

	<h2>Environment Committee</h2> <h3>29 September 2016</h3>
<p>Title</p>	<p>Member's Item Alan Schneiderman - Blind and Partially Sighted Bowling Club</p> <p>Alon Or-bach - Road works violations by utility companies</p> <p>Adam Langleben - Great Northern Rail</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
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<p>Summary</p> <p>The report informs the Environment Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.</p>
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<p>Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Environment Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Members of the Committee have requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Environment Committee for considering and determination. The Environment Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

Name of Councillor	Member's Item
Alan Schneiderman	<p>I would like the Environment Committee to consider the impact of the intention to save £100,000 by making all the Borough's bowling clubs self-managing and self-funding with no subsidy from the Council.</p> <p>One of the bowling clubs affected is the Blind and Partially Sighted Bowling Club who do not have their own bowling green but play at the Mill Hill and Barnet bowling clubs. The Mill Hill and Barnet Clubs allow them to use their bowling greens without charge.</p> <p>The Blind and Partially Sighted Bowling Club has been running for 40 years, the oldest member of the club is 100 years old, the team captain is 92 years old, and another member of the club is a national champion.</p> <p>Many of the Club members may not be able to continue to play if plans to make the Mill Hill Club and Barnet Club self-managing and self-funding lead to unaffordable charges.</p> <p>I ask that the Environment Committee is updated with the latest plans for the Borough's bowling clubs and that, in particular, the Committee considers this Member's Item to ensure that the future of the Blind and Partially Sighted Bowling Club is protected and that they are able to continue with their current arrangements for playing at Mill Hill and Barnet.</p>
Alon Or-bach	<p>The state of the Borough's roads and pavements is the second highest concern amongst Barnet residents according to the Council's latest Residents' Perception Survey, and repair of roads is one of the lowest rated Council services with only 27% of residents in the Survey rating it highly – 14% points lower than London (41%) and down 8% points from autumn 2015 (35%).</p> <p>Labour Councillors have raised the issue of damage caused to Barnet's roads by development and utility companies at a previous Environment Committee meeting and have since discovered that while LB Barnet has similar powers as Transport for London (TFL) to prosecute utility companies for road works violations, the Council has not prosecuted any utility companies for street works offences since 2010.</p>

	<p>In comparison TfL has initiated 100 prosecutions against utility companies for street works offences since 2010.</p> <p>I request that the Environment Committee is informed how Re Ltd monitor the impact of works by utility companies on Barnet's roads, and ensures appropriate enforcement action is taken where necessary.</p>
<p>Adam Langleben</p>	<p>The Great Northern route from London Moorgate to Welwyn Garden City, calls at a number of railway stations in Barnet - New Southgate, Oakleigh Park and New Barnet - but has recently suffered from regular cancellations – almost on a daily basis. One local resident has informed Labour councillors of the following cancellations to train services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Friday 26 August, the 08.24 from New Southgate to Highbury & Islington · Saturday 27 August, the 18.47 from Finsbury Park to New Southgate · Sunday 28 August, the 10.58 from New Southgate to Highbury & Islington <p>In each instance the cancellations had a knock on affect leading to later cancellations. The effect of so many cancellations means that local residents in the borough cannot rely on Great Northern operating the service as advertised, which is an unacceptable state of affairs.</p> <p>I request that the of the Environment Committee consider inviting the route operator, Govia, to attend a future meeting to account for the deteriorating service</p>

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.