Policy and Resources Committee  
17 June 2020

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Summary  
The Committee is requested to consider the item and give instruction to Officers.

Officers Recommendation  
That the Policy and Resources Committee instructions in relation to these Member’s Items are requested.
## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

### 1.1 Members of the Committee have requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Committee for considering and determination. The Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

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<td>Given the Government is reneging on its promise to pay 'whatever it costs' local authorities to deal with the Covid19 pandemic and its aftermath and given the need for increased spend in recovery plans, expected lower income and lower collection rates, council finances are in a parlous state. One London council has estimated this will be an equivalent of a 10% cut and will entail redundancies and reduction in services and perhaps the need for an in-year budget to manage the situation. In Barnet we need to be honest with residents and show leadership. I ask that the P&amp;R Committee agree to: 1. Run a public campaign demanding the Government cover all Covid 19 costs. 2. Bring forward fees and charges increase to the 1st January 2021 as proposed by the Labour alternative budget. 3. Immediately begin the process of raising CIL contributions that have failed to keep up with inflation. 4. Review existing contracts with suppliers to judge whether they provide value for money in these altered circumstances.</td>
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|                    | A meeting of the Adults & Safeguarding Committee has not been scheduled therefore I ask that P&R is given an update on the impact of the pandemic on the Adults Social Care service and budget, including:  
- the shortfall in Government funding to cover the cost of the pandemic in adults' social care and the wider implications for the Council's budget,  
- why care home residents were allowed to return from hospital without being tested,  
- why care homes were not prioritised for receiving PPE in the first instance,  
- what is being done to support a third of the social care workforce who are EU citizens and have not had their visas extended unlike health workers,  
- what the Council's lobbying position is for the future shape of social care post-pandemic |

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|                   | Following the Black Lives Matter protests and the Public Health England report on the impact of Covid-19 on BAME communities, I ask that the Committee discusses and agrees the following:  
- That the Council seeks the views of its BAME communities on the issues arising from the Black Lives Matter protests and the PHE report, |
That the Council reviews the PHE report and responds to the issues raised affecting Barnet's BAME communities,
That the Committee agrees to include dealing with structural inequality arising from the PHE report and the pandemic in its recovery planning,
That the Council considers how to support BAME staff already at work and those returning to work,
That the Council updates its Equalities Policy and Action Plan to address any racism or inequality found by the review of the PHE report or the consultation with Barnet's BAME communities,
That the Council issues a statement in support of the Black Lives Matter campaign and responding to the PHE report, as many other Councils have already done from RB Kensington & Chelsea to LB Brent to LB Camden, to LB Havering.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 N/A

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member’s Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 A Member (including Members appointed as substitutes by Council) will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a committee or Sub-Committee on which s/he serves. The matter must be relevant to the terms of reference of the committee.
5.3.2 The referral of a motion from Full Council to a committee will not count as a Member’s Item for the purposes of this rule.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Members’ Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council’s Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Email received on the 5th June 2020 from the Members.