

**MEETING**

**COUNCIL**

**DATE AND TIME**

**TUESDAY 27TH JULY, 2021**

**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.

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## 14.1

Council: Tuesday 27th July 2021

Amendment: Cllr Geof Cooke

Barnet Council's Submission to the Parliamentary Boundary Review

AGENDA ITEM 14.1

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

This Council notes that:

1. There are currently three Parliamentary constituencies in Barnet: Chipping Barnet, Finchley and Golders Green, and Hendon. Each of these constituencies is entirely within the London Borough of Barnet.
2. The Boundary Commission for England (**BCE**) has recently submitted its initial proposals for Parliamentary constituencies across England.
- 3. There will be difficulty complying with the tight rules on allowable electorates imposed by Parliament;**
- 4. BCE are opposed to 'orphan' wards i.e. there should not be a single ward from one borough in any new constituency.**
- 5. The Barnet Conservative proposal would separate Friern Barnet's representation from the borough of Barnet;**
- 6. Under the Barnet Conservative proposal Edgwarebury would be connected with the rest of Chipping Barnet constituency only by a couple of miles of sparsely populated green belt and that it would be severed from Mill Hill as well as from Edgware;**
- 7. There will be a knock-on effect of changes from the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) proposals in Barnet for adjacent boroughs;**

Therefore, Council urges BCE to investigate all possible schemes involving different wards being included with parts of other boroughs e.g. Edgware going with Harrow not just Friern Barnet going with Haringey.

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**Council meeting, 27 July 2021**

Motion: Cllr Sara Conway

Amended by Cllr Jennifer Grocock, Chairman of the Safer Communities Partnership Board

**AGENDA ITEM 14.2**

**Community Safety**

Council acknowledges that:

1. Following a spate of violent crimes and anti-social behaviour across Barnet, our community safety team and other officers are doing all that they can to support the police to improve community safety in the borough.

Council resolves to:

1. Call on the mayor to give Barnet its fair share of police officers and robustly tackle violent crime across London, including our borough.

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## 14.2

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Amendment: Cllr Barry Rawlings

Community Safety

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

**Barnet Council's Conservative administration talks a lot about crime and police but when it comes to actually doing anything themselves, they consistently fall short.**

**Barnet is supposed to be a Council that prioritises family friendly policies, but lack of investment by the Barnet Conservatives in our CCTV, our community safety team, our enforcement team and support services has left the Council's community safety service failing residents and their families across the Borough.**

**Any investment made is often last minute and poorly thought through. A good example is on park safety which Barnet Labour called for action on: the parks patrol that has been introduced by the Conservatives spends at most 45 minutes a day in each park. This doesn't help the police enough with the persistent problems of anti-social behaviour, drug taking, street drinking and stabbings that takes place in some of our parks and public spaces.**

**Nationally, the Conservatives have slashed funding to the Met to the bone, resulting in drastic cuts to police numbers.**

**On crime and community safety the Conservatives at both a national and local level need to get a grip.**

**Labour has just launched a Safer Communities campaign with pledges to crack down on anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls.**

**Nationally, Labour will:**

**Introduce a new £283m fund for areas blighted by high levels of anti-social behaviour, redirected from the Prime Minister's vanity yacht project. The additional funding could be used for surge funding for police officer and PCSOs, for helping councils fund enforcement or to pay for additional CCTV.**

**Strengthen legal protections for victims of anti-social behaviour to give victims of persistent, unresolved anti-social behaviour the same rights that the Labour Party is proposing to enshrine for victims of crime.**

**Implement a set of proposals to end violence against women and girls, including increasing sentences for rape and stalking, reviewing sentencing for all domestic abuse, and better support for victims of rape and sexual violence – delivering where the Conservatives have failed to step up.**

Following a spate of violent crimes and anti-social behaviour in locations across Barnet including Whetstone, East Barnet, Friern Barnet, East Finchley, Colindale, Brent Cross, Mill Hill East and Burnt Oak, Council asks the relevant Committees to consider what more the Council can do to support the police and improve community safety in the Borough.

**Council meeting, 27 July 2021**

Motion: Cllr Barry Rawlings

Amended by Cllr Reuben Thompstone, Chairman of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee

**AGENDA ITEM 14.4**

**Ending street harassment of women and girls**

Council notes:

1. Most, if not all, women and girls have experienced street harassment at some point in their lives.
2. Barnet has had a strategy to combat violence against women and girls (VAWG) since 2017. The Council is currently consulting on a refreshed VAWG strategy, to run from this year through to 2024.
3. The VAWG strategy seeks to, among other things, fight domestic abuse and street harassment of women and girls.
4. [There has been a recent post on a local online neighbourhood forum](#), highlighting the harassment that one woman's daughters have faced – examples of this widespread issue. In this post, the resident highlighted:
  - a. The harassment of a 15-year-old girl in school uniform, prior to boarding a bus, and then followed onto it.
  - b. The continued harassment and intimidation of a 17-year-old girl by a middle-aged man at a public transport station, despite pleas to cease.
5. Violence against women, including harassment, is a criminal offence

Council believes that:

1. The harassment of women and girls is despicable and has no place in society: in Barnet, Britain or around the world
2. Women and girls should feel safe, whether they are at home or walking down a street.

Council resolves to:

1. Publish a new VAWG strategy to support the Council in continuing to combat street harassment and all forms of violence and harassment against women and girls
2. Ask relevant Council committees to consider what more can be done within their powers to end street harassment of women and girls.
3. Continue supporting the Metropolitan Police wherever possible in charging those who are violent towards, or harass, women and girls.

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#### 14.4

**Council meeting, 27 July 2021**

**Amendment: Cllr Sara Conway**

**Ending street harassment of women and girls**

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

The following message was posted on a local online neighbourhood forum recently:

“Respecting our Girls. I know this is a shout out for all females on the planet but this is especially for my teenager daughters. Women and men teach your sons, grandsons, brothers, cousins, uncles, male friends or just any male you know how intimidating, scary and the long lasting the effects your unwanted attentions have on young girls. My 15 year old at the bus stop in school uniform does not want to chat with you, or have u follow her on the bus.... look at her face... she is scared of you. To the 40 year old man at Victoria station who thinks even after my 17 year old daughter tell him he is making her uncomfortable still tries to intimidate her, just STOP. You are scaring her! I don’t know if men realise a bit of banter for them is a life changing experience for a young girl. When that girl phones her mum in tears because she doesn’t know what to do and is scared. Just try and see how that girl might be feeling, imagine if that was your daughter, sister, cousin, auntie, mother or any female you know and love. This is not a male bashing as I know how amazing and respectful all the men in my life are but it’s just a thought for a lazy Sunday afternoon.”

**A survey conducted by Plan International UK in 2018 found that:**

- **66% of girls aged 14 to 21 had experienced unwanted sexual attention or harassment in a public place**
- **35% of UK girls wearing school uniform have been sexually harassed in public**
- **33% of UK girls who have been sexually harassed felt too embarrassed to tell anyone**

**Street harassment stops women and girls from being able to move around freely in public spaces as they change routes and stay away from areas to avoid harassment. It is a form of gender-based violence and a human rights violation.**

**The Government’s updated Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy has now been published, but it stops short of a commitment to make street harassment a crime. Instead, the Government are just ‘considering’ making street harassment a criminal offence.**

**As Jess Philips MP said in response: “How are we in a situation where we have better protections for statues than for women?”.**

**Council believes that street harassment should be a criminal offence and resolves to write to the Government asking them to bring forward legislation on this.**

Council asks the relevant Committees to consider what more can be done within their powers to end street harassment of women and girls, **including:**

- **Assessing the range of support**
- **Review of CCTV**
- **Empowerment through a sharing platform and putting local organisations and women at the heart of policy**
- **Behaviour change of perpetrators as part of an inclusive strategy**
- **Sign for help / 'ask for Angela' initiative to raise awareness and build further**
- **More focus on appropriate education at different points**
- **Survey of street safety to develop 'heat map' as in LB Barking & Dagenham**
- **Developing a phone app 'Someone is following me'**  
e.g.: <https://safeandthecity.com/>
- **Bus stop cameras/support call point**
- **Solace street code e.g.:**

<https://www.solacewomensaid.org/news/solace-works-mc-saatchi-and-token-man-launch-good-guys-guide>

- **Reporting spaces – actual and online**
- **Create a Travel Together app for walking and public transport**

## 14.5

**Council meeting, 27 July 2021**

**Amendment: Cllr Tim Roberts**

**Planning Reforms**

AGENDA ITEM 14.5

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

Council believes planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes; and therefore, calls on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications.

**Council also resolves to lobby the Government to keep Section 106 money and Community Infrastructure Levy money decided at a local level to ensure local communities have the necessary infrastructure to support any development.**

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**Council meeting, 27 July 2021**

Motion: Cllr Anne Clarke

Amended by Cllr Richard Cornelius, Chairman of the Housing and Growth Committee

**AGENDA ITEM 14.6**

**#EndOurCladdingScandal**

Council notes that:

1. In January, Council supported a motion proposed by the Conservative Group to support Inside Housing's 10-point campaign to #EndOurCladdingScandal.
2. The government has since published its Building Safety Bill

Council believes that:

1. People should feel safe in their own homes, and it is unacceptable for any people to live in homes that are dangerously clad.
2. Residents who bought new-build flats should not have to pay for remedial works to address cladding safety.

Council resolves to:

1. Request that officers prepare a report on the new legislation's impact on buildings in the borough for the relevant committee

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## 14.6

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**Amendment: Cllr Nagus Narenthira**

**#EndOurCladdingScandal**

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

In January, Council agreed a motion to support Inside Housing's 10-point campaign to #EndOurCladdingScandal. The campaign includes calling on Government to make the protection of residents from historic and future costs a key commitment of new building safety legislation.

Unfortunately, the Government's Building Safety Bill, which has just been published, does not include this commitment. This is despite Ministers and two Prime Ministers promising more than 17 times in Parliament that they would protect leaseholders from costs, and despite repeated assurances during the Fire Safety Bill that the Building Safety Bill is the place where the "who pays" argument should be focused.

**This issue affects hundreds of residents in apartment blocks in Barnet, including several blocks in Colindale ward.**

Council calls on the Chief Executive to write to the relevant Government ministers setting out Council's position that leaseholders must be protected from cladding remediation costs and that this should be included in the Building Safety Bill as promised.

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**Council meeting, 27 July 2021**

**Motion: Cllr Arjun Mittra**

**Amendment in the name of Councillor Daniel Thomas, Leader of the Council.**

**AGENDA ITEM 14.7**

**Congratulations to England's football team**

Council recognises that:

1. Gareth Southgate and the England men's football team on their historic success in the recently concluded UEFA Euro 2020 competition in reaching the final at Wembley.
2. Residents of Barnet, and indeed the entire country, were united in support of a team that has displayed a strong set of values and skill that demonstrated by the team time and time again throughout the competition.
3. 3. While football is not yet coming home, it certainly came very close.
4. On the week following the finals, the Leader of the Council released a statement which included the following quote, condemning the online racist abuse that followed the Euro 2020 final:

*"We in Barnet stand united, proud of what our hugely talented, diverse national football team achieved in Euro 2020. The whole team are inspiring role models to millions of young people across the country, and they deserve to be lauded for what they accomplished. The shocking racism and hate speech in the wake of Sunday's final has no place in our society.*

*I'm also proud of the staunch anti-racist stance we take in this borough and condemn the vile and cowardly incidents targeting some members of our communities that are being brought to our attention. We will work with the Metropolitan police to ensure all reported cases of racial abuse are investigated and culprits are held accountable"*

Council resolves to:

1. Support and reiterate the Leaders Statement regarding the Euros, condemning racism and division, celebrating and congratulating the England team on their incredible success.

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**Council meeting, 27 July 2021**

Motion: Cllr Alan Schneiderman

Amended by Cllr Dean Cohen, Chairman of the Environment Committee

**AGENDA ITEM 14.8**

**Climate emergency**

Council notes that

1. On 29 October 2019, Council agreed a motion asking each relevant Committee to consider the Friends of the Earth report for Barnet on tackling climate change and review what more could be done in their remit to tackle climate change
2. On the 30 July 2019 Council agreed the motion "Climate Emergency Motion". This motion was unanimously supported by Members of the Conservative Group. It was unanimously opposed by the Labour Group
3. It was recognised in the "Climate Emergency Motion" that "Parliament has agreed a motion declaring an environment and climate emergency" and that "the same environmental challenges that are faced by the UK are also faced in Barnet"
4. It was also recognised in that motion that "Barnet's commitment to remain a green and pleasant borough goes hand-in-hand with the Council's commitment to fighting climate change and pollution. Barnet remains the borough with the sixth most green space, and has invested in a strategy to ensure that it remains both literally and figuratively a green borough"
5. Barnet has since taken a series of actions, including producing a long-term transport plan, a new corporate plan to 2025, an air quality plan and is working on a new sustainability plan. The actions that will come out of these plans will ensure that keeping Barnet green is at the heart of everything that the Council does. Barnet welcomes the contribution that Friends of the Earth makes to environmental strategy in the borough.

Council believes that:

1. Barnet Council and residents are committed to fighting the challenges of climate change. For instance, the Council not only has an award-winning tree planting campaign, but more Barnet residents own electric vehicles for private use than those in any other London borough or local authority area in the country. Barnet is supporting this growth with an extensive program of supplying electric charge points through lamppost chargers, community hubs and rapid charge units.
2. LB Barnet recognises that it can and should do more, and is committed to doing so

Council resolves to:

1. Continue its work in producing a sustainability strategy, which will consider – among other things - the implications of Government policy and targets regarding climate change for Barnet Council and its committees.

## 14.8

**Council meeting, 27 July 2021**

**Amendment: Cllr Geof Cooke**

**Climate emergency**

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

On 29 October 2019, Council agreed a motion asking each relevant Committee to consider the Friends of the Earth report for Barnet on tackling climate change and review what more could be done in their remit to tackle climate change.

To date, this has not happened.

When it comes to climate change, Barnet Council's Conservative administration has no sense of urgency, and only two speeds - go slow and stop.

The UK Government has declared a climate emergency, hundreds of local councils across the political spectrum have declared a climate emergency, and each of Barnet's neighbouring councils have declared a climate emergency.

But the Barnet Conservatives have refused to do this.

Council believes LB Barnet can and should do more. Council asks each relevant Committee to review the Friends of the Earth report on climate change in Barnet and consider implementing the proposals to tackle climate change in the Borough - as was agreed nearly two years ago.

**Council also asks each relevant committee to work with residents and businesses to co-produce local plans to tackle the climate emergency, and to develop a media campaign to raise awareness of the issue and encourage people to take personal action to help tackle climate change.**

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