

Council: Tuesday, 16 April 2013

Non-Executive Business Item: Councillor Andreas Ioannidis

Amendment in the name of Councillor Barry Rawlings

Brunswick Park Health Centre

Add after second paragraph:

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Substantive Non-Executive Business Item to read:

Council notes that the Brunswick Park Health Centre has been closed since January 2010, and despite being ready for the GPs to move into for some time, still remains closed.

Council notes the East Barnet Residents Association (EBRA) has now launched a campaign to try and get it re-opened so that the thousands of residents who need this health centre can have access to it.

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Council asks Cabinet to support the EBRA campaign to get the Brunswick Park Health Centre re-opened, and calls on the Cabinet Member for Health to

work with EBRA and the three ward councillors to lobby the NHS to make sure the health centre opens immediately.

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.