

**MEETING**

**COUNCIL**

**DATE AND TIME**

**TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 2022**

**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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**Council meeting, 1 November 2022**

**Amendment to Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Simon Radford: Cllr Daniel Thomas**

**Impact of the mini-budget on the cost-of-living crisis**

**Delete all and replace with:**

Council notes:

1. The rising cost of living is due to worldwide post-pandemic inflationary pressures and war in Ukraine. These pressures led to the September 'mini-budget'
2. The Government is expected to make further announcements on assistance to households and other measures to support the economy in its full Autumn Statement.
3. The mini-budget's impact on the cost-of-living was to introduce and reinforce measures that would support Barnet residents. The Government – in this mini-budget and through other policy - has committed to help households in many ways, for instance:
  - a. By creating the Energy Price Guarantee
  - b. Through the Cost-of-Living Payment
  - c. Through the Energy Rebate Scheme
  - d. By doubling the Energy Bills Support Scheme
    - i. This is available as a grant, not a loan
  - e. Through a one-off £300 Pensioner Cost of Living Payment
  - f. With a £150 Disability Cost of Living Payment
  - g. By increasing and extending the Household Support Fund by some £500m
4. This council has always set aside substantial resources to support those most in need.
5. The new Labour administration in Barnet wants to hit residents and businesses with higher parking and garden waste charges.
6. The Government is due to make a further statements on assistance to households and other measure to support the economy.

Council believes:

1. Alongside government assistance, through the mini-budget and other fiscal events, local authorities can have a huge impact – both supportive and detrimental to the cost-of-living for residents.

- a. The new Labour administration in Barnet wants to hit residents and businesses with higher parking and garden waste charges, despite the current cost-of-living crisis.
2. Note the mini-budget, which aimed to alleviate some pressures of the cost-of-living crisis
  - a. Instruct the Leader to write to the Government and Barnet's three MPs with constructive suggestions of how they may be able to further assist councils during this cost-of-living crisis.
  - b. Make savings in order to freeze council tax next year in order to assist residents' personal finances in this difficult time.
  - c. Scrap plans to increase parking and garden waste charges to support those struggling during the cost-of-living crisis.

Council therefore resolves to:

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### **Amendment to Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Simon Radford: Cllr Emma Whysall**

#### **Impact of the mini-budget on the cost-of-living crisis**

#### **Delete all and replace with [additions in bold]:**

Council notes:

1. The disastrous lasting impact of the Government's 'mini-budget' on the markets, inflation, interest rates, the economy, and the cost-of-living crisis.
2. The sacking of the Chancellor of the Exchequer after only 38 days and the reversal of the 'mini-budget' following the financial turmoil.
- 3. The resignation of the Prime Minister, Liz Truss, after only 44 days in office.**
4. The decisions of "eye-watering difficulty" that the new Chancellor has said are now required, including brutal real terms cuts to public services to repair the destruction caused by the ill-advised 'mini-budget'.
- 5. The delay of the fiscal statement until 17 November, which falls after the Bank of England's next interest rate decision and causes further uncertainty.**
6. The detrimental impact the inevitable cuts are likely to have on frontline public services that are already experiencing a funding and recruitment/retention/pay crisis.
7. The devastating consequential impact this will have on the users of these services in Barnet and on the Council's ability to respond to support the growing number of people in need.

Council also notes that:

1. Many people in Barnet are already struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, with around 9,500 families known to have debts to the Council of more than £1,000.
2. There will be more people with other debts not known to the Council, meaning the total number of households in Barnet in need of support is in fact much higher.
3. LB Barnet's new administration is doing all it can to help, and has agreed a package of support totalling £9m for those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis including:
  - a. Launching a cost-of-living hub and a public awareness campaign to support residents by giving them quick access to advice, information and financial support
  - b. Setting up a £2m Residents' Support Fund to provide financial support to

residents in crisis (equivalent to 1% of council tax)

c. Agreeing to refund this year's 1% Council Tax increase in 2023/24 to keep bills lower next year

d. Providing additional funding to the cross-sector partnership, Barnet Together Alliance, who are doing so much good work to support our communities

e. Providing other targeted interventions to mitigate food and fuel poverty challenges to our residents.

However, Council believes that this will not be sufficient to help all those in need as the cost-of-living crisis continues into next year.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Ask the Leader of the Council to urgently write to the **latest** Prime Minister outlining:

i. The strain that the Government's poor political choices has placed on the local economy and the residents of Barnet.

ii. The need for more help from the Government to support those struggling with the cost-of-living crisis through the winter and beyond, including ensuring ongoing support for energy bills and that benefits are uprated by inflation not earnings.

iii. The need to protect frontline public services from further cuts and provide sufficient funding to local councils as set out in the London Councils Key Priorities document, including funding to help us insulate and retrofit homes and reach our Net Zero targets.

2. Ask Barnet's three Conservative MPs to also write to the Government in support of these needs, and to seek assurances that the former Prime Minister's comments made about the 'North London anti-growth coalition' don't lead to further levelling-down in Barnet and London.

**Council meeting, 1 November 2022**

**Amendment to Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Daniel Thomas: Cllr Alan Schneiderman**

**Council will not raise the price of Garden Waste from £70 collections for the remainder of the administration to help with the cost-of-living crisis.**

Delete all and replace with [amendments in bold]:

Council notes that:

1. Residents across the borough are suffering from a cost-of-living crisis **caused by this Conservative Government.**
2. The London Borough of Barnet currently charges £70 a year for garden waste collections – **a charge brought in by the Barnet Conservatives.**
3. **The Barnet Conservatives planned to increase this charge to £80 when they ran the Council.**

Council believes that:

1. It would be wrong to increase the price of the garden waste collection service **as proposed by the Conservatives** when so many in Barnet are suffering from the increasing costs of living.

Council resolves to:

1. Not to proceed with the rise in the price of the garden waste collection service **as proposed by the Barnet Conservatives.**

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**Council meeting, 1 November 2022**

**Amendment to Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr David Longstaff: Cllr Barry Rawlings**

**A reduction is not a rebate - Labour must fulfil their manifesto pledge to rebate the Social Care Precept within the 2022/23 Financial Year**

Delete all and replace with (amendments in bold):

Council notes that Barnet Labour promised to “freeze council tax and refund residents this year's 1% council tax increase”.

**Council also notes that:**

- 1. General council tax in 2022/23 has been frozen**
- 2. LB Barnet's Labour administration has refunded residents the 1% council tax increase through a targeted £2m Resident Support Fund in 2022/23**
- 3. LB Barnet's Labour administration has also agreed to refund residents a further £2m through a universal 1% council tax refund in council tax bills in 2023/24**

Council resolves to:

- 1. Continue to freeze general council tax in 2022/23**
- 2. Refund residents, as Labour promised, within the 2022/23 financial year by implementing the targeted 1% refund made available through the £2m Resident Support Fund**
- 3. And in addition, effect the universal 1% refund in 2023/24 as set out in the Policy & Resources Report in September.**

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**Amendment to Opposition Motion to the motion in the name Cllr Daniel Thomas: Cllr Alan Schneiderman**

**Council commits to not joining neighbouring Labour-controlled Camden Council in restricting all council-operated roads to a 20mph speed limit**

Delete all replace with (amendments in bold):

Council notes that:

**1. The LB Barnet Labour administration has a policy of agreeing 20mph zones on roads where a majority of residents support this.**

Council believes that:

- 1. Varied speed limits should be left in where residents want them.**
2. 20mph zones can serve a good purpose in certain localities, for example, outside schools.
- 3. Speed limits should be based on evidence.**

Council resolves to:

**1. Commit to listening to residents and only introduce 20 mph zones where residents want them.**

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