

<b><u>Meeting</u></b>
<b>Cabinet</b>
<b><u>Date and time</u></b>
<b>Tuesday 18th July, 2023</b>
<b>At 7.00 pm</b>
<b><u>Venue</u></b>
<b>Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ</b>

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.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
22	Urgent Business (if any) – Council Motions referred to Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Cost of Living Crisis and Council Support</li> <li>b. Potholes and Pavements</li> <li>c. Barnet’s Citizens Assembly and Young People’s Assembly on Climate Change &amp; Biodiversity</li> <li>d. Barnet LGBT+ Pride</li> <li>e. Road Closures in Barnet</li> <li>f. Invitations to Council Events</li> </ol>	3 - 14

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Reference from Council: 11 July 2023

Motion: The Cost of Living Crisis and Council Support

Proposer: Councillor Ammar Naqvi as amended by Councillor Ross Houston and agreed by Full Council

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 re-mortgage 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 re-mortgaging 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.

**Council RESOLVED** that the Motion, as amended and as set out above, be recommended to the Executive for consideration.

## **FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Background documents:**

Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 11 July 2023:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s79080/administration%20amendment%20to%20administration%20motion%20cost%20of%20living%2014.1.pdf>

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Reference from Council: 11 July 2023

Motion: Potholes and Pavements

Proposer: Councillor Daniel Thomas as amended by Councillor Alan Schneiderman and agreed by Full Council.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Council RESOLVED** that the Motion, as amended and as set out above, be recommended to the Executive for consideration.

#### **FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **Background documents:**

Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 11 July 2023:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s79081/Administration%20amendment%20to%20opposition%20motion%20-%20potholes%2014.2.pdf>

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Reference from Council: 11 July 2023

Motion: Barnet's Citizens Assembly and Young People's Assembly on Climate Change & Biodiversity

Proposer: Councillor Giulia Innocenti and agreed by Full Council

#### **This council notes:**

1. That minimising climate change - and therefore the carbon emissions which contribute to it, is one of the greatest challenges of our time.
2. That the effects of continued pollution from carbon emissions, the general increase in temperature and extreme weather is affecting Barnet and the whole of the UK as well as:
  - The submerging of entire countries from rising sea levels
  - Increased deaths from natural disasters
  - Disruption of food supplies leading to food price inflation
  - Poor health and poverty
  - The risk that the planet, in the long term, becomes increasingly un-inhabitable
3. That in view of those risks Barnet has set itself a target of becoming, in overall terms, a council that does not emit more carbon into the atmosphere than it removes, i.e. a Net Zero council, by 2030 and a Net Zero borough by 2042.
4. That pollution-creating activities are so deeply entrenched in our society and economy that any attempt to cease them may cause disruption to the lives of our residents.

5. That the potential disruption to the lives of our citizens places a moral obligation on decision-makers to involve residents in developing our plan to tackle the issue.
6. That it is therefore necessary to build a consensus with the people of Barnet on how we achieve our Net Zero goals and are candid about the challenges it poses.
7. That the recently completed Citizens' Assemblies are a critical step to laying Barnet's pathway to Net Zero
8. That more than 60 residents - aged 12 to 90 - including 20 young people gave up much of their time to these efforts.
9. That the Citizens' Assemblies has generated 20 recommendations which the Council administration will now consider.
10. That these proposals call on both the council and citizens to take responsibility for tackling climate change

**Council Resolves:**

1. To thank all those residents who participated in the Citizens' Assemblies and confirm that their work was necessary and vital.
2. To seriously examine their recommendations and look at the best way to achieve their objectives.
3. To continue to work with the participants of both Assemblies, the wider community, businesses and environmental groups in our plan to get to Net Zero.

**Council RESOLVED** that the Motion as set out above be recommended to the Executive for consideration.

**FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Background documents:**

Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 11 July 2023:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s78906/Barnet%20Citizens%20assembly.pdf>

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Reference from Council: 11 July 2023

Motion: Barnet LGBT+ Pride

Proposer: Councillor Ella Rose and agreed by Full Council

#### **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 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.
- 5) That this environment risks further marginalising this group of our fellow citizens, who too often suffer from ostracisation, workplace discrimination and hate crime.
- 6) 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.

7) 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.

8) That the inaugural LGBT+ celebration Pride in the Park will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 to attend the Pride Event in Victoria Park, Finchley, on 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Council RESOLVED** that the Motion as set out above, be recommended to the Executive for consideration.

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**Background documents:**

Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 11 July 2023:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s78908/Barnet%20LGBT.pdf>

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Reference from Council: 11 July 2023

Motion: Road Closures in Barnet

Proposer: Councillor Daniel Thomas as amended by Councillor Alan Schneiderman and agreed by Full Council.

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.

**Council RESOLVED** that the Motion, as amended and as set out above, be recommended to the Executive for consideration.

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### **Background documents:**

Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 11 July 2023:

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Reference from Council: 11 July 2023

Motion: Invitations to Council Events

Proposer: Councillor Daniel Thomas as amended by Councillor Emma Whysall and agreed by Full Council

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).

**Council RESOLVED** that the Motion, as amended and as set out above, be recommended to the Executive for consideration.

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