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Council meeting, 27 July 2021

Amendment: Cllr Barry Rawlings

Community Safety

Delete all and replace with (additions in bold, no deletions):

**Barnet Council's Conservative administration talks a lot about crime and police but when it comes to actually doing anything themselves, they consistently fall short.**

**Barnet is supposed to be a Council that prioritises family friendly policies, but lack of investment by the Barnet Conservatives in our CCTV, our community safety team, our enforcement team and support services has left the Council's community safety service failing residents and their families across the Borough.**

**Any investment made is often last minute and poorly thought through. A good example is on park safety which Barnet Labour called for action on: the parks patrol that has been introduced by the Conservatives spends at most 45 minutes a day in each park. This doesn't help the police enough with the persistent problems of anti-social behaviour, drug taking, street drinking and stabbings that takes place in some of our parks and public spaces.**

**Nationally, the Conservatives have slashed funding to the Met to the bone, resulting in drastic cuts to police numbers.**

**On crime and community safety the Conservatives at both a national and local level need to get a grip.**

**Labour has just launched a Safer Communities campaign with pledges to crack down on anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls.**

**Nationally, Labour will:**

**Introduce a new £283m fund for areas blighted by high levels of anti-social behaviour, redirected from the Prime Minister's vanity yacht project. The additional funding could be used for surge funding for police officer and PCSOs, for helping councils fund enforcement or to pay for additional CCTV.**

**Strengthen legal protections for victims of anti-social behaviour to give victims of persistent, unresolved anti-social behaviour the same rights that the Labour Party is proposing to enshrine for victims of crime.**

**Implement a set of proposals to end violence against women and girls, including increasing sentences for rape and stalking, reviewing sentencing for all domestic abuse, and better support for victims of rape and sexual violence – delivering where the Conservatives have failed to step up.**

Following a spate of violent crimes and anti-social behaviour in locations across Barnet including Whetstone, East Barnet, Friern Barnet, East Finchley, Colindale, Brent Cross, Mill Hill East and Burnt Oak, Council asks the relevant Committees to consider what more the Council can do to support the police and improve community safety in the Borough.