

<u>Meeting</u>
Council
<u>Date and time</u>
Tuesday 11th July, 2023
At 7.00 pm
<u>Venue</u>
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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DEPUTATION TO FULL COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9

Social care's funding crisis as it affects Barnet

1. Cllr Rawlings' declared at Cabinet that there is a financial crisis in social care resulting in unmet and undermet need. He went on to say there is no way of knowing the level of unmet need. However, the absence of information about unmet and undermet need in Barnet is further evidence of the Council restricting what it considers to be need to only that for which it has resource. Access to social care resources is through individual assessments of need. That Barnet's assessments have not identified a single unmet need for any person is clear evidence that resources, not the person's wellbeing, are determining how need is seen. This is in direct breach of the Care Act which requires the Council to acknowledge **all** needs as defined by the Act calling for Council resources regardless of its resources, and to be honest with individuals if its resources fall short of meeting their needs. The Act then requires the Council to set budgets in full knowledge of the true extent of need in the Borough.
2. Cllr Rawlings' belief that there is a financial crisis due to unmet need rests entirely upon national projections. He quoted Age UK who report 1.5 million older people are without the support they require. That would mean there are approximately three people not getting support to every one that is in Barnet. But they will be known to various services, including the Council. They will be amongst the 1,345 older people (reported by the Council to NHS Digital) who requested support last year alone and who were turned away on the basis they did not have needs that the council accepted any responsibility for.
3. The clear and obvious contradiction in Cllr Rawlings' position, his failure to recognise and address it, is a failure in his responsibility to the Barnet residents in need of the Council's care and support.
4. We call upon full Council to require Cabinet to either;
 - Declare that all the needs the Care Act requires Barnet to meet are being met, meaning there is no funding crisis in Barnet and that national projections of unmet need do not apply in Barnet

Or

- Honour Labour's Manifesto pledge to develop a '*new model of social care that puts the person at its heart*', meaning that all of each person's needs calling for council care and support resources are identified regardless of availability of resources and recorded for strategic and budget planning purposes.

Signatures:

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Proposer: Councillor Ammar Naqvi
Amendments in bold

This council notes:

1. That **mortgage rates will increase as a result of inflation and thousands of Barnet Families will be facing these increases.**
2. **That the Energy Bill Discount removed £400 off energy bills for households in Great Britain. This automatic, non-repayable discount will be applied in six instalments between October 2022 and March 2023.**
3. **That the Government provided a £650 one-off cost of living payment for those on means-tested benefits such as Universal Credit, job seekers allowance and pension credit.**
4. **That the Government also provided a £300 one-off Pensioner Cost of Living Payment for pensioners in receipt of the Winter Fuel Allowance, while individuals on disability benefits received an additional, one-off £150 payment in September.**
5. **Following Ofgem raising the price cap in April, the Government put forward a three-part support package to help both lower- and middle-income earners with the immediate adjustment. This includes:**
6. **The Energy Bill Support Scheme ran from October 2022 to April 2023 and provided £400 off energy bills for households in Great Britain. This was an automatic, non-repayable discount which was applied in six instalments.**
 - **Cost of Living Payment: A payment of £650 for households on means-tested benefits, including Universal Credit, Pension Credit and Tax Credit was made in instalments over 2022/23. A second Cost of Living Payment of £900 is being made in 2023/24, the first instalment of which has been paid.**
 - **Disability Cost of Living Payment: A £150 payment in September 2022/23 and a second such payment in 2023/24 to help with extra costs for individuals on disability benefits. This is in addition to the £650 and £900 Cost of Living Payments for disabled people who also receive means-tested benefits.**
 - **Pensioner Cost of Living Payment: Two Cost of Living Payments of £300 for pensioners, paid as an automatic top-up to the Winter Fuel Allowance. The first £300 payment was made in 2022/23, and the second payment will be made in Autumn 2023.**
7. **That the substantial increase in inflation is mainly due to the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia, dealing with the effects of Covid 19 and lack of financial planning by Central Banks.**
8. **That the statistics used by the Labour party on average mortgage rises has been found to be misleading and incorrect by 'Full Fact' on the 30th of June who stated " Using statistics without appropriate context and caveats can damage public trust in both the statistics and politicians. MPs should use data transparently and with all relevant context and caveats when a claim is first made, and quickly rectify oversights when they occur."**¹
9. That Finchley and Golders Green is **forecasted to be** one of the ten most adversely

¹ <https://fullfact.org/economy/labour-2900-mortgage-penalty/>

affected areas in the country, with households facing an average increase in annual mortgage payments of more than £7,800 per year.

10. That Barnet's Labour administration has put £9million into initiatives to help those affected by the cost-of-living crisis, including the Barnet Resident Support Fund, Council Tax Relief and Housing Payments **including £1,445,000 from the Government in Discretionary Housing Payment and £2.5 million for the Housing Support Fund.**
11. That this is a national problem, which ultimately requires a national solution.
12. **The latest market indicators (FCA; UK Finance) show that mortgage arrears and defaults remain below pre-pandemic levels.**
13. **That the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Jeremy Hunt, met with CEOs of key lenders and together agreed a Mortgage Charter covering 85% of the UK market. All Lenders have agreed:**
 - **Anyone worried about their mortgage repayments can contact their lender for help and guidance, without any impact on their credit file and we would encourage you to contact your bank who are there to help.**
 - **Support for customers who are up to date with payments to switch to a new mortgage deal at the end of their existing fixed rate deal without another affordability check (Applies to 97% of the mortgage market, where customers are up to date with payments and not seeking to borrow more or change their repayment type or term).**
 - **Lenders will provide well-timed information to help customers plan ahead should their current rate be due to end.**
 - **Lenders will offer tailored support for anyone struggling and deploy highly trained staff to help customers. This could mean extending their term to reduce their payments, offering a switch to interest only payments, but also a range of other options like a temporary payment deferral or part interest-part repayment. The right option will depend on the customer's circumstances.**
14. **Signatories to the Mortgage Charter have agreed:**
 - **From 26th June, a borrower will not be forced to leave their home without their consent unless in exceptional circumstances, in less than a year from their first missed payment.**
 - **With effect from 10th July customers approaching the end of a fixed rate deal will have the chance to lock in a deal up to six months ahead. They will also be able to manage their new deal and request a better like for like deal with their lender right up until their new term starts, if one is available.**
 - **A new deal between lenders, the FCA and the government permitting customers who are up to date with their payments to:**
 - **Switch to interest-only payments for six months or**

- **extend their mortgage term to reduce their monthly payments and give customers the option to revert to their original term within 6 months by contacting their lender.**

15. That the Labour Party has proposed a plan **which does not go as far as the agreed Charter.**

This council resolves:

1. To continue to administer the additional £2m Resident Support Fund, and the total £9m cost of living support package to help those Barnet residents most in need.
2. To write to the borough's three MPs to urge them to support **the Mortgage Charter and make their constituents aware of their rights under this charter.**

Under Council Procedure Rule 15.5 this motion is to stand referred to the Executive as an executive side function

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The Cost of Living Crisis and Council Support

Proposer: Councillor Ammar Naqvi

Amendment in the name of Ross Houston

Amendments in bold

This council notes:

1. That approximately 9,000 Barnet families will have to pay more than £2,300 per year in mortgage payments when they remortgage this year according to independent research.
2. That this is due to interest rates soaring, after the Conservatives crashed the economy with their disastrous 2022 mini-budget.
3. That the increased mortgage payments - typically of almost £200 per month, amounts to a mortgage penalty caused by the Conservative Government.
4. That Finchley and Golders Green is one of the ten most adversely affected areas in the country, with households facing an average increase in annual mortgage payments of more than £7,800 per year.
5. **That any increase in mortgage rates will inevitably impact those in the private rented sector, as landlords pass on the costs of remortgaging to their tenants, many of whom are among the most vulnerable residents of our borough. That this will hit particularly hard in Child's Hill, Hendon and Golders Green where almost half of all residents are private sector tenants.**
6. That, with Government nationally causing so much economic chaos, local government has to help residents with the cost-of-living crisis.
7. That Barnet's Labour administration has put £9million into initiatives to help those affected by the cost-of-living crisis, including the Barnet Resident Support Fund, Council Tax Relief and Housing Payments.
8. That, **despite the best efforts of local government**, this is a national problem, which ultimately requires a national solution.
9. That the Labour Party has proposed a comprehensive five-point plan to help residents through this Tory-caused mortgage crisis.

This council resolves:

1. To continue to administer the additional £2m Resident Support Fund, and the total £9m cost of living support package to help those Barnet residents most in need.
2. To write to the borough's three MPs to urge them to support Labour's 5-point plan to tackle the mortgage crisis and help those affected by the Conservative-caused rocketing interest rates.

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Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas

Potholes and Pavements

AGENDA ITEM 14.2

Amendment in the Name of Alan Schneiderman

Amendments in bold

Council notes:

- **The insufficient investment by the previous Conservative administration in road and pavements and the need for further investment.**

Council **therefore** resolves:

- **To welcome the work that has been done to identify an increase in funding of an additional £8 million over two years for highways repairs which will be discussed and decided at the forthcoming 18th July Cabinet meeting.**
- **To welcome the additional £250,000 fund reactive repairs which has helped us repair 3,350 reported potholes and to continue to work to speed up pothole repairs.**
- **To include ward councillors when deciding which pavements to resurface and to ensure this happens before the list is published as has been the council's practice.**

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Amendment in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas
Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas
Potholes and Pavements

Amendments in bold

Council notes that:

- **Councillors have received a record number of complaints regarding potholes and the time taken to repair them.**
- **There are many potholes yet to be repaired, which is unusual at this time of year.**
- **A councillor's role in deciding which pavements are repaired has been diminished by the Labour administration.**
- **The Labour Group rejected a fully funded proposal to allocate an extra £2million to repair roads.**

Council resolves:

- To increase funding for road and pavement repair.
- To speed up pothole repairs.
- To include ward councillors when deciding which pavements to re-pave.

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Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Rohit Grover:

‘Putting sustainability at the heart of everything we do’ means exploring all avenues for protecting our trees.

Amendment in the Name of Arjun Mitra

Amendments in bold

Council notes that:

1. Earlier this year Planning Committee A approved an application to fell an oak tree of special amenity value in Garden Suburb ward that had previously been protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

2. Government guidance advises that in considering such applications the local planning authority should:

- assess the amenity value of the tree and the likely impact of the proposal on the amenity of the area;
- consider, in the light of this assessment, whether or not the proposal is justified, having regard to the reasons and additional information put forward in support of it;
- consider whether any loss or damage is likely to arise if consent is refused or granted subject to conditions;
- consider whether any requirements apply in regard to protected species;
- consider other material considerations, including development plan policies where relevant; and
- ensure that appropriate expertise informs its decision.

3. All the appropriate policies and procedures were considered and applied in this case with the effect that sadly the tree needed to felled.

4. Barnet’s Corporate Plan 2023-2026, ‘Caring for our people, our places and the planet’, commits the Council to: ‘put sustainability at the heart of everything we do’ and ‘enhance our green and open spaces so they are attractive places with excellent biodiversity and tree cover’.

This Council resolves to:

1. Instruct officers to **ensure that** all applicable laws, policies and procedures **are being followed and** that the Council is doing everything it can to maintain the protection of trees - and particularly trees subject to TPOs, in line with the commitments made in its Corporate Plan, **and in the context of the council’s commitment to plant 1,000 trees per year.**

2. **Ask the relevant scrutiny committee to consider examining this issue and present** the outcome of this review to the appropriate Committee or Cabinet for consideration and action as necessary.

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Amendment in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas
Barnet LGBT+ Pride

AGENDA ITEM 14.5

Proposer: Ella Rose
Amendments in bold

Council Notes:

- 1) That LGBT+ people are part of our community, our family and our friends and that we celebrate them.
- 2) That there has been hard won progress on equality for LGBT+ people in the UK such as the repealing of Section 28 and same-sex partnerships under the last Labour government and equal marriage less than a decade ago during the Coalition government. However, there is still far more that needs to be done.
- 3) LGBT+ people still face discrimination in the UK: two thirds have experienced hate crime and/or abuse; one half feel they cannot be open about their identity to their family; one third feel they cannot be open about their identity at work. Barnet's LGBT+ residents face similar challenges.
- 4) **That Mike Freer MP, one of our MPs has, in his time as an equalities minister:**
 - **Laid the groundwork on the Conversion Therapy Bill.**
 - **Led on the preparation in the NHS for HPV vaccinations for boys and men.**
 - **Has been thrice awarded for his work on LGBT+ issues, twice by Pink News, including parliamentary speech of the year award for his speech in support of equal marriage, and once by the Spectator.**
- 5) That Trans people in particular face a hostile environment at this time, often at the centre of a vitriolic national debate which is about them but often does not include them.
- 6) That this environment risks further marginalising this group of our fellow citizens, who too often suffer from ostracisation, workplace discrimination and hate crime.
- 7) That for the first time this year, there was a specific Pride programme for Barnet, run in collaboration between the council and community groups such as Inkluder CiC and Masorti Judaism's LGBT+ Network, which ran throughout June.
- 8) The programme included a rollerskating event, a tea party at the Flower Bank, and *The Identity Project – Barnet Edition*, a collection of stories and portraits of the LGBTQ+ community of Barnet hosted by Middlesex University among other activities, and engaged 100s of Barnet residents.
- 9) That the inaugural LGBT+ celebration Pride in the Park will be held on 20th August 2023 in Victoria Park, Finchley

Council Resolves:

- 1) To thank Inkluder CiC and Masorti Judaism's LGBT+ Network, community volunteers and council officers for all their hard work in organising Pride events.
- 2) To encourage members **and formally invite our three MPs** to attend the Pride Event in Victoria Park, Finchley, on 20th August 2023
- 3) To call upon all political parties at a national and local level to work for the equality and protection of all LGBT+ people, and in particular trans people.

- 4) To restate the Council's determination to ensure Barnet is a borough where LGBT+ people are valued, celebrated and safe.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15.5 this motion is to stand referred to the Executive as an executive side function

Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas

Road Closures in Barnet

AGENDA ITEM 14.8

Amendment in the name of Cllr Alan Schneiderman

Amendments in bold

Council notes:

- The road closure at Golders Green Crescent **is the result of an experimental traffic order.**
- An experimental traffic order enables a consultation where the seeking and receiving of the views of residents occurs concurrently to the trial of the measure being consulted upon. The receiving of views and the trial measures together constitute the consultation.
- **That the trial is the next step in a process following the Golders Green Strategic Plan being passed in January 2020 under the previous Conservative administration by the Conservative majority on the Housing and Growth Committee.**
- **That as part of the work before that strategy was published, residents were consulted on the pedestrianisation of one end of Golders Green Crescent.**

Council resolves:

- Not to impose road closures on communities and to ensure there has been adequate consultation (except for emergencies, repairs to roads, pavements and utility works).
- To ensure that residents are consulted, including those of surrounding roads, regarding proposals to alter local traffic flow and access to town centres, and that consultations enabled by experimental traffic orders are a legitimate form of this
- To refrain from issuing permanent traffic orders before consultation results have been published and fully discussed with the relevant ward councillors.
- **To study closely the results of the Golders Green Crescent trial to ensure any permanent closure has support from the local community.**

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Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas-

Amendment in the Name of Emma Whysall

Invitations to Council Events

Amendments in bold

Council resolves:

- To invite all members from relevant committees and wards to community events organised by the council (**as is the current practice**).
- To give all relevant members timely notice for events (**as is the current practice**).

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Amendment in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas
Opposition motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas
Invitations to Council Events

Amendments in bold

Council notes:

- **The council facilitates and assists with various events throughout the year, to collaborate, celebrate or raise awareness of issues.**
- **There have been occasions when the relevant committee, ward and opposition members have not been invited to such events or received invitations at short notice.**
- **Members must not be excluded from community events organised by the council due to their political allegiance.**

Council resolves:

- To invite all members from relevant committees and wards to community events organised by the council.
- To give all relevant members timely notice for events.

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.

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