

Full Council: 31 July 2018

Agenda item 14.6 - Opposition Amendment in the name of Councillor Anne Clarke

Opposition motion in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings - Broken Election Promises in Broken Barnet

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold):

Council notes that the Conservative administration has already broken two of their five key election promises within weeks of the local elections - specifically pledges to maintain weekly bin collections and keep council tax 'low'.

Council notes weekly food waste collections, and weekly green waste collections have already been binned, and the maximum increase in council tax allowable by law has been proposed in the medium term financial strategy every year for the next three years.

Council notes that these decisions are a direct result of the Barnet Conservatives' appalling mismanagement of the Council's budget which they overspent last year by £13.5 million resulting in a raid on reserves of over £20 million, and leaving the Council facing financial armageddon with a budget gap of £62 million by 2024.

Council notes the damning Audit report giving LB Barnet 'limited assurance' across all services because of serious weaknesses in the Council's control environment.

Council notes that LB Barnet is having to re-procure the implementation partner for the Council's case management IT system for adults social care after Capita failed to deliver the full functionality and left the system not fit for purpose.

Council notes that there are serious performance, value or strategic control issues in nearly half of the services the Barnet Conservatives outsourced to Capita including finance, highways, regeneration and estates.

Council notes that all of these failures have an impact on Barnet's residents and local services.

Council calls on the Leader of the Council to formally apologise to Barnet's residents for these broken promises and failures.

Council asks Policy & Resources Committee to:

- ensure that LB Barnet does not foot the bill for Capita's incompetence, and that all additional costs for the case management IT system are met by Capita
- reverse the decisions to scrap separate food waste collections and suspend weekly green waste collections in the winter,
- and bring proposals to the next Committee meeting to protect the poorest residents from the Barnet Conservative's excessive council tax increases over the next three years.

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 17.17: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting