

	<h2>Policy and Resources Committee</h2> <h3>1 September 2016</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Member’s Item: Cllr Barry Rawlings – Barnet’s Strategic Partnership Board</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>The report informs the Policy and Resources Committee of a Member’s item and requests instructions from the Committee.</p>

<h2>Recommendation</h2>
<p><b>1. The Policy and Resources Committee’s instructions in relation to this Member’s item are requested.</b></p>

**WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 Councillor Barry Rawlings has requested that a Member’s item be considered on the following matter:

*‘Barnet’s Local Strategic Partnership – the Barnet Strategic Partnership Board – has not met since November 2013, just prior to the local elections in 2014.*

*Until that point it was meeting twice a year to discuss strategic issues in Barnet with partners including the police, health, Community Barnet, Brent Cross, Middlesex University, Barnet & Southgate College and others. Its*

*membership also included relevant Cabinet Members from the administration and senior council officers.*

*After the local elections in 2014 the committee system was introduced, and as a result, three members of the opposition Labour Group were appointed to the Board.*

*Unfortunately, since that Annual Meeting in 2014 the Board has not met once.*

*As stated on the Council's website "the Local Strategic Partnership (Barnet Partnership Board) is an advisory Committee which brings together the key public, private and voluntary organisations within the borough to identify and articulate the needs and aspirations of Barnet's local communities and to provide a forum to assist the Council by collectively reviewing and steering public resources, through identifying priorities in Sustainable Community Strategies. In Barnet the functions of a Local Strategic Partnership are discharged by the Barnet Partnership Board."*

*I suggest to the Committee, given the current climate of austerity and the need for more joint working, that this Board needs to meet to discuss the issues within its remit.*

*I ask the Committee to agree that these meetings should take place, and that a schedule of dates for the Barnet Strategic Partnership Board are put forward for agreement by Full Council.'*

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 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 terms of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.3.2 The Committee's terms of reference ([Annex A to the Responsibility for Functions](#)) include a responsibility for the overall strategic direction the the Council including strategic partnerships.

5.3.3 On [24 May 2016, Annual Council](#) made the following appointments to the Local Strategic Partnership (Barnet Partnership Board):

<b>Conservative Councillor</b>	<b>Labour Councillor</b>
Richard Cornelius	Barry Rawlings
Daniel Thomas	Ross Houston
David Longstaff	Pauline Coakley Webb

The Board includes the following partners:

- Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group
- CommUNITY Barnet
- Barnet and Southgate College
- Middlesex University
- Brent Cross Shopping Centre
- Metropolitan Police
- Job Centre Plus
- Groundwork London
- Federation of Small Businesses (North London Branch)
- West London Business
- Argent Related
- Saracens.

5.3.4 [Annex A to the Responsibility for Functions](#) state that the General Functions Committee is responsible for endorsing the calendar of meetings prior to Council approval. [Full Council procedure rules](#) state that Council's items of business include "to agree th council calendar of meetings including for ordinary meetings of the council."

### 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.