

	<h2>Community Leadership Committee</h2> <h3>8 March 2017</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Member’s Item – Barnet’s diverse Communities – Councillor Kath McGuirk</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>Urgent</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Key</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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<h3>Summary</h3>
<p>The report provides detail on the Member’s Items submitted for the Community Leadership Committee to consider and for instructions to be provided to Officers.</p>

<h3>Recommendations</h3>
<p><b>That the Community Leadership Committee’s instructions are requested in relation to the item submitted by a member of the Committee highlighted at section 1.1.</b></p>

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

- 1.1 Councillor Kath McGuirk has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

### **Alan Turing Law**

Thousands of gay and bisexual men convicted of now-abolished sexual offences have been posthumously pardoned under the new 'Alan Turing law' which will act as an apology to those convicted for consensual same-sex relationships before homosexuality was decriminalised in England and Wales in 1967.

The new law comes into effect after decades of campaigning by the LGBT community, and after the family of the Enigma code breaker Alan Turing delivered a petition to Downing Street before the 2015 general election.

The new law will also see statutory pardons granted to the living, but this will only apply in cases where individuals have successfully applied through the Home Office's disregard process to have historic offences removed.

I welcome the Prime Minister's comments that she will work closely with the Home Office to encourage individuals to come forward.

I request that the Community Leadership committee be advised what actions Barnet Council will undertake to assist this process for local people affected, and what work has been or will be done to raise awareness of the disregard process with the local LGBT community.

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## **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 Social Value**

5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

## **5.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

5.4.1 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.

## **5.5 Risk Management**

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

## **5.6 Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 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.

## **5.7 Consultation and Engagement**

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

## **5.8 Insight**

5.8.1 None in the context of this report.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 Email to Governance Service.