

Combatting Crime in Barnet- more police for Barnet

Council notes that:

- 1) Barnet has experienced some horrific acts of crime recently with three stabbings and a shooting on our streets.
- 2) The Government increased its funding to the Metropolitan Police by £138.9m in 2021 and have committed to a further increase of £164.2m in 2022 with the additional announcement in December 2022 that in the 2023/2024 period the total funding for Policing will be up to £17.2 billion.
- 3) Since 2017, violence against the person has risen 11%, muggings by 25%, rape by nearly 11% and other sexual offences by over 33.1% in London. In Barnet, between the same time, general crime rose by 21% with lockdown being the only respite in the continual increase.
- 4) The main increases in crime in Barnet are:
 - a) Violence and sexual offences
 - b) Vehicle crimes

Council believes that:

1. The people of Barnet should feel safe in their borough, their neighbourhoods and their homes.
2. Increased police presence decreases the frequency of property-related crimes and antisocial behaviour and increase the success rate of prosecution for these crimes.
3. In order to make our residents feel safe, it is important that there is a visible police presence across the borough.

Council resolves to:

- 1) call upon the current Labour Administration to support the Conservative's continued requests to the Labour Mayor of London to provide the Borough of Barnet with more Police.
- 2) Urge the Mayor of London to:
 - a) Improve police officer numbers in Barnet, giving our residents value for money in their policing.
 - b) Spend more money on policing in Barnet.

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