with a new café building with toilets.</p> <p>Council as Trustees, Council - 5 March 2019</p>
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102.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will the council recover the full cost of any alternative arrangements that are necessary as a result of repairs to the Oakleigh Road depot?	Leader	The council will seek to recover all additional costs that arise as a result of the need to undertake remedial works.
103.	Cllr Anne Clarke	What is the energy efficiency rating of the new Colindale offices, and have solar panels been installed?	Leader	The Council's new office in Colindale has an energy performance rating of 'B'. The building does not have solar panels because the roof space has been used to accommodate air handling plant. However, the Council's RE:FIT contractor is currently investigating this building for additional energy-saving measures that could be retrofitted.
104.	Cllr Arjun Mitra	What discussions has the council had with twin towns in the EU regarding the implications of Brexit on relations and visits between us and them?	Leader	There has been no discussion of the impact of Brexit as this would not affect the relationship with any of our twin towns. We will continue to practice constructive engagement which includes electronic communication and participation. Any visits both incoming or outgoing are unlikely to cause problems as long as any updated travel regulations are followed.

105.	Cllr Sara Conway	What is the pathway for residents currently dealing with such uncertainty and poor living conditions at Marsh Drive to gain secure tenancies?	Leader	<p>Existing secure tenants on Marsh Drive are guaranteed to keep secure tenancies as part of the estate regeneration provisions.</p> <p>In relation to non-secure tenants, each household will be assessed in accordance with the council's allocations scheme as part of the re-housing process. Households that meet the criteria to be placed into higher "bands" of housing need, may be shortlisted for long term social housing homes.</p> <p>Barnet Homes and the council will do their utmost to try and find residents a new home in the local area.</p>
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106.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Why were widespread warnings about the problems at the Oakleigh Road depot ignored for so long?	Leader	<p>An issue with ground movement has been identified, which we believe is as a result of a ground conditions for which the original groundworks design seems unable to cope.</p> <p>This was initially identified when the Depot opened in 2017, and we have continued to work with our contractor Wilmot Dixon to monitor the issue over the last two years. We took this approach based on advice that the movement would ultimately naturally stop, as is sometimes the case where ground settlement takes place after construction.</p> <p>A number of superficial temporary repairs have been carried out in that time to maintain the integrity of the road surface within the Depot.</p> <p>However, as movement has continued to take place Wilmot Dixon has advised us that more substantial remedial ground works are required to resolve the issue, than were originally anticipated, and that these should start promptly.</p> <p>We believe this is the right course of action to ensure continued safe and reliable operations at the Depot.</p>
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107.	Cllr Anne Clarke	What action does the council take to enforce against engine idling?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>Enforcement of Idling is very difficult at present, we await possible new legislation proposed by Government and will evaluate the impact that this will have on the ability to enforce anti Idling schemes.</p> <p>We continue to participate in schools anti idling campaigns with the next event due for launch in January 2020.</p>
108.	Cllr Sara Conway	Why have some tenants at Marsh Drive been on non-secure tenancies for over 15 years?	Leader	<p>Regeneration programmes such as that at West Hendon are often complex projects which run for long periods of time and are therefore subject to influences, such as the wider economic climate, that cause delays outside of the control of the council. These delays have meant that a small number of non-secure tenants have been living on the estate for 15 years and Barnet Homes and the council will do their utmost to try and find residents a new home in the local area.</p> <p>The recent CPO 3 decision issued by HM Planning Inspectorate determined that the approach of housing unsecure tenancies on the estate seemed “an eminently sensible and pragmatic approach and one which has assisted in maintaining a reasonable population on site”</p>

109.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Why is Barnet one of only two boroughs not taking part in the pan-London anti-idling project?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>We do participate in anti-idling campaigns, especially around schools with the next campaign due to launch in Jan 2020.</p> <p>We will evaluate new government legislation that could enable enforcement of anti-idling schemes in the future.</p>
110.	Cllr Sara Conway	How does Barnet's volume of non-secure tenancies compare with other Boroughs?	Leader	<p>The Government's homelessness data returns do not capture the tenure type of temporary accommodation. Therefore, there is no formal way to benchmark the number of non-secure tenants with other boroughs.</p> <p>Having said this, Barnet has a more significant regeneration programme than many London boroughs, and so it is likely that we have more residents in this form of temporary accommodation than others.</p> <p>As at March 2019, Barnet had the 7th highest number of households in temporary accommodation of London local authorities, whilst having the highest population in the capital.</p>
111.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	If other London boroughs are using alternatives to Glyphosate, why can't Barnet?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>There are a couple of boroughs trialling alternatives to Glyphosate, and when their trials have been reported on, their success will be discussed at Environment Committee.</p>

112.	Cllr Sara Conway	Why is the replacement fencing along Silkstream Road and the Market Lane area so delayed?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>A section of fencing at Silkstream Road, that was damaged by a car, was repaired in December 2018. However, the remaining stretch of fencing and the rubbish that had been deposited behind it, was not repaired. It was anticipated that, should the Passenger Transport Service utilise the carpark, further works would be required that would supersede any repairs to the fence, the cost of which was not insignificant and would have been negated. Once there is certainty regarding the future use of the Watling Car Park and former market, the fence repairs can be addressed.</p>
113.	Cllr Sara Conway	What measures can be taken to keep the lampposts along Watling Avenue clear of illegal advertising stickers?	Chairman Environment Committee	<p>The council is aware of the stickers that have been placed not only in Burnt Oak but in the other wards of Barnet as well. We are actively monitoring this activity in areas where there is CCTV coverage. Recently we have been successful in capturing the individuals placing the stickers on the lamp posts in Watling Gardens. We will be proceeding to launch a witness appeal to identify the individuals responsible where the images will be displayed in Watling Avenue urging the local community to identify the individuals so that we can take enforcement action as this is criminal fly-posting.</p> <p>We will be considering the appropriate way to remove and prevent the stickers being placed in the area alongside the name and shame campaign. (this will be launched by end November 2019)</p>

114.	Cllr Sara Conway	What is the progress on a cumulative licensing scheme?	Chairman Licensing Committee	The Council has committed to investigate the case for Selective Licensing in the Housing Strategy. The commencement of this work has been delayed due to contractual negotiations between Barnet and Re. It is hoped that these will be resolved imminently. In the meantime, work has been on going on licensing HMOs under the mandatory and additional HMO licensing schemes.
115.	Cllr Sara Conway	When will the review of councillor surgery safety be carried out?	Leader	Governance Officers and the Political Assistants are working jointly to refresh the Members Surgery Risk Assessments completed originally in 2018. Following recently concerns raised by a Member regarding an incident at their surgery, a refresh of the Risk Assessments has commenced and will be led by the Political Assistants. All Members are requested to engage in this process. Additionally, personal safety guidance has been circulated to all Members.