

Council Questions – 31 October 2017

Qn no	Cllr	Question	Answer by	Response
1	Cllr Jack Cohen	Since the implementation of CCTV cameras at yellow box junctions how many PCNs have been issued at a) Cricklewood Lane junction with oak grove nw2 , b) high road north Finchley junction with Ravensdale Avenue N12?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>a) Cricklewood Lane junction with Oak Grove NW2: 13,260 live PCNs from 23/05/16 to 30/09/17</p> <p>b) High Road, North Finchley junction with Ravensdale Avenue N12 4,088 live PCNs from 21/03/17 to 30/09/17</p>
2	Cllr Graham Old	Could the Leader indicate what planning enforcement action has taken place in the last three months?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>A total of 46 planning notices were issued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9 x untidy land ● 3 x breach of condition ● 34 x planning enforcement <p>A total of 10 court actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 x prosecutions against unlawful advertisement ● 1 x prosecution against breach of injunction ● 1 x prosecution breach of enforcement notice ● 1 x planning enforcement order ● 1 x an appeal against untidy land <p>In addition 31 cases with notices previously served were closed as complied during the last three months.</p>

3	Cllr Barry Rawlings	As Home Office cuts to police continue, meaning more reductions in police numbers for Barnet, is the Leader willing to write a joint letter with myself to tell the Home Secretary 'Enough is Enough'?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No. The issue is that the Mayor provides us with fewer police officers per capita than any other borough, despite Barnet making the single largest contribution to the MOPAC budget.
4	Cllr Jack Cohen	In the current calendar year to date how many PCNs have been issued in the section of Granville Road from the junction of The Vale to Nant Road?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	83 PCNs issued in Granville Road NW2 this calendar year. A review by location description or reference to photos, when not clear, suggests 71 of those were issued in the section described. This included one warning notice.
5	Cllr Peter Zinkin	What is happening at the Golders Green Hippodrome, and who are the new owners?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Hippodrome in Golders Green was purchased by a Shia Islamic organisation in July 2017. The council registered a planning application on 15 September requesting that the wording of the current planning permission controlling the use of the building be varied from a use restricted to a "church" to use as a "place of worship". The applicant has also asked to increase opening hours by one hour from 8:00am - 11.30pm to 8:00am - 12.30am on any day of the week. The application is currently being considered by planning officers and no date has been set for when it will be considered by a planning committee. The council has also received a petition in relation to the centre and this petition will be considered by the Environment Committee, as it relates to traffic management.
6	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How much more would it cost to re-surface Huntingdon Road, East Finchley using the same treatment as Alyth	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	The estimated cost to relay the footway in Huntington Road N2 using type 1 treatment would be approximately, £174,630. The original scheme allocation cost for type 3 treatment is £107,520.

		Gardens?		
7	Cllr Jack Cohen	When will the width restriction in Nant Road be repaired?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Records show that an inspection of the width restriction was carried out in March 2017 at which time a works order was raised with the term contractors (DLO) to reset the mentioned posts. Records show this works order was completed on the 14 April. However it is possible the width restriction has been damaged again, we will arrange for a further inspection of the location in view of making safe/repairing any noted damage.
8	Cllr Val Duschinsky	What progress has there been on Children's Services?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	The Council and its partners are continuing to develop responses to the outcome of the OFSTED inspection. The required action plan has been developed and submitted to OFSTED and the DfE and work is progressing on implementing the plan. A multi-agency improvement partnership is driving the work. Ofsted will carry out their first monitoring visit on the 14/15 November 2017. We have developed a broader partnership with Essex County Council to drive and support our turnaround capacity. Further reports will be made through the CELS committee.
9	Cllr Charlie O-Macauley	How many buildings does the council lease to community groups in Burnt Oak - please provide the names of each community group, which building and the length of the lease?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) North Road Community Centre (part of Burnt Oak Hub) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lease 25th March 2013 – 24th March 2018. 2) Minotaur Thai Boxing Gym, Back Lane HA8. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10 years from 3rd December 2005, expired 2nd December 2015 but contact has been made to negotiate lease renewal 3) Burnt Oak Spiritualist Church, Orange Hill Road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 20 years from 18th March 1997, expired 17th March 2017. There are a number of potential opportunities to

				<p>re-provide community space in Burnt Oak, and free up existing sites for development. For this reason, the lease renewal is on hold while we explore options.</p> <p>4) Faith Community Limited at Former Scout Hut, Market Lane, HA8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 years from 10th August 2011 expiring 9th August 2036. <p>5) Watling Community Association at Watling Community Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 years from 18th March 1997 expiring 17th March 2034
10	Cllr Jack Cohen	Why is it taking so long to determine whether cycle racks can be installed in Somerton Road NW2?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	This is discussed regularly at Environment Committee. To ensure there is sufficient space to accommodate a cycle hanger without affecting residents' ability to park we were commissioned to undertake a survey which began on 9/10/17 and ended on 15/10/17.
11	Cllr Peter Zinkin	How much money are the Capita contracts saving the taxpayer?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Capita CSG Contract is expected to save the Council in the region of £125m over the 10 years of the Contract. For ease, this is just over £1 million a month.
12	Cllr Phil Cohen	Why has it taken the council almost five years to enforce breach of planning conditions against the NHS for failing to build sports facilities in the fields adjacent to Finchley Memorial Hospital? The hospital was opened in 2012 yet the council has ignored repeated questions from Labour Cllrs about	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	This has been raised by Conservative Cllrs over many years, and the issue goes back to before Cllr Cohen's time on the Council.

		what was happening to the land around the hospital.		
13	Cllr Jack Cohen	Will you join me in congratulating St Agnes RC Primary school on its 125th Birthday	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes.
14	Cllr John Hart	What progress has been made on getting the North London Orbital Railway Line opened for passenger use?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Through the West London Alliance, a partnership between the seven West London local authorities of Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow, the Council jointly commissioned work to consider the potential for the opening of the Dudding Hill Freight Line as a passenger rail line. That work has demonstrated the strong potential benefits from this proposed transport improvement and together with the Council's response to the Mayor's Transport Strategy seeking greater commitment to the potential for an orbital rail link between Brent Cross and Old Oak Common, we expect the entire scheme to now actively be considered by the Mayor of London. Development of the business case will follow Network Rail's GRIP process. Therefore in early 2018 we expect West London boroughs to agree the project governance and programme with TfL to move the project forward.
15	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	The Colindale CPZ consultation which has been delayed by a year is now open. Will the Leader agree to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extend the short consultation period which is currently only for a month ● Ensure all residents receive the consultation papers through their 	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No.

		<p>door – many residents have not received them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold consultation events across the wide area which is not just Colindale but includes at least two Burnt Oak areas – at the moment only one consultation venue is proposed. 		
16	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	What progress has there been on business rate retention by the borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>English Local Authorities have been retaining a share of business rates since 2013/14. For Barnet this is currently 30% (33% to Central Government, 37% GLA, 30% LBB).</p> <p>There is currently a proposal for London Authorities to create a business rates pool, sharing a greater proportion of business rates in total.</p> <p>A 2018-19 pilot would require in principle agreement to be achieved between the authorities and the government before the Autumn Budget (now confirmed to be on 22 November 2017) for inclusion in the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement in mid-December.</p> <p>All 34 authorities' (including City of London and GLA) decisions would need to be taken by mid-January 2018 at the latest.</p>
17	Cllr Jack Cohen	Will you join me in welcoming the Reverend Robin Sims-Williams as the Priest in Charge of All Saints' Parish Church Child's Hill?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes.

18	Cllr Caroline Stock	What delayed discharges have there been from Barnet hospitals as a result of late responses from Barnet Social Services?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Barnet Council is only responsible for a proportion of the total delayed discharges at any one time. Delayed transfers of care at Barnet Hospital are the responsibility of several organisations, including Clinical Commissioning Groups and Councils in Hertfordshire and London. The proportion will vary from day to day: for example, on the 17th October 2017, 11 of the 23 people delayed at Barnet Hospital were Hertfordshire CCGs residents. On the 12th October 2017, 15 of the 23 people delayed at Barnet Hospital were Hertfordshire CCGs residents.
19	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Given that Barnet has been rated the 20 th happiest place to live out of all London boroughs, what steps will the leader take to ensure that Barnet finishes higher in next year's survey?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Cllr ought to cheer up. The electorate will have the opportunity to elect more Conservative Cllrs in May, leading to greater happiness all round.
20	Cllr Jack Cohen	When will the traffic safety measures in and around St Agnes School, including the pedestrian crossing in Somerton Road be implemented?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	This proposal involves the introduction of vertical traffic calming measures in Somerton Road (in the form of cushions) a formal decision from the Area Committee is required. A report to Committee on 14 November is planned. If approved installation will take place before the end of this financial year.

21	Cllr Alison Cornelius	What progress has been made on improving fire safety in blocks operated by Barnet Homes?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Following on from the Grenfell Fire Barnet Homes have re inspected and updated the risk assessments for all the high-rise properties it manages as well as completing detailed best practice surveys.</p> <p>In addition, the cladding system to the three tower blocks at Granville Road has been removed.</p> <p>Housing Committee on 26th June approved investment of £10m on improved fire safety measures, and at its meeting on 23rd October will consider increasing this investment to £17.5m. Delivery of these measures has already started, with work underway to blocks at Grahame Park and on the Whitefield estate.</p> <p>Detail of how to implement the commitment to further best practice measures such as the installation of sprinkler systems and upgrades to alarm systems will be presented to Housing Committee in Spring 2018 after the outcome of the independent review of building regulations and fire safety is known. This is to reduce the risk of installing equipment that may quickly prove to be non-compliant or need further upgrading.</p> <p>Further information on fire safety can be found in the papers presented to Housing Committee on 26th June and 23rd October, which are available on the Council's website.</p>
22	Cllr Gill Sargeant	What is the start date for the building of the bridge across the Pulse that received Planning permission 18 months ago?	Cllr Melvin Cohen (Chairman of the Planning Committee)	Whilst every effort has been made by officers to obtain details from developer, Fairview with regards to this initiative, we are still awaiting a construction programme. This is a section 106 obligation and the section 106 team will commence proceedings against Fairview
23	Cllr Jack Cohen	When will the CPZ be implemented on the Westcroft Estate NW2?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Officers are currently considering the feedback from the preliminary consultation, it is expected that a decision on whether a CPZ is formally proposed or not will be made in November 2017 by the Commissioning Team in consultation

				<p>with Highway officers and will be set out in a Delegated Powers Report.</p> <p>If it is agreed a CPZ should be supported, formal statutory consultation will begin early 2018 with the implementation of the CPZ in the Spring 2018.</p>
24	Cllr Caroline Stock	What does the Leader think of the suggestion that Barnet deliver more than 4,000 homes a year rather than the present annual target which it has not been possible to meet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	We have a number of concerns about the Government's proposals on a new standardised approach to assessing housing need and the suggested figure of more than 4,000 new homes, the 2nd highest figure in England. The analysis does not reflect what Barnet has already done and is doing; 27,000 homes in our plans is a high number.
25	Cllr Jack Cohen	Have officers monitored the impact of the withdrawal of Bus route 82 and the extension of route 13 on service provision?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Officers do not have a means of monitoring this directly. However London Buses latest published performance report for the route indicates that Excess Waiting Time and Mileage Operated both deteriorated initially in the first one or two 4-week monitoring periods after the change followed by a slight improvement by the third period, although performance still remained worse than the expected level for the route. The latest published report available at the time of writing runs to 23 June 2017 (12 weeks after the introduction of the changes).</p> <p>No customer requests in relation to this matter have been received by the Highways Service, although such enquiries are likely to be made direct to TfL.</p>
26	Cllr Graham Old	Whilst visiting Barnet General Hospital, I saw ambulances from the East of England service rather than the London Ambulance Service. What are the figures for admissions to Barnet General Hospital	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Admissions to Barnet hospital come from Hertfordshire and other London boroughs as well as from Barnet. The precise breakdown has been requested from the hospital, but as a proxy, at the time of writing (23rd October) 11 of the 21 people, delayed at Barnet hospital were from Hertfordshire.

		from London and elsewhere?		
27	Cllr Anne Hutton	Why were the council's accounts not ready for sign off by the due date of 31 May?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The accounts did not need to be signed off by 31 May; the earliest they could have been signed off under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 was 17 July.
28	Cllr Jack Cohen	I refer you to Question 59 to the Leader at the previous council meeting. The Lead member for education asked you to explain what role you played in securing extra cash for the National Funding Formula. Do you agree with me that the only interpretation to be put on this question, is that a) the lead member does not know what is going on or b) you do not tell him, which one is it?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No.
29	Cllr Peter Zinkin	What is the parking situation at Barnet and Royal Free	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader	Currently visitors are able to park on site at Barnet Hospital. Barnet Hospital has an automatic number plate recognition

		hospitals?	of the Council)	<p>system. All motorists are required to enter their full, correct vehicle registration number into the payment machine when purchasing their parking time.</p> <p>There is a free designated 20 minute drop off zone immediately outside the main entrance to Barnet Hospital. With the increased demand for parking, and following on from a planning enforcement investigation, the Trust increased capacity by 19 spaces in September. A planning application to provide additional parking spaces was submitted on the 13th October and the Council is currently awaiting the submission of additional information in order to formally register and publicise the application.</p>
30	Cllr Kathy Levine	What were the days of the week and hours of operation of the council's refuse and street cleaning operations when these were based at the Mill Hill site, and what are they now that the depot has been moved to the Oakleigh Road site?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>The former Mill Hill Depot and the new Oakleigh Depot have the same operating times for these services. The operations are seven days a week for the waste and cleansing services supported by the vehicle maintenance workshop facilities.</p> <p>Monday–Friday 5.30am – 9.30pm Saturday 5.30am – 3pm Sunday 7am – 3pm*</p> <p>*reduced cleansing service only</p>
31	Cllr Brian Gordon	Does the Leader monitor extremism in the Labour Party and its potential impact in Barnet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes, and with increasing distress.
32	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	Does the council know if all Barnet's residents who are living with dementia have taken up their right to a council tax exemption? What is the council doing to ensure that they, and their	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Not all residents with dementia would be eligible for a discount/exemption. To qualify for a 100% exemption residents must live alone. To qualify for a 25% discount residents there must be fewer than two non-disregarded residents in the household. Eligibility also relies on statement by the GP and a qualifying benefit.

		carers are aware of the exemption and that all eligible are applying for it?		Currently we are awarding 568 exemptions and 411 discounts to households in the borough. All of these households have residents suffering with a permanent severe mental impairment. Not all of those cases will be as a result of dementia. Information has been circulated to Social Workers to provide a fact sheet to assist with identifying any additional households. Eligibility can be checked by speaking with the Council Tax team on 020 8359 2608 or through the website www.barnet.gov.uk/council-tax .
33	Cllr Rohit Grover	Why are there so many weeds growing through the pavements and making streets look so untidy?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	The Council has a budget of £150,000 per year manage weed control across the Borough. This equates to four full weed spays a year. Many residents complain about a lack of spraying while others about a perceived excess; the Council has to seek a middle way.
34	Cllr Barry Rawlings	What is the latest position regarding the Hasmorean School planning application?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The school and Mayor are inching towards an agreement. An amended planning application is expected.
35	Cllr Val Duschinsky	What will be the impact of the Mayor's intervention in the Mill Hill medical research centre planning application on Barnet Council and the residents of Mill Hill, particularly the loss of 78 parking spaces?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	More people and fewer parking spaces. I have every sympathy with Mill Hill residents who will have put up with the consequences of that but Mayor Khan overrode the democratic decision of Barnet's Planning Committee to refuse planning permission.
36	Cllr Arjun Mitra	How many times at each Barnet Library has the library not closed at the advertised closing time due to a lack of staff?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	All libraries have closed at the scheduled closing time.

37	Cllr Val Duschinsky	For the sake of the residents of Mill Hill, who lost those parking spaces for the sake of 91 extra trees, could the Leader remind us how many the Mayor pledged to plant before he was elected?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	On 30 November 2015, Sadiq Khan tweeted: "I'll plant 2m trees in London in my first term as Mayor". That equates to about 1,370 per day, every day, for four years. Mill Hill residents appear to be paying the price for the sheer impossibility of Mayor Khan's broken promises.
38	Cllr Phil Cohen	A restaurant called Ninova at 1 Church Hill Road, East Barnet EN4 have been illegally displaying a large electronic sign which overlooks the War Memorial in East Barnet village. Council enforcement officers have instructed the owners to remove it but they have refused to do so. The East Barnet residents' association are concerned that the Remembrance Day ceremonies will be marred by this ugly sign flashing on and off next to the memorial. Will he undertake to expedite the enforcement action before Remembrance Day?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	A recommendation that a prosecution in respect of this advertisement has been made. It is unlikely that the matter will be concluded before Remembrance Sunday and therefore planning officers will approach the owners with a request that special regard be made to this day.
39	Cllr David Longstaff	What will be the local impact of the Mayor's intervention in the Grahame Park housing scheme?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	It will probably have no effect, as the Mayor seems to have been poorly advised, but there is always the threat it will be called in as in Mill Hill.

40	Cllr Nagus Narenthira	Would the Leader confirm how much money has been paid in compensation for subsidence caused by tree roots because the council has not maintained tall trees under their control?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Over the last 5 years, from a stock of circa 30,000 street trees and over 800 hectares of open spaces (parks, woodlands, river corridors), the council has received on average just 100 claims per annum alleging either direct damage to private walls/paths and subsidence to houses.</p> <p>Of these, the council has accepted liability in relation to 140 claims at a total cost of £470,000 inclusive of all legal costs, engineering/technical advice and additional tree works/removal where necessary. 295 claims have been closed/defended with no payment incurred. The remaining 72 claims are currently open pending further consideration/investigation.</p>
41	Cllr David Longstaff	Could the Leader provide us with the background to Sadiq Khan's intervention in the Grahame Park housing scheme?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Barnet received a letter from GLA planners in the middle of September objecting to plans for the Stage B, Phase 1 of the scheme. The letter, I am told, was riddled with errors and misunderstandings — even appearing to be ignorant of the GLA's own involvement in the scheme — and no prior notice was given of the GLA's grievances, as is established practice. A great deal of effort was undertaken in politely pointing out these errors to the GLA behind the scenes. By September 26, Barnet was on the cusp of securing a retraction or modification of the letter in light of said errors, at which point Mayor Khan released the letter to the press and issued a press release condemning the plans, thus ensuring this would not happen.</p>
42	Cllr Charlie O-Macauley	What programme of events did the Council run to celebrate Black History Month?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>A range of events and activities have been organised throughout the borough to celebrate Black History, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary and secondary schools in Barnet celebrated Black History month as part of the curriculum. ● Events held in Barnet libraries, for example the new Finchley Church Library hosted a talk on British Civil Rights Heroes on the 23 October. The Library Service is also running a promotion of Black History titles through the Digital Library. ● A celebration event organised for – and led by - council staff in the NLBP atrium and an event for Barnet Homes staff.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An event at Grahame Park, attended by the Mayor. The event is took place both inside and outdoors at the Grahame Park estate, bringing together up to 200 residents and people from the surrounding community in a celebration of the history and contribution of African and Caribbean people in the UK. It follows on from successful Black History Month events held in previous years, and is being organised by Barnet Homes in partnership with Genesis Housing Association and other local providers.
43	Cllr David Longstaff	How many Barnet residents could be put out of work by Sadiq Khan's decision against renewing Uber's private hire licence?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	According to Uber 1,789 of their drivers live in the borough. It would be deeply unfortunate if they were to lose their livelihoods.
44	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Is there a requirement for concrete crushers on waste management sites to have a permit issued by the council in order to operate?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>There is a requirement to apply to the Council, specifically Environmental Health for the use of concrete crushers on Waste Management Sites under a 'Part B Licence'.</p> <p>See Council Website and DEFRA criteria below.</p> <p>https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/business/licences-permits-and-registrations/environmental-services/licences/environmental-permit-part-b.html</p> <p>The criteria are set out in Process Guidance Note 3/16 (12) – 'Statutory guidance for mobile crushing and screening'</p> <p>http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20141106094318/http://www.defra.gov.uk/industrial-emissions/files/06092012-pgn-316.pdf</p>

45	Cllr Helena Hart	How have Barnet students progressed in reading at KS2 compared to the national counterparts and compared to progress against the national average from 2015-16 to 2016-17?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>Barnet's Progress in Reading 2017: Barnet children overall scored +1.9 compared to +1.5 in 2016. The national average is given the score 0. This indicates that Barnet's average overall is above national</p> <p>Note on progress scores: If a school has a progress score of 0 this means that on average their pupils achieved similar results at the end of KS2 to pupils in other schools with similar results at the end of KS1. For example: a score of +1 in reading would mean that on average pupils at the school got 1 scaled score point more in the KS2 English reading test, compared to other pupils nationally with similar results at the end of KS1. Note that national rankings will not be available until 2/11/17 with statistical first release.</p>
46	Cllr Helena Hart	How have Barnet students progressed in writing at KS2 compared to the national counterparts and compared to progress against the national average from 2015-16 to 2016-17?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>Barnet's Progress in Writing 2017: Barnet children overall scored +0.4 compared to +0.3 in 2016 National 0 This indicates that Barnet's average overall is above national</p> <p>See note on progress scores for Q45 above: and even though writing is not a 'test' the children's overall performance, which is teacher assessed, is converted to a scaled score.</p>

47	Cllr Gill Sargeant	Could we have details of where the additional 100 car parking spaces for the Council offices are to be located?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets and Regeneration Committee)	The 100 additional car parking spaces will be provided in the Watling Avenue car park in Burnt Oak. In support of this, a number of improvements will be made to enhance the car park and the wider security of the area, such as improved lighting and CCTV.
48	Cllr Helena Hart	How have Barnet students progressed in maths at KS2 compared to the national counterparts and compared to progress against the national average from 2015-16 to 2016-17?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Barnet's Progress in Maths: Barnet children overall scored +2.2 compared to +1.7 in 2016 National 0 This indicates that Barnet's average overall is above national See note on progress scores for Q45 above
49	Cllr Anne Hutton	How much of the failure to sign-off LB Barnet's accounts by 31 May is down to factors arising from the fact that our finance department has been outsourced?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	There was no failure, so none.
50	Cllr Helena Hart	How have Barnet students attained in maths at KS1 compared to the national counterparts and compared to progress against the national average from 2015-16 to 2016-17?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Barnet's Attainment: 76.9% of Barnet's children attained the 'expected' level or above compared to 74.4% in 2016 Nationally, in 2017, 75.3% achieved the expected level (72.6% in 2016) This means that Barnet children overall attained above the national average Note on assessments at end of KS1: Teacher assessment judgments in reading, writing, maths and science are reported for each pupil at the end of KS1. Teacher assessments are based on a broad range of evidence from

				<p>across the curriculum and knowledge of how a pupil has performed over time and in a variety of contexts. Pupils are required to take tests in English and maths, however teacher assessment is the only data used in school performance accountability at the end of KS1. Children are assessed as having reached an 'expected' standard (or better – 'greater depth')</p> <p>Note: There is no national progress data at KS1</p>
51	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	How many volunteers are assisting in Barnet's Libraries?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	25
52	Cllr Helena Hart	How have Barnet students attained in reading at KS1 compared to the national counterparts and compared to progress against the national average from 2015-16 to 2016-17?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>Barnet's Attainment: 77.7% of Barnet's children attained the 'expected' level or above compared to 76.8% in 2016 National 2017: 75.6% (2016 74%) This means that Barnet children overall attained above the national average</p>
53	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How much money has the Government actually pledged to give Barnet to fund the necessary fire safety works to council housing blocks following the Grenfell Tower fire?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The Government has stated that it will consider allowing increased borrowing freedoms and requests to switch funding from general funds to pay for essential fire safety work to council homes, where this is requested by Local Authorities.</p> <p>The Council has already committed to spend £10m on fire safety works and the Housing Committee will consider proposals for an additional £7.5m on 23 October; these amounts can be met from the Housing Revenue Account.</p>

				The Council will continue to seek additional funding from the Government to meet the cost of fire safety work in conjunction with other local authorities.
54	Cllr Helena Hart	How have Barnet students attained in writing at KS1 compared to the national counterparts and compared to progress against the national average from 2015-16 to 2016-17?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>Barnet's Attainment:</p> <p>70.4% of Barnet's children attained the 'expected' level or above compared to 68.1% in 2016</p> <p>National 2017: 68.2% (2016 65.5%)</p> <p>This means that Barnet children overall attained above the national average.</p>
55	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What was the rental income derived from East Finchley library for each of the last three financial years, and what is the expected annual rental income after the "renovation" of the building.	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>Income from space in the library itself was:</p> <p>14/15 - £7,954 15/16 - £10,209 16/17 - £9,471</p> <p>For the new commercial space, the original income estimate was £35,000 per annum but since the works were completed, the space has been revalued at £31,200 per annum. However, East Finchley is a potential location for a business hub, which, if provided, may generate lower financial income to LBB but significant community benefits instead.</p>
56	Cllr Helena Hart	How have Barnet students attained in science at KS1 compared to the national counterparts and compared to progress against the national average from 2015-16 to 2016-17?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>Barnet's Attainment:</p> <p>84% of Barnet's children attained the 'expected' level or above compared to 82.8% in 2016</p> <p>National 2017: 82.6% (2016 81.8%)</p> <p>This means that Barnet children overall attained above the national average</p>

57	Cllr Charlie O-Macauley	In response to the national Race Disparity Audit would the Leader agree to bring a report to the relevant committee setting out what Barnet's race disparities are, and what steps the Council is taking to address them?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No. Barnet has a good record and takes no account of race. An example of this can be found in the answer to Q78.
58	Cllr Helena Hart	How have Barnet students attained in phonics in year 1 compared to the national counterparts and compared to progress against the national average from 2015-16 to 2016-17?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Phonics Attainment: 84.9% of Barnet's children attained the 'expected' level in phonics compared to 81.3% in 2016. National 2017: 81.4% (2016 81%) This means that Barnet children overall attained above the national average Note on Attainment in Phonics: Pupils take the phonics screening check at the end of year 1 (typically aged 6) and are assessed as having reached the 'expected' level (a 'score' on a test paper). Note: There is no progress data for phonics
59	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Is there a process in place for consulting neighbouring residents when a crossover application is received or is it up to officers to decide whether to consult?	Cllr Melvin Cohen (Chairman of the Planning Committee)	There is a requirement to consult where a crossover has an impact on an on-street parking bay.
60	Cllr Helena Hart	How does the level of development in Barnet children in early years education settings compare to their national counterparts and compared to progress against the national average from 2015-	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Early Years Attainment: 73.4% of Barnet's children attained a Good Level of Development (GLD) compared to 69.3% in 2016 National 2017: 70.7% (2016 69%) This means that Barnet children overall attained above the national average

		16 to 2016-17?		<p>Note on Attainment at end of Early Years Foundation Stage: Attainment for the Early Years is measured at the end of Reception through the Early Years Profile. Children are teacher assessed as having reached a Good Level of Development (GLD). This is before the children enter KS1.</p> <p>Note: There is no progress data for the EYFS</p>
61	Cllr Gill Sargeant	Could the Council advise if a shuttle bus on a temporary basis to the new Council office will be put in place? Other large employers have developed such plans when major Office moves have been put in place	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets and Regeneration Committee)	There are no plans to provide a shuttle service for staff because the new office will be a 5 to 10 minute walk from Colindale Underground Station, a five minute walk from local bus stops and a 5 to 20 minute walk from public car parks.
62	Cllr Helena Hart	How have Barnet students from disadvantaged backgrounds (as measured by free school meal eligibility or pupil premium) attained compared to their national peers in attainment 8, A*-C including English and Maths, English Baccalaureate, and progress 8 for 2016-17 across all key stages?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Data has not yet been published on attainment of disadvantaged pupils in 2017.

63	Cllr Anne Hutton	It has emerged that the finance service in LB Barnet is a fractured service with very little oversight by members, and this caused major problems in the closing of LB Barnet's accounts this year. What measures are being put in place to rectify this?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>It is not fractured but is subject to continuous improvement.</p> <p>A comprehensive improvement plan will be presented to the Audit Committee on 2nd November 2017.</p> <p>This action plan covers improvements across both LBB and those required of the auditors.</p>
64	Cllr Brian Gordon	There has been a remarkably impressive renovation of pavements within my ward over recent months. Could you please provide a brief summary of how much of the borough is benefitting from such renovations and the extent to which the new style of pavements being rolled will be more durable than the old style?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>In Years 1 and 2 (2015/16 and 2016/17) as part of the Network Recovery Programme we have re-laid 102,944sqm of footways across the borough. To date this financial year (Year 3 2017/18) we have re-laid 17,864sqm across 8 wards.</p> <p>As you be aware, on 15 March 2017 the Environment Committee approved the use of two treatment types for footway – Type 1 (concrete paving slabs) for conservation areas and town centres and Type 3 (asphalt and block paving) for other footways. As presented in the Committee papers, a flexible bituminous type footway presents better value as it reduces the long term maintenance costs and better manages the risk of safety defects.</p>
65	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	What hours is each Barnet library opening (both staffed and not staffed) compared to what was promised under the new regime? Please provide the detail where the hours are less than what was promised.	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>At the present time, with the exception of Edgware (which operated with extended hours prior to the restructure) we are offering an interim timetable as we transition to the new service and library users become familiar with the Self-Service arrangements.</p> <p>Our "Core Plus" libraries; Chipping Barnet, Colindale and Finchley Church End are currently offering 58 hours per week, with Edgware already providing 92 hours, as it has done since Self-Service was implemented there in 2015. Our "Core Libraries" on average offer 51 hours per week with the exception of Burnt Oak which is offering 46 hours.</p>

				<p>We plan to roll out further extensions to Self Service Opening hours from the new year.</p> <p>Since July 2017 all four Partnership Libraries are offering additional hours to those planned, delivering between 17.5 and 24hours per week.</p>
66	Cllr Brian Gordon	<p>At the September meeting of the Community Leadership Committee we received a helpful and comprehensive report regarding Registrars' Service Fees on births, deaths and marriages, with interesting statistics including the report of a year on year decline in the number of marriages within this borough. A question I put at the committee, which I was advised to raise here at Council, was: How many marriage ceremonies were carried out in Barnet in the year ending March 2017 and, of those, how many were of same-sex partners?</p>	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>681 marriage ceremonies were carried out by Barnet Registrars service in the year ending March 2017, and of those, 13 were of same-sex partners.</p> <p>Additionally, there were 4 civil partnership ceremonies.</p>

67	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Does the Leader think the funding formula for schools in Barnet is fair?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>The school funding formula for Barnet is agreed each year following consultation with the Schools Forum, which includes headteacher and governor representatives from all types and phases of school.</p> <p>A new National Funding Formula will apply to all schools nationally from 2020-21. In the two preceding years, local authorities are free to agree a transitional funding formula.</p> <p>The council and Schools Forum have agreed to consult schools on the following two options:</p> <p>Option 1 – National Funding Formula – implement the NFF in full in 2018-19</p> <p>Option 2 - National Funding Formula with additional protection – the phased introduction of the NFF between 2018-19 and 2020-21.</p> <p>The outcome of the consultation will be reported to the Schools Forum and the council in December.</p>
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68	Cllr Brian Gordon	The matter of public conveniences in the main roads of shopping centres has been raised at the Edgware Town Forum, where there was a feeling there was a need for more of them around the borough. Is this a matter which could be looked into?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>There are 21 Council-maintained public toilets in Barnet. Many of these are in our parks. Some public buildings in Barnet such as stations and libraries also have toilets. In addition there are national and London wide initiatives to encourage retail and commercial premises to open their facilities to the public, which has resulted in an overall increase in provision, such as the public toilet in the Broadwalk Shopping Centre, Edgware.</p> <p>The aim is to have a range of facilities available which are safe and easy to maintain. This is often in a cost effective way by working with local businesses and we will continue to do this through our planning process and Town Teams.</p>
69	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Can we have a promise that the new centre on Tarling Road will be open this time next year?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Contractors are now on site for Tarling Road and the current programme is to have the building completed by October 2018.
70	Cllr Brian Gordon	I understand there been a response from the Home Office to the motion unanimously passed at this Council's July meeting calling for the complete proscription of the Hezbollah terrorist organisation in the UK.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I am disappointed.

		Could I please have a comment on that response?		
71	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Given that Barnet's Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document acknowledges the health and safety concerns of the weed killer glyphosate in relation to golf courses, should the same concern not apply to Barnet's public spaces? What steps will be taken to look for an alternative to glyphosate?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The Authority takes an integrated approach to weed control which includes chemical and non-chemical weed control. This includes mulching of shrub and rose beds in our Parks and Highways, and the use of glyphosate on a minimal and targeted basis to control weeds in Barnet's green spaces. Control of weeds on the public highway is carried out between 3 -4 times per year by application of a glyphosate based weed killer.</p> <p>Several studies, including by the European Food Safety Authority and the European Chemicals Agency, have found glyphosate to be safe. The European Commission has extended its approval of the substance until 31 December 2017 but again delayed voting on whether to renew approval on Wednesday 25 October 2017. Meanwhile residents continue to complain about street weeds.</p>
72	Cllr John Marshall	Would the Leader make a statement about the use of the Council's website?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The usage of the website, and our residents satisfaction with the website, is at an all-time high, reflecting sustained efforts by staff throughout the council and capita in improving the quality of the website, as well as the ever-increasing digital skills in the borough.</p> <p>In the 12 months to August 2017, there were 2.8 million website sessions in total, which is a 15% increase on the previous 12 month period. There were also 70,314 webform submissions, a 25% increase on the previous period.</p> <p>In Q2 of 2017/18, 55% of the 12,000+ web ratings received</p>

were good, which has increased from 47% in the same quarter last year.

In August 2017, Barnet ranked third compared to over 60 other councils in terms of resident satisfaction with the website, and consistently appears in the top 10. Barnet also receives more than four times the number of ratings than other councils in the top 10 – which shows just how engaged our residents are.

Every month, over 1,000 residents sign up for their own personal online account to access council services such as council tax, parking, housing benefits and libraries. By the end of August, the total number of 'My Account' holders stood at 45,821.

This trend to go online is fantastic news, because an online transaction costs a fraction of those that happen via telephone, email or face to face, and means that staff time is freed up to focus their efforts on the customers that may be unable to use digital services or need specialist help. It's also great for customers who want to access our services quickly and at a time that suits them, using any device.

However the journey is far from over – the council continues to invest in upgrading its online services, with the first improvements having gone live in early October. The upgrade to the online account offers a raft of new features alongside the existing ones, and we will continue to introduce improvements throughout 2018.

73	Cllr Phil Cohen	<p>Does the Leader guarantee that residents are being fully consulted before trees are removed from their communities? The Greenspaces team has said that following a survey in East Barnet a number of 'dead, dying and dangerous' trees are being removed but residents have told me about trees being cut down to their base without their knowledge. The Environment Committee recently agreed to my proposal to increase the minimum notice period for trees being removed from five days to 14 days - are residents being given the chance to object?</p>	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>Yes. Officers have historically placed five day notices on all the street trees that we intend to remove with contact details including a direct phone number to if anyone wishes to discuss any removal / replacement.</p> <p>Following adoption of the tree replacement procedures by Environment Committee, officers have committed to extending the notice period to 10 working days.</p>
74	Cllr John Marshall	<p>Would the Leader indicate what progress is being made with the development of dementia-friendly accommodation?</p>	Cllr Helena Hart (Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board)	<p>Moreton Court extra care housing started on site in February and is due to complete in July 2018. It will provide accommodation designed to meet the needs of people living with dementia and trained care and support staff. Barnet Homes will manage scheme and the 53 flats and communal areas are all fully accessible; the development includes a café which will also be open to the neighbourhood. The layouts and interiors follow best practice in designing for people with dementia. The Council's Stag House site in Burnt Oak has been identified for development of a further 50 unit extra care housing scheme. This is in the design and planning stage and subject to the usual planning processes the development will begin in 2018 and this will deliver a further 50 unit dementia focused scheme. The</p>

				Council will also continue to work with housing providers to ensure that needs of people with dementia are considered when refurbishing or reconfiguring housing for older people.
75	Cllr Gill Sargeant	Could the reception at Barnet House be made a bit more welcoming?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No. We expect to vacate the building next year.
76	Cllr Rohit Grover	It has been reported that an extra £240m has been raised from London's companies as a result of the business rates revaluation. How much of this would be allocated to Barnet as part of the plan that has been agreed by London Councils and the Mayor to retain this money, and which is subject to Government approval?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Nationally the overall net effect of the Business Rates valuation was nil. Individual authority's top ups or tariffs were amended to reflect changes in collection. This means in practice Barnet will receive no more or less funding towards services than prior as a result of the revaluation.</p> <p>The proposed business rates pool may provide additional funding (estimated between £2-3m) however this is as a result of an increase in the proportion retained locally to London rather than the increase in valuations. Adoption of the pool is subject to agreement by all London authorities.</p>
77	Cllr Anne Hutton	Next year no extensions will be permitted for the sign-off of LB Barnet's accounts. Can the Leader assure Members that the council's accounts will be ready by the end of May 2018?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes, by the required time.

78	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	Theresa May announced at the launch of her government's Race Disparity Audit that local authorities would have 'nowhere to hide'. How does Barnet compare to neighbouring boroughs in, for example, GCSE attainment among black pupils?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>It is estimated that 10.3% of Barnet's population was black in 2015, when the below figures were derived.</p> <p>Percentage of black pupils attaining A*-C in English and maths GCSE:</p> <p>Barnet: 64% Brent: 54% Camden: 59% Enfield: 59% Haringey: 57% Harrow: 60%</p> <p>Percentage of black pupils achieving 'Attainment 8' in GCSE results:</p> <p>Barnet: 51% Brent: 46% Camden: 48% Enfield: 48% Haringey: 46% Harrow: 49%</p> <p>Percentage of black pupils achieving the English Baccalaureate (EBacc):</p> <p>Barnet: 30% Brent: 19% Camden: 20% Enfield: 24% Haringey: 17% Harrow: 24%</p> <p>Barnet pupils from all ethnic groups outperformed their peers in every neighbouring borough for each of the above indicators.</p>
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79	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	Are Barnet's libraries on target to meet the income this year from commercial let of the reconfigured spaces? Please provide details of the income secured from commercial lets so far compared with the projected income.	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>Two leases are currently being formalised by our legal team. These offers equate to approx. £159,000 per annum</p> <p>We are still actively negotiating with suitable tenants for other library commercial spaces but as negotiations are still underway, the value of the current offers cannot be publicised.</p> <p>It should be noted that some commercial spaces will be occupied by business hubs, which will support local businesses and entrepreneurs. This may result in reducing direct financial income for broader community benefits.</p>
80	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Of existing active borrowers in the library service, what proportion has signed up as Self-Service users since the system went live?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Over 17,000 library users have now registered to use self-service opening, representing over 40 per cent of active library users.
81	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Given the concerns about the roll out of Universal Credit what action has the Council taken to protect vulnerable residents from facing eviction while waiting for their housing support to arrive?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>The council provide support to Universal Credit claimants through its Welfare Reform Taskforce- contactable on 0208 359 2442.</p> <p>This team includes staff from the Barnet Homes, the Benefits service and JobCentre Plus. The team can offer support to apply for an Advance Payment (a loan), a one-off Crisis Fund payment, and Personal Budgeting Support.</p> <p>Once payments are in place the team continue to support people with Additional Digital Support to help manage their claim and look for work.</p> <p>In the past year the team have supported 253 Universal Credit claimants.</p>

82	Cllr Peter Zinkin	Where does Barnet rank against other London boroughs in meeting its affordable housing target over the last three years?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	For the most recent data made available by the GLA (2013/14 — 2015/16), Barnet ranks 11 th of 32 boroughs. This is ahead of Enfield (14 th), Brent (16 th), Camden (21 st), and Harrow (26 th). The rankings are calculated with the percentage point difference between target percentage of affordable housing and the percentage achieved. Barnet built 277 affordable homes in this period.														
83	Cllr Arjun Mitra	Residents of Strawberry Vale won a court case against Peabody Housing for their failure to provide gas last year, will the council join me in welcoming the bravery of local residents who fought for their rights?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	It would be foolish for any Cllr to make a comment.														
84	Cllr Peter Zinkin	How does Barnet compare to neighbouring boroughs for average annual net home completions over the last decade?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets and Regeneration Committee)	<p>The CLG publishes an longitudinal data set showing net additional dwellings by borough. This shows the following for Barnet and neighbouring boroughs for the period 2006/7 to 2015/16 inclusive:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1205 906 1742 1358"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1205 906 1615 970">Borough</th> <th data-bbox="1615 906 1742 970">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 970 1615 1034">Barnet</td> <td data-bbox="1615 970 1742 1034">11,780</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 1034 1615 1098">Brent</td> <td data-bbox="1615 1034 1742 1098">9,880</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 1098 1615 1161">Camden</td> <td data-bbox="1615 1098 1742 1161">6,270</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 1161 1615 1225">Enfield</td> <td data-bbox="1615 1161 1742 1225">6,860</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 1225 1615 1289">Haringey</td> <td data-bbox="1615 1225 1742 1289">8,530</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 1289 1615 1358">Harrow</td> <td data-bbox="1615 1289 1742 1358">5,970</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Borough	Total	Barnet	11,780	Brent	9,880	Camden	6,270	Enfield	6,860	Haringey	8,530	Harrow	5,970
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85	Cllr Gill Sargeant	Could the Council ensure that the loading bay in front of Sainsburys in Colindale is adopted before the CPZ? Residents are still receiving parking fines that are then overturned in court causing hardship.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Officers are preparing for a statutory consultation to progress the Loading Bay in front of Sainsburys as a separate workstream to the CPZ. It is expected that the consultation will commence in November 2017 with a view to implementation early in the new year, subject to the outcome of that consultation.
86	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	Could the Leader update the Council on how our new electric car charge points are progressing?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>The Council is currently identifying locations on which to install circa 50 electric vehicle chargers on street lighting columns on a trial basis. We are working with our street lighting provider identifying suitable street lighting assets on which to install the chargers and are utilising all available data sources to maximise the benefit of this infrastructure to our residents. We are also identifying car park locations in which to install free standing electric vehicle chargers as well. We are anticipating the first chargers will be installed early in 2018. As well as the Council's own electric vehicle chargers we have also been working with Transport for London on their plans to install rapid electric vehicle charge points in the borough.</p> <p>Three of these rapid chargers are due to be installed outside 3 are going live in November (Brent Cross Station, East Finchley Station and Totteridge and Whetstone station in mid-November.</p> <p>A further two rapid chargers are also due to be installed at the end of this year in outside Mill Hill East Station and Woodside Park Station.</p>

87	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Some residents are still unable to apply online for parking permits as their road is not listed on the Council's website, when will this be sorted out?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	As a matter of urgency, if this is still a problem.
88	Cllr Anne Hutton	At the Audit Committee meeting on 27 July Conservative Members made remarks to the effect that the Auditors were to blame for the fact that the accounts were not ready to be signed off. This was quite disgraceful and no doubt designed to detract from the main problem. Can the Leader assure the Council that there will be no repeat of this type of behaviour?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	We continue to work for a successful audit with our auditors.
89	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What are the additional fuel costs incurred by the council's waste vehicles having to travel from Barnet to the depot in Harrow and	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Since the move between Mill Hill and Harrow Depot the fuel cost for the Recycling and waste fleet has increased by an average of £4,790 a month. The change in fuel varies by round. For many of the rounds the average distance the vehicles travel from the start of their collection area to their Harrow base is 3.5

		back again?		<p>miles per trip and 7 miles per day a similar distance to when vehicles were based Mill Hill depot.</p> <p>Supervisors are continuing the monitor fuel usage, and look at ways which it can be reduced through improved routing and driver training.</p>
90	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	How many LB Barnet staff are going to be accommodated in Libraries, and how much floor space will be used to do this that was originally designed to be for commercial let?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	This is yet to be determined.
91	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Please advise how many (number and percentage) council owned buildings have not had an annual fire risk assessment. Please list those that have not had the annual fire risk assessment.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Three.
92	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many enforcement officers now work for Barnet through RE?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Re has in excess of 70 Enforcement Officers across all services.

93	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	How much has the council spent on security for libraries since the decision to reconfigure them?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	In 2017/18, circa £70k has been expended on security staff to date. In 2016/7, the Library service expended circa £20k across the service in addition to security at Edgware Library during the Self Service opening pilot (circa £20k).
94	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How many staff are due to be accommodated in the new Colindale offices compared to the number set out in the original plans and agreed in the planning application?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets and Regeneration Committee)	The original planning application was for 1200 but the maximum permissible occupancy in office areas, defined in the fire strategy is 1728. Detailed space planning is still underway but so far it has identified sufficient work stations for 1200 people from ground floor to the 8th floor, with some additional space available for collaboration, conferences and meetings.
95	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Would the Council look favourably on working with organisations across Barnet to identify and update the Boroughs Statutory Definitive Map of footpaths and bridleways in advance of the 2026 deadline for recording historical paths?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Council would be happy to hear from the Ramblers Association or other organisations with evidence of historic routes that are not currently recorded.
96	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How do the pay awards received by the council's senior managers compare to those received by frontline staff?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Senior management pay grades have been frozen since 2012. From April 2018 all Council staff including Senior Managers will receive the same pay award. This is linked to the NJC for Local Authority staff. Prior to April 2018 Senior staff will not have received any cost of living awards since 2012.

97	Cllr Barry Rawlings	What was the original budget for the Colindale office build and what is the likely final spend on the Colindale offices, including extra spend on internal fit-out to house extra staff?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets and Regeneration Committee)	The budget for the new office build is £40.8m, with a further £16.8m for one off project costs such as fitting out and equipment. The project is currently on budget.
98	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What are the future funding plans for the Finchley Youth Theatre? Is there the prospect of joint work with the Archer Academy?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	we are considering full cost recovery on Finchley Youth Theatre and will be holding discussions with interested parties in the near future
99	Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb	How many schools use the council's HR service run by Capita CSG, and how many schools buy in to the Cambridge Education traded service including training?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	<p>Barnet schools use the Council's HR service run by Capita which provides payroll, HR administration and HR advisory services. Cambridge Education do not offer an HR service (including training) to Barnet schools. The number of schools that buy into other Cambridge Education traded services (which doesn't include HR) is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nursery Schools – 2 out of a total of 4 purchase traded services from CE ● Primary Schools – 90 out of a total of 90 purchase traded services from CE ● Secondary Schools – 20 out of a total of 22 purchase traded services from CE ● All Through Schools – 3 out of a total of 3 purchase traded services from CE ● Special Schools/PRUs – 7 out of a total of 7 purchase traded services from CE

100	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Since the Capita CSG contract was mobilised how many additional staff have been employed by the Council to monitor / client the contract? Please provide a breakdown by service area and the additional cost by post.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	There have been no additional staff employed to monitor the Capita CSG contract since the contract was mobilised.
101	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Officers attended a site visit with Cllr Moore and I to look at Brompton Grove, an unadopted Road with parking problems. Officers were going to install a concrete block to prevent access past Park House. Why has this not been done yet and when will it be?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Signage was erected recently to advise 'no parking'. Over the next few weeks, officers will regularly place letters on the cars warning them that the road will be blocked off to ensure they no longer park their vehicles at that location. Officers will be arranging the installation of concrete bollards.
102	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What is the latest update on plans for the Pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood?	Cllr Melvin Cohen (Chairman of the Planning Committee)	The Council is currently engaged in commercially sensitive negotiations with the lessee of Cherry Tree Wood Pavillion with a view to returning the asset into the Council's control. It is not possible at this stage to predict the timing for concluding these negotiations. Once these negotiations have completed, the Council will be able to make a definitive decision about the future of the site.
103	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What are the council's current plans for the former washroom on Chapel Close? A local church is interested in running a nail bar and community space from there, and Barnet	Cllr Melvin Cohen (Chairman of the Planning Committee)	The Council would be prepared to consider a short term letting for this building and, as it happens, a proposal has been put forward by a third party in that respect. However, in the medium to longer term, this site holds development potential and the Council would therefore wish to reserve its position going forward.

		Homes are supportive, but the building remains derelict. When will it be renovated and ready for use?		
104	Cllr Arjun Mitra	A project by the Grange Big Local fund to improve the underpass between Trinity Road and Manor Park Road with a mural has run into delays due to RE asking for maintenance funding and providing astronomical figures for lighting. As this is a Council responsibility, can we ensure that this is unblocked, and the Council upgrade the lighting in this area which is needed to improve pedestrian safety.	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>The organisers of Grange Big Local have been contacted regarding their aspirations for the underpass and officers are working with the local team to realise those aspirations.</p> <p>The group were unaware of the contracts that are in place for replacement of infrastructure, and mistakenly thought they would be responsible for long term maintenance.</p>
105	Cllr Arjun Mitra	What is the latest update on progress to install a camera at the junction of East End Road and Market Place to catch drivers deliberately driving through a no entry sign?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	Plans will need to be formulated as soon as funds become available.

106	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What effort is the Council putting in to ensure bank branches do not close in the borough? It is a real threat to the viability of high streets such as East Finchley, which no longer have any high street banks.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	There is a national trend of less well used bank branches closing as more banking functions move online. This is a matter for banks not councils.
107	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Please provide an update on my request for work to be done with BT and/or Virgin to improve broadband access to housing off the North Circular such as Strawberry Vale.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Following a previous Member Enquiry officers have contacted link officers in both BT and Virgin Broadband. We will be in touch directly when we get a response.
108	Cllr Arjun Mittra	I believe the borough has been allocated funding for new electric vehicle charging points. How many will there be in Barnet, and when will you start consulting with ward members about their appropriate locations?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	<p>The Council is currently identifying locations on which to install circa 50 electric vehicle chargers on street lighting columns on a trial basis. We are working with our street lighting provider identifying suitable street lighting assets on which to install the chargers and are utilising all available data sources to maximise the benefit of this infrastructure to our residents. To some extent we are restricted in terms of where the chargers can be installed because we need them to be on columns that are situated at the front road edge side of the footway in order to prevent cables from crossing the footway. We are also identifying car park locations in which to install free standing electric vehicle chargers as well. We are anticipating the first chargers will be installed early in 2018.</p> <p>Once we have analysed the data in relation to the most appropriate locations in which to install the electric vehicle chargers, we will engage with ward Members so that we can benefit from local knowledge and get the best possible value from the chargers for our residents.</p>

109	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What weapons does the Council have in its armoury to tackle the large number of shisha bars? an an article 4 direction be used, and has the Council spoken to other councils about how they are tackling the problem?	Cllr Helena Hart (Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board)	<p>Shisha uses are often expressed as an ancillary use to either a restaurant (A3) or drinking establishment (A4) use, and so generally do not require planning consent. A Planning Article 4 Direction would therefore not be an effective weapon in restricting shisha.</p> <p>We will continue to work with other authorities facing similar challenges to share ideas and innovation in an attempt to restrict new shisha bars, and control the impact of existing ones.</p>
110	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What are the current plans for the borough archives?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>We do not have a formal 'archives' service, however, we do have storage facilities for business records of value which are referred to occasionally and permanent records, and in addition to this have a local studies collection.</p> <p>A majority of our business records are now stored with our off-site storage provider Stor-a-file. We did previously have some on-site storage at our Mill-Hill depot, this was closed in February 2016 and all information was indexed and sent off-site to Stor-a-file, our contract with the off-site storage provider continues until 2019.</p> <p>There are some records with a permanent retention as they are of historic value held at Stor-a-File. These include Council minutes, decisions, and agendas (1990-2008), Planning and Building Control records documenting the development of the borough, and legal contracts and agreements such as S106's which support this development.</p> <p>In addition to this we also keep all Council deeds on site at North London Business Park these documents range from c1800-present day. We receive some requests from the public for this information. Current plans are for deeds to continue to remain on site and move with us to our new site at Colindale.</p> <p>The Council also has a local studies collection which still</p>

remains principally at Hendon Library. The refurbishment of this library has only lead to parts of the collection being moved downstairs in Hendon Library rather than into another library altogether. The service will re-open to enquiries from the 6th November.

The local studies collection will now be in an area separate from other readers, with its own entrance, and with the material closer to hand being on two instead of four floors, and the movement of material between floors will be solely by lift.

The collection is in two sections: the historical collection (old maps, plans, documents, and photographs), and council documents: an extensive but incomplete second collection of the minutes and reports 1964 – 2004 used by the public, an incomplete collection of minutes and reports 1870s – 1964, and a partial collection of electoral registers- the only collection in the borough of this material.

A portion of the collection is in commercial storage from the move from Daws Lane in 2011, but it is hoped that with the recent reorganisation and new racking of the collection and new quarters within Hendon this material (the historical rate books and many miscellaneous plans and maps) will be return to Hendon in the next 18 months.

There are current projects to create electronic finding aids, enabling the searching of the historical collection by postcode, street, as well as subject and object, through indexing the old index cards (places and subject indexes are complete only the people index remains) and the accession registers (nearly complete). This will enable local history groups and individuals to find what material in the collection will be interesting not only in their or their ancestors districts, but also on their street. We are working on a similar type of list of our collection of Barnet

				<p>UD plans and have listed our East Barnet Valley Plans (1878 – 1960.)</p> <p>From the first collection we are in the middle of digitising: photographs (half complete), maps (county series, tithe maps, and large manorial plans are complete.) We have a complete set of digitised county and local street Kelly's directories. Digitised books include many of the local histories which are in the libraries copyright or in the public domain and we hope to promote these in a book of the month style local history collection. The collection of the historical newspapers is now digitised up to 1975 and we hope to bring it up to 2010 (the copyright is cleared.) From the second collection we have digitised the electoral registers (1903 – 1965), and the Hendon General Council Minutes from 1878 to 1964 (many of which are word searchable.)</p>
111	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many children and how many pensioners in Barnet are in fuel poverty? How many Barnet residents overall are in fuel poverty?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	We do not hold data of fuel poverty and consequently are unable to provide an accurate up to date figure as requested.
112	Cllr Adam Langleben	In the July 2014 Full Council meeting I asked the Leader whether he would attend a meeting with residents living on the West Hendon estate. The Leader said that he would. In the November 2014 Full Council meeting I asked whether the Leader will set a date(Q101), to which he replied "Yes". In	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Yes.

		<p>the December 2014 meeting I asked the Leader if he would attend a West Hendon Partnership Board open meeting. He answered "I will attend a West Hendon meeting." At the following Full Council meeting I asked the question again with a one word response of "Soon". As his time as Leader of the Council draws to a close I want to give him one final opportunity to apologise to the residents of the West Hendon estate. Will the Leader finally confirm when he will meet with West Hendon Estate residents before his term ends, almost four years later?</p>		
113	Cllr Adam Langleben	<p>Could the Chair of the Housing Committee tell me how many Barnet Homes tenants across the borough are 'non-secure' tenants who have been in the same property for more than five years.</p>	<p>Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)</p>	<p>There are 442 non-secure tenants on regeneration estates who have been in the same property for 5 years or more.</p>

114	Cllr Adam Langleben	To ask the Chair of the Community Leadership Committee why the alcohol free zone in Hendon Central was allowed to expire?	Cllr David Longstaff (Chairman of the Community Leadership Committee)	No power is being devolved and, in the interim, the police will continue to enforce the public intoxication legal powers including drunk and disorderly offences and refer identified persons to the CS MARAC for prosecution and if necessary an application for Criminal Behaviour Order.
115	Cllr Adam Langleben	Has the Chair of the Community Leadership Committee sought the views of the local Safer Neighbourhood Team and police prior to lifting the alcohol free zone in Hendon Central?	Cllr David Longstaff (Chairman of the Community Leadership Committee)	Response as Q113.
116	Cllr Adam Langleben	The benches and shrubbery outside of NatWest Bank and Ladbrokes on Central Circus, NW4 is used by street drinkers and is a hub of anti-social behaviour in this part of West Hendon. Some of these street drinkers regularly harass residents. The SNT are fully aware of the issue. The local Safer Neighbourhood Team have recommended these benches are removed. Will the Chairs of the Environment and Community Leadership Committee commit to	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of the Environment Committee)	I understand these matters have been investigated and the housing association concerned is on the case.

		looking at this issue to bring it to a swift resolution.		
117	Cllr Adam Langleben	Following complaints of many residents living on our regeneration estates of breathing difficulties. Will the Leader commit resources for a study on the long term effects of living on a major construction site?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	There is dust monitoring planned in parts of the Brent Cross regeneration areas.
118	Cllr Adam Langleben	Following complaints of many residents living on our regeneration estates of breathing difficulties, will the Leader commit to additional air pollution monitors to be installed on our these construction sites	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	<p>Construction sites mainly pollute atmospheres with a course dust. The course dust does not need monitoring as it less likely to affect residents. However course dust is more visible therefore is usually reported to Environmental Health.</p> <p>In contrast fine dust is less visible but more likely to affect residents health.</p> <p>There is some dust monitoring planned in parts of the Brent cross regeneration areas.</p>
119	Cllr Adam Langleben	Will the Leader tell me how many staff the new offices in Colindale was originally envisaged to house?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets and Regeneration Committee)	See answer 94

120	Cllr Adam Langleben	Will the Leader tell me how many staff the new offices in Colindale will now be housing?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets and Regeneration Committee)	See answer 94
121	Cllr Adam Langleben	Will the Leader let me know the costs associated with the necessary changes being made to make the new offices in Colindale safe for the number of staff it will be housing?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of the Assets and Regeneration Committee)	See answer 97
122	Cllr Adam Langleben	Does the Leader believe that employers should be paying the London Living Wage to all staff?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The council and the Barnet Group pay staff above the London Living Wage. It is for other organisations to ensure that their staff are paid appropriately.
123	Cllr Adam Langleben	Has the Leader of the Council made any representations to the Government regarding the post-Brexit status of EU citizens living in the borough? If so, please forward all members a copy.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Please contact your MP. This is not a matter for a local council.

124	Cllr Adam Langleben	Residents living on Wilberforce Road, NW9 are extremely worried about the low level of street lighting, which has seen a dimming in recent years. At the same time as the dimming, residents have suffered an increase in both anti-social behaviour and also burglaries - one resulting in a family being assaulted. Residents have been in touch with an officer who was more than unhelpful. Will the Chair of the Community Leadership Committee personally look into this issue, apologise to the residents concerned and restore the street lighting to safer levels.	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I have asked the Council's Community Safety Team to undertake a review of crime and antisocial behaviour on Wilberforce Road and identify any actions which should be taken in order to improve safety and reduce the fear of crime. As part of this review the lighting team will assess current lighting levels.
125	Cllr Adam Langleben	Could the Chair of the Housing Committee tell me how much has the Council paid to landlords in incentives in 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and the current financial year to date?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of the Housing Committee)	The following amounts were paid to landlords as incentives: 2017/18 (YTD to month 6): £740,567 2016/17: £1,648,974 2015/16: £1,051,236.27 2014/15: £840,170.36 2013/14: £698,842.79

126	Cllr Adam Langleben	Is the Leader still against forcing developers to make viability reports public?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I am more radical; I believe there should be a complete national overhaul of these matters. Making housing developers pay for affordable housing makes standard housing less affordable. A better system should be devised.
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