

Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
held at Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ, on 19 October 2021

PRESENT:-

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Alison Cornelius)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Saira Don)

Councillors:

Golnar Bokaei	Ross Houston	Gabriel Rozenberg
Jess Brayne	Anne Hutton	Lisa Rutter
Felix Byers	Laithe Jajeh	Shimon Ryde
Anne Clarke	Kathy Levine	Gill Sargeant
Pauline Coakley Webb	David Longstaff	Alan Schneiderman
Dean Cohen	John Marshall	Mark Shooter
Sara Conway	Kath McGuirk	Elliot Simberg
Geof Cooke	Nick Mearing-Smith	Thomas Smith
Richard Cornelius	Arjun Mittra	Stephen Sowerby
Val Duschinsky	Alison Moore	Caroline Stock
Paul Edwards	Ammar Naqvi	Daniel Thomas
Claire Farrier	Nagus Narenthira	Reuben Thompstone
Linda Freedman	Wendy Prentice	Sarah Wardle
Eva Greenspan	Sachin Rajput	Roberto Weeden-Sanz
Jennifer Grocock	Barry Rawlings	Laurie Williams
Rohit Grover	Nicole Richer	Peter Zinkin
Lachhya Gurung	Helene Richman	
John Hart	Tim Roberts	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Finn, Councillor M Cohen, Councillor Prager, Councillor Fluss, Councillor Teare, Councillor Rich, Councillor O-Macauley, Councillor Patel and Councillor Zubairi.

2. ELECT A MEMBER TO PRESIDE IF THE MAYOR IS ABSENT

The Worshipful the Mayor was present.

3. PRAYER

Reverend Nigel Taylor was called upon by the Worshipful the Mayor to speak to Council and say prayers.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Council noted the following corrections to the Minutes of the meeting on the 27 July 2021:

That the following Members were present at the meeting, but not recorded on the attendance list, Councillor Fluss, Councillor Mearing-Smith and Councillor Richer.

RESOVLED that subject to the amendments referred to, the Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 27 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

6. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Council that she had visited Cyprus for the Annual Morphu Rally which took place on 10 October and a wreath had been laid on behalf of the Borough. She reminded Council that Barnet is twinned with Morphu, which is currently in Northern Cyprus following the invasion in 1974.

The Worshipful the Mayor encouraged Members to attend Services or Memorials in their wards for Remembrance Sunday which is taking place on the 14 November.

The Worshipful the Mayor announced that the Civic Award nominations were now open, with a closing date of the 31 December 2021 and asked Members to complete the nomination form and send it to the Mayor's Office if they knew anyone in their Ward worthy of recognition.

The Worshipful the Mayor sent sincere thoughts and condolences to the family of Sir David Amess MP who was tragically murdered on Friday 15 October while he was holding his constituency surgery. The Worshipful the Mayor said a few words in memory of Sir David Amess MP.

"Sir David Amess was elected as the Member of Parliament for Basildon between 1983 and 1987 and Southend West between 1987 to 2021 becoming one of Westminster's longest serving MPs. Before entering politics, he taught at St John the Baptist Primary School, then worked as an underwriter and went on to be a recruitment consultant. In 2000, he helped to reduce fuel poverty by leading on the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act and continued to fight to eliminate fuel poverty throughout his career. Sir David served on the Health Select Committee between 1998 and 2007 where he fought on many health issues, supporting various pieces of legislation to protect animals and he recently spoke on this issue at the Conservative Party Conference. In 2020, Sir David joined forces with Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, to call for an end to the illegal importation of puppies.

Sir David Amess MP received several honours and awards for his parliamentary work during his lifetime, most notably his knighthood in 2015 for political and public service. Since his death, tributes have poured in from many of his fellow politicians. He was highly respected and much liked across both Houses of Parliament. He was a man who believed passionately in this Country and its future, a fine public servant, a much-loved friend and colleague and a devoted family man who had a very strong Christian faith. He was also described as one of the kindest, nicest, most gentle people in politics and a passionate advocate and champion for Southend, which has been awarded 'city' status in his honour".

The Worshipful the Mayor asked Council to join her in a minute's silence to reflect on the achievements of Sir David Amess' life and particularly to remember his wife, children and extended family in our prayers.

7. ANY BUSINESS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING

None.

8. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER (AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IF HE/SHE HAS DELEGATED)

Answers to the questions submitted were provided as a supplementary paper to the Agenda.

Supplementary questions were then asked and answered within the allotted time given for the item.

9. PETITIONS FOR DEBATE (20 MINUTES)

None.

10. REPORTS FROM THE LEADER

None.

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 REFERRAL FROM POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - BARNET'S LOCAL PLAN

Councillor Thomas, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Debate ensued.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	33
Against	19
Abstain	2
Absent	9
Total	63

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1. Noted the responses to consultation on the Local Plan – Publication – Regulation 19 (as set out in Appendix B of the report).**
- 2. Approved that the Draft Local Plan (Appendix A of the report) and its supporting documents be submitted to the Secretary of State for Independent examination in public.**
- 3. Noted that the Policy and Resources Committee delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee to make modifications to the Draft Local Plan as part of the**

Examination in Public and prior to public consultation and publication of the Inspector’s Report; and

4. Noted that the Policy and Resources Committee approved the Local Plan Development Scheme (as set out in Appendix C of the report) as the new programme for production of the Local Plan, supporting documents and the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule.

11.2 REFERRAL FROM POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - WEST FINCHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Thomas, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Debate ensued.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Noted the contents of the Inspector’s Report (Appendix B) and the results of the West Finchley Neighbourhood Plan referendum held on 8 July 2021 (Appendix C).

2. Adopt the West Finchley Neighbourhood Plan (WFNP) as set out in Appendix A.

11.3 REFERRAL FROM HOUSING AND GROWTH COMMITTEE - NORTH FINCHLEY SITE ASSEMBLY AGREEMENT AND LAND AGREEMENT

Councillor Richard Cornelius, Chairman of the Housing and Growth Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	33
Against	21
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to enter into the North Finchley Land Agreement Site Assembly Agreement with Regal JP North Finchley Limited and Regal Holdco Ltd. See appendix 1 for Legal Summary.

2. Noted the above agreements, including the extension of the exclusivity period with Regal JP North Finchley Limited until the 31st December 2022.

3. Delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of the Housing and Growth Committee to continue to extend the exclusivity period if the Council deems necessary.

4. Delegated authority for the Deputy Chief Executive to authorise the appointment of professional team(s) as necessary to deliver associated projects set out in the report at paragraph 1.5 to support placemaking, public realm improvements and the wider comprehensive regeneration of North Finchley Town Centre.

11.4 REFERRAL FROM HOUSING AND GROWTH COMMITTEE - CARAVAN LICENSING FEES

Councillor Richard Cornelius, Chairman of the Housing and Growth Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

RESOLVED that Council noted and agreed the fee applications by relevant persons to be accepted onto the fit and proper person register in respect of mobile home site licensing, as outlined in section 5.2.8 of the Annex Report.

11.5 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY STATEMENT 2021/22 AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES

Councillor Jajeh, Vice-Chairman of the Constitution and General Purposes Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

RESOLVED that Council approved the amended Annual Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2021/22 (Appendix B).

11.6 REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Councillor Jajeh, Vice-Chairman of the Constitution and General Purposes Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

RESOLVED that Council:

1. Noted the updated report of the Constitution and General Purposes Committee held on 4 October 2021 (Annex 1a) and noted that the Committee approved the amendments subject to the changes detailed in the minutes (Annex 1b).

2. Approved the Constitution amendments as set out in Appendices A to N.

3. Authorised the Monitoring Officer to implement these revisions and publish a revised Constitution.

11.7 REFERRAL FROM CHILDREN, EDUCATION & SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE - OFSTED FOCUSED VISIT LETTER

Councillor Longstaff, Chairman of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Debate ensued.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

RESOLVED that Council:

Noted the Ofsted letter on their focused visit to the London Borough of Barnet Family Services (Appendix A) in their role as Corporate Parents to the Borough's Looked After Children.

12. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

12.1 REPORT OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER - LONDON LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (LGPS) COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT VEHICLE LIMITED (LONDON CIV) REGULATORY CAPITAL

Councillor Shooter, Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Debate ensued.

On recommendation in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

RESOLVED that Council agree to delegate approval and signing of the changes to the LCIV's Articles of Association and Shareholder Agreement to the Director of Resources.

12.2 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

The Head of Governance introduced the report, outlining various constitutional and administrative matters for Council's agreement. Council was asked to note that the Calendar of meetings 2022-23 would be deferred to the January Council meeting for approval, to allow time for a comprehensive review of dates and religious holidays to take place.

On the recommendation to agree the substitute Members for the Chipping Barnet Area Committee being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

On the recommendation to agree the nomination to the Finchley Charities being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

On the recommendation to agree the appointment to the Local Pension Board being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

On the recommendation to agree the changes to the membership of the Residents Forum and Committee (as outlined in the supplemental paper) being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	54
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

RESOLVED that Council:

- 1) **Agreed that Councillor Weeden-Sanz be substitute member for the Brunswick Park Ward and Councillor Richer the substitute member for East Barnet Ward on the Chipping Barnet Area Committee.**
- 2) **Agreed that Adam Cheasuddin be appointed to the vacancy on the Finchley Charities.**
- 3) **Agreed that Deepani De Silva be appointed to the vacancy on the Local Pension Board.**
- 4) **Agreed the changes to committees outlined in Appendix F of the report.**

13. QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

14. MOTIONS (45 MINUTES)

14.1 ADMINISTRATION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR DANIEL THOMAS - PROTECTING OUR GREEN BELT (AGENDA ITEM 14.1)

Councillor Thomas moved the motion in his name. Councillor McGuirk moved an amendment in her name. Debate ensued.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor McGuirk were recorded as follows:

For	19
Against	35
Abstain	0
Absent	9
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor McGuirk was declared LOST.

Votes on the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Thomas were recorded as follows:

For	33
Against	3
Abstain	18
Absent	9
Total	63

The substantive motion in the name of Councillor Thomas was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that:

Council notes:

1. In a draft of its Local Plan, Enfield Council proposed building on the Green Belt.
2. Enfield Council is a Labour-run local authority.
3. Enfield's current draft plan has been publicly opposed by the Greater London Authority.
 - a. In their letter to Enfield Council, the GLA wrote that "the exceptional circumstances that are required to justify the release of Green Belt land through the [Enfield] Local Plan process have not been established"
4. Enfield's plan proposes the loss of 180 hectares of Green Belt land, less than five miles from Barnet.
5. Sadiq Khan, Labour Mayor of London, has made proposals to build out of character tower blocks across Barnet and on the Barnet/Enfield boundary.
6. Khan has also overruled Barnet Council on several planning decisions, making the respective planning applications denser and taller.
7. Barnet's New Local Plan continues to protect our Green Belt.

Council believes:

1. Housing must not be built on our Green Belt land
2. Labour say one thing in opposition but do another in power

Council resolves to:

1. Protect our suburbs and green belt from overdevelopment
2. During the Local Plan's inspection stage, make any amendments necessary to protect our suburbs and avoid overdevelopment.

14.2 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR ROSS HOUSTON - VIABILITY ASSESSMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 14.5)

Councillor Houston moved the motion and an amendment in his name. Councillor Richard Cornelius moved an amendment in his name. Councillor Roberts moved an amendment in his name. Debate ensued.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Roberts were recorded as follows:

For	21
Against	31
Abstain	0
Absent	11*
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Roberts was declared LOST.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Richard Cornelius were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	0
Abstain	21
Absent	11*
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Richard Cornelius was declared CARRIED.

Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Richard Cornelius were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	0
Abstain	21
Absent	11*
Total	63

*Cllr Marshall and Councillor Ryde left the meeting before discussion and voting on this item took place and did not return.

RESOLVED that:

Council notes:

1. The Government advises all Councils as local planning authorities to make viability assessments for developments publicly available except in exceptional circumstances.

2. Viability assessments are made publicly available as and when submitted to support a planning application unless there is a stated 'exceptional circumstance' reason not to.

3. It is stated on the Council website that these assessments will be made public. (<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning/submit-planning1application>)

Council resolves to:

1. Continue to publish all viability assessments, when submitted to support a planning application, unless there is a stated 'exceptional circumstance' reason not to.

14.3 ADMINISTRATION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR FELIX BYERS - PROTECTING ANIMALS FROM THE EFFECTS OF FIREWORKS (AGENDA ITEM 14.2)

Votes on the amendment to the motion in the name of Councillor Farrier were recorded as follows:

For	52
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	11
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Farrier was declared CARRIED.
Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Farrier were recorded as follows:

For	52
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	11
Total	63

The motion as amended in the name of Councillor Farrier was declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED that:

Council notes that:

1. **Fireworks are used lawfully by residents throughout the year to mark various celebrations**
2. **The unpredictable, loud, and high-intensity noises that many fireworks make can cause fear and distress in pets, livestock, and wildlife. In the worst cases, animals require behavioural therapies and drug treatments for their fear responses, and they may never recover fully**
3. **The RSPCA expects an 18% rise in the number of residential garden firework displays in England and Wales in 2021, compared to 2019**
4. **Animal welfare is a widely held concern for residents in Barnet and across the country**
5. **Residents have a statutory duty under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to protect from suffering those animals for which they are responsible.**
5. **Barnet Council's Licensing Committee on 10 February 2021 agreed to support the proposed RSPCA recommendations:**
 - **To require all public firework displays within the Local Authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people**
 - **To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks**
 - **To write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays**
 - **To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display.**

Council believes that:

1. **Residents should give their neighbours reasonable advance notice if they are planning to host a private firework display, so that arrangements can be made regarding the wellbeing of pets and livestock**

2. **The Council should do more to promote awareness of the impacts that fireworks can have on pets, livestock, and wildlife.**

As per the Licensing Committee decision, Council resolves to:

1. **Require where possible that all public firework displays within the Local Authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, enabling residents to take precautions for their pets**
2. **Actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.**

14.4 ADMINISTRATION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR DANIEL THOMAS - SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IN BARNET (AGENDA ITEM 14.3)

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Schneiderman were recorded as follows:

For	21
Against	31
Abstain	0
Absent	11
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Schneiderman was declared LOST.

Votes on the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Thomas were recorded as follows:

For	52
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	11
Total	63

RESOLVED that:

Council notes that:

1. **The proportion of electricity in the UK produced by renewable energy has increased hugely over the past decade to around a third.**
2. **Currently Barnet produces approximately 3000mWh of renewable energy per year.**
3. **Under the Council's reporting for the Carbon Reduction Commitment, the CO2 emissions based principally on the corporate non-education estate reduced by 59% between the four years 2014/15 – 2018/19.**

4. The borough is developing a proposal to install and generate electricity from solar panels utilising opportunities within LBB's asset portfolio, while providing increased capacity and access to EV Charging points on LBB's estates a. None of these panels will be built on parks or green space in Barnet.
5. New build projects in Barnet often include solar panels and low carbon technology which have been incorporated into a number of school projects and the Oakleigh Road Depot.
6. In 2020, the Council completed the RE:FIT project, which installed energy saving measures on the Corporate Estate, such as libraries and Council offices, including the town hall. The CO2 savings for the REFIT project are estimated at 139 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year.
7. The Council is currently mid-way through the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) project, which is a £1.38m grant to work towards decarbonising some of the Council's buildings, including offices, libraries, children's centres, and a primary school; this will result in a reduction in gas use.
8. The CO2 savings for the PSDS project are estimated at 288 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year. Energy saving measures include installing heat pumps, solar photovoltaic panels, battery storage, LED lighting and Central Management Systems (CMS) a. The measures will all be completed by the end of 2021.
9. We have undertaken a wholesale change in streetlighting, converting the entire network to LED lighting. This will result in a drop in our lighting related emissions by two thirds.
10. Barnet has an ambitious electric vehicle charge point programme, which has now installed over 100 charge points based on resident request, as well as freestanding town centre units and community charging hubs in car parks across the borough.
11. The Government has a target to reduce the UK's carbon emissions to net zero by 2050.
12. The Council's Brent Cross Town development will be a net zero carbon town. The development will feature a district heating system, which will be the largest installation of its kind in the UK.
 - a. The district heating network will include 8MW of heat pumps, supplying over 80% of the total heat requirements of the site, alongside other low and zero carbon heat sources to keep the Brent Cross South site warm.
 - b. A plan is also being worked on to use the infrastructure to cool Brent Cross South in the summer, as well as heat it in the winter.

Council believes that:

1. Investing in sustainable energy will help clean Barnet's air and will save the Council, our residents and businesses money.

2. The Council should continue to install EV charge points based on resident requests.
3. That the borough's sustainable energy projects are ambitious and achievable.
4. The borough can and must do more to build on our successes in producing and using sustainable energy in Barnet.

Council resolves to:

1. Ensure that Barnet continues to invest in sustainable energy.
2. Do a better job at communicating our successes in this area.
3. Have our sustainable energy plan as a core component of the borough's sustainability strategy.
4. Do all it can to do its bit to help the UK reduce its emissions and reach its net zero carbon target.

14.5 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR BARRY RAWLINGS - REINSTATE THE UNIVERSAL CREDIT UPLIFT (AGENDA ITEM 14.4)

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Conway were recorded as follows:

For	21
Against	31
Abstain	0
Absent	11
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Conway was declared LOST.

Votes on the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Rawlings were recorded as follows:

For	21
Against	31
Abstain	0
Absent	11
Total	63

RESOLVED that the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Rawlings was declared LOST.

14.6 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR GABRIEL ROZENBERG - PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS AHEAD OF COP26 (AGENDA ITEM 14.6)

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Rozenberg were recorded as follows:

For	21
Against	31
Abstain	0
Absent	11
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Rozenberg was declared LOST.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen were recorded as follows:

For	29
Against	2
Abstain	21
Absent	11
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen was declared CARRIED.

Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Dean Cohen were recorded as follows:

For	51
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	*12
Total	63

*Councillor Weeden-Sanz left before this vote and did not return.

RESOLVED that:

Council notes that:

1. **The Council has an ambitious Long-Term Transport Strategy.**
2. **The Council is developing a sustainability strategy, which is currently in draft and will be released for consultation in early 2022.**

Council believes that:

1. **Climate change is the defining challenge of our lifetime.**
2. **As we approach the COP26 meeting in Glasgow next month, sustainability should be embedded in all of the Council's activities and strategies.**
3. **Each of our daily activities, from the way we heat our homes, to our building construction systems, to the way we travel around Barnet, must be re-examined to find ways to significantly reduce the use of carbon-burning fuel.**

Council resolves to:

1. **Release a sustainability strategy that will, among other things, recognise our beliefs and set out what can be done to improve sustainable transport options for Barnet residents.**
2. **Aim to help all of its residents lower their own carbon emissions, year after year, as we work towards a Net Zero future.**
3. **Continue to invest in sustainable transport solutions – from using recycled tyres in road paving roads, to installing ever more electric vehicle charging points and encouraging rather than mandating, all types of active transport.**

14.7 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR JESS BRAYNE - COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTER SHOTS (AGENDA ITEM 14.7)

Councillor Rozenberg moved a motion to debate this motion if time allowed before 10pm at the end of the agenda, which was duly seconded.

Votes on the motion to debate this motion were recorded as follows:

For	21
Against	30
Abstain	0
Absent	12
Total	63

Therefore, the motion to debate was LOST.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Thomas were recorded as follows:

For	30
Against	21
Abstain	0
Absent	12
Total	63

Following the vote being taken, a division was called in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

The recorded votes were as follows:

Councillor			For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
1.	Golnar	BOKAEI	X			
2.	Jess	BRAYNE		X		
3.	Felix	BYERS	X			
4.	Anne	CLARKE		X		
5.	Pauline	COAKLEY WEBB		X		
6.	Dean	COHEN	X			
7.	Melvin	COHEN				X
8.	Sara	CONWAY		X		

Councillor			For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
9.	Geof	COOKE		X		
10.	Richard	CORNELIUS	X			
11.	Val	DUSCHINSKY	X			
12.	Paul	EDWARDS		X		
13.	Claire	FARRIER		X		
14.	Anthony	FINN				X
15.	Nizza	FLUSS				X
16.	Linda	FREEDMAN	X			
17.	Eva	GREENSPAN	X			
18.	Jennifer	GROCOCK	X			
19.	Rohit	GROVER	X			
20.	Lachhya	GURUNG	X			
21.	John	HART	X			
22.	Ross	HOUSTON		X		
23.	Anne	HUTTON		X		
24.	Laithe	JAJEH	X			
25.	Kathy	LEVINE		X		
26.	David	LONGSTAFF	X			
27.	John	MARSHALL				X
28.	Kath	McGUIRK		X		
29.	Nick	MEARING-SMITH	X			
30.	Arjun	MITTRA		X		
31.	Alison	MOORE		X		
32.	Ammar	NAQVI		X		
33.	Nagus	NARENTHIRA		X		
34.	Charlie	O-MACAULEY				X
35.	Reema	PATEL				X
36.	Alex	PRAGER				X
37.	Wendy	PRENTICE	X			
38.	Sachin	RAJPUT	X			
39.	Barry	RAWLINGS		X		
40.	Danny	RICH				X
41.	Nicole	RICHER	X			
42.	Helene	RICHMAN	X			

Councillor			For	Against	Not Voting	Absent
43.	Tim	ROBERTS		X		
44.	Gabriel	ROZENBERG		X		
45.	Lisa	RUTTER	X			
46.	Shimon	RYDE				X
47.	Gill	SARGEANT		X		
48.	Alan	SCHNEIDERMAN		X		
49.	Mark	SHOOTER	X			
50.	Elliot	SIMBERG	X			
51.	Thomas	SMITH	X			
52.	Stephen	SOWERBY	X			
53.	Caroline	STOCK	X			
54.	Julian	TEARE				X
55.	Daniel	THOMAS	X			
56.	Ruben	THOMPSTONE	X			
57.	Sarah	WARDLE	X			
58.	Roberto	WEEDEN-SANZ				X
59.	Laurie	WILLIAMS		X		
60.	Peter	ZINKIN	X			
61.	Zakia	ZUBAIRI				X
62.	DEUTY MAYOR Saria	DON	X			
63.	MAYOR Alison	CORNELIUS	X			
64.		TOTAL: 63	30	21	0	12

The amendment in the name of Councillor Thomas was declared CARRIED.

Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Thomas were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	0
Abstain	20
Absent	12
Total	63

RESOLVED that:

Council notes the following:

- Vaccines are a safe and proven method of reducing both the risk and the transmissibility of Covid-19.
- At the same time, there is growing evidence that their declines over time, particularly in the case of the Pfizer vaccine. This decline appears to start from six months after the second dose. For this reason, the booster vaccine is recommended, as it will extend the protection for a longer time.
- Since 16 September the NHS has been offering booster vaccines to those most at risk of COVID-19 to ensure that those most at risk, and those on the frontline such as care workers, are protected as we head into winter.

Council therefore resolves as follows:

- As a Council, we will continue to support community and NHS efforts to encourage take up of first and second vaccines for those who have not already received them.
- We will support the roll out of booster vaccines in the same wholehearted way, so Barnet residents are fully protected from this terrible virus.

14.8 **OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF CLLR ANNE CLARKE - THE ENERGY CRISIS (AGENDA ITEM 14.8)**

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Schneiderman were recorded as follows:

For	20
Against	30
Abstain	1
Absent	12
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Schneiderman was declared LOST.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen were recorded as follows:

For	49
Against	2
Abstain	0
Absent	12
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen was declared CARRIED.

Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Dean Cohen were recorded as follows:

For	51
Against	0

Abstain	0
Absent	12
Total	63

RESOLVED that:

Council:

(i) Recognises:

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies and community groups to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations in Barnet, if they wished, and
- that revenues received by such local companies or community groups that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;
- Barnet is committed to becoming an ever-greener borough – investing in sustainable solutions and developments.

(ii) Notes that the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;

(iii) Accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 266 MPs and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply in Barnet by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company; and

(iv) Further resolves to:

- inform the local media of this decision,
- write to Barnet's three MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and
- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at Camden Collective, 5-7 Buck Street, London NW1 8NJ or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

15. MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT

None.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 21.41 hrs.