

<b><u>MEETING</u></b>
<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b><u>DATE AND TIME</u></b>
<b>TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY, 2020</b>
<b>AT 7.00 PM</b>
<b><u>VENUE</u></b>
<b>HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ</b>

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

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**Council: Tuesday 28th January 2020**

**Amendment in the name of Cllr Sara Conway  
Policing in Barnet**

**AGENDA ITEM 14.1**

Delete all and replace with **(additions in bold, no deletions)**:

This Council notes that:

**1. Crime has risen in Barnet each year since February 2014. This follows sustained cuts to police numbers and police budgets under David Cameron and Boris Johnson starting in 2010.**

**Each year since Sadiq Khan became Mayor of London in 2016 he has stood up for London and pressed the case for the Government to halt and reverse their damaging cuts to police budgets that have now resulted in cuts to the Met of £700 million and led officer numbers in London to drop to their lowest level per head in 20 years.**

**2. The Government cuts to the police have had many consequences for Barnet. For example, the Mayor of London closed the Vivian Avenue Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) hub in July 2019 despite having made a promise to keep it open - a result of these Government cuts to the Metropolitan Police budget.**

**3. The Government have pledged new police officers for Barnet from 2020, but have so far failed to deliver on their election promise to restore London's policing.**

**Sadiq Khan and the Police Commissioner have said that London needs 6,000 of the new 20,000 officers promised by the Government nationally, and 2,000 of the 6,000 announced for 2020/21. This would bring the Met's total force strength to 37,000 – on par with New York, a comparable (though smaller) global city.**

**The Government has allocated only 1,369 new officers for London, on top of the additional 1,300 officers that Sadiq has already funded and recruited.**

**Anything less than the 6,000 officers the Commissioner has said she needs is a failure of the Government to get a grip on violence and crime.**

**4. Barnet residents currently pay more per police officer than those of any other borough, and this was also the case when Boris Johnson was Mayor of London.**

**5. Barnet has the fewest number of police officers per person of any London borough, and this was also the case when Boris Johnson was Mayor of London.**

**6. The most recent data shows an increase of crime in 19 of Barnet's 21 wards, so we need our share of the 6,000 extra police officers as soon as possible.**

**7. The London Conservatives' like to engage in deliberately misleading attacks that the Mayor of London spends 26% more on PR and 82% on staffing than his predecessor, Boris**

Johnson. In fact, Sadiq has only one more press officer than Boris Johnson did in his final term in office.

**The PR budget is used to deliver major events like the New Year's Eve Fireworks and Notting Hill Carnival, and to communicate to Londoners about issues and services that can benefit them - such as encouraging young people not to carry a knife or about homelessness services.**

**In many cases, the staff to deliver priorities from extra powers the Mayor has received, including for housing, skills and healthcare, have been funded by money Sadiq secured from the Government.**

This Council believes that:

1. The people of Barnet should feel safe in their borough, their neighbourhoods and their homes.
2. In order to make our residents feel safe, it is important that there is a visible police presence across the borough.
3. The SNT hub on Vivian Avenue should be restored.
4. It is unconscionable that despite a rising crime rate in Barnet, the borough's residents pay more per police officer than the residents of all any boroughs and in turn receive the fewest officers.

This Council resolves to:

1. Urge the Mayor of London to **continue to stand up for London and press the Government to fully reverse their damaging cuts to the police budget since 2010, and to**
  - a. Re-open the SNT on Vivian Avenue.
  - b. Not close High Barnet Police Station.
  - c. **Continue to** spend more money on policing and less on PR
2. Support **Londoners by joining the Mayor of London in calling for** the government's plans to increase police numbers in London **by at least 6,000 and to increase police numbers across the UK.**
3. Continue to steadfastly oppose any reduction **by the Government** in policing.

**Council also resolves to do the following to help the police in the fight against crime locally:**

1. Improve their liaison with the police for quicker deployment of CCTV.
2. Improve cross-borough working to mirror and work more effectively on tri-borough issues with the BCU, particularly on 'border' areas such as the A5 corridor.
3. Improve liaison between the Safer Partnerships Board and CLL Committee for councillors to raise major community safety issues in their wards (if necessary in closed session).
4. Look at innovative practices in other local authorities.

**5. Improve safety on housing estates with better collaboration for more effective outcomes between the Council and Barnet Homes, eg Marsh Drive.**

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**Council meeting, 28 January 2020**

**Amendment: Cllr Ross Houston**

**Temporary accommodation and non-secure tenants**

**AGENDA ITEM 14.2**

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Council notes the terrible conditions that Marsh Drive residents and non-secure tenants are living in: damp, mould, leaking roofs, exposed electrical wiring, pest infestation, no security doors, drug taking in communal areas, and now an official report that states the buildings would not withstand a gas explosion.

Council also notes the poor standard of temporary accommodation that the Council often places other residents in that they have accepted they owe a housing duty to.

Council notes that in many councillors' experience of case-work this is the general rule, not the exception.

Council also notes that if private landlords were renting out accommodation of this standard, the Council would be taking enforcement and other legal action against them.

Council agrees that placing and keeping people in temporary accommodation that is not fit for human habitation - whether that is in the private rented sector, or social rented sector - is unlawful.

Council recognises that there is a shortage of housing, but believes that this is no excuse for placing people in poor quality housing.

Council asks the Housing & Growth Committee to review the standard that Barnet Homes is using to place people in temporary accommodation, the stock of housing they are placing people in, and to come up with a more robust policy and standard.

**Council also asks Housing & Growth Committee to review the Council's Housing Allocations Scheme to allow an element of length of waiting time to be included as an additional preference so that non-secure tenants are not condemned to remain in long-term temporary accommodation forever.**

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**Amendment: Cllr Anne Clarke**

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**Council instructs officers to bring a report back to Housing & Growth Committee with options to re-house the Marsh Drive non-secure tenants in accommodation in Barnet that isn't on Council regeneration estates.**

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**Amendments to Planning motion in the name of Cllr Peter Zinkin**

**Replace** paragraph that begins with “Council is aware that [...]” with

**AGENDA ITEM 14.4**

“Transport for London (TfL) intends to build major schemes on land that it owns around Finchley Central and High Barnet underground stations. The current plans regarding Finchley Central and High Barnet underground stations are strongly opposed by local residents and local Members of Parliament alike.”

**Replace** the second point in the “Council notes that” section with

“The Mayor of London has the legal power to call in major planning applications, including those of TfL”

**Replace** sentence “Council considers the above [...]” with

“Council believes that:

1. The situation set out in 1,2,3 above to be a serious conflict of interest.
2. It would be inappropriate, should the situation arise, for the Mayor of London to act as the Local Planning Authority in such applications and call-in against the resolution of the Barnet Planning Committee.”

**Remove** the paragraph that states

“Council affirms that, once TfL’s proposals are submitted, it will be right and proper that Barnet’s own officer team and Planning Committees should rule on whether planning approval should be granted.”

**Replace** sentence and subsequent point beginning with “Council therefore [...]” with

“Council resolves to:

1. Call on the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor of London, to request that in order to avoid a conflict of interest:
  - In cases where TfL applies for planning permission in the London Borough of Barnet, the Mayor or London should voluntarily recuse himself from the process regarding called-in referrals and refer the application to the Secretary of State.”

Motion should now read:

**Motion: Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg**

**Amended: Cllr Peter Zinkin:**

**Protect Finchley Central – The Mayor of London cannot act as judge in his own case!**

Transport for London (TfL) intends to build major schemes on land that it owns around Finchley Central and High Barnet underground stations. The current plans regarding Finchley Central and High Barnet underground stations are strongly opposed by local residents and local Members of Parliament alike.

Council notes that:

1. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has appointed himself as Chair of TfL
2. The Mayor of London has the legal power to call in major planning applications, including those of TfL
3. Called-in applications are decided by a planning committee of one – the Mayor of London himself.

Council believes that:

1. The situation set out in 1,2,3 *above* to be a serious conflict of interest.
2. It would be inappropriate, should the situation arise, for the Mayor of London to act as the Local Planning Authority in such applications and call-in against the resolution of the Barnet Planning Committee.

Council resolves to:

1. Call on the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor of London, to request that in order to avoid a conflict of interest:
  - In cases where TfL applies for planning permission in the London Borough of Barnet, the Mayor of London should voluntarily recuse himself from the process regarding called-in referrals and refer the application to the Secretary of State.

London Borough of Barnet

Council: Tuesday, 28 January 2020

Amendment in the name of Cllr Ross Houston

Protect Finchley Central – The Mayor of London cannot act as judge in his own case **which is why he won't be!**

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold including the motion title above, no deletions):

Council is aware that Transport for London (TfL) intends to bring forward proposals for the construction of multiple major buildings on its land at Finchley Central Underground station.

Council notes that:

- The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has appointed himself as Chair of TfL
- The Mayor of London has the legal power to call in planning applications, including those of TfL
- Called-in applications are decided by a planning committee of one – the Mayor of London himself - **except in cases where the Mayor (or TfL) are the applicant. These cases would be decided by a Deputy Mayor or the Secretary of State.**

Council considers the above situation **avoids** a potential blatant conflict of interest. Council affirms that, once TfL's proposals are submitted, it will be right and proper that Barnet's own officer team and Planning Committees should rule on whether planning approval should be granted.

Council therefore calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Mayor of London, to request the following **is confirmed**:

- that in cases where TfL, the organisation he chairs, applies for planning permission in the London Borough of Barnet, he will not sit as a planning authority.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 17.17: If my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting, I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting

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