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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>DATE AND TIME</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY 26TH JULY, 2022</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AT 7.00 PM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>VENUE</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ</b></p>

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 meeting, 26 July 2022**

### **Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Linda Lusingu, as amended by Cllr Dan Thomas**

AGENDA ITEM 14.1

#### **Celebrating Black History Month – Time for change: Action not words**

##### **This Council notes:**

1. October is Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate Black contributions to British society, and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. It has become an important date in the cultural calendar of many of the UK's museums, galleries, educational institutions, and local authorities
2. In the UK, Black History Month celebrates African, Caribbean, and Asian communities. The event is intended to recognise the contribution and achievements of those with African, Asian, or Caribbean heritage. It's also an opportunity for people to learn more about the effects of racism and how to challenge negative stereotypes.
3. Black History Month is celebrated in the community in places such as museums, care homes, libraries, schools, colleges, and workplaces. A broad range of topics is covered, from the slave trade, Britain's colonial past to migration and music, and therefore to a large extent Black History Month is also history of white people.
4. The theme for Black History Month this year is Time for Change: Action Not Words, with a focus on ensuring we acknowledge and learn from the past, but also work to improve the future, through action, not just words.

##### **This Council further:**

1. Believes that the continued learning and understanding of black and minoritised ethnic history promotes integration and respect in communities, and that we should celebrate this throughout the year.
2. Recognises and celebrates the work of local community groups and organisations in the promotion of minoritised ethnic groups in civil society, and the work of the Council's staff networks and allies under The Barnet Equalities Allies to actively promote and ensure an inclusive workplace.
3. Acknowledges the contribution of all Barnet's black and minoritised ethnic councillors both past and present, applauds the increased number of new black and minoritised ethnic councillors in Barnet and calls on all political parties to continue to increase the racial diversity of their Councillors.
4. Considers and celebrates the rich contributions to science, culture and arts in this country by people of African, Caribbean, Middle Eastern and Asian descent.

##### **Council therefore resolves:**

1. To fully recognise Black History Month as an important month in the Council's Calendar each year, and recognising the short lead-in time this year instructs officers to work with members on possible proposals for 2022, with a view to developing the programme in future years, including:
2. To work with Barnet's diverse communities to promote events, including through the Council's communications platforms, throughout the month of October every year.
3. To support local organisations to access funding, via Area Committees or other appropriate mechanisms, to help mark Black History Month in their area.
4. To ask Council officers, Head Teachers and Pupils to co-design a programme to celebrate Black History Month – including by encouraging schools and colleges to develop and showcase their Black History Month projects, for example, by running a Council Black History Month competition with an Awards event to promote and showcase their projects and invite leading black educationalists, community leaders and role models to present the awards.
5. To identify and allocate funding for the above competition and awards event.
6. To use Black History Month as a learning opportunity to inform the Council's long-term strategy/EDI.
7. To use this as an opportunity to learn about best practice from other London Boroughs on positively engaging minoritised communities.

**Council: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas, as amended by Cllr David Longstaff**

**Don't Punish Barnet's Drivers**

**AGENDA ITEM 14.2**

Council notes that:

1. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has proposed a number of schemes that would penalise drivers in Barnet.
2. Introduced in 2019, Sadiq Khan oversaw the expansion of the ULEZ in 2021.
3. In 2022, Sadiq Khan announced that he would be expanding the ULEZ to cover all of London
4. Prior to the 2021 ULEZ expansion, TfL ran a £61mil scrappage scheme
  - a. The scrappage scheme ran out of money and was closed less than a month after it was launched
5. Sadiq Khan has claimed that a pay-per-mile drivers charge, alongside a daily driving fee, would be a "fair scheme"
6. An 18-minute drive from Childs Hill to Totteridge would take two buses and some two and a half times longer on public transport.
7. According to the RAC "[Sadiq Khan's] proposals to charge vehicles outside of London to enter the boundary are likely to impact hardest on workers such as carers, tradespeople and night-time economy staff for whom there is no alternative to using a vehicle."

Council believes that:

1. If a scrappage scheme is launched for the latest proposed ULEZ expansion, it would likely run out of money quickly – leaving thousands to choose between paying £12.50 a day or having to buy a new vehicle, without subsidy;
2. Due to Barnet's geography, introducing a 'pay-per-mile' scheme would tax Barnet residents for travelling across our borough;
3. Sadiq Khan's schemes will hit commuters, businesses and parents dropping their children off at school;
4. As Barnet residents continue to be challenged by a cost-of-living crisis, these proposals from Sadiq Khan, show how out of touch the Mayor of London is with the needs of Londoners;
5. As a borough that borders a county outside of London, Sadiq Khan's proposals to charge drivers for entering Greater London is likely to have a greater impact on Barnet's households and businesses.

Council resolves to:

1. Condemn the Mayor of London's proposals to tax Barnet residents further for driving in the borough;
2. Write to the Mayor of London, to scrap plans for ULEZ expansion and 'pay per mile'.

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**Council: Tuesday 26th July 2022**

**Amendment to Opposition Motion: Cllr Alan Schneiderman**

### **Don't Punish Barnet's Drivers**

Council notes that:

- 1.The Mayor of London has put in place measures to improve air quality, reduce air pollution and tackle the climate emergency, including the Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ).
2. Recent data shows that the ULEZ has delivered a 20% reduction in Nitrogen Dioxide emissions in the wider area covered by the zone (inner London), and a 44% reduction in these roadside emissions in central London.
3. The Mayor of London is consulting on expansion of the ULEZ and may consider 'pay per mile' proposals in the future, although this would not be possible for many years.
4. LB Barnet will be responding to the ULEZ consultation, and residents are also being encouraged to respond.

Council also notes that:

- 1.Around 4,000 deaths a year in London can be attributed to air pollution, with the greatest mortality burden falling in Outer London, as a proportion of population, due to the higher proportion of elderly people in these areas.
2. As evidenced by the recent extreme weather event, the climate emergency must be addressed and air quality in London needs to be improved.
3. Lobbying to expand the ULEZ was in the previous administration's Long Term Transport Strategy.
4. Road pricing was included in the previous administration's plans.

Council believes that:

- 1.It is essential that any further expansion of the ULEZ includes a comprehensive vehicle scrappage scheme to support residents – especially those on low incomes and people with disabilities, and businesses and charities.
2. Government must step-up and contribute sufficient funds to any scrappage scheme.

Council resolves to:

1. Respond to the Mayor of London's ULEZ consultation to encourage amended plans , to ensure Barnet's residents aren't penalised in any future plans .
2. Ask all political groups on the Council to write a joint letter to the Government calling for any ULEZ scrappage scheme to be properly funded.

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**Council: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas, as amended by Cllr Rohit Grover**  
**Opposing rail strikes**

**AGENDA ITEM 14.4**

Council notes that:

1. Tube and rail strikes have had a huge negative impact on Barnet's residents and businesses;
2. Tube strikes in March cost TfL close to £13million;
3. There have already been four tube strikes in 2022;
4. Transport strikes in June cost the economy over £90million;
5. More of these strikes have been planned for July and August of this year;
6. Thousands of tube workers received pay rises of 8.4% this year – far greater than those expected by many Barnet residents
  - a. These rises are expected to cost TfL ~£100million;
7. Over 250,000 people were left unable to work as a result of the strike on 21<sup>st</sup> June;
8. These strikes are forcing people to cancel medical appointments, business meetings and social engagements, in Barnet and across London, thus damaging the local economy and disrupting the lives of hard-working Londoners;
9. Barnet Labour's manifesto stated that they would "stand up" for Barnet.

Council believes that:

1. These transport strikes are incredibly disruptive to Barnet, London and the UK and should be condemned;
2. The unions are attempting to hold the people to ransom;
3. If Labour really cared about the people of Barnet, they would stand up for the residents inconvenienced by the transport strikes, including the many workers on hourly contracts who have gone unpaid due to this industrial action;
4. Labour needs to – in the words of their manifesto – "stand up" to their union paymasters, for the people of Barnet, and tell them to stop strike action

Council resolves to:

1. Condemn those unions who have organised, and continue to organise the strikes , and the tube and rail strikes for the negative impact they've had on Barnet's residents and businesses.

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**Council: Tuesday 26th July 2022**

**Amendment to Opposition Motion: Cllr Barry Rawlings**

**Opposing rail strikes**

Council notes that:

1. Tube and rail strikes have had a huge negative impact on Barnet's residents and businesses

Council resolves to:

1. Condemn the fact that tube and rail strikes have had to go ahead as a result of Government ministers not spending a single second in talks to try to sort it out and avoid the tube and rail strikes.

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