

Qn	Councillor	Question	Response by	Response
1.	Cllr. Gill Sargeant	Could Council ensure that residents are informed as to why trees in their area are being cut down? The residents of Pulse were suddenly greeted with all their trees being cut down at the entrance to Montrose Park without any explanation.	Leader of the Council	<p>The removal of identified trees are part of agreed planning applications for Montrose and Silkstream parks. All documents can be found online with consent under application 17/1929/FUL.</p> <p>Additional tree planting will take place in this area as part of a new planting scheme for the park.</p>
2.	Cllr Brian Gordon	How many 20 mph speed limit zones are there in the Borough?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>There were 25 distinct 20mph areas on public roads within Barnet at the end of 2018, This covers a total road length of approximately 39.3km. These figures include both 20mph zones and 20mph limits. (20mph zones require traffic calming. 20mph speed limits make use of signage only, but may only be suitable where speeds are already relatively low)</p>
3.	Cllr. Gill Sargeant	Is the bridge over Montrose Park still on schedule?	Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee	<p>Additional clearance work has taken place and a new setting out point has been coordinated in readiness for the new bridge. Planning conditions have discharged, enabling the project to progress according to schedule.</p>

4.	Cllr Brian Gordon	<p>Can we be told, in the officer reports presented to us on planning agendas, how many of the numbered objectors and supporters to an application are genuine local residents from among those consulted, as opposed to those outside the consultation area?</p>	Chairman of the Planning Committee	<p>In cases that do go to one of the Council's Planning Committees, where there have been concerns about the legitimacy, or source, of the submissions that have been received, officers will include a brief section in the committee report to draw Councillors' attention to the possible anomalies so that they are aware of them and to remind them that they can decide how much weight they give to the source of the representations when it comes to making their decision.</p> <p>As a result, it is a well-established practice that the sheer number of letters, emails, objections, signatories on a petition and the source of this correspondence should not carry material weight in the final decision, but rather It is the content and the nature of the objections that matters for the decision maker.</p> <p>Members of any planning committee in their role as decision maker have full access to all representations made to applications.</p>
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5.	Cllr. Gill Sargeant	What steps are being taken to ensure regular bin delivery?	Councillor Dean Cohen, Chairman of the Environment Committee	During the changes to the recycling and waste rounds there have been some fluctuations to bin deliveries where the service has focused all drivers on supporting the changes. This situation is easing and the bin delivery vehicle is now operating as scheduled.
6.	Cllr Brian Gordon	It has been reported that new legislation is being considered to extend the laws preventing parking on the pavement, on which it is acknowledged there is much public confusion. Could this Council make it clear, when appropriate, to the Government, that the permissibility of pavement parking should continue to be left to individual local authorities, especially as Barnet has a number of narrow streets where such parking is specially allowed?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Yes – indeed, it should be left to Ward Councillors
7.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	We have been told that there are no recycling facilities at the Town Hall. Why is this and what are you going to do about it?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Mixed recycling bins are located within the Registrar's Office on the ground floor, the Business Centre on the first floor and the Group Rooms on the first floor. Facilities Management collect this waste and transfer this waste to NLBP via the internal courier.

8.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Can the Council take action to tighten up enforcement of dogs being kept on a lead in those areas of parks where signs expressly require it?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	The Greenspaces Team in consultation with Barnet Community Safety Team will explore the feasibility of expanding the environment enforcement contract to cover this issue.
9.	Cllr Claire Farrier	The waste collection plan for flats above shops was agreed in July 2016 but has not been implemented, and residents in these properties have no facilities for recycling resulting in overflowing waste bins on the street. Since on-street recycling points, such as the one by East Finchley station, were removed, it is even more difficult for these residents to recycle as they wish to. When will the scheme for providing waste and recycling bags to these properties be implemented?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	The first time-banded collections of both commercial and domestic recycling and refuse began in Mill Hill town centre in July 2018. A further seven town centre areas will follow in 2019/20. Residents living in flats above shops in these locations are able to place out their recycling and refuse within a specified collection window three times per week. The initiative has been well received in Mill Hill and made a significant improvement to the area.
10.	Cllr. Brian Gordon	London Mayor Sadiq Khan has been strongly criticised for the likelihood he is going to axe the Patrol Plus Scheme introduced by his predecessor Boris Johnson whereby the Met Police funds a new police officer for every one paid for by a local authority. Would Barnet be affected by the removal of this scheme and is our frontline policing capacity being damaged by any other policies being pursued by the Mayor?	Leader of the Council	Barnet has not been involved with this scheme. The Borough pays more than anywhere else in London for the lowest police present per capita.

11.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	When will Barnet's bin collections return to normal?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Recycling and Waste collection since early January have continues to improved with most days scheduled work being completed on the scheduled day of collection
12.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Please could you give a brief update on Barnet's new Youth Zone facility?	Chairman of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee	Onside, the charity, are managing the project. Work is continuing at pace as the building moves closer to opening its doors in the summer. The shell of the building now installed, along with other key elements such as internal walls and staircases. Once complete, the facility will offer young people somewhere safe to go, a place to socialise, and an extensive range of inspiring activities seven days a week.
13.	Cllr Sara Conway	What were the projected savings from the rearrangement to bin collection rounds, and will they be realised given the amount of overtime and other work needed as a result of the changes to the rounds?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Street Scene has had MTFS saving on recycling and Waste of £450k in 2018/19. Long term these savings will come from the round changes which enable the service to be more efficient and flexible. When the situation has further settled we finalise the full analysis of the implementation of the collection day changes. The information will be available to share at a future date and reported at a future Environment Committee.

14.	Cllr Brian Gordon	Has Barnet bid for a share of the £675million fund allocated in the chancellor's October budget to help local Councils boost local high streets? If so please supply some details	Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration & Growth Committee	Barnet is intending to prepare a bid to the Future High Streets Fund to support the revitalisation of town centres. Detailed guidance on the fund was made available at the end of December 2018 and the deadline for applications is 22 March 2019. Officers are working up a proposal consistent with the forward programme approved by ARG in November 2018.
15.	Cllr Ross Houston	Please confirm which streets in Barnet are part of the Council's regular street-cleaning regime, which streets are automatically monitored for levels of litter and detritus, and which streets are only inspected and cleaned after a request from residents to do so? For those streets that are automatically cleaned and/or inspected on a regular basis, please detail how frequently.	Councillor Dean Cohen, Chairman of the Environment Committee	Town centres across the borough receive daily attention from dedicated cleansing crews. Our fleet of mechanical sweepers also operate in town centres and surrounding roads on a weekly basis. Supervisors carry out both proactive and reactive monitoring, as well the area based street cleaning teams monitoring and feeding back, to enable resources to be flexible. There are over 3,350 roads in Barnet so it is important that we use incoming intelligence and front line staff.
16.	Cllr Rohit Grover	What is the state of play with regards to letting spare library space?	Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee	Please see response for Question 37.

17.	Cllr Charlie O'Macauley	Who is responsible for repairing fences on properties owned by Barnet Homes?	Chairman of the Housing Committee	<p>Under the terms of the Barnet Homes Repairs Policy, repairs or replacement of fences fall under the responsibility of the tenant when the dividing fence lies between neighbouring properties.</p> <p>Barnet Homes remain responsible for any replacement or repair works when the fence falls on the boundary of public or highway land. When appropriate, Barnet Homes will inspect fences for condition and any works needed that fall under this category will be assessed and either undertaken or placed on a planned works programme to be completed at a later date.</p> <p>Barnet Homes may also take a view on works when a resident has existing vulnerabilities that may dictate that works cannot be completed independently. This is assessed on a case by case basis and in line with the appropriate policies.</p>
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18.	Cllr Rohit Grover	What action has been taken with respect to the sub-standard weed-prevention work last year?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>Our weed contract has not fully met the standards that we expect and the contractor is carrying out significant amounts of remedial works at their cost while payment was withheld. The Council is currently reviewing how this service will be delivered in 2019/20.</p> <p>There is contradictory advice to consider regarding the chemical used.</p>
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19.	Cllr Anne Hutton	<p>The Government has set out seven principles that local authorities must have regard to when exercising their function in relation to looked after children and young people, one of which is...."to help those children and young people gain access to and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners." How is LB Barnet fulfilling this duty with regard to access to libraries when most of these are inaccessible when children and young people most need them i.e. in the evenings and at week-ends?</p>	<p>Chairman of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee / Chairman of the Community Leadership & Libraries Committee</p>	<p>The Council has adopted the Corporate Parenting Principles and Council Committee papers consider the impact on children in care and care leavers as part of the decision making. The change in libraries were made before the Corporate Parenting principles were in place but were considered through an equalities impact assessment.</p> <p>Current library opening hours total 839.5 per week. Young people in Year 11 and above can access all hours unaccompanied. Young people below the age of 15 (and in Year 11) must be accompanied during self-service hours (SSO) only. This is in line with government guidance. Staffed opening hours in Core and Core Plus libraries are focussed on afternoon sessions to facilitate after-school use, and each library has one staffed evening session per week. All libraries have staffed sessions across the weekend with staffed opening hours at Core Plus libraries all day Saturday and Sunday afternoons.</p> <p>The virtual school also supports Looked After Children to access a range of learning opportunities.</p>
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20.	Cllr Rohit Grover	How many looked after children and care leavers have benefitted from Live Unlimited's Imagination Trust Scheme?	Chairman of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee	<p>The Imagination Trust has provided grants to 28 looked after children and care leavers since its launch in February 2018. Examples of funding include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Italian summer school fees for a University language student to improve their linguistic skills - Gym membership to improve health issues and motivation - Sign language course to fulfil a dream of becoming a social worker with hearing impaired children - New suit for a series of apprenticeship interviews <p>Camera equipment for a photography student to support a course of study</p>
21.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	How many Barnet children were in temporary or emergency accommodation over the Christmas period?	Chairman of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee	<p>The number of children in temporary or emergency accommodation over the Christmas 2018 period was 2,810.</p> <p>Nobody was in bed and breakfast.</p>
22.	Cllr John Hart	Would the Leader agree with me to support appeals by the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and others to Michael Gove for a system of returnable deposits on beer cans, plastic bottles and the like as a simple way to lessen littering of public spaces and streets?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Yes

23.	Cllr Claire Farrier	<p>Since on-street recycling points have been removed, what is the impact on the increase in general waste tonnages and reduction in recycling? Also, what is the increase in general waste tonnages due to stopping of collection of food waste for recycling? What is the cost of this to the Council in increased waste charges?</p>	Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>It is too early to accurately quantify the impact on tonnage, recycling and disposal costs. This will be available to share following the submission and sign off of our statutory returns to Defra via waste data flow after June 2019. As experienced by the many other authorities that have removed their on street bring recycling sites, as their kerbside and communal collection services to properties have expanded and embedded there has been no noticeable increase either in the number or scale of flytips recorded in the borough.</p>
24.	Cllr John Hart	<p>How many new Tree Preservation Orders were raised in Barnet during 2018 compared with 2017 and how many existing ones were annulled in both years to allow developments?</p>	Chairman of the Planning Committee	<p>There were 14 Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) made in 2018 and 6 in 2017; with the size of the Orders (i.e. quantity of trees included) varying – some being a single tree, others including groups and areas. No TPOs were revoked in either year.</p>

25.	Cllr Ross Houston	<p>What is the Council's policy on clearing of autumn leaves from Barnet's streets? Which streets have been cleared as part of this policy since the autumn?</p>	Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>Town centres across the borough receive daily attention from dedicated cleansing crews, which includes leaf clearance. Our fleet of mechanical sweepers also operate in town centres and surrounding roads on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Leaf clearance has been taken place across the brought. There is over 3,350 roads many of which have to be clear numerous times duty to the pleasant leafy nature of our Borough. Please send any area of concern to members enquires and the street scene team will review and action as needed.</p>
26.	Cllr Roberto Weeden-Sanz	<p>In the last few weeks I have been approached by residents complaining about missed bin collections in several wards with 3 Labour members, who say their own councillors have been no help to them. Does the Leader share my disappointment in those Labour Councillors who rather than spending their time reporting issues their residents' have raised with them to the Council, instead choose to simply attack the Council and the work being carried out by our street scene staff. And does he agree with me that the residents of those wards deserve better from the elected representatives they chose to put their trust in?"</p>	Leader	<p>Many Members have been assiduous in ensuring that their residents get a collection. Good Councillors get rewarded by the public at elections.</p>

27.	Cllr Charlie O'Macauley	Whose responsibility is it to cut or prune grass and overgrown plants within council properties where tenants are pensioners and are struggling financially?	Chairman of the Housing Committee	If residents are elderly or struggling financially, referrals can be made to Barnet Homes Estate Services Team. The team will assess the ground maintenance requirements and either carry out the work themselves if applicable or place residents in contact with charities/support groups that may be able to assist with the requirements. Referrals can be made to: EstateServices@barnethomes.org
28.	Cllr Felix Byers	Where a site or building of considerable value to the community is to be redeveloped, would the Leader agree that it is morally incumbent on developers to be sensitive to local feeling and to consult local people on their views about the redevelopment - and that we as councillors have a duty to facilitate that?	Leader of the Council	Yes. This is very important. Our community needs local input to get the best possible development.
29.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Who is ultimately responsible for the disastrous change in waste collection routes?	Leader of the Council	This is not a matter for name calling or personalisation. The Environment Committee will examine what happened.
30.	Cllr Felix Byers	Where does the Leader think is the better place to engage with Barnet's residents - on Twitter, or on doorsteps?	Leader of the Council	On the doorstep

31.	Cllr Anne Hutton	How is LB Barnet enabling voluntary organisations in the Borough to respond to the Government offer to 'match fund' mental health programmes?	Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board	Conversations are ongoing.
32.	Cllr Felix Byers	Is the Leader as happy as I am to welcome ALDI to East Barnet Village?	Leader of the Council	Yes – I like shopping in Aldi.
33.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How many additional staff have been brought in to assist with bin collections since the new collection arrangements were introduced on 4 November 2018?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>This has varied on a daily and weekly basis dependant on need. The service is currently focused on ensuring that we are delivering the recycling and refuse collection service and providing support to our frontline staff.</p> <p>When the situation has further settled we finalise the full analysis of the implementation of the collection day changes. The information will be available and reported at a future Environment Committee in due course.</p>
34.	Cllr Felix Byers	Could the Chairman (of the Environment Committee) explain whether it is blanket council policy to oppose the introduction of speed humps, or whether it is acknowledged that humps have utility in some circumstances? If the latter, can he outline those circumstances?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	It is policy to avoid vertical traffic calming measures wherever possible.

35.	Cllr Sara Conway	Has there been an increase in fly-tipping due to the on-going problems with bin collections?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Accumulation of rubbish and the presentation of this outside of waste containers at bins/bin stores was observed where collections could not be made to schedule. There has, however, been no noticeable increase either in the number or scale of significant flytips recorded in the borough away from existing bin/bin store locations.
36.	Cllr Peter Zinkin	Residents who live near to Donoghue are requesting speed cameras. Current policies of Mayor Khan and TFL prevent speed cameras being installed. Does the Leader agree these policies act against the interests of our residents as regrettably so many of the Mayors policies do?	Leader of the Council	Yes.

37.	Cllr Anne Clarke	<p>Please provide an update on income received by the Council for renting out or commercial use of space in LB Barnet's libraries (please provide a breakdown by library and year since the refurbishment and reopening of libraries).</p>	<p>Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee</p>	<p>Chipping Barnet Library Re-opened: 9 October 17 The lease has not been signed. Once it is signed the tenant will pay £30,000 p.a. in rent</p> <p>East Finchley Library Re-opened: 20 August 17 Space being advertised to secure a tenant (rent will be £20,000 p.a.)</p> <p>Edgware Library Re-opened: 11 September 17 Lease has been signed, rent of £3000 p.a. is being secured (this increases to £5000 p.a. by year 5)</p> <p>Golders Green Library Re-opened: 19 June 17 Lease has been signed, currently in 5 month rent free period. Rent is £30,000 p.a.</p> <p>Hendon Library Re-opened: 23 Oct 17 Lease has been signed, coming to the end of 6 month rent free period. Rent is £155,950.06 p.a.</p>
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				<p>North Finchley Library Re-opened: June 2017 Space being advertised to secure a tenant (rent will be £26,500 p.a.)</p> <p>Childs Hill Library Lease has not yet been signed (rent will be £10,000 p.a.)</p> <p>Mill Hill Library Lease has not yet been signed (rent will be £32,000 p.a.)</p>
38.	Cllr Linda Freedman	<p>None of my residents in Edgware complained of lack of bin collections starting week of 7th January and since then. When they happily informed me their bins had been emptied on the due date, I did encourage them to have celebratory drink to cheer them up. Can I ask that the rounds will be consistently covered in future and we now have a full committed waste crew?</p>	<p>Chairman of the Environment Committee</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Street Scene Staff are working hard to bed in the new system. The delays at Christmas were due to staff shortages from sickness, and a lack of agency staff available. We are looking to recruit more staff to improve operational resilience.</p>

39.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Will the Leader join me in condemning the actions of those people who pressurised The Centre for Islamic Enlightening to cancel the 'BESA 'The Promise': A code of Honour - Muslims Who Rescued Jews During The Holocaust' event? In trying to organise this local community event the Centre was clearly wanting to celebrate and enhance engagement and community cohesion between faith groups - something the Council should encourage.	Leader of the Council	I don't want to express an opinion and exasperate a difficult situation. Barnet is fully committed across the political spectrum in supporting community cohesion.
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40.	Cllr. Alison Cornelius	How many dustcarts have broken down on a daily or weekly basis since the beginning of the year up to and including December 2018?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>There have been 143 incidents where a vehicle has had to be attended to by a member of fleet staff or recovered to our workshop. In addition to these there are breakdowns which delay the vehicle starting in the morning, or where the vehicle is safe to return to the workshop but its self but can collect bins i.e. due to a fault with the bin lift</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>2018</th><th>Number of Breakdown Reported</th><th>% of Breakdown Reported</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Jan</td><td>6</td><td>4%</td></tr> <tr><td>Feb</td><td>6</td><td>4%</td></tr> <tr><td>Mar</td><td>9</td><td>6%</td></tr> <tr><td>Apr</td><td>30</td><td>21%</td></tr> <tr><td>May</td><td>20</td><td>14%</td></tr> <tr><td>Jun</td><td>12</td><td>8%</td></tr> <tr><td>Jul</td><td>8</td><td>6%</td></tr> <tr><td>Aug</td><td>17</td><td>12%</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept</td><td>9</td><td>6%</td></tr> <tr><td>Oct</td><td>8</td><td>6%</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov</td><td>9</td><td>6%</td></tr> <tr><td>Dec</td><td>9</td><td>6%</td></tr> <tr><td>Grand Total</td><td>143</td><td>100%</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	2018	Number of Breakdown Reported	% of Breakdown Reported	Jan	6	4%	Feb	6	4%	Mar	9	6%	Apr	30	21%	May	20	14%	Jun	12	8%	Jul	8	6%	Aug	17	12%	Sept	9	6%	Oct	8	6%	Nov	9	6%	Dec	9	6%	Grand Total	143	100%
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41.	Cllr Sara Conway	Given the amount of fly-tipping in the Borough will the Council conduct a review and consider piloting possible solutions?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	The number and scale of flytips in the borough while high is in line or below the level experienced by neighbouring boroughs. The approach is similar across all local authorities and we work closely with the Safer Communities team in sharing intelligence and requesting support to try to address known flytipping hotspots. There have been some high level prosecutions in recent months. We would happily discuss potential pilot schemes that are financially deliverable and have been shown to be effective elsewhere.
42.	Cllr. David Longstaff	Will the Leader join me in welcoming the recent announcement from the Secretary of State for Education, that there will be an extra £250m for High Needs Block funding for local authorities? This will mean for Barnet, just under £1m of funding in each of the years 2018-19 and 2019-20.	Leader of the Council	<p>Yes.</p> <p>This is excellent news and represents hard work by this Council and our MPs in efforts to lobby Government.</p>

43.	Cllr Ross Houston	Many of Barnet's streets are in a shocking state strewn with uncollected and rotting leaves, and litter and detritus. This has been made worse by the Council's failure to collect bins on time. What remedial measures are being put in place to clean-up our streets?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Town centres across the borough receive daily attention from dedicated cleansing crews. Our fleet of mechanical sweepers also operate in town centres and surrounding roads on a weekly basis. Other roads are serviced by the area crews and sweeper. Please send any area of concern to members enquires and the street scene team will review and action as needed.
44.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Can we expect to still see discarded Christmas trees on the roads in June, as we did last year, or will the Council finally get a grip and collect waste in a timely fashion?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	No.
45.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How much has been spent on overtime and agency staff to clear bin collection backlogs since the new bin collection arrangements were introduced on 4 November 2018?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Officers in the service are currently focused on ensuring that we are delivering the recycling and refuse collection service and providing support to our frontline staff. When the situation has further settled we finalise the full analysis of the implementation of the collection day changes. The information will be available to share at a future date and reported at a future Environment Committee

46.	Cllr Anne Clarke	<p>How does Barnet Council "engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis", as section 110 of the Localism Act requires, with Camden Council and Brent Council in planning Cricklewood's development?</p>	Chairman of Planning Committee / Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee	<p>As part of our duty to co-operate responsibilities we work closely with LB Brent and LB Camden on strategic London wide as well as cross-boundary planning matters, including those affecting Cricklewood. This is part of a continuous process. We have regular contacts with neighbouring boroughs at sub-regional meetings as well as specific duty to cooperate meetings which focus on cross-boundary issues. These meetings are set out in Barnet's Authorities Monitoring Report. We also respond to formal planning consultations on our neighbours Local Plans. In 2019 we will be discussing with our neighbouring boroughs Barnet's emerging Local Plan and the proposals it sets out for Cricklewood as part of this ongoing process.</p>
47.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	<p>The Council's Parks and Open Spaces Strategy categorised open spaces within the borough and identified some as low quality / low value; referencing that 'alternative uses' for these sites will be considered. Please can you provide a list of sites in the borough vulnerable to such 'alternative uses'?</p>	Leader of the Council	<p>The combined quality and value assessment undertaken as part of the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy, is useful in suggesting ways in which the value of the borough's parks and open spaces assets might be realised to protect the outcomes delivered by the portfolio.</p> <p>The assessment information and the</p>

				quality / value scores are referenced within Appendix D via the following link; https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/open-spaces-strategy
48.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Is it acceptable that some residents have gone 2 months without bin collections?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	No.
49.	Cllr Sara Conway	What is the latest position on the procurement of the environment enforcement contract – has a contract been awarded and if so on what basis?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	A contract has been awarded and commence on the 1st February. It is unclear what the member is referring to in terms of 'what basis'. The contract is at zero cost to the council, it will provide a minimum of 6 enforcement officers for the borough, 1 full time administration officer based within the community safety team and a 0.5 support post. The contract will be managed by Barnet Community Safety Team where there will be close targeting of areas of high levels of fly tipping and littering. The team will meet with the provider once a month for tasking and quarterly with Harrow Council and Ealing Council – as this has been a 3 borough tender and contract.
50.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Given the importance of clinical waste collections, what is being done to ensure that regular on time collections are restored?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Collections have been resumed after the illness of the driver. All collections have been up to date for a number of weeks.

51.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Do the announcements on Universal Credit by the Government - i.e. running a pilot and getting rid of the two-child cap - have any effect in Barnet or will our local roll-out continue as planned?	Leader of the Council	Initially the plan was to migrate 3 million people onto UC but instead it is now planned to test the migration process with a smaller 10,000 group. It is not known at this point how the 10,000 claimants will be identified so LBB may or may not be part of this. The decision to migrate the 3 million people has been delayed until next year and after the pilot is complete. This lower number will reduce the speed of migration from HB to UC in the early stages but the announcement confirmed migration will be complete by 2023 as planned.
52.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	The Conservative Councillors' manifesto pledged that residents would not see rubbish piled in the streets. Will the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Environment Committee resign for breaking their pledges?	Leader of the Council	No.
53.	Cllr Sara Conway	Is the Council satisfied with the current cleaning of the libraries and when is the contract for library cleaning services due to be renewed?	Leader of the Council	The Library Service monitors cleaning at all sites very closely and any concerns have been raised with the contractor concerned and remedial measures put in place. The corporate cleaning contractor is due to change in the Spring.

54.	Cllr Anne Clarke	Will the Leader join me in congratulating the Clitterhouse Farm Project for meeting their massive £100,000 Crowdfunding goal?	Leader of the Council	Yes.
55.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How many bin collections have been missed in each ward since the new bin collection arrangements were introduced on 4 November 2018?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>Jamie Blake Officers in the service are currently focused on ensuring that we are delivering the recycling and refuse collection service and providing support to our frontline staff.</p> <p>When the situation has further settled we finalise the full analysis of the implementation of the collection day changes. The information will be available to share at a future date and reported at a future Environment Committee.</p>
56.	Cllr Barry Rawlings	The annual procurement plan agreed at Policy & Resources on 11 December includes an anticipated £400,000 procurement for a 'Road User Pricing Initiative [sic] Consultancy'. What is meant by 'road user pricing' in this instance, what is the proposed initiative, and which roads in Barnet will be affected?	Leader of the Council	There is no concrete initiative. I do not believe that an individual borough could do this.
57.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many Manse fire doors are left in Barnet Homes properties, including leaseholders?	Chairman of the Housing Committee	There are around 1100 Manse Mansedoors still fitted which are scheduled to be replaced during the 2019/20 financial year.

58.	Cllr Anne Clarke	Which councillors were invited on the New Year's Day Barnet Council float? How were they chosen?	Leader of the Council	Any Councillor could have gone as could past Mayors.
59.	Cllr Sara Conway	Why has the Council painted yellow lines on several roads on North Road Estate without consultation? This is making parking even harder for residents, particularly during several building works and with the Colindale CPZ soon to be introduced?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	<p>The lines were implemented in agreement with Barnet Homes to facilitate the development of The Croft by Bugler developments.</p> <p>The lines indicate a change to the current 7-10am and 4-7 pm restrictions on the south side of North Road to 'No Waiting and Loading' between 08.00 and 18.00 Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday which would allow parking overnight and part of the weekend.</p>
60.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How many missed clinical waste collections have been missed each month since April 2018?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	As Clinical Waste records are not held in this manner. It is not possible to separate the data to answer this.
61.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What are the relevant regulations regarding fire/ smoke detectors in communal areas of Barnet Homes flats? Are we compliant across the board? If not, at which locations is there non-compliance?	Chairman of the Housing Committee	<p>There is no requirement under British Standards or Building Regulations for communal fire detection systems to be fitted within purpose built residential general use blocks of flats.</p> <p>In accordance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order a fire risk assessment (FRA) must be carried out to each block. The FRA will consider if additional means of warning are required</p>

and if so will recommend the installation of a fire alarm system.

The very vast majority of fire risk assessments carried out to blocks managed by Barnet Homes do not recommend that further fire detection and alarm systems outside of those within the dwellings is required. Those for which a communal system is recommended are normally specialised use blocks, such as sheltered housing schemes and hostels.

Barnet Homes would confirm that systems are installed in locations where it is recommended these are fitted and these systems are subject to regular inspection and maintenance.

The installation of a communal fire alarm system in the majority of cases would result in contradictory messages being provided to residents and other parties as to the action to be taken in the event of a fire. Barnet Homes staff have had numerous meetings with representatives from the local fire brigade (LFB) where this topic has been discussed. The LFB representatives we have spoken to are not in favour of the installation of fire detection systems within communal areas of general use purpose built residential

				blocks, with a stay put policy.
62.	Cllr Anne Clarke	Garth Hall was a popular community centre and provided sheltered accommodation on the Granville Road Estate. It was damaged by a fire in 2008 and subsequently demolished, the land has since been sold for development. Residents of the Granville Road Estate and the centre of Childs Hill have been asking for a replacement hall for a decade. Why hasn't this happened?	Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee	Although the former Garth Hall was demolished in 2009, all the previous users of the hall have found alternative venues to use for their activities. There are alternative community hall facilities in the area which local groups are able to use including the Church Hall adjacent to the estate.
63.	Cllr Sara Conway	When will South Road finally be repaired?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	The Council completed condition surveys in the autumn of 2018 and the results of the carriageway condition survey did not identify defects in South Road that required remedial treatment. The Councillor has been invited to raise such matters at the end of the NRP meeting.
64.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Does the Leader agree with me that the partnership board being set up to oversee the North Finchley regeneration project must meet in public?	Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee	The Terms of Reference allow for meetings to be held in public where this has been agreed in advance by the Board. However, I do not agree that the Board should meet in Public as a matter of course. As per the motion at Policy and Resources Committee (February 2018), the proposed North Finchley Partnership Board will bring together a range of stakeholders from the community,

				including private businesses and local residents. Participants are being asked to join the Board in a voluntary capacity and it is therefore not appropriate to expect them to meet in public. We consider that stipulating that all meetings are held in public could impact individuals' willingness to step forward to join the Board. Minutes of all meetings will be published on the council website. This practice is consistent with similar Boards established for other significant redevelopment/regeneration programmes.
65.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	The Chair of the Housing Committee will have heard feedback from residents affected by the Willow House fire that they did not want to move to Hillingdon. Will the Council now scrap the scheme to procure 50 properties in Hayes, which are already occupied by existing families?	Chairman of the Housing Committee	Willow House residents have been looked after and no.
66.	Cllr Anne Clarke	Given that Conservative councillors put out several leaflets about PB Donoghue ahead of the local election, why were Donoghue selected to join Barnet's float in the New Year's Day parade?	Leader of the Council	P B Donoghue are a local business and whilst not always popular it is good to see them involved in the Barnet community. The Council supports residents and Donoghue's relocation. Dialogue is essential.

67.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How many public apologies have Conservative councillors made since the new bin collection arrangements were introduced on 4 November 2018?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	It is right to apologise.																								
68.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many Barnet residents have been permanently housed outside the Borough by the Council (please provide a breakdown by year since 2014)?	Chairman of the Housing Committee	<p>Since 2014 – 47 households have been rehoused permanently to alternative social housing out of borough. The table below provides the breakdown by year, bedroom size and scheme. Homefinder is a scheme which enables clients to choose to join the scheme to bid to move to social housing in different parts of London and the UK. The Acquisitions are units bought by the Council as part of phase 1 of the acquisition scheme. The 21 units purchased in London were let as 5 year flexible council tenancies. The Seaside & Country Home Scheme is a voluntary scheme which enables council tenants to move to a seaside or country location of their choice. This then frees up larger council units in Barnet.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>HOMEFINDER</th> <th>1 bed</th> <th>2 bed</th> <th>3bed</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2014</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	HOMEFINDER	1 bed	2 bed	3bed	2014	1	4	1	2015		1	1	2016	2		1	2017		1		2018			
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69.	Cllr Anne Clarke	How does Barnet Conservative councillors parading with PB Donoghue sit with the Conservative councillors' "Donoghue must go!" leaflet?	Leader of the Council	I am sure that Cllr Clarke shares some views with her Conservative colleagues. Dialogue to ensure removal is critical.				
70.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Given that Barnet residents may be affected, will the Council be making a submission to the Heathrow Airspace and Future Operations Consultation?	Leader of the Council	Yes.				
71.	Cllr Alison Moore	What is the latest on plans for new housing on Prospect Ring and Norfolk Close? Could we have an update on when you expect to deliver the new blocks please, and set out what the reasons are for the delay?	Chairman of the Housing Committee	Prospect Ring – The contractor Hills have been undertaking detailed design works and discharging pre-commencement planning conditions. They have hoarded the site are shortly to commence demolition of the houses. ODH are meeting with Ward Councillors and key resident representatives on the 23rd				

				<p>January to outline the programme and proposed external works. The completion of works is anticipated for July 2021.</p> <p>This project was initially delayed due to completion of the S106 agreement, which was dependent on GLA sign off. More recently, delays have been incurred via extensive negotiations with UKPN to agree the relocation of the existing UKPN substation; without this agreement works were not able to commence onsite.</p> <p>Norfolk Close –The contractor Lifebuild are starting on the site on the 21st January with a completion date of 20th January 2020.</p>
72.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What progress is being made on the work to eradicate rats in Cherry Tree Wood and on Brompton Grove?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Following reports of the issue in November 2018, the area has been baited. Since action was taken, Greenspaces have received no further reports of rats in this park.
73.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What assessment has been made of the impact on streets surrounding parks of the plan to introduce charges for parking in Barnet's parks and open spaces?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Each location is to be considered on a site by site basis before charging is introduced, this is to avoid displacing vehicles into residential roads.

74.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What plans do the Council have regarding the future of the Pavilion in Cherry Tree Wood, now that it has settled with the leaseholder?	Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee	Greenspaces are currently awaiting quotations for the building to be safely demolished. Upon receipt and evaluation, we will programme the works for as soon as practicable.
75.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What progress is being made on introducing dockless bikes to Barnet?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	On 5 th June 2018 Environment Committee agreed to a pilot scheme to introduce dockless pool bikes in Barnet. Since then there have been several developments nationally involving dockless pool bike schemes whereby the major providers have ceased their operations. Unfortunately, this has been the case with two companies that the Council has looked to launch schemes with. The Council is currently engaging with an alternative Dockless Pool Bike provider and is keeping a close eye on further developments in the market to ensure the most advantageous solution for the Borough is investigated.
76.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Council work with TfL and Peabody to clear up the graffiti, over grown weeds and mess around the 232 bus stop at Strawberry Vale?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	We will work with the partner organisations to improve the local environment.
77.	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How can a greater emphasis on anti-idling initiatives be incorporated into Barnet's air quality action plan?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	This is really a London-wide initiative that should be dealt with appropriately.

78.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Council write to Budgens and the owners of Viceroy Court to ask them to clean off the graffiti from the walls facing East End Road, or can the Council undertake to do this?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Yes. How has the Councillor reported this to officers?
79.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Council undertake to review priority gritting routes, and factor in strategically important alleyways and footways, such as The Walks in East Finchley?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Officers undertake an annual review of winter gritting operations at the end of the season. Footway gritting is undertaken by street cleansing operatives and is focused on town centres, subways, bridges and main public transport intersections.
80.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	How many fines had the Council handed out in the last year for dog fouling?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	We do not collect figures for individual offences, but officers have indicated that the number would likely be quite small.
81.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Leader of the Council advise on the security arrangements for the Council's computer systems in the event of a cyber-attack?	Leader of the Council	Not in public. Officers will brief the Councillor in private.
82.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Does the Council have civil contingency plans in the event of serious flooding?	Chairman of the Financial Performance and Contracts Committee	There is a multi-agency flood plan (Borough Resilience Forum) that would be activated as required. Should the plan be activated the

				<p>response would be managed by a multi-agency coordination group and more than likely be at the Police HQ in Colindale.</p> <p>LBB would also need to stand up its own co-ordination arrangements by way of a Gold / Silver group and the BECC.</p>
83.	Cllr Alison Moore	Has the council contacted TfL to ask about the viability of installing planting beds on the Prospect Ring/ Prospect Place Bridge, as requested on site visits?	Chairman of the Environment Committee	TfL has been contacted and we are awaiting a response.
84.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Council undertake to work with Westminster Council and the Romanian Church based at the cemetery on East End Road to ensure adequate parking and traffic control during Orthodox Easter? Surrounding roads, especially the Thomas Moore Way Estate have severe problems, when there is plenty of parking available in the Cemetery.	Chairman of the Environment Committee	Yes.
85.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Does the Council take enforcement action against unlicensed venues allowing shisha smoking?	Chairman of Health & Wellbeing Board / Chairman of the Licensing Committee	There is no licence needed for a premises to sell Shisha. However there are a number of other pieces of legislation that a shisha premises should adhere to. In particular those around "Smoke Free", noise and odour nuisance, alcohol and late night refreshment licensing and general anti-social behaviour If the relevant Regulatory

				Services Team receive a complaint regarding these matters at a Shisha premises these will be investigated in line with our standard procedures.
86.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Chair of the Pensions Committee advise if he has concerns about the impact of Brexit on the Council's pension fund investments? If so, what are his concerns?	Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee	There are many factors that determine the values of investments. All are of concern.
87.	Cllr Arjun Mittra	I understand that the lift in the new Finchley Central Library has been malfunctioning lately, is it being repaired and what are the faults?	Chairman of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee	The passenger lift from the main library space to the activity rooms is fully functional and is not broken. However, there remains an outstanding requirement with regards to the emergency telephone before the lift can be put into use. The Library Service has another lift which can be used for any customers requiring lift access to the lower ground floor.