

**Environment Committee****8 March 2016**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Member's Item – Railway services in Barnet – Councillor Adam Langleben</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Head of Governance
<b>Wards</b>	All
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Enclosures</b>	None
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**Summary**

The report informs the Environment Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

**Recommendations**

1. That the Environment Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

Councillor Langleben has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

*'Recent surveys have shown that Thameslink and Great Northern, which operate rail services through Barnet, are among the most unpopular railway lines in the country with some of the highest levels of delays and cancellations*

*I therefore call on the Committee to write to the train operator, Govia Thameslink Railway, to demand improvements and to invite a representative to attend an Environment Committee meeting. I also call on the Committee to write to the Department of Transport urging them to speed up the planned transfer of London's suburban rail services to Transport for London.'*

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 Not applicable.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

### **5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.3.1 The Council's Constitution (Meeting Procedure Rules, Section 6) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members' items must be

within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

#### **5.4 Risk Management**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

#### **5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

#### **5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None.