

**Council: 25 January 2022**  
**Administration Motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas**  
**Combatting crime in Barnet**

**Amended by Councillor Sara Conway**

Council notes that:

1. After years of cuts the Government increased its funding to the Metropolitan Police by £138.9m last year and have committed to a further increase of £164.2m in the year to come.
2. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has invested £1.08bn in policing and tackling crime. This includes £719.5m in council tax and £352.6m in business rates.
3. He has invested more than any other Mayor from City Hall.
4. Of the 20,000 police officers promised by the Government nationally London has received enough funding to hire only 1,369 officers.
5. London is still waiting for the Home Office to confirm funding for 3,261 officers - more than half of the 6,000 officers both the Commissioner and Mayor believe is essential to keep London safe.

Council also notes that:

1. Tackling violence is the Mayor's number one priority.
2. Over the past year youth violence, knife crime and gun crime are down.
3. Sadly, 2021 was the worse year on record for the murder of teenagers in London.
4. To tackle violent crime, the Mayor has established the country's first Violence Reduction Unit.
5. Further measures will include a focus on education, keeping young people in school and investment in positive opportunities for young Londoners.
6. Over the course of just 12 months – the package of measures will support nearly 100,000 more young Londoners.

Council further notes:

1. The Conservatives have had over ten years in Government, and we've seen austerity, cuts to our police, and cuts to our youth clubs.
2. It was the previous Mayor who closed 76 police stations, cut PCSOs by 65% and is the leader of a party whose cuts to policing cost 21,000 officers.
3. Today, there is a 24-hour police front counter in every London borough including Barnet, alongside telephone contact centres, a new website, social media and a strengthened dedicated police team in every ward.

This Council believes that:

1. The people of Barnet should feel safe in their borough, their neighbourhoods and their homes.
2. In order to make our residents feel safe, it is important that there is a visible police presence across the borough.

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3. Barnet Council's expansion of the Community Safety Team (CST) by 15 officers is long overdue – and comes after Barnet's Conservatives voted against Labour's proposal for 30 more police officers in Barnet to combat crime and increase enforcement.

4. Barnet Council's current review of its CCTV is also long overdue – the last one took place 9 years ago.

5. The CCTV review should be linked to a community safety assessment of our public places, including street lighting.

6. Barnet would benefit from Labour's national plan for Police Hubs located in visible and accessible places in communities, each with its own Neighbourhood Prevention Team to tackle anti-social behaviour and other crimes quickly.

This Council resolves to:

1. Lobby the Government to properly fund the Metropolitan Police Service and ensure that London and Barnet receive their fair share of the 20,000 police promised nationally.
2. Launch a full review of our public places, leading a community safety assessment of our streets, parks, housing estates, new developments and transport hubs, linked to the review of CCTV and better lighting.
3. Support Labour's plan for local Police Hubs.

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