MEETING

CABINET

DATE AND TIME

WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 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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AGENDA ITEM 8



London Borough of Barnet

Cabinet – 18 October 2023

The following motion has been considered a matter falling within the powers of the Executive and identified in the Council summons. As such, the motion shall stand referred to the next meeting of the Executive in accordance with the Council Constitution Part 3A, section 15.5.1.

Reference from Council: 17 October 2023

Motion: Recommitment to Net Zero

Proposer: Councillor Giulia Innocenti

Council Notes that:

- Barnet Council declared a Climate Emergency in May 2022, committing to becoming a Net Zero Council by 2030 and a Net Zero Borough by 2042.
- That man-made climate change represents the greatest risk to the long-term habitability of the planet.
- That more short-term physical effects include: More frequent and more extreme meteorological disasters; greater shortages of drinking water; increased risk of desertification; greater disruption to supply chains of food.
- Other effects are likely to include: Increased food inflation; greater refugee and migrant flows; Increased poverty in the developing world; And the submersion of entire countries.
- That the effects of climate change, including flooding and other extreme weather conditions are also being seen across the UK and Barnet.
- That the 2050 target for a Net Zero UK that is, by 2050 the UK should be taking out as least as much carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as it is putting in has been part of the UK political consensus when it was adopted both by then Prime Minister Gordon Brown and then Leader of the Opposition David Cameron.
- That there are fears that the recent measures announced by the Prime Minister will make reaching that 2050 target harder.
- That Barnet will soon have installed over 2,000 electric vehicle charge points which is set to be more than 1 in 6 of all on-street charge points in London. However, as stated by the Association of Fleet Professionals and Addison

Lee, investment in electronic vehicle charging points is at risk following the Prime Minister announcing that the ban on sales of new petrol cars will be postponed.

- That Barnet has started to retrofit social housing and council buildings, including the installation of heat pumps and solar panels.
- That the decision to lift the ban on installation of new gas boilers by 2035 has also put at risk investment in the heat pump industry which may have consequences for the price of more environmentally friendly heat pumps.

Council Resolves to:

- Continue installing EV charging points to enable even more Barnet residents to switch to an electric car.
- To reach out to other local authorities to make a joint statement on its commitment to EV charging points rollout, to assure the industry that the effect of the Prime Minister's speech on investment will be minimised.
- To write to the Prime Minister, expressing dismay at the confusion and concern caused by his speech, and to reiterate the need to re-establish the political consensus on the 2050 Net Zero target, which require a realistic sequence of steps to achieve it.

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 – 17 October 2023:

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s80296/Administration%20motion%20in%20the%20name%20of%20Cllr%20Innocenti%20-%20Net%20Zero.pdf

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Reference from Council: 17 October 2023

Motion: The CPZ programme review should be brought before Cabinet

Proposer: Councillor Rohit Grover

Council notes:

- That the review of the CPZ programme has now been completed.
- The next steps will be discussed by the Capital Strategy Board (if they haven't been already).
- The Strategic Projects Board does not have any councillors as members; and
- The outcome of the CPZ programme review will not be brought before Cabinet.
- The intention for CPZs to cover wide areas was a policy initiative introduced by the last administration subject to thorough resident consultation.
- One of the first such large zones was meant to be introduced in Garden Suburb. However, the outcome of the 'Engagement on Parking' exercise in Garden Suburb revealed that only 22% of residents responded, and 27% of respondents were in support of a CPZ with 68% against it.

The conclusion must be that residents respond to the here and now rather than what may or may not happen in the future. The here and now in Garden Suburb is that certain streets experience acute parking pressures, while the vast majority do not.

However, the outcome of the CPZ programme review is that there will be no extension of the existing CPZ arrangements in the ward for the foreseeable future, even though a small number of streets continue to experience acute parking pressures and have done so for many years. This is thoroughly unsatisfactory.

Therefore, council resolves that:

- It accepts the basic democratic principle (as far as is legally possible)
 that instead of implementing CPZs across large areas that for the most part
 do not experience parking pressures and where residents have not expressed
 support for them, CPZs should only be implemented, if legally possible on
 streets that do experience parking pressures and where residents have
 expressed support.
- Some flexibility should be built into the CPZ programme to accommodate localised parking pressures, rather than always using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.
- Any introduction of measures that impose further costs on residents during a cost-of-living crisis should be decided in an open and transparent way.
- The outcome of the CPZ programme should therefore be discussed at Cabinet where residents will be able to make Deputations and non-executive councillors will be able to ask questions of the relevant Cabinet member.
- If there are no legal restrictions, a road will only join a CPZ if a majority of residents are in favour.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15.5 this motion is to stand referred to the Executive as it refers to matters within the powers of the executive

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background documents:

Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 17 October 2023:

https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s80297/Opposition%20motion%20in%20the%20name%20of%20Cllr%20Grover%20-%20CPZ.pdf

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