

Council: 26 July 2016

Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg

Welcoming the new May Government

Council congratulates The Rt Hon Theresa May MP on becoming Prime Minister, and welcomes her pledge to lead a One Nation Government for the good of all the citizens of the United Kingdom.

Council welcomes the Prime Minister's statement, delivered in front of 10 Downing Street on the day she took office, that her Government will be driven not by the interests of the privileged few, but by the needs of ordinary, working-class families. She promised: "We will do everything we can to give you more control over your lives."

Council notes the new Prime Minister's lifelong devotion to public service. Mrs May has served with distinction as Home Secretary for six years; has been an MP for 19 years; and began her political career as a councillor in Wimbledon, in the London Borough of Merton — like Barnet, an outer London borough.

Council is therefore confident that her government will pay close attention to the needs of residents of outer London.

For Barnet, a top priority is the Government's ongoing review of the needs assessment formula which underpins central funding of local government. For example, Barnet receives less than half the funding per person that Camden does.

Council urges the new Government to usher in a new financial settlement for London that properly reflects the capital's changing landscape of need. Council calls on the Leader to write to the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, the new Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, and the Mayor of London, to make this positive case for Barnet's residents.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 23.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.