

## Appendix 1 to the Minutes

Qn	Councillor	Question	Answer by	Supplementary Question	Supplementary Answer
1	Cllr Brian Gordon	The detailed legal requirements for consultation in Planning matters are quite different from those in licencing . In the latter, an unobtrusive notice affixed at the premises and announcement in the local press are considered sufficient consultation with the public. Would you agree that this law is unsatisfactory in practice and that to alleviate the position somewhat licencing officers should be requested to inform Councillors as speedily as possible of any licencing application received within their Ward?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I'm grateful for the sympathy you have expressed. Are you aware that the reason for my question is that recently an application for a very late night alcohol and live music license for an Edgware restaurant was heard by the Licensing Committee. There were scores of objectors to it in my ward and they were prevented or unable to make representations against it because they knew nothing about it until it was really too late and we Councillors also weren't informed, so that's the reason for my question I wonder whether you could comment on that.	I would of course be surprised if proper notice had not been given. It is one of the extraordinary things about Licencing that a Councillor cannot sit on the Licencing Committee if it concerns something in their ward but perhaps this is something that we should look at and see whether the legislation is quite as clear as it appears to be and in any case as I have said it can only be good practice for ward members to be informed of something affecting their ward. It shouldn't be difficult to do.
2	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Given the prediction of increased inflation resulting from the fall in the value of the pound as a result of the vote for Brexit will the Council be altering the MTFS?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary	
3	Cllr Brian Gordon	Would the Chairman join me in commending the work of the Shomrim N W organisation for its excellent security work within the Borough, in full co-operation with the police, as exemplified by a recent scroll induction procession through the streets of Edgware which Shomrim stewarded	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary	

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		sensitively and professionally, with no incidents?			
4	Cllr Alan Schneiderm an	How has the plan to replace paving stones with tarmac in residential streets been received by local residents?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	I've always wanted to see residents given a choice between tarmac and paving stones. Can Cllr Cohen tell me what proportion of the 91% of residents he says are happy with their new footway had tarmac to replace the paving stones that they previously had?	I don't have those figures to hand but I'm sure we can get those together and sent to the member.
5	Cllr Brian Gordon	Would the Chairman join me in welcoming the Prime Minister's recent statement encouraging the re-introduction of grammar schools? If so does he believe that such schools, as in the past, could have a very positive place within this Borough?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Would you agree that grammar schools along with faith schools and single gender schools when appropriate and private schools all these are part of the wide range of liberty, we believe in on this side of the Chamber when it comes to education which is unfortunately not shared by everybody else. So would you endorse the importance of choice in schools and that wide variety that I have alluded to?	I would wholeheartedly endorse that.

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6	Cllr Geof Cooke	Road signs in High Road N12 by Fredericks Place welcome motorists to somewhere called 'Finchley North'. Is the administration trying to rename North Finchley or is it the result of outsourcing to people who do not know the borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	You have not addressed the outsourcing question. Do you acknowledge the frustration felt by residents of the borough when they ring their local council and find themselves talking with somebody in a different part of the country who knows nothing about the borough?	Well, no, and the signs are produced in Borough.
7	Cllr Brian Gordon	There have been well-publicised reports of a significant national increase in children calling Childline and other care agencies with urgent emotional, and potentially suicidal , issues. Do we have any statistics on this worrying development, in relation to Barnet?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary	
8	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Leader update Full Council on progress to review the feasibility of including a diving facility in the plans for the new Copthall Leisure Centre? Many children who use the centre for diving lessons would have to travel very far to the nearest facility in Stratford. Does the Leader want to give Barnet's young people the opportunity to be the next Tom Daley or not?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary	

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9	Cllr Brian Salinger	Will the Leader please provide members with a list of all planning enforcement cases that officers have handled in the last 2 years advising which they consider to have reached satisfactory outcomes and which are still outstanding. Will the leader ensure that the list shows the dates on which the first complaint about each of the developments was logged?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I'm sure that all members will have studied at least some of the hundred-and-something pages on the appendix which is available online and I'm sure that you, Leader, will have been struck by the large number of referrals on that list which are marked as 'no action', even though they appear to refer to cases which appear to have required planning permission. Would the Leader instigate an inquiry into the enforcement service, which in my opinion is currently not fit for purpose?	I share the councillor's opinion. I found I looked through that list and was very perplexed by it. I won't institute an inquiry but I will undertake to report back to council as to what is happening here and to see what we can do to make this better. Planning enforcement has long been something that has irritated me. If you can't enforce planning cases there seems to be little point in having the whole apparatus of planning existing at all.
10	Cllr Paul Edwards	In 2014/15 the Council introduced a charge to residents in receipt of Council Tax benefit of 8.5%. Could the Leader advise how many people received a summons for non-payment of this 8.5%, how many of these had court charges added to this debt, what this charge was, and how many cases ended up with bailiff's being used?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	I'm sure that the Leader may be aware that the Labour controlled Enfield has a £300,000 hardship fund, which they offer to support people who have uncontrollable living costs which exceeds 50% of their income. Do Barnet offer its users a similar definition and could you also provide me with a definition of what you mean by 'actually be afforded'?	I can't do that off the cuff, I'm afraid. But one thing one must remember is that Enfield does have many more hardship cases than we do in that the whole eastern side of the Borough is generally regarded as a much poorer place than the rest of Enfield and certainly than Barnet.

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11	Cllr Brian Salinger	Will the Leader outline his understanding of the powers of planning enforcement officers to vary the conditions that have been applied to a planning application by (a) other planning officers when a planning application was granted, (b) by elected members at formal committee meetings and (c) by the planning inspectors on appeal?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Would the Leader reconsider his answer? For example, where a planning approval has been given by members or by the Planning Inspectorate and special conditions have been imposed, I would suggest to him that it should not be junior planning officers who have the authority to set aside those conditions without reference to members or without consultation with the public.	Yes, I'm happy to reconsider that. Thank you.
12	Cllr Jim Tierney	The parking control hours on the northern side of Hervey Close N3 at the junction with Ballards Lane are 8am to 6:30pm Monday to Saturday. There is no parking allowed on the southern side during these hours. After these hours however there is unrestricted parking on both sides at that junction. This effectively reduces Hervey Close to one lane at that point allowing just one vehicle at a time through in either direction. As a consequence, motorists on Ballards Lane needing to enter Hervey Close are often obliged to queue and wait there until they can get through. On occasion I have even noticed motorists being obliged to reverse back out of	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	I thank Cllr Cohen for his answer but it's a very quick answer that didn't require much research. I just prepared it today to for the Committee, which doesn't happen until January I understand. But, look, this is a safety issue. It's a very busy junction there's no reason at all why we can't have an officer review to see if we can't have a quick fix, cost about a few hundred pounds we should do that because we can't say to the public who are talking me about it "Oh well our next Committee is not until January, sorry old boy you're out of luck." I went past there twice today and I saw large vehicles reversing out onto Ballards Road because they couldn't get through because of the	Again, there's nothing to stop the member himself contacting an officer and asking to look at this particular matter.

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		Hervey Close into the main road, Ballards Lane. Could I ask therefore that in order to keep Hervey Close free for two-way traffic we consider extending the control hours on the southern side at this junction to 10:00pm or even later?		parking albeit and in the evening when the parking that is restricted on the other side is not restricted there's no getting through there. Recently we had a planning thing for there, and it was refused because of traffic. So I would ask the Chairman to reconsider, possibly getting an officer review and we can have a quick fix maybe a few hundred pounds.	
13	Cllr Brian Salinger	Will the Leader please explain to members why, when a new development takes place and a new name or road name is given to a development, the planning records for the development remain under the former address?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Can the Leader please instigate an inquiry as to why those planning records cannot be duplicated in different places and let me give him an example: there's a development that has been completed in Friern Barnet, which is now known as Harris Close. If you want to look at the planning history of Harris Close you have to look up the rear of 1-10 Hemmington Avenue. So someone who has moved into a house in Harris Close and wants to look at the plans actually has to know what it was called before it was developed and it makes sense to me that those records should be duplicated under Harris Close as well as under the rear of 1-10 Hemmington Avenue.	I would find it hard to object to that. I think that sounds a very sensible suggestion and I will look to have that done. That seems very sensible. In fact, of course, I think we need to be very careful about this as there are planning applications that do come in where the address does change and there are always suspicions that things are untoward there. Thank you.

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14	Cllr Ross Houston	Please would the Leader provide the most up to date figures for the length of time families currently in temporary accommodation have spent there?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of Housing Committee)	Bearing in mind the Chaplain's earlier comments about homelessness, would Cllr Davey agree with me that we must do better and that the crisis of homelessness must be a top priority in our borough?	I think all members would agree we can always strive to do better.
15	Cllr Brian Salinger	In 2015 I raised with the leader the question of posters and notices that regularly illegally appear on council lamp-posts, fences and other places in the Borough. The Leader acknowledged that it was a problem. What has changed since then and does the Leader think that it is any less of a problem now than it was then?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	If the Highways Inspectorate are responsible can he explain why the offending notices remain in place for month after month.	It's inexplicable to me.
16	Cllr Kath McGuirk	Would the Leader provide an update on the number of hate crimes reported in Barnet since the EU Referendum?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary	
17	Cllr Brian Salinger	Will the Leader join me in congratulating Baroness Evans of Bowes Park who spent her childhood as a resident of North Finchley, and who is a former pupil at Henrietta Barnett school, on becoming the Leader of the House of Lords?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	If it hasn't already been done, will the Leader ensure that the congratulations of this council are passed on to Cllr Baroness Evans?	Yes.

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18	Cllr Anne Hutton	With public library space reducing in size how will that be managed at busy times? North Finchley library, for example, is often very busy and there are few, if any, seats available at times. Who will be responsible for turning residents away if the library becomes over crowded? Does that not put staff in an untenable position if they have to turn residents away from a public space? And what happens when there is no staff and the library is overcrowded?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Could we have information as to how were the patterns of usage registered, for example, time of day? And the second question is where will the security company be based?	I'm sure the first part can be provided. I will have to see whether the second part has been determined yet but if it has then I'm sure that can be provided also.
19	Cllr Brian Salinger	Earlier this year the Council announced a significant sum of money to be shared by schools to ease the problems of 'unified pay'. Will the Leader please provide members with a statement showing how much was allocated to each school?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary	
20	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Would the Leader advise how many claims and how much money has been paid out by the Council in insurance claims as a result of people tripping on uneven or damaged pavements each year since 2010?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	No supplementary	

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21	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	What is the total amount of private investment secured for the regeneration and redevelopment programme?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	No supplementary	
22	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Halfway through the centenary of the World War 1 commemorations, could Barnet finally honour their pledge to install the plaque from Brackenbury Road into East Finchley library?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary	
23	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	Aside from the new homes, what benefits are residents and the council as an organisation seeing as a result of the borough's regeneration and development schemes?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Young people in our borough desperately need homes of their own but they also need a plan for those homes, which includes infrastructure, includes schools, includes vibrant town centres. Does the Chairman agree with me that only the Conservatives in this borough have a long-term plan and this long-term plan is what's going to build a stronger Barnet?	Yes, we do have a long-term plan and we had a ten year housing strategy way before lots of other councils did and it's not just a strategy for housing, it's a strategy for infrastructure for community centres, for schools and certainly on this side of the chamber we have not voted against schools and we never will.

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24	Cllr Paul Edwards	In 2015/16 the council increased the contribution of those in receipt of Council Tax Support by almost 2.5 times to 20%. Could the Leader advise how many people received a summons for non-payment of this 20%, how many of these had court charges added to this debt, what this charge was, and how many cases ended up with bailiff's being used?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	If I've understood your response we've seen a two and a half fold increase in the numbers of our poorest members of our community being summonsed to court and also that we are charging them £95 for court costs when I'm told that the actual court costs imposed by the court is less than £10. Given that we start these meetings with prayers from pastors representing the great Abrahamic faiths and traditions, could the Leader and a man of faith himself explain in what way this iniquitous tax and the response by this council in what way this meets the demands of our faith to give refuge and care to the poor of our community.	Cllr Edwards of course raises an important dilemma for all of us. But the other dilemma is that everyone should contribute according to their means and people are being asked to contribute a comparatively small sum of money and that has to be right and there is a hardship fund.
25	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	Earlier this year the council began to install CCTV outside schools with identified problems with parking on zig-zag lines etc. in order to enforce against dangerous behaviour and improve safety for children. How many schools are now included in this scheme and how has it been received?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Would the chairman be pleased to hear from me that I know that the CCTV outside schools programme of ours is a hugely popular investment plan by this borough? Will the chairman therefore confirm that we will continue to invest in this important programme?	Yes, indeed it has been extremely successful and very popular amongst our schools and I can commit that we will continue to push investment in this area.

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26	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Will the leader give a commitment that the administration will not push forward with any plans that threaten the ability of the Blind and Partially Sighted bowling club to be able to continue playing in Barnet?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Leader says there is a suggested saving of £100,000 from their plans for bowling clubs but presumably it was him or his fellow councillors who suggested that but rather than offering his opinion as he does that the blind and partially sighted bowling club should be protected, will he actually use his power as Leader to give a commitment that the blind and partially sighted bowling club will be protected?	Very nearly.
27	Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg	Could the Committee Chairman provide an update with regards to the delivery of the new Youth Zone in the west of the borough?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Does the Chairman agree that this shows that this Conservative Council is investing in the future of young people, not just within but also outside their formal education?	Yes. At all the new community centres, so it's Stonegrove, and the new community centre that will be built down in West Hendon, the new ones planned for Grahame Park and they are as they have been promised and they will be delivered, also the new community hub in Mill Hill. All these are planned to have youth activities for our young people and that is in addition to the £50m that we not long ago set aside for school places. So as I say we are not just building new homes, we are building the infrastructure for the future of this borough.

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28	Cllr Barry Rawlings	May I take this opportunity to thank the Leader for agreeing to my request for a book of condolence following the death of Shimon Peres and would he like to join me in presenting the book to the Israeli Embassy?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	
29	Cllr Rohit Grover	Does the Committee Chairman welcome recent recognition from the Mayor of London for the borough's air quality and our efforts to improve it? What further action is the council taking in this regard?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Does the Chair agree that as air pollution affects the health of everybody within this borough it is vital that we continue to do our best to keep air quality as clean as possible, such as planting trees on roads next to busy junctions and continuing to involve schools through the air quality champions scheme.	Thank you. This is a top item, not just in London but in Barnet and that is why I have recently signed the Cleaner Air Action Plan for the next four years.
30	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Many people consider the letter that suggested voting for Sadiq Khan would result in wealth taxes on jewellery sent by the Conservative Party to Hindu and Tamil residents in Barnet during the London elections to be racist ( <a href="http://www.politics.co.uk/news/2016/03/15/zac-goldsmith-warns-ethnic-minorities-that-sadiq-khan-will-p">http://www.politics.co.uk/news/2016/03/15/zac-goldsmith-warns-ethnic-minorities-that-sadiq-khan-will-p</a> ). Would the Leader of the Council advise if he understands that letters like this damage community	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	

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31	Cllr Rohit Grover	Does the Leader agree that the Business Rates Retention Scheme being worked up by the government must incentivise and reward boroughs for local growth?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Would the Leader then agree that devolution or localisation should mean greater control and funding coming to the boroughs rather than regional government?	Absolutely. I think it is very important that there isn't an accretion of power towards regional government, which could lead to the problems that we had with the previous efforts with the GLC and I would hope that the current Mayor means what he says; that power should be devolved to the lowest operating unit that can handle it. It is only by local knowledge that we can get the most out of public spending and I hope and trust that devolution means just that rather than a confused arrangement.
32	Cllr Alan Schneidman	Why does the Leader believe that his administration does not have the capability to run efficient high quality in-house street scene services?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Can I ask the Leader does he believe it is possible for this administration to run a high quality, efficient, in-house service?	In some services, yes.
33	Cllr Rohit Grover	How important will it be for the system to be re-baselined to reflect current distributions of need when transferring to rate retention?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Can I ask the Leader, you mentioned Camden's level of funding. How much more do they get per head than Barnet?	£425

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34	Cllr Paul Edwards	The Conservative government was elected in 2015 on a manifesto pledge to "preserve the integrity of the single market" and ensure British markets can take full advantage of the trading opportunities the single market offers. Yet it looks like the country is heading for a "Hard Brexit." Does the Leader support the Conservative manifesto pledge or does he favour a deal which would see the UK ceasing to be a member of the single market, which is the inevitable outcome of hard Brexit?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	As I understand it these questions are written questions to the Leader of the Council. So can I ask the Leader of the Council what he thinks is in the best interests of the people that he seeks to lead i.e. the taxpayers of London Borough of Barnet, either to remain a member of the single market or not to be?	It depends on the deal.
35	Cllr Val Duschinsky	What proportion of pupils in Barnet are now being taught in schools rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by OFSTED?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	95% is very impressive. What change, if any, has there been to this figure over the recent years?	This represents a few percentage points improvement on recent years and I think really is a testament to the work done within the schools and within our school improvement partners to really focus on the quality of all young people in Barnet.
36	Cllr Barry Rawlings	In 2016/17 the Conservative government gave Barnet the 7th lowest award of Revenue Support Grant funding per capita in London – will the Leader be able to secure a better settlement for Barnet for next year and the future?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	

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37	Cllr Val Duschinsky	Does the Committee Chairman welcome the Department for Education's announcement that a number of new free schools are to be supported to open in the borough over the next couple of years?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Does the Chairman agree that the diversity of these schools is really welcome, particularly with regards to the additional places for children with special educational needs and with disabilities?	Yes, I'm delighted with the way these free school applications have really helped to move us forward with increasing that diverse offer that we have for the range of different students and to really help them all to better.
38	Cllr Arjun Mittra	Will the Leader meet with me and the Leader of the Labour Group to discuss ways LB Barnet can commemorate the centenary of the founding of the RAF, given our history of the production of aircraft, and the museum?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	
39	Cllr Val Duschinsky	Would the Leader welcome the progress made towards achieving our aim of step-free access at Mill Hill Broadway station and will he join me in advocating for the scheme to receive the necessary funds from external partners when the project reaches that stage?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	
40	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	When will remedial work on roads where surface dressing and micro asphalt resurfacing work was not carried out correctly be completed?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	At least we've moved on a bit and Cllr Cohen has now admitted that more remedial work is needed on those roads that have the surface dressing or micro asphalt treatment. But what residents want to know is when will it actually be done? They don't want to wait two years, or should I say	Perhaps if Cllr Schneiderman can let me know which roads he is referring to then I will get a date for him.

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				another two years in some cases.	
41	Cllr John Marshall	Barnet is in the top five local authority areas nationally for attainment at GCSE and A-level, but is also ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively for progress made at secondary age in English and Maths. Barnet also performs very highly in terms of social mobility, as measured by The Sutton Trust's Social Mobility Index. Does the Leader think this is partly because of, or in spite of, the presence of grammar schools in our borough?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	The Leader in his answer refers to the work of our grammar schools. Is he aware that Mr Seamus Milne, Mr Corbyn's vicar on earth, sent both of his children to Kingston Upon Thames grammar school rather than comprehensive schools where he lives. Is he aware that Diane Abbott sent her son to the City of London School rather than a comprehensive in her own borough. Does he therefore agree with me that the Labour Party in Westminster is hypocritical when it criticises grammar schools and private schools.	I would wholeheartedly agree with that and I think it just goes to show that you don't just have to be right thinking to support grammar schools.
42	Cllr Anne Hutton	With, presumably, fewer computers available in public libraries with reduced space, how will access to them be managed especially at busy times? Who will determine how long computer sessions should last? Especially if there is no staff around to tell residents to move when their time is up!	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	This doesn't answer the question of how access to the computers will be managed in the time when the libraries are technology-enabled and what is the procedure then for signing up for when the library is unstaffed.	I'll be happy to arrange a written brief for Cllr Hutton to outline how to go about the procedure to save council time.

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43	Cllr John Marshall	Should there be parental demand, would the Leader be open to exploring the possibility of additional grammar places in the borough?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	As the borough's grammar schools are heavily oversubscribed and amongst the most successful in the country, would it not be criminal if they didn't expand?	I think we have a serious case to look at. The range of different schools that have grown across the borough means that our grammar school proportion has actually shrunk over recent years and I don't think that's the right direction for our grammar schools and I would like to see bigger growth within our grammar school sector.
44	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Will the Leader join me in pressing for parking restrictions on the Meadway to restrict commuter parking near High Barnet station that blights the lives of local residents?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	No supplementary.	
45	Cllr John Marshall	Whatever happens with regards to grammar schools, will the council continue to give its full and enthusiastic support to the diverse mix of schools the borough enjoys?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary.	
46	Cllr Arjun Mittra	A large blue container has been in place in the car park in Brownsell Road for almost a year. Despite several requests it has not been removed. Can it be please?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	No supplementary.	

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47	Cllr Eva Greenspan	Does the Leader agree that Barnet's existing grammar schools make a positive contribution to the educational offer available in the borough?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	Does the Leader agree that additional grammar schools will help more choice and better education for our children?	I certainly agree with that.
48	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	In the streetscene alternative delivery model business case, why was the assessment of the in-house option based on the pre-December 2015 service rather than on a future service with the potential to deliver improvements, innovation and savings?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Cllr Cohen's regurgitated the Committee report in his answer. What I wanted to know was why wasn't an assessment made of what a future, transformed in-house service could deliver for streetscene services.	The in-house bid that was previously in the paper pre-2015, because that's when there was an in-house service, currently there is no senior management within streetscene to put in that bid.
49	Cllr Eva Greenspan	Does the Leader agree it is rank hypocrisy when those who aggressively advocate for an exclusively comprehensive state education sector send their own children to private or selective schools?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	
50	Cllr Anne Hutton	If a young person under 16 goes into an unstaffed library with an adult and the accompanying adult then leaves after a while but the student doesn't want to leave – how would that situation be managed?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding)	No supplementary.	

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51	Cllr Eva Greenspan	Would the Leader comment on the report of the Home Affairs Select Committee into anti-Semitism in the UK?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	
52	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Will the Leader now agree with Labour that serious consideration needs to be given to an orbital rail system to support the Brent Cross development?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	
53	Cllr Maureen Braun	Does the Leader welcome the record confiscations and costs awarded by the court in the recent joint CAFT and planning enforcement case and how important does he think such prosecutions are in deterring others from abusing the system?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	
54	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How can outsourcing the delivery of streetscene services to a private company deliver the savings outlined in the Medium-Term Finance Plan by 2019/20 - given that the Council's own outline business case says that this option would not go live until 2019 and	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Based on the initial outline business case that's already been completed, how much of the savings set out in the medium financial plan could actually be delivered by 2019/20 if the council went with out-sourcing to a private company?	I don't have those figures to hand.

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		taking into account the cost of the procurement exercise?			
55	Cllr Maureen Braun	Does the Leader accept that residents want and expect enforcement action to be taken against planning breaches and will he continue to push for cases to be taken forward?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	What I want to know is what is behind your words? What is going to happen? I'm speaking as a member of the planning committee but I think I speak for every single councillor that is on a planning committee. We boil when enforcement which obviously should take place doesn't and it's happened for too long and too frequently. So I'd really like to know what is actually going to happen as opposed to thinking it's a good idea.	Hot off the press I can inform the member and council that there are no vacancies now in the enforcement side of planning. All of them have been filled and an additional 1.6 officers are being recruited to assist with this and please don't make the obvious crack about the .6.
56	Cllr Anne Hutton	Most school libraries close at the latest by 4.30 how can the leader guarantee young people will have access to public libraries when they need them?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary.	

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57	Cllr Maureen Braun	Could the Leader or Committee Chairman update Council on the difficulties experienced when transferring enablement services to AquaFlo and how these have subsequently been resolved?	Cllr Sachin Rajput (Chairman of Adults and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary.	
58	Cllr Barry Rawlings	When will LB Barnet's IT be fit for purpose?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Would the Leader be insulted if the answer to his question is that if I do have a particular IT difficulty it may not be you I come to, if that's ok with the Leader? But on the general point given the history of IT difficulties, failures, remembered in the libraries and so on, is he really saying he's confident at the moment that everything is fit for purpose? Is he willing to put his name to that?	There are of course two supplementaries contained there. 1) Cllr Rawlings is showing enormous wisdom in not asking me to assist with any computing difficulties he might have. My computing training goes back a long way and I'm liable to wipe the whole thing for him. But going on of course I can't give a cast iron guarantee but so much work has been done with IT and there are always disappointments and pitfalls with it and the memory of a lousy system goes back an awful long way. There's a lot of work to do with it and it does have to be brought up to the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century and we don't need vaunting ambition with IT projects. We just need IT that works.

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59	Cllr Shimon Ryde	Could the Committee Chairman confirm the level of interest from local community groups in taking on the four partnership libraries and update Council on the progress made in helping them prepare their bids?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary.	
60	Cllr Arjun Mittra	What is the council policy on trimming back overgrown trees? Despite my requests, the branches of a tree outside 27 Manor Park Road is growing ever near the houses, but the council refuse to cut it back. Why is this?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Does Cllr Cohen's answer not lead to the question about whether there's an issue with monitoring of the works being done because this is one in a number of cases where we referred works to be done and they haven't been done and they haven't been brought to the council's attention, so will you look into that, please?	I will do.
61	Cllr Shimon Ryde	How many partnership libraries are there in neighbouring boroughs?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary.	

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62	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How much extra (based on current membership levels) would members of each Barnet bowling club playing on a council managed green have to pay under the administration's plans to save money by making all those clubs self-managing and self-funding?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	The Leader says that the effect on membership fees is not yet known but clubs have been told how many extra members they would need in order to keep the fees at the same level. Will he ensure that bowlers are not priced out of Barnet so that in a few years' time young Stanley can also take up bowling in Barnet?	This country has a proud tradition of bowling. Just remember Sir Francis Drake. One wouldn't want to be the first London borough to get rid of bowling greens.
63	Cllr Peter Zinkin	Are residents generally pleased with the footway resurfacing work which has been ongoing across the borough?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	No supplementary.	
64	Cllr Anne Hutton	Could the leader please confirm the size of the Church End library in the Gateway project?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary.	
65	Cllr Peter Zinkin	Is the council working with local health providers to ensure the best adult care we can?	Cllr Sachin Rajput (Chairman of Adults and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary.	

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66	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Has the Council reached agreement on how many unaccompanied Syrian children it will be accepting?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	
67	Cllr Bridget Perry	Could the Leader explain what the council is doing to support apprenticeships in the borough?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary.	
68	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	One of the advantages of transferring streetscene services to The Barnet Group (as listed in the council's outline business case for an alternative delivery model) is "opportunities for staff". What are those opportunities?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Cllr Cohen says that there are a range of different benefits are offered under TBG Flex rather than the standard local government pension scheme. Are any of these benefits better than being in a final salary local government pension scheme?	I'm sure there are.
69	Cllr Bridget Perry	Previously it was revealed that Barnet had the fourth lowest proportion of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) in the country. Are we continuing to work to ensure this good record is maintained?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	When coupled with the council's employment schemes, does the Chairman think this borough's very strong performance in getting young people into further education or training shows the value we place on supporting people into employment?	I would certainly support that and I would refer back to the earlier statements made by other members that the range of provision that we have across the borough really is much of what helps us to ensure that we can support a range of different activities for different young people.

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70	Cllr Ross Houston	How much income has LB Barnet achieved from right to buy sales since 2010?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of Housing Committee)	No supplementary.	
71	Cllr Bridget Perry	How many people have the council helped off benefits and into employment and what role has the Welfare Reform Task Force had in this process?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	No supplementary.	
72	Cllr Barry Rawlings	Would the Leader please provide details of the number, frequency and types of health and safety incidents that have been reported/recorded each year in Barnet's libraries since 2010?	Cllr Reuben Thompstone (Chairman of Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee)	No supplementary.	
73	Cllr Mark Shooter	What has been the percentage change in the MOPAC 7 key target crimes since the baseline of 2012?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	These are obviously excellent figures, the fact that we've added 18.5% reduction in [inaudible] crime. Do we see these trends continuing in this borough?	Again, that's a hostage to fortune. I really hope so.
74	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How much would a procurement exercise to outsource streetscene services to a private company cost to run?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Can I ask why has an outsourced to a private company model going forward to the next stage of the business case when you don't even know how much the procurement is going to cost and therefore how much of the savings are going to be eaten up by the actual cost of procurement?	There are a number of costs that aren't known at this stage and that is why this work is being done for that then to come back to the Environment Committee for a decision.

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75	Cllr Mark Shooter	There have been intensive campaigns by the police to tackle gang crime in neighbouring boroughs like Brent. Is there any evidence that this has displaced problems to Barnet and, if so, will the council be requesting more concerted action by the police and the Mayor of London to remedy this?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time.	
76	Cllr Ross Houston	How much money from right to buy sales has LB Barnet had to relinquish as a result of not using it within the required timescale?	Cllr Tom Davey (Chairman of Housing Committee)	Out of time.	
77	Cllr Mark Shooter	What incidents of hate crime have there been in the borough?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time.	
78	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How many and what is the value of insurance claims submitted to the council as a result of damage caused by the micro asphalt and surface dressing road resurfacing treatments?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Out of time.	
79	Cllr Bridget Perry	What message does the Leader have for those people misusing Blue	Cllr Richard Cornelius	Out of time.	

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80	Cllr Reema Patel	What commissioning, procurement and delivery lessons have been learned from the disastrous implementation of the new enablement contract?	Cllr Sachin Rajput (Chairman of Adults and Safeguarding Committee)	Out of time.	
81	Cllr Joan Scannell	Would the Leader agree that the openings of One Stonegrove and Hope Corner Community Centre, on the Stonegrove and Dollis Valley regeneration schemes respectively, show the capacity for redevelopment to deliver enhanced community facilities as well as the much needed new homes?	Cllr Dan Thomas (Chairman of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee)	Out of time.	
82	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What penalties have been imposed on contractors not carrying out resurfacing properly or not using materials that conform to the required specification?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Out of time.	

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83	Cllr Wendy Prentice	The council is to consult on plans for the East Barnet partnership library to be included in the design plans for the brand new leisure centre at Victoria Recreation Ground, due to open in 2019. Does the Committee Chairman agree this could provide a great co-location opportunity that could further enhance what is already going to be a highly valued new facility for the local community?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time.	
84	Cllr Alan Schneidman	When will an equalities impact assessment be carried out on plans to make Barnet bowling clubs self-managing?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time.	
85	Cllr Wendy Prentice	There have been many emails from residents asking whether the council scans for microchips the bodies of those cats recovered by our services having been sadly killed in road accidents. Could the Leader confirm the current situation?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time.	
86	Cllr Alan Schneidman	How much money in total has been spent on cycling in Barnet over the last 3 financial years (2013/14, 2014/15, and 2015/2016). For each year, how much has been spent on a) cycle parking, b) cycle training, and c) cycle routes?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Out of time.	

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87	Cllr Alison Cornelius	There are severe financial pressures in adult social care and the health service in North Central London. To what extent could increased integration between these operational and geographic areas help deal with these challenges?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time.	
88	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	In each road where the surface dressing treatment was used: a) What date was the initial treatment, (b) when was the road swept for loose stones, (c) was the work monitored while in progress and (d) what checks were carried out on the finished work by council officers?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Out of time.	
89	Cllr Alison Cornelius	Could Council be updated on the progress of the #KeepBarnetClean campaign and the enforcement action being taken against those that are caught defiling the borough?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Out of time.	
90	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	In surface dressed roads, what monitoring was carried out on loose stones being flicked by traffic on to pavements and grass verges? How often were these pavements/grass verges swept/cleaned?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Out of time.	

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91	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Were warning signs in place in all roads surface dressing was undertaken and what were the speed limits? Were warning signs/speed limits kept in place until the thorough sweeping of all loose stones had taken place?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Out of time.	
92	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	Why is the council planning to take a bowling green away from Mill Hill Bowls Club, as well as reducing the space of the club house and changing rooms and removing the ladies toilets? What account has been taken of the fact that the blind and partially sighted bowlers that use the club require that extra space?	Cllr Richard Cornelius (Leader of the Council)	Out of time.	
93	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	What funding streams has Barnet applied for over the last 3 financial years for cycling in Barnet, and which applications have been successful?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Out of time.	
94	Cllr Alan Schneiderman	How much has been spent on Barnet's overall Transport Strategy over the last 3 financial years (2013/2014, 2014/15 and 2015/2016). For each year, please show the proportion spent on a) new Highways schemes, on b) Highways maintenance and on c) cycling infrastructure and activities?	Cllr Dean Cohen (Chairman of Environment Committee)	Out of time.	



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