



London Borough of Barnet

Cabinet – 18 July 2023

The following motion has been considered a matter falling within the powers of the Executive and identified in the Council summons. As such, the motion shall stand referred to the next meeting of the Executive in accordance with the Council Constitution Part 3A, section 15.5.1.

Reference from Council: 11 July 2023

Motion: Barnet LGBT+ Pride

Proposer: Councillor Ella Rose and agreed by Full Council

Council Notes:

- 1) That LGBT+ people are part of our community, our family and our friends and that we celebrate them.
- 2) That there has been hard won progress on equality for LGBT+ people in the UK such as the repealing of Section 28 and same-sex partnerships under the last Labour government and equal marriage less than a decade ago during the Coalition government. However, there is still far more that needs to be done.
- 3) LGBT+ people still face discrimination in the UK: two thirds have experienced hate crime and/or abuse; one half feel they cannot be open about their identity to their family; one third feel they cannot be open about their identity at work. Barnet's LGBT+ residents face similar challenges.
- 4) That Trans people in particular face a hostile environment at this time, often at the centre of a vitriolic national debate which is about them but often does not include them.
- 5) That this environment risks further marginalising this group of our fellow citizens, who too often suffer from ostracisation, workplace discrimination and hate crime.
- 6) That for the first time this year, there was a specific Pride programme for Barnet, run in collaboration between the council and community groups such as Inkluder CiC and Masorti Judaism's LGBT+ Network, which ran throughout June.

7) The programme included a rollerskating event, a tea party at the Flower Bank, and *The Identity Project – Barnet Edition*, a collection of stories and portraits of the LGBTQ+ community of Barnet hosted by Middlesex University among other activities, and engaged 100s of Barnet residents.

8) That the inaugural LGBT+ celebration Pride in the Park will be held on 20th August 2023 in Victoria Park, Finchley

Council Resolves:

1) To thank Inkluder CiC and Masorti Judaism’s LGBT+ Network, community volunteers and council officers for all their hard work in organising Pride events.

2) To encourage members to attend the Pride Event in Victoria Park, Finchley, on 20th August 2023

3) To call upon all political parties at a national and local level to work for the equality and protection of all LGBT+ people, and in particular trans people.

4) To restate the Council’s determination to ensure Barnet is a borough where LGBT+ people are valued, celebrated and safe.

Council RESOLVED that the Motion as set out above, be recommended to the Executive for consideration.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Background documents:

Motion submitted to the Council meeting – 11 July 2023:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s78908/Barnet%20LGBT.pdf>

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