

**Amendments to Opposition motion: A fully funded, proper pay rise for local government workers (agenda item 14.3) in the name of Cllr Barry Rawlings**

**Amendment by: Cllr Daniel Thomas**

**A fully funded, proper pay rise for local government workers**

Replace with the following (additions are in bold)

Council notes:

- 1. In response to financial decisions made by the government over the past decade, Barnet Council has been at the forefront of innovating the way that services are delivered.**
- 2. Outsourcing some services has played an important part in making savings for our residents, while ensuring that quality services are still delivered to them.**
- 3. There is a national joint committee tasked with settling the local government pay claim.**
- 4. That the Council seeks to support staff in the delivery of their work wherever and however possible.**

Council believes:

- 1. That the work carried out by staff; both directly employed and those working in our outsourced services; is fundamental to the delivery of the Council's services.**
2. Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.
3. Our staff help to keep our communities clean, look after those in need, and keep our towns running.

Council resolves to:

- 1. Continue to convey our appreciation for the professionalism of our staff and the providers of our outsourced services.**
- 2. Work with the workforce and relevant unions, as well as the National Joint Committee which sets pay rates across the country, to ensure that there is an appropriate settlement to the local government pay claim.**

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**Amendment by: Cllr Ross Houston**  
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Delete all and replace with (addition in bold):

Council notes:

- Government has endured central government funding cuts of nearly 50% since 2010.
- Between 2010 and 2020, councils will have lost 60p out of every £1 they have received from central government.
- The 2019 LGA survey of council finances found that 1 in 3 councils fear they will run out if funding to provide even their statutory, legal duties by 2022/23. This number rises to almost two thirds of councils by 2024/2025 or later.
- The LGA estimates councils will face a funding gap of £8 billion by 2025.
- Faced with these cuts from central government, the local government workforce has endured years of pay restraint with the majority of pay points losing 22 per cent of their value since 2009/10.
- At the same time as seeing their pay go down in real terms, workers experience ever increasing workloads and persistent job insecurity. Across the UK an estimated 876,000 jobs have been lost in local government since June 2010 - a reduction of 30 per cent. Local government has arguably been hit by more severe job losses than any other part of the public sector.
- There has been a disproportionate impact on women, with women making up more than two thirds of the local government workforce.

Council believes:

- Our workers are public service superheroes. They keep our communities clean, look after those in need and keep our towns and cities running.
- Without the professionalism and dedication of our staff, the council services our residents rely on would not be deliverable.
- Government funding has been cut to the extent that a proper pay rise could result in a reduction in local government services.
- The government needs to take responsibility and fully fund increases in pay; it should not put the burden on local authorities whose funding has been cut to the bone.

Council resolves to:

- Back the GMB's campaign for pay justice and support the pay claim submitted by the NJC local government unions for a £10 per hour minimum wage and a 10 per cent uplift across all other pay points in 2020/21.
- Write to the secretary of state to call for a pay increase for local government workers to be funded with new money from central government.
- Meet with local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim.
- Encourage all local government workers to join a union.

**Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the GMB and all staff outlining LB Barnet's support for this campaign and the pay claim.**

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