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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Date and time</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 24th January, 2023</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, 24 January 2023**

**Amendment to Administration motion in the name of Cllr Ross Houston: Cllr Richard Cornelius  
Great Homes Upgrade**

**AGENDA ITEM 13.1**

Council believes that:

A green recovery from the pandemic is not only possible but imperative if we are to meet our carbon reduction targets as a local authority with the added emphasis on making it affordable for our poorest residents.

Council notes that:

1. Melting ice caps and forest fires can often seem like someone else's crisis when many are taking effect so far from our homes.
2. Crises closer to home affecting thousands of local families cannot be separated from those further afield.
3. The UK has been successful in balancing Economic Growth with its obligation to tackle Climate Change<sup>1</sup>
4. The UK has been leading the charge on retrofitting and is ranked amongst the best G20 countries for retrofitting.<sup>23</sup>
5. There are 15,188 households living in fuel poverty in Barnet.
6. Across the UK there are more than 24 million homes leaking heat.
7. There is no route to decarbonising the economy without retrofitting these homes across the UK.
8. Doing so would not only help to protect our planet, but can improve housing, lead to cheaper energy bills and create hundreds of thousands of good quality jobs.
9. Here in Barnet, it is estimated that there are at least 61,399 homes below EPC C that require retrofitting, and this could, should the council work with different sectors and partners, create thousands of good quality jobs in our local communities.
10. His Majesty's Government has dedicated £12.6 billion to the retrofitting programme.
11. His Majesty's Government has promised to establish a taskforce to oversee the retrofitting programme.
12. His Majesty's Government, in the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) policy, gave Local Governments, such as Barnet the ability to access £150m of funding available to support low-income households in retrofitting homes.
13. The previous Conservative administration joined 12 other councils in the Green Homes Upgrade to carry out smart energy efficiency retrofits on up to 2,500 fuel poor homes across the boroughs, including Barnet, and pinpointed residents on how to attain a grant to improve their housing through that scheme and several other schemes.<sup>4567</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/reducing-uk-emissions-2019-progress-report-to-parliament/>

<sup>2</sup> [G20 countries too slow at retrofitting buildings: report \(energyvoice.com\)](https://www.energyvoice.com/g20-countries-too-slow-at-retrofitting-buildings-report/)

<sup>3</sup> [Global Retrofix Index.pdf \(3keel.com\)](https://www.3keel.com/global-retrofix-index.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sustainability-barnet/how-live-more-sustainable-life>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/ps10000-green-homes-grant-cut-barnet-households-fuel-bills>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/housing/private-housing/landlords-barnet/energy-efficiency>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/assets/citizenportal/documents/ARCHIVE/HospitalLetter.pdf>

Council therefore resolves to write to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Levelling-Up, Homes and Communities calling on them to:

1. Commit to a Great Homes Upgrade to retrofit 19 million homes by 2050.
2. Use the Spring Budget to allocate as much as is affordable over the next three years to begin the Great Homes Upgrade.
3. Commit to working with local authorities, housing associations, private rental landlords and owner occupiers to upgrade properties ready for net zero.
4. Commit to setting up a retrofitting taskforce to target resources now to achieve net zero through upgrading properties as already promised in the autumn budget.

Council also resolves to:

1. Write to our neighbouring local authorities to ask them to join the campaign.
2. Support London-wide efforts to lobby the Government on this issue.
3. Write to our 3 local MPs asking them to join the campaign and lobby the Government for the Great Homes Upgrade.
4. Write to the Mayor of London to work lockstep with the Government in retrofitting homes.
5. Write to the Mayor of London to refrain from publicity and put in the work needed to support councils in this endeavour.

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**Amendment to Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Ross Houston: Cllr Anne Clarke  
Great Homes Upgrade**

**Delete all and replace with:**

Council believes that:

1. A green recovery from the pandemic is not only possible but imperative if we are to meet our carbon reduction targets as a local authority.
2. Up to now much of the proposed action by Government is little more than rhetoric. We need to turn rhetoric into action.

Council notes that:

1. Melting ice caps and forest fires can often seem like someone else's crisis when many are taking effect so far from our homes.
2. Crises closer to home affecting thousands of local families cannot be separated from those further afield.
3. There are 15,188 households living in fuel poverty in Barnet.
4. Across the UK there are more than 24 million homes leaking heat.
5. There is no route to decarbonising the economy without retrofitting these homes across the UK.
6. Doing so would not only help to protect our planet, but can improve housing, lead to cheaper energy bills and create hundreds of thousands of good quality jobs.
7. Here in Barnet it is estimated that there are at least 61,399 homes below EPC C that require retrofitting and this could create thousands of good quality jobs in our local communities.
8. LB Barnet is doing all it can to improve the energy efficiency of its own housing stock, and to decarbonise the Council by 2030 and the Borough by 2042, but additional investment from the Government will be needed to retrofit all homes in the Borough.

Council therefore resolves to write to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Levelling-Up, Homes and Communities calling on them to:

1. Commit to a Great Homes Upgrade to retrofit 19 million homes by 2030.
2. Use the Spring Budget to commit to spending £11.7bn over the next three years to begin the Great Homes Upgrade.
3. Commit to working with local authorities, housing associations, private rental landlords and owner occupiers to upgrade properties for net zero.
4. Commit to setting up a retrofitting taskforce to target resources now to achieve net zero through upgrading properties.

Council also resolves to:

1. Write to our neighbouring local authorities to ask them to join the campaign.
2. Support London-wide efforts to lobby the Government on this issue.
3. Write to our 3 local MPs asking them to join the campaign and lobby the Government for the Great Homes Upgrade.

**Council meeting, 24 January 2023**

**Amendment to Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Jennifer Grocock : Cllr Sara Conway**

**Combatting Crime in Barnet- more police for Barnet**

**Delete all and replace with:**

**Council notes that:**

- 1) Barnet has experienced some horrific acts of crime over many years, including recently with three stabbings and a shooting on our streets.
- 2) While the Government increased its funding to the Metropolitan Police by £138.9m in 2021 and have committed to a further increase of £164.2m in 2022 with the additional announcement in December 2022 that in the 2023/2024 period the total funding for Policing will be up to £17.2 billion, this is too little, too late.
- 3) Before that, the Government had cut the Met's funding by £1bn since 2010.
- 4) During the last decade of Conservative austerity, Met police officer numbers plummeted below 30,000 and Ministers slashed police, justice and youth services - causing violent crime to rise in London and across the UK.
- 5) Since 2010 under a Conservative Government and Conservative Mayor, Barnet lost hundreds of police officers.
- 6) Since 2017, violence against the person has risen 11%, muggings by 25%, rape by nearly 11% and other sexual offences by over 33.1% in London. In Barnet, between the same time, general crime rose by 21% with lockdown being the only respite in the continual increase.
- 7) The main increases in crime in Barnet are:
  - a) Violence and sexual offences
  - b) Vehicle crimes

**Council also notes that:**

- 1) The Labour Mayor of London has reinvested over £1bn in policing and tackling crime – the most of any Mayor from City Hall – funding 1,300 more police officers across London with a minimum of two Dedicated Ward Officers and one PCSO allocated to every ward in the City, including Barnet.
- 2) Overall, crime in London is now falling, bucking the national trend.
- 3) But the level of violence remains too high and the Mayor is determined to use his budget to continue making progress by investing more in the police as well as programmes to tackle the complex causes of crime.
- 4) The Mayor has established a Violence Reduction Unit, which is bringing together local councils, the NHS, schools, community groups and others to work on a shared approach to diverting vulnerable young Londoners away from violence by providing them with help and support at key moments in their lives.
- 5) This year's extra funding for the police from the Mayor's precept will go directly towards putting an additional 500 Police Community Support Officers into neighbourhoods across London – taking the total number of PCSOs to the highest level since 2016.

- 6) Barnet's Conservatives rejected the Mayor's offer of additional police with the Mayor's 'buy one get one free' scheme when they were in administration whilst Barnet's Conservative MPs voted to cut national police funding.

**Council believes that:**

1. The people of Barnet should feel safe in their borough, their neighbourhoods and their homes.
2. Increased police presence decreases the frequency of property-related crimes and antisocial behaviour and increase the success rate of prosecution for these crimes.
3. In order to make our residents feel safe, it is important that there is a visible police presence across the borough.
4. The Government must work with the Mayor to support the Met's work to bear down on violence by delivering on the 6,000 additional police officers our city urgently needs and commit to properly funding long-term solutions to tackle violence as we have done at City Hall.

**Council resolves to:**

- 1) Welcome the increase in Dedicated Ward Officers and PCSOs in Barnet funded by the current Mayor of London
- 2) Welcome the renewed focus on police responses to burglary to rebuild confidence and trust in the police by getting the basics of policing right.
- 3) Call upon all councillors to continue to support requests to the Mayor of London to provide the Borough of Barnet with more Police.
- 4) Urge the Mayor of London to:
  - a) Continue to improve police officer numbers in Barnet, giving our residents value for money in their policing.
  - b) Spend more money on policing in Barnet.
- 5) Work with the Violence Reduction Unit and local partners on the strategy for the new duty to prevent and reduce violent crime

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



## **Council meeting 24 January 2023**

### **Amendment to Opposition Motion in the name of Jennifer Grocock: Cllr David Longstaff**

#### **Combatting Crime in Barnet- more police for Barnet**

##### **Council notes that:**

- 1) Barnet has experienced some horrific acts of crime recently with three stabbings and a shooting on our streets.
- 2) The Government increased its funding to the Metropolitan Police by £138.9m in 2021 and have committed to a further increase of £164.2m in 2022 with the additional announcement in December 2022 that in the 2023/2024 period the total funding for Policing will be up to £17.2 billion.
- 3) That the Mayor of London is the Police and Crime Commissioner of the capital. The Mayor of London cannot blame the Government for the state of law and order in London and Barnet when he is the Crime Commissioner for the capital and plays a hugely important leadership role in fighting crime.
- 4) Since 2017, violence against the person has risen 11%, muggings by 25%, rape by nearly 11% and other sexual offences by over 33.1% in London. In Barnet, between the same time, general crime rose by 21% with lockdown being the only respite in the continual increase.
- 5) The main increases in crime in Barnet are:
  - a) Violence and sexual offences
  - b) Vehicle crimes
- 6) The Mayor of London joined Barnet Metropolitan Police officers on 16<sup>th</sup> December for a walkabout with Labour Cllrs.
- 7) In his visit to Barnet, the mayor made clear his support for there to be an officer present at every domestic burglary
- 8) There is a strong association between police numbers and the reduction of rate for property and other acquisitive crimes; the College of policing notes that when police numbers were higher, crime was likely to be lower.
- 9) That in September 2022 an additional 3,109 officers were recruited into the Metropolitan Police.
- 10) Although he has been given more investment from the Government and has benefited in 3,109 new officers, Sadiq Khan has failed to combat crime, including violent crime with 8,159 cases reported in Barnet throughout his term in office as Mayor of London – both in Barnet and across London- with a yearly increase of crime since his tenure as mayor, except for 2020/2021 because of COVID Lockdowns.
- 11) The Community Safety Hub concept was instigated by the previous Conservative administration.
- 12) The Mayor of London's decision to close and sell the High Barnet Police Station was a regrettable mistake that has weakened the presence of Police in High Barnet.
- 13) Lack of police presence on our streets emboldens criminals and those who seek to commit crimes targeted at specific groups of people such as Barnet's large Jewish population.
- 14) Barnet taxpayers pay more for each police officer than the residents of any other London borough.
  - a) For each police officer in Barnet, the Mayor of London charges our taxpayers approximately:
    - i) 25% more than Enfield's
    - ii) 40% more than Camden's

- iii) 50% more than Brent or Haringey's
  - iv) 69% more than Harrow's
- 15) The Mayor of London spends 26% more on PR and 82% on staffing than his predecessor.
- 16) The Metropolitan Police Force has been put into special measures under Sadiq Khan's leadership.

**Council believes that:**

1. The people of Barnet should feel safe in their borough, their neighbourhoods and their homes.
2. Increased police presence decreases the frequency of property-related crimes and antisocial behaviour and increase the success rate of prosecution for these crimes.
3. In order to make our residents feel safe, it is important that there is a visible police presence across the borough.
4. Currently Barnet is under-policed, and that emboldens criminals to attack and rob residents. Recent events in Barnet show that increased police presence is needed. As a geographically larger borough, lower numbers of officers have a direct impact on response times; currently Barnet taxpayers have 7% fewer officers than those of any other Council.
5. Serious and Violent crime and motor vehicle thefts continue in Barnet. The residents of Barnet need to feel safe at home, work and at recreation.
6. To give our residents their fair share of officers, the increases to the Metropolitan Police's budget should filter through to a significant increase in police numbers in Barnet.

**Council resolves to:**

- 1) call upon the current Labour Administration to support the Conservative's continued requests to the Labour Mayor of London to provide the Borough of Barnet with more Police.
- 2) Urge the Mayor of London to:
  - a) Improve police officer numbers in Barnet, giving our residents value for money in their policing.
  - b) Get a grip on crime, in Barnet and across London
  - c) Spend more money on policing in Barnet.
  - d) Support Community Safety Hubs, which were proposed by the previous Conservative administration.
  - e) Step aside and let someone else take over for the good of all Londoners and especially for Barnet residents if he cannot fulfil his duties

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Council notes that:

1. According to the 2021 census, there are 26,300 residents in Barnet who are 75 and over.
2. This is an increase of 11% since 2011 and means that older people are an increasingly significant proportion of our community and projections show this will only continue to increase.
3. We want older people in Barnet to be able to live active, independent and fulfilling lives for as long as possible.
4. Just as we aspire to Barnet being family friendly and dementia friendly, we want our Borough to be 'age friendly'
5. Age Friendly Communities is a concept developed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2007 with almost 1500 members worldwide.
6. In an Age Friendly Community, services, local groups, businesses and residents all work together to identify and make the necessary changes in both the physical and social environment to both support and enable older people to lead healthy and active lives.
7. Council recognises that older people make a positive contribution to life in Barnet, through employment, volunteering, caring, and in other spheres.
8. Council recognises that Barnet has a strong foundation in its network of community, voluntary, faith and public services that support older residents
9. Working together with community and voluntary groups, the council's Ageing Well and Mental Health champion and interested councillors have already identified the first steps we need to take to put this plan into action.
10. The Mayor of London has decided to cease Free weekday travel between 04:30 – 09:00 for 60+ residents, including those in Barnet.
11. That the cessation of the 04:30-09:00 for 60+ residents would be detrimental for our elderly residents.

Council also notes that:

1. Becoming an Age Friendly Community is a statement of intent to:
  - a. take into account ageing, and the needs and wishes of older people in every area of policy making,
  - b. to take those needs seriously,
  - c. to combat ageism that is seen in every area of society, particularly the portrayal of older people as a burden
  - d. to share with the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities knowledge and expertise that will improve the lives of our residents in later life.
2. To become officially recognised as Age Friendly, the leadership in a town, city or county must make a written commitment to actively work towards becoming a great place to grow old in for all of its residents.
3. This must be done with the support and engagement of older people and relevant stakeholders across the public, education, voluntary, community and faith sector, and businesses.

Council, therefore, resolves to:

1. Make an official application to join the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities as a first step in its commitment towards joining the World Health Organisation Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.
2. Rename the Council's Ageing Well and Mental Health Champion, the 'Age Friendly and Mental Health Champion', who will work with the Chair of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee to progress the Age Friendly Community agenda.
3. Give further consideration to the housing needs of our aging population, in particular to improving the choice for those who want 'downsize' and stay in the borough. This will facilitate more family homes becoming available on the open market whilst helping elderly residents to remain close to their family.