

## **Council 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### **Administration Motion in the name of Councillor Rishikesh Chakraborty**

#### **Calling for the Mayor to Continue Building a Cleaner, Greener, Safer, Fairer London**

##### **Council Notes that:**

- For the last eight years, London has been led by a Mayor – Sadiq Khan – focussed on making the city cleaner, greener, safer and fairer.
- That this agenda has continued-despite:
  - The challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic to our health and transport systems
  - Boris Johnson’s botched Brexit hurting the city economically
  - A real terms cut to the Metropolitan Police of 27 per cent since 2012
  - A real terms cut to Barnet Council over more than £100 million since 2010
- That Sadiq Khan as Mayor has brought in free school meals for primary school age children and ensured those with particular dietary needs – such as Jewish schools who require kosher food – receive extra support, and - has extended that policy for one more year.-This has ensured additional support for more than a dozen schools in Barnet
- That the Mayor has brought in a rate of council house building of a greater magnitude than any time since the 1970s, which, working with Barnet Council, fed through to this local authority recommencing expanding social housing at scale.
- That the Mayor’s administration has overseen a halving in the amount of toxic air in central London and a reduction of one third in outer London at a time when the Conservative government is scaling back its climate change ambitions. This has included substantial falls in nitrous oxide in areas such as the Golders Green Bus station and Barnet High Street.

##### **Council Resolves to:**

- Request that the Mayor does all that he can to bridge the shortfall in funding for the Metropolitan Police left by Government neglect, estimated by the Police’s own analysis as £240 million so that that we can see increased action on crime with results such as to the Clear Hold build pilot that arrested more than 160 suspects.
- Keep transport fares as low as possible to support those hit by the Cost of Living Crisis, including on routes in Barnet
- To continue to support the expansion of the number of electric buses and electric vehicle charging points, despite the Conservative Government rowing back on the electric vehicle agenda, given the impact that this has had on air quality in Barnet.