

Opposition Motion in the name of Cllr Dan Thomas

Council pledges to not raise parking charges until the cost-of-living crisis has been alleviated

Council notes that:

1. The Council is planning to increase parking fees charges across the borough by “[a]n overall 10.1%”
2. The cost-of-living crisis is impacting households across our borough, who are facing uncertainty and rising costs
3. Since increases were first proposed in the March budget, there have been huge stresses to the cost of living such as inflation and the increased Bank of England Base rate

Council believes that

1. LBB should be doing what it can to support Barnet’s residents, through freezing charges wherever possible, instead of increasing oftentimes daily charges
2. Parking fees and charges should be frozen until the cost-of-living crisis has been alleviated
3. Officers should find appropriate savings, instead of increasing the cost for Barnet’s residents

Council resolves to

1. Freeze parking charges at their current level, and not increase them by 10%
2. Keep these charges frozen until the cost-of-living crisis has been alleviated
3. Instruct officers to make appropriate savings instead of increasing these costs

Under Full Council Procedure Rule 17.17: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting, I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.