

## Minutes

OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET  
held at HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON, NW4 4BQ, on 27 July 2021

### PRESENT:-

The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Alison Cornelius)  
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Saira Don)

### Councillors:

Golnar Bokaei	John Hart	Nicole Richer
Jess Brayne	Ross Houston	Helene Richman
Felix Byers	Anne Hutton	Tim Roberts
Anne Clarke	Laithe Jajeh	Lisa Rutter
Alison Cornelius	David Longstaff	Shimon Ryde
Dean Cohen	John Marshall	Gill Sargeant
Melvin Cohen	Kath McGuirk	Alan Schneiderman
Geof Cooke	Nick Mearing-Smith	Mark Shooter
Richard Cornelius	Arjun Mittra	Thomas Smith
Saira Don	Alison Moore	Julian Teare
Val Duschinsky	Ammar Naqvi	Daniel Thomas
Claire Farrier	Nagus Narenthira	Reuben Thompstone
Nizza Fluss	Charlie O-Macauley	Sarah Wardle
Linda Freedman	Alex Prager	Laurie Williams
Eva Greenspan	Wendy Prentice	Peter Zinkin
Jennifer Grocock	Barry Rawlings	
Rohit Grover	Danny Rich	
Lachhya Gurung		

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Finn, Councillor Rajput, Councillor Sowerby, Councillor Stock, Councillor Weeden-Sanz, Councillor Simberg, Councillor Zubairi, Councillor Patel, Councillor Levine, Councillor Edwards, Councillor Conway, Councillor Coakley-Webb and Councillor Rozenberg.

### 2. ELECT A MEMBER TO PRESIDE IF THE MAYOR IS ABSENT

The Worshipful the Mayor was present.

### 3. PRAYER

Reverend Nigel Taylor was called upon by the Worshipful the Mayor to speak to Council and say prayers.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

**6. ANY BUSINESS REMAINING FROM LAST MEETING (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

None.

The Mayor announced a variation to the order of the agenda. Agenda item 12.4 would be dealt with at item 7 with the remaining items then dealt with in the order of the published agenda.

**7. REFERRAL FROM POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - PROPOSED HENDON HUB REDEVELOPMENT FULL BUSINESS CASE (AGENDA ITEM 12.4)**

Council noted that there was an associated exempt report.

Council noted the Historic England feedback and the Hendon Hub project team response which had been circulated as a supplement.

The Monitoring Officer reminded members that they should not vote on any item if they were predetermined, but they could vote if they had a predisposition but remained open minded.

Councillor Thomas, Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee and Leader of the Council, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Debate ensued.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	18
Abstain	1
Absent	13
Total	63

Following the vote being taken, a division was called in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

The recorded votes were as follows:

COUNCILLOR		For	Against	Not voting	Absent
<b>Golnar</b>	<b>Bokaei</b>	X			
<b>Jess</b>	<b>Brayne</b>		X		
<b>Felix</b>	<b>Byers</b>	X			
<b>Anne</b>	<b>Clarke</b>		X		
<b>Pauline</b>	<b>Coakley Webb</b>				X
<b>Dean</b>	<b>Cohen</b>	X			
<b>Melvin</b>	<b>Cohen</b>	X			
<b>Sara</b>	<b>Conway</b>				X
<b>Geof</b>	<b>Cooke</b>		X		

Richard	Cornelius	X			
Val	Duschinsky	X			
Paul	Edwards				X
Claire	Farrier		X		
Anthony	Finn				X
Nizza	Fluss		X		
Linda	Freedman	X			
Eva	Greenspan	X			
Jennifer	Grocock	X			
Rohit	Grover	X			
Lachhya	Gurung	X			
John	Hart	X			
Ross	Houston		X		
Anne	Hutton		X		
Laithe	Jajeh	X			
Kathy	Levine				X
David	Longstaff	X			
John	Marshall	X			
Kath	McGuirk		X		
Nick	Mearing-Smith	X			
Arjun	Mittra		X		
Alison	Moore		X		
Ammar	Naqvi		X		
Nagus	Narenthira		X		
Charlie	O-Macauley		X		
Reema	Patel				X
Alex	Prager	X			
Wendy	Prentice	X			
Sachin	Rajput				X
Barry	Rawlings		X		
Danny	Rich		X		
Nicole	Richer	X			
Helene	Richman	X			
Tim	Roberts		X		
Gabriel	Rozenberg				X
Lisa	Rutter	X			
Shimon	Ryde	X			
Gill	Sargeant		X		
Alan	Schneiderman		X		
Mark	Shooter	X			
Elliot	Simberg				X
Thomas	Smith	X			
Stephen	Sowerby				X
Caroline	Stock				X
Julian	Teare	X			
Daniel	Thomas	X			
Reuben	Thompstone	X			
Sarah	Wardle	X			
Roberto	Weeden-Sanz				X
Laurie	Williams		X		

<b>Peter</b>	<b>Zinkin</b>	X			
<b>Zakia</b>	<b>Zubairi</b>				X
<b>Deputy Mayor Saira</b>	<b>Don</b>	X			
<b>Mayor Alison</b>	<b>Cornelius</b>	X			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	31	19	0	13

**RESOLVED that Council:**

1. Having, considered the consultation responses (Appendix 4) and the Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendix 3), Council approved the Full Business Case (FBC) for Hendon Hub as set out in Appendix 1.
2. Approved, in principle, private financing for the development, in particular private placement relying on the Middlesex University (MDX) covenant. That Council further approved in principle that, in the event that market conditions are such at the time of seeking final funding offers, meaning that it is not possible to secure a funding offer using the Middlesex University covenant consistent with the parameters set out in the business case, a London Borough of Barnet (LBB) guarantee is made available subject to suitable risk mitigation.
3. Approved the process of obtaining formal funding offers from the market, the decision on final structure of the deal, the final choice of funding partner(s) and the negotiation and completion of the legal agreements are all to be delegated to the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee, after taking appropriate legal and financial advice and acting in the best interests of the Council.
4. Approved the procurement, through an approved framework, of a professional advisor to secure final funding bids and advise on the structuring of the transaction. The development of the procurement process, including the negotiation and completion of legal agreements is delegated to the S151 Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee, after taking appropriate legal and financial advice and acting in the best interests of the Council.
5. Having considered the consultation responses (Appendix 4), the library engagement process (Appendix 7) and the Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendix 3), the Council approved Hendon Library moving to the new proposed location within Hendon.
6. Approved the changes to the scheme since the Outline Business Case (OBC) was approved, as detailed in the FBC, including:
  - Reduction of the proposed student accommodation unit numbers, with the introduction of 33 independent homes for young adults on the Meritage Centre site, plus 28 affordable housing units above the proposed new library.
  - No loss of car parking spaces, with The Burroughs and Osidge Lane car parks removed from the scheme. 100% reprovision of the Fuller Street

car parking spaces and the re-provision of the Town Hall car park in the main Middlesex University car park.

- Introduction of a Health and Wellbeing Centre (subject to finalising terms with the relevant NHS bodies).
  - Creation of a 'Community Hub' located in a prominent location on the Ravensfield, Fenella and Town Hall Car Park (RFC) site.
  - The PDSA veterinary practice to be relocated to Fuller Street Car Park with the parking spaces lost re-provided on the Prince of Wales estate, together with improved landscaping.
  - The Met Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team facility proposed to be located adjacent to the proposed new Library (subject to final agreement) and improved lighting and enhanced CCTV locally.
  - Enhanced public access to the current historic Hendon Library building, including access to the ornate 2nd floor reading rooms and staircase. Removal of the temporary library site from the programme.
7. Approved the development of the procurement process for the building contractor(s) for the scheme and the recommendation to proceed to procure via the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) framework, the progression and completion of which was delegated at OBC stage to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee.
8. Approved an additional budget of £4.53m for design and development fees, further land assembly acquisitions, deal structuring advice and legal fees, in order to proceed to procure one or more contractors and secure funding for the scheme recommended in this paper, noting that expenditure from this budget should be reimbursed as part of a funding deal.
9. Agreed to the use of the Community Benefit Assessment Tool (CBAT) on grant of new leases in respect of the following units and delegate approval to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee:
- a. The RFC unit, initially allocated to Meridian
  - b. The RFC unit, initially allocated to the African Cultural Association
  - c. The new RFC Community Hall
  - d. 154 Station Road, initially allocated to Mencap
  - e. The RFC unit, initially allocated to the Metropolitan Police
10. Agreed to the following and delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee, to negotiate, approve, finalise and complete all legal and other documentation and associated actions in connection with and to give effect to:
- a. Related S106 and CIL agreements;
  - b. Any and all other Agreements to Lease and/or other occupational arrangements on the Hendon Hub site (retail units / CBAT leases /

health uses / affordable housing and others as required);

c. Related construction contracts;

d. Any other matters required, such as the appropriation of land required for planning purposes, any compulsory purchase orders and any non-material or minor amendments to the scheme.

11. Noted that good progress is being made with regard to negotiations on the agreement to Lease and lease with Middlesex University (MDX), approval of which was delegated at OBC stage to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee.

12. Approved that any actions arising from the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion Request are to be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee.

13. Approved that any land acquired by the Council by private treaty within the area shown in red on the plan at Appendix 2, in order to facilitate the Hendon Hub Scheme, shall be acquired for planning purposes pursuant to section 227 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

14. Noted that pursuant to sections 203 and 204 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016, land acquired under sections 226 or 227 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 may then be developed and used in accordance with planning permission for the proposed scheme notwithstanding any interference with any subsisting interests, rights or restrictions (subject to the payment of compensation calculated in accordance with sections 7 and 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965).

15. Delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of Housing and Growth Committee and the Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee, any actions required to take the scheme forward in relation to property and title aspects to deal with any appropriation, statutory consultation and applications for consents or statutory and/or procedural compliance in order to lawfully deliver the scheme.

16. Delegated to the Executive Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee, any actions required in association with the proposed new library.

**8. QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER (AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IF HE/SHE HAS DELEGATED)**

Answers to the questions submitted were provided as a supplementary paper to the agenda.

Supplementary questions were then asked and answered within the allotted time given for the item.

**9. QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

None.

**10. PETITIONS FOR DEBATE**

None.

**11. REPORTS FROM THE LEADER**

None.

**12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**12.1 REFERRAL FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE 2020-21**

Councillor Grover, Chairman of the Audit Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Debate ensued.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	50
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	13
Total	63

**RESOLVED that Council:**

- **Noted and approved the Annual report of the Audit Committee for 2020-21 as an accurate record of the outcomes and work programme for the year.**

**12.2 REFERRAL FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE - CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE 2021-22**

Councillor Grover, Chairman of the Audit Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report. Debate ensued.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	50
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	13
Total	63

**RESOLVED that Council:**

- **Noted and approved the Code of Corporate Governance 202122 as set out in Appendix 1, for incorporation into the Constitution.**

**12.3 REFERRAL FROM HOUSING AND GROWTH COMMITTEE - APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION RENTS**

Councillor Richard Cornelius, Chairman of the Housing and Growth Committee, moved the reception and adoption of the recommendations in the report.

On the recommendations in the report being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	50
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	13
Total	63

**RESOLVED that Council:**

- **Noted and approved the adjustment to increase temporary accommodation rents by 1.5% to take effect from the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

**13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**  
**13.1 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

The Head of Governance introduced the report, outlining various constitutional and administrative matters for Council's agreement.

On recommendation 1 being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	49
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	14*
Total	63

On recommendation 2 being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	49
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	14*
Total	63

On recommendation 3 being put to the vote, the votes were recorded as follows:

For	49
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	14*
Total	63

**RESOLVED that Council:**

- 1) Agreed the change to appointment of positions on the London Council's Grant Committee.**
- 2) Agreed the change to membership of the Barnet Children's Partnership Board.**
- 3) Noted the changes to the calendar of meetings.**

\*Councillor Smith left the room during the debate and voting on this item, he returned for item 15 onwards.

#### **14. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

The Worshipful the Mayor congratulated the Royal Air Force Museum on behalf of the Council on being granted a Royal Charter by Her Majesty the Queen on the advice of Her Privy Council. This instrument of incorporation confers a new prestige on the Museum and implies confidence in the stability, permanence and pre-eminence of the Museum among its peers.

On behalf of the Council, the Worshipful the Mayor sent the Mayor of Pokhara in Nepal a get-well message, as he had recently been unwell. Pokhara is the most recent town to be twinned with Barnet.

The Worshipful the Mayor also sent heart-felt thoughts and condolences, on behalf of the Council, to the residents of Kreis Siegen in Germany, who had recently experienced flooding. Although the flooding had not been as catastrophic as in the neighbouring regions, the community had been affected by the tragic loss of life.

The Worshipful the Mayor had the sad task of informing the Council that Mr Charalambous Pittas, former Mayor of the Municipality of Morphou in Cyprus, passed away in May. Councillor Caroline Stock was Mayor at the time of his death and kindly sent a letter of condolence to his family on behalf of the Council.

Mr Pittas served as a Councillor for 25 years and was the longest serving Mayor of Morphou from 2001 to 2016. He was a great friend of the London Borough of Barnet and was passionately dedicated to the cause of a united Cyprus.

In 2008, Mr Pittas, together with the then Mayor of Barnet, Councillor John Marshall, and the Chairman of the Friends of Morphou, planted three trees at the opening of the newly named Morphou Road in Mill Hill. On each of his following visits he went to see how the trees were growing, whilst continuing to rally support in the United Kingdom and bring awareness about the plight of the people wanting to return to their ancestral homes in Morphou.

Many Councillors met him over the years either on his many visits to the Borough or on their visits to Morphou to support the Annual Rally. The Worshipful the Mayor expressed the great loss he will be to his beloved family, the Municipality of Morphou and the much wider Cypriot community.

Councillor Rutter, Councillor Moore and Councillor Richard Cornelius said a few words in memory of Mr Charalambous Pittas.

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Council that a letter of condolence had been sent to the family of Mrs Una O'Brien, nee Burns, who recently passed away. Una grew up in North Finchley and was Head Girl at St Michael's Convent in Nether Street (now St Michael's Roman Catholic School).

Her family were high achievers and her brother Kevin became Her Majesty's Ambassador to several countries before retiring to Mill Hill.

After university, Una worked for the National Coal Board in a variety of management roles and it was here that she met, and subsequently married, Patrick O'Brien who had joined the company after completing his National Service. In her spare time, Una added her fine soprano voice to a number of local choral societies. She was a great support to Paddy in his Territorial Army service, particularly in his role as Squadron Commander in Barnet, and during Major O'Brien's decade of service as the Representative Deputy Lieutenant for Barnet.

Una was a member of the 'Barnet Ladies', a group which organised coffee mornings to raise funds for the Mayor of Barnet's Charities. Many Councillors met Una over the years and will remember her lovely smile and gentle sense of humour. She and her husband were residents of Totteridge Ward. Una was a strong Roman Catholic and her faith sustained her through the three years after Paddy's death and through her own final illness. She died on 2 June and is buried with her husband, Paddy, in Hendon Cemetery.

The Worshipful the Mayor asked Council to join her in observing a minute's silence in memory of Charalambous Pittas and Una O'Brien.

**15. MOTIONS (45 MINUTES) (AGENDA ITEM 14)**

**15.1 ADMINISTRATION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR DANIEL THOMAS - BARNET COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW (AGENDA ITEM 14.1)**

Councillor Thomas moved the motion in his name. Councillor Cooke moved an amendment in his name. Debate ensued.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Cooke were recorded as follows:

For	17
Against	33
Abstain	0
Absent	13
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Cooke was declared LOST.

Votes on the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Thomas were recorded as follows:

For	32
Against	18
Abstain	0
Absent	13
Total	63

**RESOLVED that:**

**Council noted that:**

- 1. There are currently three Parliamentary constituencies in Barnet: Chipping Barnet, Finchley and Golders Green, and Hendon. Each of these constituencies is entirely within the London Borough of Barnet.**

2. **The Boundary Commission for England has recently submitted its initial proposals for Parliamentary constituencies across England.**
  - a. **As they stand, these proposals would create sweeping changes to boundaries within Barnet.**
3. **The initial proposals call for five constituencies to cover the London Borough of Barnet. All but one of these, High Barnet and Mill Hill, would include areas from other London boroughs:**
  - a. **Finchley and Muswell Hill would include Haringey**
  - b. **Hendon and Golders Green would include Brent**
  - c. **Southgate and Barnet East would include Enfield**
  - d. **Stanmore and Edgware would include Harrow**

**Council believes that:**

1. **Having five Members of Parliament covering areas of Barnet, and four other boroughs, would be impractical.**
2. **These proposals in no way take into consideration the communities, transport infrastructure or local links in the area.**
  - a. **For instance, the main public transport routes across Barnet run North-South, which is how our communities are connected. Therefore:**
    - i. **Golders Green has far more in common with Finchley than with Kingsbury**
    - ii. **Finchley Church End has more in common with Childs Hill than with Muswell Hill**
    - iii. **Brunswick Park has far better connections to Totteridge & Whetstone than to Palmers Green**
    - iv. **Burnt Oak shares more communal and transport connections with Colindale than with Stanmore.**
3. **An approach that ensures that local communities and connections are preserved, while containing fewer than 77,062 electors; the maximum number the Commission says that any constituency should have, should be sought.**
  - a. **This could be done while maintaining the vast majority of Barnet wards within three constituencies of Chipping Barnet, Finchley and Golders Green, and Hendon. To do this, the wards could be separated as below:**
    - i. **Chipping Barnet would contain the wards of: Edgwarebury, High Barnet, Underhill, Barnet Vale, East Barnet, Brunswick Park, Whetstone, Totteridge and Woodside**
    - ii. **Finchley and Golders Green would contain the wards of: Cricklewood, Childs Hill, East Finchley, Finchley Church End, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, West Finchley, Woodhouse**
    - iii. **Hendon would contain the wards of: Colindale South,**

Colindale North, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Mill Hill, Hendon, West Hendon.

- b. A fourth constituency, Hornsey and Friern Barnet could then straddle Barnet and Haringey, with the Friern Barnet ward sitting inside a constituency otherwise made up of those solely in Haringey. This would be the only Barnet ward that would be within a constituency that covers two boroughs.

**Council resolved to:**

1. Support constituency changes that preserve the character, community and infrastructure of the areas that they cover and oppose those that do not.
2. Oppose proposals that will damage links between constituencies and local authorities, as well as those that don't take local ties into account.
  - a. To recommend that the Boundary Commission reviews its initial proposals for the constituencies that would impact Barnet residents, in line with the proposals set out in Council Believes, Paragraph 3, above (a map has been added, Appendix 1, showing the wards within the constituency boundaries proposed above).
3. Instruct the Leader to submit a detailed rationale on behalf of the Council, supporting the alternative proposal laid out in this motion, to the Boundary Commission for England.

**15.2 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR SARA CONWAY - COMMUNITY SAFETY (AGENDA ITEM 14.2)**

Councillor Rawlings moved the motion and an amendment in his name. Councillor Grocock moved an amendment in his name. Debate ensued.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Rawlings were recorded as follows:

For	17
Against	31
Abstain	1
Absent	14*
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Rawlings was declared LOST.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Grocock were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	18
Abstain	0
Absent	14*
Total	63

Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Grocock were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	18
Abstain	0
Absent	14*
Total	63

\*Cllr Marshall left the meeting before discussion and voting on this item took place and did not return.

**RESOLVED that:**

**Council acknowledged that:**

**Following a spate of violent crimes and anti-social behaviour across Barnet, our community safety team and other officers are doing all that they can to support the police to improve community safety in the borough.**

**Council resolved to:**

**Call on the mayor to give Barnet its fair share of police officers and robustly tackle violent crime across London, including our borough.**

**15.3 ADMINISTRATION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR DAVID LONGSTAFF - PROTECTING CHILDREN IN DIPLOMATIC FAMILIES (AGENDA ITEM 14.3)**

Votes on the motion in the name of Councillor Longstaff were recorded as follows:

For	49
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

**RESOLVED that:**

**Council noted:**

**1. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child states that “States Parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation”.**

**2. The Director of Children's Services (DCS) is responsible for securing the provision of services which address the needs of all children and young people, including the most disadvantaged and vulnerable, and their families and carers.**

**3. 196 of 197 UN Member States are States Parties to the Convention. All 197 Member States have signed the Convention.**

**4. The law on diplomatic immunity and its effect on parents and the children of diplomatic staff is complex.**

**5. Barnet Council was recently involved in a case involving child abuse and a diplomatic family.**

**6. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has a key role in resolving issues around safeguarding the children of diplomatic staff.**

**Council believes:**

**1. Every child should grow up free from abuse.**

**2. There should be an international review of child protection and diplomatic immunity, that seeks consensus on the paramount importance of the protection of children.**

**3. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) should support all Local Authorities in carrying out their statutory duties to protect children.**

**Council resolved to:**

**1. Urge the FCDO to support Barnet Council and all other Local Authorities in carrying out our statutory duties to protect all children of diplomatic families, by way of having a clear protocol for how they will work with a local authority in circumstances where there are concerns about the welfare of those children.**

**2. Call on the Government to lead an international review of child protection and diplomatic immunity.**

**15.4 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR BARRY RAWLINGS - ENDING STREET HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS (AGENDA ITEM 14.4)**

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Thompstone were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	0
Abstain	18
Absent	14
Total	63

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Conway were recorded as follows:

For	18
Against	31
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Thompstone were recorded as follows:

For	49
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

**RESOLVED that:**

**Council noted:**

- 1. Most, if not all, women and girls have experienced street harassment at some point in their lives.**
- 2. Barnet has had a strategy to combat violence against women and girls (VAWG) since 2017. The Council is currently consulting on a refreshed VAWG strategy, to run from this year through to 2024.**
- 3. The VAWG strategy seeks to, among other things, fight domestic abuse and street harassment of women and girls.**
- 4. There has been a recent post on a local online neighbourhood forum, highlighting the harassment that one woman's daughters have faced – examples of this widespread issue. In this post, the resident highlighted:**
  - a. The harassment of a 15-year-old girl in school uniform, prior to boarding a bus, which she was then followed onto by the person harassing her.**
  - b. The continued harassment and intimidation of a 17-year-old girl by a middle-aged man at a public transport station, despite pleas to cease.**
- 5. Violence against women, including harassment, is a criminal offence**

**Council believes:**

- 1. The harassment of women and girls is despicable and has no place in society: in Barnet, Britain or around the world**
- 2. Women and girls should feel safe, whether they are at home or walking down a street.**

**Council resolved to:**

- 1. Publish a new VAWG strategy to support the Council in continuing to combat street harassment and all forms of violence and harassment against women and girls**
- 2. Ask relevant Council committees to consider what more can be done within their powers to end street harassment of women and girls.**
- 3. Continue supporting the Metropolitan Police wherever possible in charging those who are violent towards, or harass, women and girls.**

**15.5 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ROSS HOUSTON - PLANNING REFORMS (AGENDA ITEM 14.5)**

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Roberts were recorded as follows:

For	18
Against	31
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Roberts was declared LOST.

Votes on the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Houston were recorded as follows:

For	49
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

**RESOLVED that Council:**

**Believes planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes; and therefore, calls on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications.**

**15.6 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ANNE CLARKE - END OUR CLADDING SCANDAL (AGENDA ITEM 14.6)**

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Richard Cornelius were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	0
Abstain	18
Absent	14
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Cornelius was CARRIED.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Narenthira were recorded as follows:

For	18
Against	31
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Narenthira was LOST .

Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Richard Cornelius were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	0
Abstain	18
Absent	14
Total	63

**RESOLVED that:**

**Council noted that:**

1. In January, Council supported a motion proposed by the Conservative Group to support Inside Housing's 10-point campaign to #EndOurCladdingScandal.
2. The government has since published its Building Safety Bill

**Council believes:**

1. People should feel safe in their own homes, and it is unacceptable for any people to live in homes that are dangerously clad.
2. Residents who bought new-build flats should not have to pay for remedial works to address cladding safety.

**Council resolved to:**

1. Request that officers prepare a report on the new legislation's impact on buildings in the borough for the relevant committee.

**15.7 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ARJUN MITTRA - CONGRATULATIONS TO ENGLAND'S FOOTBALL TEAM (AGENDA ITEM 14.7)**

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Thomas were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	18
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Thomas was therefore CARRIED.

Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Thomas were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	18
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

**RESOLVED that:**

**Council recognised that:**

**1. Gareth Southgate and the England men’s football team on their historic success in the recently concluded UEFA Euro 2020 competition in reaching the final at Wembley.**

**2. Residents of Barnet, and indeed the entire country, were united in support of a team that has displayed a strong set of values and skill that demonstrated by the team time and time again throughout the competition.**

**3. While football is not yet coming home, it certainly came very close.**

**4. On the week following the finals, the Leader of the Council released a statement which included the following quote, condemning the online racist abuse that followed the Euro 2020 final:**

***“We in Barnet stand united, proud of what our hugely talented, diverse national football team achieved in Euro 2020. The whole team are inspiring role models to millions of young people across the country, and they deserve to be lauded for what they accomplished. The shocking racism and hate speech in the wake of Sunday’s final has no place in our society. I’m also proud of the staunch anti-racist stance we take in this borough and condemn the vile and cowardly incidents targeting some members of our communities that are being brought to our attention. We will work with the Metropolitan police to ensure all reported cases of racial abuse are investigated and culprits are held accountable”.***

**Council resolved to:**

**1. Support and reiterate the Leaders Statement regarding the Euros, condemning racism and division, celebrating and congratulating the England team on their incredible success.**

**15.8 OPPOSITION MOTION IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR ALAN SCHNEIDERMAN - CLIMATE CHANGE (AGENDA ITEM 14.8)**

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen were recorded as follows:

For	31
Against	0
Abstain	18
Absent	14
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Dean Cohen was declared CARRIED.

Votes on the amendment in the name of Councillor Cooke were recorded as follows:

For	18
Against	31
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

The amendment in the name of Councillor Cooke was declared LOST.

Votes on the motion as amended by Councillor Dean Cohen were recorded as follows:

For	49
Against	0
Abstain	0
Absent	14
Total	63

**RESOLVED that:**

**Council noted:**

- 1. On 29 October 2019, Council agreed a motion asking each relevant Committee to consider the Friends of the Earth report for Barnet on tackling climate change and review what more could be done in their remit to tackle climate change**
- 2. On the 30 July 2019 Council agreed the motion “Climate Emergency Motion”. This motion was unanimously supported by Members of the Conservative Group. It was unanimously opposed by the Labour Group**
- 3. It was recognised in the “Climate Emergency Motion” that “Parliament has agreed a motion declaring an environment and climate emergency” and that “the same environmental challenges that are faced by the UK are also faced in Barnet”**
- 4. It was also recognised in that motion that “Barnet’s commitment to remain a green and pleasant borough goes hand-in-hand with the Council’s commitment to fighting climate change and pollution. Barnet remains the borough with the sixth most green space, and has invested in a strategy to ensure that it remains both literally and figuratively a green borough”.**
- 5. Barnet has since taken a series of actions, including producing a long-term transport plan, a new corporate plan to 2025, an air quality plan and is working on a new sustainability plan. The actions that will come out of these plans will ensure that keeping Barnet green is at the heart of everything that the Council does. Barnet welcomes the contribution that Friends of the Earth makes to environmental strategy in the borough.**

**Council believes:**

- 1. Barnet Council and residents are committed to fighting the challenges of climate change. For instance, the Council not only has an award-winning tree planting campaign, but more Barnet residents own electric vehicles for private use than those in any other London borough or local authority area in the country. Barnet is supporting this growth with an extensive program of supplying electric charge points through lamppost chargers, community hubs and rapid charge units.**
- 2. LB Barnet recognises that it can and should do more and is committed to doing so.**

**Council resolved to:**

**1. Continue its work in producing a sustainability strategy, which will consider – among other things - the implications of Government policy and targets regarding climate change for Barnet Council and its committees.**

**16. MOTIONS FOR ADJOURNMENT (AGENDA ITEM 15)**

None.

The meeting finished at 21.15