

Council: Tuesday 26th July 2022

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas, as amended by Cllr Rohit Grover

Opposing rail strikes

Council notes that:

1. Tube and rail strikes have had a huge negative impact on Barnet's residents and businesses;
2. Tube strikes in March cost TfL close to £13million;
3. There have already been four tube strikes in 2022;
4. Transport strikes in June cost the economy over £90million;
5. More of these strikes have been planned for July and August of this year;
6. Thousands of tube workers received pay rises of 8.4% this year – far greater than those expected by many Barnet residents
 - a. These rises are expected to cost TfL ~£100million;
7. Over 250,000 people were left unable to work as a result of the strike on 21st June;
8. These strikes are forcing people to cancel medical appointments, business meetings and social engagements, in Barnet and across London, thus damaging the local economy and disrupting the lives of hard-working Londoners;
9. Barnet Labour's manifesto stated that they would "stand up" for Barnet.

Council believes that:

1. These transport strikes are incredibly disruptive to Barnet, London and the UK and should be condemned;
2. The unions are attempting to hold the people to ransom;
3. If Labour really cared about the people of Barnet, they would stand up for the residents inconvenienced by the transport strikes, including the many workers on hourly contracts who have gone unpaid due to this industrial action;
4. Labour needs to – in the words of their manifesto – "stand up" to their union paymasters, for the people of Barnet, and tell them to stop strike action

Council resolves to:

1. Condemn those unions who have organised, and continue to organise the strikes , and the tube and rail strikes for the negative impact they've had on Barnet's residents and businesses.