

# **London Borough of Barnet**

# Cabinet Forward Plan (Key Decision Schedule) - 2024

The Cabinet currently consists of the following members of the London Borough of Barnet:

Councillor Barry Rawlings Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member – Resources and Effective Council

Councillor Ross Houston Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Homes and Regeneration

Councillor Paul Edwards Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care

Councillor Ammar Naqvi Cabinet Member – Culture, Leisure, Arts and Sports Councillor Anne Clarke Cabinet Member – Community Wealth Building

Councillor Sara Conway Cabinet Member – Community Safety and Participation

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb Cabinet Member – Family Friendly Barnet Councillor Alison Moore Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Alan Schneiderman Cabinet Member – Environment and Climate Change

Councillor Zahra Beg Cabinet Member – Equalities, Voluntary and Community Sector

This is a list of Key Decisions which the Authority proposes to take at forthcoming Cabinet meetings. The Cabinet agenda containing all the reports being considered will be published 5 clear days before the meeting.

### **Advanced Notice of Executive Decisions**

The Council is required to publish notice of all key decisions at least 28 days before they are taken by Cabinet. Details of the decisions to be taken at forthcoming meetings of the Cabinet are detailed in the table below.

## **Definition of a Key Decisions**

A Key Decision relates to those executive decisions which are likely to:

- i) result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; a decision is considered significant if it exceeds an expenditure or savings in revenue of £500,000 and capital of £1 million.
- ii) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Borough.

A decision is significant for the purposes of (i) above if it involves expenditure or the making of savings of an amount in excess of £1m for capital expenditure or £500,000 for revenue expenditure or, where expenditure or savings are less than the amounts specified above, they constitute more than 50% of the budget attributable to the service in question.

#### **Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private**

The Council is required to give at least 28 clear days' notice if **Cabinet wishes to hold any of the meeting in private**. Any person can make representations to the Cabinet if they believe the decision should instead be made in the public Cabinet meeting by emailing <a href="mailto:governanceservice@barnet.gov.uk">governanceservice@barnet.gov.uk</a>

## **Urgency**

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision must be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given a notice will be published (on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution must be followed.

Subject	Summary of Decision	Cabinet Member and Lead Officer	Public, Part Exempt or Private	Key – Yes / No	Additional documents to be submitted; and / or Any Consultation to be undertaken
16 April 2024					
Chief Finance Officer Report - Capital Programme Changes and Write Offs	Note Changes to the Capital Programme and bad debt write offs  Approve Changes to the capital programme, bad debt write offs.	Councillor Barry Rawlings, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources & Effective Council  Executive Director Strategy & Resources	Public	Yes	Chief Finance Officer Report – Changes to the Capital Programme and bad debt write offs
Adult Social Care fees and charges consultation	As part of the budget report, approved by Cabinet on 6 February 2024, it was set out that a report would be brought to Cabinet ahead of a proposed consultation to update relevant policies and change some existing fees and charges for Adult Social Care. The report seeks a Cabinet decision to undertake a consultation on proposals which relate to: Reviewing options for the introduction of charging for assistive technology; Reviewing	Councillor Paul Edwards, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Executive Director for Communities, Adults and Health	Public	Yes	

	options to introduce an annual fee for acting as an appointee; and reviewing charges for respite care.  The report also seeks a Cabinet decision to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care to implement the proposals, having taken into consideration to outcomes of the consultation.				
Barnet's Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Approval of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb, Cabinet Member for Family Friendly Barnet  Executive Director Children and Family Services	Public	Yes	- Cabinet report relating to Barnet's Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Barnet's Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy
The Culture Strategy	Approval of the new five-year Culture Strategy	Councillor Ammar Naqvi, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Arts & Sports Transformation Director	Public	Yes	Culture Strategy Final Document
Library Strategy	Approval of the process for a new strategy for the Library Service in Barnet	Councillor Ammar Naqvi - Cabinet Member - Culture, Leisure, Arts and	Public	Yes	Draft Library Strategy

		Sports  Executive Director Children's Services  Head of Libraries			
Barnet Homes Annual Delivery Plan 2024/25	Approval of the Barnet Homes delivery plan for 24/25	Councillor Ross Houston, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes & Regeneration	Public	Yes	
Brent Cross Programme Update Report – April 2024	Provides updates on progress of the Brent Cross Regeneration since the last report to cabinet. To include delegations required to maintain delivery of the Brent Cross scheme. Notably upcoming decisions relating to the next round of plots to come forward at Brent Cross Town and the next phase of development.	Councillor Ross Houston, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes & Regeneration  Brent Cross Programme Director	Part-Exempt	Yes	Report and appendices
Towards a Fair Barnet Roadmap	To approve the Towards a Fair Barnet Roadmap 2024-2030	Councillor Zahra Beg, Cabinet Member for Equalities, Voluntary & Community Sector Executive Director Children and	Public	Yes	Report to Cabinet Towards a Fair Barnet Roadmap State of the Borough Report Report on Resident Engagement Residents' Perception Survey Summary

		Families Strategy Manager			Building a Fairer City, The London Recovery Board Equalities Impact Assessment
Amendment to Arts Depot Memorandum and Articles of Association	<ol> <li>Approve the updates to the Arts Depot Trust's Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association as set out in Appendix 1.</li> <li>Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member of Culture, Leisure, Arts and Sport to act as the Council's representative and to provide consent in relation to such matters on behalf of the Council in the future.</li> <li>Note that upon expiry of the terms of office of the current Council-appointed trustees, it will be for the remaining trustees to decide who to appoint in their place. The revised Memorandum and Articles do, however, make provision for the council to appoint representatives to the Arts Depot board as observers.</li> </ol>	Councillor Ammar Naqvi, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Arts and Sport Deputy Chief Executive	Public	No	Cabinet Report The Arts Depot Covering Note The Arts Depot Articles

14 May 2024					
Brent Cross	Approvals relating to ongoing delivery of Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration	Councillor Ross Houston, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes & Regeneration		Yes	
Corporate Parenting Strategy	In Barnet we want the same things for the children and young people in our care as any good parent would want for their child. Our vision is for all children and young people in Barnet to live their lives successfully with the right support. This Corporate Parenting Strategy supports this work, focusing on our responsibility for our children in care and care leavers.	Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb – Cabinet Member Family Friendly Barnet  Director Children's Social care		Yes	
Education Strategy 2024- 25 – 2027-28	To agree the Strategy	Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb – Cabinet Member Family Friendly Barnet  Chief Executive and Director of Education and Learning (BELS)		Yes	
Approval to	To source energy from	Councillor Barry	Public	Yes	LBB has been working

undertake
renewable
energy
procurement,
through a longterm Power
Purchase
Agreement
(PPA), in
partnership with
a number of
other, as yet
unconfirmed,
London
Councils.

renewable assets, by jointly procuring a PPA, starting as soon as possible, with other London Councils

N.B. PPAs come in different forms and shapes. The purpose of green Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) is that energy consumers secure long-term renewable energy supply, from a new renewable power development, along with the green certificates verifying the supply as renewable. In most cases, volumes and price for the renewable energy delivered is agreed and structured individually. There are two types of PPAs:

Physical PPAs represent a direct relationship between consumer and generator, and they imply that the latter will physically deliver the energy volume specified. A range of pricing mechanisms can be employed to optimize the value of the contract.

Virtual PPAs offer options to consumers regardless of geographical distance. In these

Rawlings, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources & Effective Council

Director of Growth

with a number of other London boroughs, advised by an independent renewable energy services provider, as well as an external advisor that LBB is in a strategic sustainability partnership with.

As a result, these councils have formed a group that will procure a single PPA and have agreed the proposed PPA contract duration, timing of PPA procurement, preferable volumes, contracting structures etc.

Internally we are consulting with Energy Resource Manager, Assistant Director for Estates and Decarbonisation, Procurement Partner and Sustainability Team.

Authorisation to proceed with procurement will enable communication with school, and Barnet Homes stakeholders who

	Virtual PPAs, no physical energy exchange is involved (although an additional renewable power installation is still built) and comprises a contract for difference between spot and PPA price.  Both PPAs are a means of hedging against future spot price fluctuations. The procurement process will establish the most suitable for LBB at that time.  The councils collaborating on the procurement are not yet confirmed, but they will be by the time the decision is presented to cabinet for approval.				use existing energy arrangements through LBB and further engagement to promote the opportunity of accessing a PPA to be established.
24 June 2024					
Our Plan for Barnet – Delivery and Outcomes Framework, Q4 2023-24	To note the Delivery and Outcomes Framework.	Councillor Barry Rawlings, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources & Effective Council  Transformation Director  Head of Programmes, Performance and	Public	No	

		Risk			
Chief Finance Officer Report - Financial Outturn 2023/24 Q4	Revenue and capital forecast outturn for the financial year 2023/24 as at Q4	Councillor Barry Rawlings, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources & Effective Council		Yes	
Brent Cross	Approvals relating to ongoing delivery of Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration	Councillor Ross Houston, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes & Regeneration		Yes	
Modern Slavery Strategy	Approval of Strategy and publication	Councillor Sara Conway, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Participation  Strategy Officer, Deputy Head of Strategy	Public	Yes	Strategy document
Review of the Management Agreement with Barnet Homes	To agree the approach, timetable and scope of the review of the Barnet Homes Management Agreement	Councillor Ross Houston, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes & Regeneration Deputy Chief	Part-Exempt	Yes	

	Executive Head of Strategic Housing	
16 July 2024		

Work Programmes for Overview & Scrutiny – 2024-25	To note the Work Programme for Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Sub-Committees and Task and Finish Groups during 2024-25	Head of Governance, Governance Manager	Public	No	Work Programmes Task and Finish Groups
Brent Cross	Approvals relating to ongoing delivery of Brent Cross Cricklewood Regeneration	Councillor Ross Houston, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes & Regeneration	Part-Exempt	Yes	