Article 7 – Committees, Forums, Working Groups and Partnerships

Committees

7.1 The Council will appoint the committees set out below at 7.7 to discharge the functions described.

Sub-Committees and Working Groups

7.2 Following the Annual Meeting of the Council, and at any time during the year, committees may I appoint: sub-committees and/or working groups and, if appropriate, agree their terms of reference, a Chairman and, if considered necessary, a Vice-Chairman and substitute members of the sub-committee or working group.

Appointment of Members to Committees

7.3 The Council will appoint the Members, Chairman and Vice Chairman to serve on the Committee subject to the right of a political group within the meaning of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and any regulations made under that Act to make nominations for those appointments at the meeting that makes the appointments before the appointments are made.

Local Strategic Partnership

7.4 A Local Strategic Partnership 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

7.5 Responsibility for Functions

Body responsible	Functions	Membership
Policy and Resources	(1) To determine strategic policy, finance including recommending capital and revenue	12
Committee	budget to full Council, welfare, corporate plan and local plans, procurement, partnerships, IT, grants and the effective use of resources.	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes to be appointed by Council.
	(2) To be responsible for those matters not specifically allocated to any other committee affecting the affairs of the Council.	6 substitutes
	(3) Consider for approval budget and business plan of the Barnet Group Ltd.	Quorum 3

	If any report appears to come within the remit of more than one committee, to avoid the report being discussed at several committees, the report will be presented and determined at the most appropriate committee. If this is not clear, then the report will be discussed and determined by the Policy and Resources Committee.	
Performance and Contract Management Committee	 (1) Overall responsibility for quarterly budget and performance monitoring, oversight of contract variations including monitoring trading position and financial strategy of Council services and external providers. 2) To make recommendations to Policy and Resources and Theme Committees on relevant policy and commissioning implications arising from the scrutiny of performance of Council services and external providers. (3) Specific responsibility for risk management and treasury management performance. 4) To consider any decisions of the West London Economic Prosperity Board which have been called in, in accordance with this Article. 	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes to be appointed by Council. 6 substitutes Quorum 3
Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee	 (1) Responsibility for all matters relating to children, schools, education, and libraries. (2) To submit to the Policy and Resources Committee proposals relating to the Committee's budget for the following year in accordance with the budget timetable. (3) To make recommendations to Policy and Resources Committee on issues relating to the budget for the Committee, including virements or underspends and overspends on the budget. No decisions which result in amendments to the agreed budget may be made by the Committee unless and until the amendment has been agreed by Policy and Resources Committee. 	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes to be appointed by Council. Requirement to have a Lead Member for Children's Services. Co-opted Members (may speak on all matters, but can only vote on education related items):

	 (4) To receive reports on relevant performance information on Delivery Units providing services under the remit of the Committee. (5) To receive and consider reports as appropriate from the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel. (6) Receive an annual report from the Lead Member for Children's Services (Chairman of Children Education Libraries and Safeguarding Committee) covering key matters. (7) Receive an annual report from the Safeguarding Children's Board. 	Three Voluntary Aided School Representatives - to provide a faith perspective on education matters (Church of England; Roman Catholic; and Jewish). One representative from the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education Two Parent Governor representatives (PGRs) elected by other parent governors.
		6 substitutes Quorum 3
Adults and Safeguarding Committee	 (1) Responsibility for all matters relating to vulnerable adults, adult social care and leisure services. (2) Work with partners on the Health and Well Being Board to ensure that social care, interventions are effectively and seamlessly joined up with public health and healthcare and promote the Health and Well Being Strategy and its associated sub strategies. (3) To submit to the Policy and Resources Committee proposals relating to the Committee's budget for the following year in accordance with the budget timetable. (4) To make recommendations to Policy and Resources Committee on issues relating to the budget for the Committee, including virements or underspends and overspends on the budget. No decisions which result in amendments to the agreed budget may be made by the Committee unless and until the amendment has been agreed by Policy and Resources Committee. (5) To receive reports on relevant performance information on Delivery Units providing services under the remit of the 	9 Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council. 6 substitutes Quorum 3

(1) Responsibility for all borough-wide or Environment 11 Committee cross-constituency matters relating to the street scene including, parking, road safety, Chairman, Vice lighting, street cleaning, transport, waste, Chairman, Members and waterways, refuse, recycling, allotments. substitutes appointed by parks, trees, crematoria and mortuary, trading Council. standards and environmental health. 6 substitutes (2) To submit to the Policy and Resources Committee proposals relating to the Quorum 3 Committee's budget for the following year in accordance with the budget timetable. (3) To make recommendations to Policy and Resources Committee on issues relating to the budget for the Committee, including virements or underspends and overspends on the budget. No decisions which result in amendments to the agreed budget may be made by the Committee unless and until the amendment has been agreed by Policy and Resources Committee. (1) Responsibility for regeneration strategy Assets, and oversee major regeneration schemes, Regeneration and asset management, employment strategy, Chairman, Vice **Growth Committee** business support and engagement. Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council. Committee to (2) To submit to the Policy and Resources Committee proposals relating to the be made up in Committee's budget for the following year in accordance with accordance with the budget timetable. proportionality (3) To make recommendations to Policy and 6 substitutes Resources Committee on issues relating to the budget for the Committee, including Quorum 3 virements or underspends and overspends on the budget. No decisions which result in amendments to the agreed budget may be made by the Committee unless and until the amendment has been agreed by Policy and Resources Committee. (4) To receive reports on relevant performance information on Delivery Units providing services under the remit of the Committee.

Housing Committee	 (1) Responsibility for housing matters including housing strategy, homelessness, social housing and housing grants, commissioning of environmental health functions for private sector housing. (2) To submit to the Policy and Resources Committee proposals relating to the Committee's budget for the following year in accordance with the budget timetable. 	9 Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council. 6 substitutes Quorum 3
	(3) To make recommendations to Policy and Resources Committee on issues relating to the budget for the Committee, including virements or underspends and overspends on the budget. No decisions which result in amendments to the agreed budget may be made by the Committee unless and until the amendment has been agreed by Policy and Resources Committee.	
Community Leadership Committee	 (1) Responsibility for civic events, community safety, emergency planning, registration and nationality service, grants to the voluntary sector. (2) To receive nominations and determine applications for buildings / land to be listed as an Asset of Community Value (Community Right to Bid) (3) To submit to the Policy and Resources Committee proposals on the Committee's budget for the following year in accordance with the budget timetable and make recommendations on issues relating to virements, underspends or overspends. No decisions which result in amendments to the agreed budget may be made by the Committee unless and until the amendment has been agreed by Policy and Resources Committee. 	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council. 6 substitutes Quorum 3
Community Leadership Sub- Committee	To receive nominations and determine applications for buildings / land to be listed as an Asset of Community Value (Community Right to Bid) when there is no scheduled meeting of the full Committee which falls within the eight week statutory deadline for determining applications	3 Chairman, Vice- Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson Appointed by Community Leadership Committee 3 substitutes Quorum 2

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Area Committees	In relation to the area covered:	7
Finchley & Golders Green; Chipping Barnet; and	1) Responsibility for all constituency specific matters relating to the street scene including parking, road safety, transport, allotments, parks and trees.	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council.
Hendon	Consider constituency specific matters as agreed with the Chairman. Consider matters relating to Town Centre.	One Member and one substitute member for each Ward.
	3) Consider matters relating to Town Centre regeneration and designating conservation areas.	Quorum 3
	4) Consider matters raised at Residents Forums and determine how they are to be taken forward, including whether to request a report for a future meeting, refer to an Officer and/or ward councillors.	
	5) Determine the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funding within the constituency up to a maximum of £25,000 per scheme / project in each case subject to sufficient of the budget allocated to the committee being unspent.	
Licensing Committee	for all policy matters relating to licensing with	11
Committee	matters delegated to sub-committees.	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members
		No substitute members
		Quorum 3
Licensing Sub- Committees	All functions in relation to licensing as delegated by the Licensing Committee.	3
	Members appointed from the membership of the Licensing Committee	Quorum 3
		Chairman appointed at each meeting of a Sub-Committee.
Committee Licensing Sub-	Infrastructure Levy funding within the constituency up to a maximum of £25,000 per scheme / project in each case subject to sufficient of the budget allocated to the committee being unspent. for all policy matters relating to licensing with licencing hearings concerning all licencing matters delegated to sub-committees. All functions in relation to licensing as delegated by the Licensing Committee. Members appointed from the membership of	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members No substitute member Quorum 3 Quorum 3 Chairman appointed a each meeting of a Sul

Audit Committee	To provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the associated control environment, independent scrutiny of the authority's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the authority's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment, and to oversee the financial reporting process. Anti-Fraud Activity To monitor the effective development and operation of the Council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team (CAFT). Regulatory Framework. To review any issue referred to it by the Chief Executive and to oversee the production of the authority's Annual Governance Statement and to recommend its adoption. Accounts To review and approve the annual statement of accounts and consider the external auditor's report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts. Annual Report The Audit Committee shall prepare a report to Full Council on annual basis on its activity and effectiveness.	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council. The membership should also include two independent, non-voting Members with a period of appointment of four years. 6 substitutes Quorum 3
Planning Committee	To determine Applications for Planning Permission, including permissions in principle, made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 where the recommendation is for approval and the development: a. is within the categories which must be referred to the Mayor of London under the London Mayor Order;	11 Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council. 10 substitutes Quorum 3
	b. does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan and, in the opinion of the Chief Planning Officer, constitutes a significant departure; or	

c. is by or on behalf of the Council and, in the opinion of the relevant Chief Planning Officer], it is a significant development

The confirmation of Directions under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015.

The confirmation of Town and Village Green Registration Applications under the Commons Act 2006, including considering the recommendations of a non-statutory inquiry chaired by an independent person.

Designating neighbourhood areas and neighbourhood forums for the purposes of neighbourhood planning.

Consider for approval and confirmation Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders.

Recommending the creation of Conservation Areas to Full Council

Consider approving Article 4 Directions for consultation

Take action under Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 relating to high hedges

Any decision on an application that will result in the Council being liable for the payment of compensation, except where that compensation is as a result of an Article 4 Direction.

Any other planning application or planning matter referred to this Committee by relevant Chief Planning Officer acting in his or her discretion, after consultation with the Chairman.

Reports on all matters reserved to the Committee shall be made direct to the Committee and not through an Area Planning Committee.

Any Planning Area Committee agenda item referred to this Committee for consideration and determination.

To consider for approval fees and charges for those areas under the remit of the Committee. To consider additions, deletions or amendments to the entries in the Council's Brownfield Land Register, including any referrals from the Area Planning Committees, and conduct any other functions related to the Brownfield Land Register. Area Planning To determine the following application types. 7 for each Committee Committees: except where they are referable under the Constitution to the Planning Committee: One councillor Finchley & representing each Ward Golders Green; A. Applications for Planning Permission 7 substitutes – one per made under the Town and Country Ward Chipping Barnet; Planning Act 1990; and Quorum 3 B. Applications for Listed Building Consent Hendon made under the Planning (Listed Buildings **Chipping Barnet Area** and Conservation Areas) Act 1990; **Planning Committee Brunswick Park** C. Applications for Consent to Display an Coppetts Advertisement made under the Town and **East Barnet** Country Planning (Control of High Barnet Advertisements) (England) Regulations Oakleigh 2007; Totteridge Underhill D. Applications for permissions in principle made under the Town and Country **Finchley and Golders** Planning Act 1990 and any application to **Green Area Planning** add, delete or amend any entries in the Committee: Council's Brownfield Land Register" after Childs Hill the words "To determine the following East Finchlev application types, except where they are Finchley Church End. referable under the Constitution to the Garden Suburb Planning Committee Golders Green West Finchlev Where the recommendation is for approval Woodhouse a. there is significant local public objection **Hendon Area Planning** (defined as 5 or more objectors who have Committee objected in writing in response to a Burnt Oak planning application) Colindale Edgware b. there is a Councillor referral of an Hale application which affects their Ward which Hendon

that Member has 'called-in' to committee

identifying a planning consideration.

Mill Hill

West Hendon

Any decision on an application that will result in the Council being liable for the payment of compensation, except where that compensation is as a result of an Article 4 Direction. Any other application or planning matter referred to this Committee by the relevant Chief Planning Officer acting in his or her discretion, after consultation with the Chairman. Applications to undertake treatment to trees included within a Tree Preservation Order Applications for a Hedgerow removal notice made under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997. General Functions All other Council functions that are not 7 Committee reserved to Full Council including: Chairman, Vice Approving Member officer and Chairman, Members and appointments to outside bodies and substitutes appointed by organisations external on the Council. recommendation of the Group Secretaries or Chief Executive (where an urgent 6 substitutes decision is required before Full Council) Quorum 3 Nominating local authority representatives to School Governing bodies All staff and human resource matters, including approval of the Annual Pay Policy Statement, other than those within the remit of Chief Officer Appointment Panel Elections including Polling Stations, Ward Boundaries and requesting a ward boundary review by the Local Government **Boundary Commission** Health and safety Approving premises for marriages and civil partnerships Determine Members requests for non-committee information as specified in the Members Information Management Policy Endorsing the calendar of meetings prior to Council approval

Agreeing the Members Diary and Year

Book

	 Where decisions have a significant impact on the Pension Fund and/or Council budget, decisions will be subject to agreement also by the Pension Fund and/or Policy & Resources Committees. Considering collective disputes referred in accordance with the Council's Trade Union and Employee Engagement Framework Decide (and report back to Council) on: Chief Officer salary packages to be offered of £100,000 or more; Severance packages per individual of £100,000 or more. 	
Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee	To have responsibility for overseeing the Council's governance arrangements. Keep under review all aspects of the Council's Constitution so as to ensure that it remains current and fit for purpose, and to make recommendations thereon to the Council. To consider and make recommendations to the Council on: (i) how it can satisfy the continuing duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members; (ii) on the Code of Conduct for Members; (iii) on ethical standards in general across the authority.	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council. 6 substitutes Quorum 3
Standards Committee	To investigate and determine allegations of a breach of the Code of Conduct for Members in the context of satisfying the Council's continuing duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct for Members.	5 (2 Members each from the Administration and the Opposition, and an Independent Member Chairman) 2 substitutes each from the Administration and the Opposition. Quorum 3

Pension Fund To consider approval and act in accordance Committee with statutory Pension Fund documents: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and Statement of Investment Principles substitutes appointed by Funding Strategy Statement Council. • Governance Policy Statement Pension Administration Strategy To invite a recognised **Communication Policy Statement** representative from the trades unions and a To review the above documents at least representative from triennially, or more frequently if advised by Middlesex University (the the Chief Finance Officer of the need to do so largest scheduled / admitted body) to To meet review and consider approval of the committee meetings Pension Fund Statement of Accounts, income and expenditure and balance sheet or record These representatives of payments and receipts are appointed to advise the committee on behalf To receive and consider approval of the of the interests they Pension Fund Annual Report. represent, but are not to have any voting rights. To appoint independent investment advisors. Further invites to To appoint Pension Fund investment scheduled/admitted managers. bodies to be decided by To appoint Pension Fund actuaries. the chairman of the To appoint a performance management committee company. To appoint custodians. 6 substitutes – 3 from each political group To review and challenge at least quarterly the Pension Fund investment managers' Quorum 3 performance against the Statement of Investment Principles in general and investment performance benchmarks and targets in particular. One of these meetings to be the annual review, at which the representative from the council's performance management organisation attends to comment on the relative performance of the fund managers. To consider actuarial valuations and their impact on the Pension Fund. **Local Pension** The Board is responsible for assisting with: 7 Members comprising: Board securing compliance with Local 3 employers side Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) representatives (1 Government regulations and any other councillor and 2 legislation relating to the governance and employer representatives administration of the LGPS

	 securing compliance with the requirements imposed in relation to the PGPS by the 	from an admitted body
	Pensions Regulator. o such other matters that the LGPS regulations may specify Ensure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the LGPS for the LBB Pension Fund.	3 employee side representatives (1 active member and 2 deferred member) 1 independent member/advisor
Chief Officer Appointment Panel	To deal with Chief Officer Appointments, Discipline and Capability matters. Members comprise: Chairman – Leader of the Council Deputy Leader of the Council. Chairman of General Functions Committee. Leader of the Opposition Leader of the Minority opposition group.	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council. One substitute from each political group Quorum 3
Health and Wellbeing Board	 (1) To jointly assess the health and social care needs of the population with NHS commissioners, and apply the findings of a Barnet joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) to all relevant strategies and policies. (2) To agree a Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) for Barnet taking into account the findings of the JSNA and performance manage its implementation to ensure that improved outcomes are being delivered. (3) To work together to ensure the best fit between available resources to meet the health and social care needs of the population of Barnet (including children), by both improving services for health and social care and helping people to move as close as possible to a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing. Specific resources to be overseen include money for social care being allocated through the NHS; dedicated public health budgets; the Better Care Fund; and Section 75 partnership agreements between the NHS and the Council. 	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Members and substitutes appointed by Council. Three Members of the Council Director of Public Health Strategic Director for Children & Young People Strategic Director for Adults, Communities & Health Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group-Board members x 3 Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group-Chief Officer Barnet Healthwatch representative

	 (4) To promote partnership and, as appropriate, integration, across all necessary areas, including the use of joined-up commissioning plans across the NHS, social care and public health. To explore partnership work across North Central London where appropriate. (5) Specific responsibilities for: Overseeing public health Developing further health and social care integration. 	Independent Chair of the Adults and Children's Safeguarding Boards (Non-Voting Member) NHS England Each member may nominate a substitute if they cannot attend. Requirement for proportionality is waived and voting rights allowed to members other than Members of the Council. Quorum 3
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	 (1) To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas. (2) To make reports and recommendations to Council, Health and Well Being Board, the Secretary of State for Health and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents. 	9 Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Members and substitutes to be appointed by Council
Urgency Committee	To consider any item of business which needs a decision as a matter of urgency and where a meeting of the relevant Committee is not scheduled to take place within the time period within which the decision is required.	3 Appointed by Council. Quorum 2
Residents Forums Chipping Barnet Residents Forum Underhill, High Barnet, East Barnet, Oakleigh, Brunswick Park, Coppetts and Totteridge Wards.	Residents Forums provide an opportunity for any resident to raise matters affecting the area except matters relating to licensing and planning applications.	A Chairman and Vice- Chairman of each appointed by the Council.

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Hendon Residents Forum Hale, Edgware, Burnt Oak, West Hendon, Colindale, Hendon and Mill Hill Wards Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum Woodhouse, West Finchley, Finchley Church End, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, Childs Hill and East Finchley Wards		
Local Strategic Partnership (Barnet Partnership Board)	A Local Strategic Partnership 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	Leader of the Council Council representatives to be appointed by Annual Council Senior representatives from: • Met Police • Middlesex University • Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group • Community Barnet • Brent Cross Shopping Centre • Barnet and Southgate College • Job Centre Plus
Children's Partnership Board	Barnet's Children's Partnership Board brings together all services for children and young people in the borough, to focus on hearing the voice of children and young people and improving their outcomes.	The Board will be chaired by the Lead Member for Children's Services as appointed by the Council.
	The Children's Partnership Board is accountable for the following: • Ensuring the voice of children and young people is heard in Barnet	Members are able to delegate a deputy of suitable authority if they are unable to attend, by agreement with the

- Developing and delivering the Children & Young People's Plan.
- Ensuring that the collective resources of the partners are being used to the best effect to meet the priorities in the Children & Young People's Plan.
- Resolving issues that block progress against the priorities.
- Signing off all Plans and Strategies relating to Children and Young People in Barnet prior to presentation to executive groups (e.g. CELS, H&WBB)

The Board's remit includes the needs of all children and young people in Barnet under the age of 19, young people up to the age of 25 leaving care and young people up to the age of 25 with disabilities and/or learning difficulties.

These responsibilities include effective transition arrangements, where necessary.

The Board will meet as an Annual Children and Young People's Conference.

chairman.

Current partners are:

- LB Barnet
- Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group
- CommUnity Barnet
- Barnet and Southgate College
- Metropolitan Police
- Primary, Secondary and Special Schools

Safer Communities Partnership Board

The Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB) is the inter-agency mechanism in Barnet to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and reoffending and promote social cohesion. It acts as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership as defined (and required) by the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act and subsequent amendments including the 2006 Police and Justice Act and the 2009 Policing and Crime Act.

The SCPB operates within the constitutional requirements of Barnet Council, the Metropolitan Police and other partner agencies, who ensure that the Board's approaches to policy formulation and resource allocation are consistent with those of the agencies concerned. It is a thematic subgroup of the Barnet Partnership Board which has overall strategic responsibility and has delegated to the SCPB the responsibility for delivering the Strong Safe Communities for Everyone theme of the

Meetings will be quarterly and a quorum will comprise four members provided this consists of:

The Chairman (Barnet Councillor) and Vice Chairman (Metropolitan Police)

At least one other representative each of the Council and the Metropolitan Police.

Other current partners are:

- London Probation Trust
- National Probation Service
- London Fire Brigade
- Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group

It is taking forward one of the objectives in the strategy to develop an Integrated Offender Management system that brings together the different agencies involved in managing the punishment and rehabilitation of offenders in a much more efficient and joined up way, reducing the risks of reoffending and ensuring far more offenders complete their drug rehabilitation successfully.

Barnet Safer Communities Partnership is an unincorporated body and therefore it does not have a legal personality. Its members work collectively within their own individual legal frameworks.

- MOPAC (Mayor's Office Policing/Crime
- Barnet Safer
 Neighbourhood Board
- Middlesex University
- North West London Magistrates' Court
- Community Barnet
- Victim Support, North London Division
- Department for Work and Pensions

Substitute Members - Rules

- 7.6 A substitute Member may only attend, speak or vote at a meeting in place of a member usually from the same political group who is unable to attend the meeting. In the case of Area Committees and Area Planning Committees, substitutions are made on the basis of ward.
- 7.7 Details of membership substitutions or apologies for absence will be detailed in the formal record of the meeting.

Quorum - Rules

- 7.8 If a Committee or Sub-Committee is inquorate, it cannot transact any business. If there is no quorum at the time the meeting is due to begin, the start of the meeting will be delayed for up to 15 minutes. When 15 minutes have elapsed, the Head of Governance or their representative will count the number of Members present and if there is no quorum, s/he will advise the meeting that no business can be transacted and the meeting will be cancelled.
- 7.9 If the Chairman finds that a quorum of Members is not present at any time during the meeting, the Chairman must adjourn the meeting until such time as a quorum is returned.

Chairman of Meetings

7.10 If the Chairman is absent from a meeting the Vice-Chairman will take the Chair. If both are absent, the Head of Governance (or their representative) will open the meeting and he/she will seek nominations for the position of Chairman. A Chairman must be elected for the business of the meeting to be transacted.

7.11 Any procedural issues or challenges to the conduct of the meeting that arise during the course of a meeting shall be determined by the person presiding at the meeting.

Minutes

- 7.12 Apologies for absence, declaration of interests and the confirmation of the minutes of previous meetings are the first items of business at the meeting, (other than Licencing Sub-Committees) except when there is a need to elect a Chairman.
- 7.13 Minutes can only be amended to correct factual inaccuracy in the record, and not to make any retrospective amendment to the decisions made. The meeting will not proceed further until the minutes are approved, either amended or unamended. Upon approval as a correct record, the Chairman shall sign the minutes.

Urgent Business

- 7.14 When an urgent matter has arisen after the publication and dispatch of an appropriate agenda the following procedure applies:
- 7.15 The Chairman has the authority to agree to take urgent items not on the agenda. The Chair will consult with the Vice-Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson for the committee. The Chairman (with advice from the Monitoring Officer as appropriate) needs to be satisfied as to the need for urgency under the following criteria:
 - i) the item has arisen between the compilation of the agenda and the date of the meeting.
 - ii) the item requires an urgent decision in the public interest which cannot be dealt with by other means
- 7.16 In all cases the reason for the urgency shall be clearly stated and recorded in the minutes of the meeting and the urgent item will be taken as the Chairman may decide.
- 7.17 If a decision on an issue is required as a matter of urgency [and there is no meeting scheduled] and if time allows under the provisions of the Access to Information Rules then a Committee comprising of the Leader, the Deputy Leader, and the Leader of the Opposition will be called. The decision may be within the terms of reference of another committee, but this will not invalidate the decision as the arrangements to discharge the function in cases of urgency is through a committee comprising the three specified members. The Committee must consult with the Chairman of the relevant Committee.

Performance and Contract Management Committee / Sub-Committee Call-in Procedure

- 7.18 The following procedure applies after a decision has been made by the West London Economic Prosperity Board (a Joint Committee in accordance with section 102 of the Local Government Act 2000).
- 7.19 Paragraph 24.4 of the Function and Procedure rules of the West London Economic Prosperity Board read as follows
 - "Any decision called in for scrutiny before it has been implemented shall not be implemented until such time as the call-in procedures of the Participating Borough concerned have been concluded."
- 7.20 Where a decision is made by the Board the decision shall be published. Once the decision is published then it may be implemented on the expiry of 7 working days after publication unless 10 members of the Council wish to call it in.
- 7.21 The notice seeking to invoke the call-in procedure must be communicated to the Head of Governance who will then notify the West London Economic Prosperity Board.
- 7.22 A notice seeking to invoke the call-in procedure must state at least one of the following grounds in support of the request for a call-in of the decision:
 - (a) Inadequate consultation with stakeholders prior to the decision;
 - (b) The absence of adequate evidence on which to base the decision;
 - (c) The action is not proportionate to the desired outcome:
 - (d) A potential human rights challenge;
 - (e) Insufficient consideration of legal and financial advice;
 - (f) The decision is contrary to the policy framework, or contrary to, or not wholly in accordance with the budget framework of the Council;
- 7.23 A meeting of the Performance and Contract Management Committee (or Sub-Committee of the Committee created for this purpose), will be convened within 7 clear working days of the request for call-in.
- 7.24 The call-in procedure set out above shall not apply where the decision being taken by the West London Economic Prosperity Board is urgent. For the purposes of this call-in procedure a decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the West London Economic Prosperity Board and the interests of Barnet. Reports to the West London Economic Prosperity Board must state that the report is urgent and provide the reasons for urgency.
- 7.25 The Chairman of the Performance and Contract Management Committee must agree that the decision proposed should be treated as a matter of urgency

Suspension of business at Committee and Sub-Committee meetings

- 7.26 No business at any meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee shall be transacted after 10pm and any business transacted after that time shall be null and void. At 10pm and without further debate the Chairman shall immediately put to the vote any motion or amendment, which has been formally moved and seconded.
- 7.27 At any meeting of the Council, Planning Committee and Area Planning Committees, the Mayor or Chairman at their sole discretion may extend the period for the transaction of business to 10.30pm. This will be recorded in the Committee's decisions.

Voting and Recording of Votes

- 7.28 The mode of voting at all meetings of the Council, its Committees, Sub-Committees or Working Groups shall be determined by a show of hands except where otherwise provided by law or in these standing orders.
- 7.29 In cases where a vote is taken, the minutes of the meeting should record the number of votes for and against the matter together with the number of abstentions.
- 7.30 The Chairman will always have the right to exercise a casting vote in the event of equality of voting on a motion or amendment,
- 7.31 A Member of any committee can request that his/her vote be recorded in the minutes.

Filming and Recording of Meetings

7.32 Discreet, unlit, non-disruptive filming and recording of Council and Committee meetings by members of the public from the public gallery is allowed.