



Millions More to Improve Schools

BARNET schools are getting a £50m-plus makeover in what is believed to be the biggest building and improvements programme in the history of the Borough.

This August the new £2.9m Queenswell Infants School opens, providing totally new facilities for children at this three-form entry school.

The same month, work starts on a £1.5m extension to Queenswell Junior School to create new classrooms, library, computer suite and improvements to the school hall.

Nearly £5m is being invested in the Compton School to achieve Technology College status and expand

from a five form entry 11 to 16 school to six form school.

To meet the school's technology college status, many classrooms are being converted to special areas for the study of maths, science, design and technology.

Mill Hill High is being expanded to an eight form school at a cost of £2m to meet demand for places from parents and children throughout the Borough.

Ashmole School is to be

completely re-developed at a total cost of £13m. There will be a new main school building with general and specialist teaching areas and some of the original buildings will also be retained.

Barnet's education and building improvements programmes have been recognised by the Government with grants of over £8m from the New Deal for Schools initiative.

The Council has also been successful in winning Government funding for many major projects at the Borough's Voluntary Aided Schools.

See also Barnet rises to the challenge on page 3.



Barnet's Mayor, Councillor Joan Scannell, is joined by local children at the unveiling of the plaque to mark the official opening of the Millennium Green in Cricklewood.

The Millennium Green was developed by the Childs Hill/Cricklewood Local Agenda 21 Partnership and the local community

The land was acquired from Railtrack by the Council and then transferred to the Cricklewood Millennium Green Trust who will manage its development and maintenance.

An army of volunteers including over 230 local school children have helped plant trees and flowers in a bid to attract wildlife to the site.



Our Queen visits Cophall (see page 20)



Staff get to watch their team

Football crazy council staff kept their eyes on the ball after being allowed to watch England's weekday matches in the World Cup.

"It was a way for us to show how much the new administration appreciates and values our staff", said Cllr Katia David, cabinet member for Human Resources, Equalities and Social Inclusion who agreed that managers could be flexible with staff who wanted to watch the games.

And so while council employees in another North London borough were being warned of the severe consequences of their missing work to watch England beat Argentina, in Barnet staff from the Chief Executive down were whooping with delight when Beckham scored that penalty.

Cllr David is also introducing a number of far-reaching initiatives that will have a major impact on the improvement of staff morale. (see page 7).

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Barnet Rises to the Challenge

Barnet's Education Services have gone under a searching spotlight in the drive to raise standards for all.

The in-depth review of services carried out and compared against OFSTED's inspection criteria has revealed the need for swift action if standards are to be improved.

The Council is now exploring options for partnership with other organisations. These options might include another Local Education Authority with a track record of excellence, a national Local Government Agency or a private sector service provider.

These would allow the Council to inject additional expertise and resources into education services. These partnerships would also be built on a collaborative relationship with schools in the Borough and involve headteacher representatives.

Councillor Vanessa Gearson, Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning, has set out eight key points for action.



- Forging an open partnership with schools
- Developing a school improvement strategy with a strong focus on secondary school
- Improving management support for schools
- Improving the Council's corporate management of priority issues in education
- Developing a strategy for managing and investing in schools
- Creating strategies and programmes for Social Inclusion and Special Educational Needs
- Developing a Schools Information Communication Technology strategy
- Recruiting and retaining teachers.

Moving Out-Claim £250



Councillor Brian Salinger, Cabinet Member for Housing, hands over a cheque for £250 to John Timothy who lives with his wife in Blundell Road, Burnt Oak. They are moving to Southampton and are the first to win a cash prize under a new Council scheme which rewards tenants who leave their home in a fit condition to let to new tenants almost

Leave your home in good state and win bonus

immediately they move out.

Each year Housing Service spends thousands of pounds clearing furniture and rubbish left behind in empty properties. Some leave their homes in such a poor condition that it takes days just to clear up before repairs begin.

The Council has decided to pay £250 to tenants who leave their homes in good condition and allow maintenance surveyors and prospective tenants to look around before they leave.

The hope is the incentive will help re-let homes quickly to those in need.

Councillor Salinger was joined at the cheque ceremony by Councillor Allan Turner, Councillor for Burnt Oak Ward.

Leaders Comment



Victor Lyon

I am delighted to be able to take this opportunity to reply to the misleading media coverage of the Council's position regarding the planning application, by Barnet Football Club, for a new stadium at Underhill, Barnet Lane, Barnet.

In February Barnet Council gave approval to a

planning application, by Barnet Football Club, for a new stadium on Green Belt land to the south of their existing stadium at Underhill.

This application covered the area of the existing stadium (3.3 acres) and the area of the proposed stadium (7.2 acres) making a total of 10.5 acres. These figures exclude the landscape/open space areas to the south and east of the new stadium and the new public space area to the east of the existing stadium which together total 4.8 acres.

Following the Council's approval of the application the Government Office for London (GOL) is now considering the application in order to determine if it should be 'called in'. A response from GOL has not yet been received.

I have, however, made it clear to the Chairman of Barnet Football Club that - should GOL decide to

approve the application - I would feel unable to recommend that the Council sell the parcel of Green Belt land which would enable the development of the new stadium to go ahead. Such a proposal is contrary to the Council's stated policy of preserving the Green Belt.

At a meeting with Barnet Football Club (on the 30 May 2002) the club suggested that they would be willing to withdraw the current application in return for de-designation of the existing stadium site only. This is a matter that the Council may be prepared to consider. However, de-designation is not a decision which can be given immediately by the Council as it would have to go through all of the proper planning processes that would extend to next year's UDP inquiry and the proposal having to be approved by the Inspector

and Secretary of State.

It is absolutely essential that the Council receives the club's latest proposal in writing before it can take the matter forward - particularly as it appears their proposals require de-designation of Green Belt land - and I believed this would be forthcoming after our first meeting. I was therefore very surprised that a written proposal was not available before, or at least presented to us at the second meeting.

I made it clear that I saw this as a possible way forward although, in view of the objections by local residents and the principles that may be involved in de-designation of Green Belt land, that I would have to consult further on such a proposal with Council colleagues and local residents.

This was not acceptable to the representatives of the Football Club who demanded an instant assurance that de-designation would take place.

When I pointed out that there were a number of

legal, planning and other statutory considerations I was accused of forcing the Club to close.

I am surprised that Barnet Football Club did not consult its legal advisers who would no doubt have told the club that such a decision could not be made 'in an instant', particularly when there was no written submission for the council to consider.

The only formal submission from the Club is the planning application that is currently with the Government Office for London.

I was therefore distressed to read the inaccurate and inflammatory comments made in recent press articles and in statements issued by the Club.

Despite this I hope Barnet Football Club will stay in the Borough and that a satisfactory resolution to the problem can be found.

But it will need to be one that is carefully considered and consulted upon with all those who will be affected by any future development."

Your Cabinet at work



Councillor VICTOR LYON

Leader of the Council

Success in the May elections was the highlight of a lifetime of political local government service for Barnet Council's new Conservative leader, Cllr Victor Lyon.

Cllr Lyon had already served as a councillor on the Metropolitan Borough of Hampstead (1959 - 1965)

and the London Borough of Camden (1964 - 1971) before moving to Barnet 36 years ago.

After fighting two unsuccessful local elections it was third time lucky when he was elected onto the council for the Child's Hill ward in 1978.

The only change has been a move from the Child's Hill ward to the Totteridge ward. Cllr Lyon

believes that councillors should represent the ward in which they live. When he moved to Whetstone, therefore, he stood and was elected as a councillor for the Totteridge Ward.

During his time as a councillor, Cllr Lyon has been chairman of a number of council committees including Recreation, Leisure and Arts and Social Services.

He was also very proud to serve as Deputy Mayor in 1980/81 and Mayor in 1993/4.

Cllr Lyon was elected Leader of the, then, Conservative opposition in September 2000 and Leader of the Council itself following the May local elections.

These saw the Conservatives regain the council after eight years of Labour/Liberal Democrat control. His party now enjoys a three seat majority over the other two parties.

Following his party's election night victory, the focus has turned very quickly to the challenges that lie ahead.

Key to this is the new council's determination to focus on the effective delivery of those basic and often unglamorous - but absolutely essential - services that we all rely on in our daily lives.

"My cabinet colleagues and I are determined to create a Barnet where everyone can achieve their full potential and where the elderly and vulnerable feel secure and valued".

However Cllr Lyon knows this is not just a one way process. Everyone in Barnet has a role and a responsibility.

"While residents have a right to expect us to provide

cost effective services that create a clean, safe and prosperous borough, they in turn - have a responsibility not to cause litter or threaten others with anti-social behaviour"

As a retired Director of Human Resources with the Thompson Corporation, Cllr Lyon also knows how very important council employees are in meeting the challenges ahead and he is quick to point out the value the new administration places on its 'most important asset' - its staff.

"As politicians we will work closely with council staff to provide cost effective services that meet the needs of our residents and set the standard for local government in this country", said Cllr Lyon.

KEY OBJECTIVES

To achieve this vision, Barnet's new council has produced a package of key objectives geared to tackling the increase in street crime, restoring a first class education service and creating a cleaner and a greener borough.

The council will also undertake a major programme of roads and pavement repairs.

To get things moving Cllr Lyon and his cabinet colleagues are working with the council's Chief Executive and directors on an effective strategy for implementing the new administration's manifesto pledges.

A new corporate plan, to be published in the summer, will provide the focus and driving influence on the delivery of services over the next four years.

Another vital issue to address is the council budget.

"We will be looking to improve services across the board within a budget that 'balances' and without imposing a great tax burden on our residents", said Cllr Lyon who stressed that this would not be easy.

"One of the measures we need to address is the Council's budget balances, which we believe are too low. It is necessary for the Council to have a sufficient financial cushion against unexpected but essential spending requirements that might arise".

"As a result Barnet Council faces financial difficulties with the budget for next year"

To tackle this situation the new council is already preparing this ground by reviewing all expenditure to ensure every penny spent is money well spent.

CUTTING RED TAPE

"We are committed to cutting back on red tape and spending on futile propaganda which does nobody any good", said Cllr Lyon who has given a Cabinet colleague, Cllr Mike Freer, particular responsibility for monitoring the cost-effectiveness of Council services".

In addition to leading Barnet Council, Cllr Lyon is also an executive member on the Local Government Association's Tourism Committee, a member of the executive committee of the London Mayors Association and Chairman of the Barnet Blind and Partially Sighted Bowls Club.

On pages four to eight and 14 to 17 of the Barnet Life we have profiles on the new Council Leader, Cllr Vic Lyon. If you have any comments or questions for him and his cabinet members email us at cabinetcomment@barnet.gov.uk or write to Cabinet Comment, Barnet Life, Room 46, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG

Your Cabinet at work



Councillor MAUREEN BRAUN

Cabinet Member for Social Care

‘Determined to raise standards-vulnerable residents must receive the support they need’

Councillor **Maureen Braun** joined the cabinet as member for Social Care following the local elections on 2 May this year.

She was first elected a Barnet councillor in 1998 to represent Hendon ward and quickly joined the shadow cabinet as member responsible for Adult Social Services and Health. Her other main priority is Planning.

BARNET RESIDENT FOR 40 YEARS

Apart from a six year break when she lived in Camden and served as a Camden councillor, she has been a Barnet resident for 40 years.

Maureen is absolutely committed to ensuring that every vulnerable resident in the borough receives their

full entitlement to the best possible services that can be provided.

SUPPORT WHERE IT'S NEEDED

She said: "This administration is committed to seeing that all our vulnerable residents receive the support they need and to which they have a right.

"We will strive to ensure that by the end of our term every vulnerable adult has the care package and the quality housing they need.

"To help achieve this aim, measures will include giving priority to the recruitment and retention of staff so that waiting times for assessment and equipment are cut, by giving social workers up-to-date technology - enabling them to operate more efficiently - and offering sheltered and very sheltered housing to all the elderly people who need it. This, together with ever closer formal working relationships

with the NHS, should help prevent bed-blocking.

"Services for people with learning disabilities are presently under review and we intend to extend this review to our mental health, drug, alcohol and HIV provision.

"These are just some of the challenges facing Social Care which we will be striving to meet.

"The new administration is pledged to monitor closely the work of social services and review the quality and delivery of the Borough's care for the elderly, home helps and meals on wheels.

DETERMINED TO RAISE STANDARDS

"We are determined to raise the standards of social care and will be looking at ways to create a more radical, active and coordinated approach to delivering services."

If you have any comments or questions for Cllr Braun email her at cabinetcomment@barnet.gov.uk or write to Cabinet Comment, Barnet Life, Room 46, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG

Your Cabinet at work



Councillor BRIAN COLEMAN

Cabinet Member for Environment

A life-long resident of Barnet, Councillor Brian Coleman was first elected to Barnet Council in 1998 for Totteridge ward, firmly establishing from the outset his key priorities to get more Police out on the beat in the Borough and protect the precious and diminishing green belt.

He is also the Greater London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden. Following his election to the GLA (and his recent election as Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group), Brian has given priority to Policing and Environmental issues. With the advent of a Conservative administration in the Borough however, he now relishes the exciting new opportunities to further these objectives in his capacity as Cabinet Member for Environment.

A GREENER SAFER BOROUGH

"I am committed to making Barnet a cleaner, greener and safer Borough and I expect to be judged on my record. I am not interested in fine words of well spun phrases, I am interested in delivering real improvements and services for all our residents.

The worrying increase in street crime across London has led Councillor Coleman to target anti-social behaviour as a matter of priority.

"Vandalism, graffiti and anti-social behaviour will be at the top of my hit list, and there are many ways in which environmental changes can help target these crimes. I have already reinstated the locking of Old Courthouse Gardens and Edgwarebury Park at night to deter vandalism and anti-social behaviour, and we will be introducing measures to reintroduce nightly locking of parks across the Borough," he said.

Whilst getting more police Officers on the streets will remain the priority for the new administration, it will also extend the Neighbourhood Warden service to new communities in the Borough, using them as a high profile deterrent to graffiti and vandalism.

"Barnet residents should simply not have to put up with graffiti and litter in their streets, and this kind of anti-social behaviour can soon lead to further deterioration and more serious crime. I was delighted that one of my first official engagements as Mayoral escort was to launch a new graffiti removal service in Edgware, and that we are now also able to introduce a new programme to treat street furniture with anti-graffiti paint."

The new administration will also fulfil its commitment to introduce CCTV in East Barnet Village.

The Environment portfolio also carries responsibilities for Highways. The urgent repairs required to many of Barnet's roads, and the congestion that has in the past plagued some areas of the Borough, is another matter Cllr Coleman is keen to address.

ROAD REPAIRS A PRIORITY

Cllr Coleman said: "We also see road repairs as a high priority and new road schemes will be deferred until the backlog of resurfacing is completed. It is also essential that we tackle the equally

important issue of congestion in the Borough, and I will be looking very closely at the phasing of traffic lights at major junctions, as well as reviewing the use of speed humps, to ensure the Boroughs motorists are not subjected to needless delays."

The Council is also looking to reopen Partingdale Lane, the main road from Finchley to Mill Hill, which it anticipates will greatly reduce the burden on neighbouring routes.

PROTECTING THE GREEN BELT

First and foremost however, for most people 'Environment' means protecting the precious and threatened Green Belt land in the Borough. Councillor Coleman has made his position absolutely clear from day one on the issue: "Read my lips: no more development on Barnet's Green Belt!"

Brian does not see his role in Barnet's community beginning and ending with his Cabinet post however. In his role as Conservative Leader of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority, (LFEPA), he says he will ensure the Borough works closely with the Fire Brigade and private landlords to reduce the number of fire deaths.

Councillor Coleman is a Governor of Christchurch VA Secondary School, and a Governor of The Ravenscroft School.

If you have any comments or questions for Cllr Coleman email him at cabinetcomment@barnet.gov.uk or write to Cabinet Comment, Barnet Life, Room 46, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG

Your Cabinet at work



Councillor KATIA DAVID

Cabinet Member for Human Resources and Social Inclusion

'Improving Staff Morale and Developing Skills'

When Cllr Victor Lyon, Barnet's new leader, invited Cllr Katia David to take on the role of Human Resources, Equalities and Social Inclusion in his Cabinet she jumped at the chance.

Cllr Lyon has declared this one of the key roles for the new Conservative council and Cllr David knows exactly what is required.

Cllr Katia David was first elected to Barnet Council, for the High Barnet ward, in 1998. Two years later she was asked to take on the role of 'shadow' spokesperson for Human Resources when the then Conservative opposition set up its first cabinet.

She was responsible for developing the, then, opposition strategy for supporting and developing council staff, Councillor David spent seven weeks visiting every council office and department.

WONDERFUL PEOPLE WORKING FOR BARNET

"There are thousands of wonderful people working for Barnet Council", said Cllr David. "They want to provide the best service possible but the way the council was being run did not always allow this".

Cllr David will now look to improve staff morale and reduce turnover.

"It is important for staff to feel valued and to be kept fully informed of the Council's plans for the future", she said. "If this is not done, council employees will not know what is expected of them and they will feel unable to make a genuine contribution to improving things".

Cllr David believes the new council's decision to have a cabinet post dedicated to improving employee relations is a true indication of the value it places on staff.

As the new Cabinet Member for Human Resources, Equalities and Social Exclusion, Cllr David knows she has the chance to to make a difference.

Cllr David is already proving to be a very 'hands on' councillor and is a regular, friendly and most welcome face in council offices.

Staff are quickly coming to realise they can approach her with ideas or concerns or just to say hello.

"One of my first decisions was to agree that staff could take time out to watch England's World Cup matches (see page 1)

"It was a way for us to show how much the new administration appreciates and values our staff".

FAR - REACHING INITIATIVES

But Cllr David is also

introducing a number of far-reaching initiatives that will have a major impact on the improvement of staff morale and will develop the skills and motivation of existing council employees.

She is also reviewing the council's human resources policies, revamping the staff magazine and overseeing the relaunch of the council's recruitment advertising campaign to ensure it reaches all sectors of the community.

"This will ensure as many people as possible know about, and can apply for, job opportunities with this tremendous London borough" she said.

Cllr David is also planning to open a high profile 'job shop' where residents can get information and advice on council jobs and support in applying for them.

"The new council is determined to put the community first and making it as easy as possible for residents to apply for jobs with the council is one great way to start," she said.

Finally Cllr David is chairman of this years Mayor's charity. You can be sure she will be giving equal energy and enthusiasm to raising money for the diabetes and cancer charities that the Mayor, Cllr Joan Scannell, will be supporting during her year in office.

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Your Cabinet at work

‘Effective delivery of good services-finance go under the spotlight’



Councillor Anthony Finn, the new Cabinet Member for Resources, is a chartered accountant.

“First and foremost, my job is to ensure the council’s finances are on a sound footing so that we can get on with the effective delivery of good basic services,” he said.

Cllr Finn was also elected Deputy Leader after Conservative councillors swept to power in the May 2 local elections.

He said: “I am enjoying working alongside the new Leader, Cllr Victor Lyon, and looking forward to the added responsibility the role of Deputy Leader brings.”

Anthony Finn has represented the Hendon Ward for 12 years. The key to effectively representing constituents, he believes, is to listen very carefully to their views and opinions.

LISTENING TO RESIDENTS

“The needs of the community are ever

changing and we must continually listen to what residents say if we are going to deliver the services they want,” he said. “We are determined that ours will be an open, transparent administration.”

Taking on the dual role of cabinet member and Deputy Leader means Cllr Finn has hit the ground running in the first few weeks of the new administration.

LONG NIGHTS AND PLENTY OF MEETINGS

“Along with my cabinet colleagues, I’ve been working long hours and had plenty of meetings with officers and outside organisations so that I am fully briefed and in a position to take the difficult decisions I know I will face,” he said. “We certainly don’t underestimate the challenges ahead and occasionally we will get things wrong but we want residents to tell us so that we can get on with the job of putting things right.”

Cllr Finn’s portfolio will see him take the lead in the cabinet on financial issues, including the all-important budget and council tax, which the new administration will be consulting residents on.

Cllr Finn is working on putting a rigorous system of financial control in place, which means all cabinet members and heads of service will be accountable for the financial performance of their service.

Other priorities include looking closely at the funding of major projects and consulting schools to ensure that resources are used effectively and efficiently.

FINANCES UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Cllr Finn said: “Every aspect of the council’s finances will go under the spotlight so that we can offer efficient and value-for-money services which meet the real needs of the community.”

Councillor ANTHONY FINN

Cabinet Member for Resources

If you have any comments or questions for Cllr Finn email him at cabinetcomment@barnet.gov.uk or write to Cabinet Comment, Barnet Life, Room 46, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG. The cabinet member profiles continue on page 13

BEACON FOR SUCCESS

Beating Blight of Graffiti

Barnet Council's drive to keep the Borough clean, green and safe has received a £200,000 boost with the creation of new fast reaction, in-house graffiti removal teams who will be targeting hot spots.

Two Council-managed teams with special equipment will now provide greater flexibility to respond to graffiti problems anywhere in the Borough.

This service had previously been contracted out and concentrated mainly on removing racist and offensive graffiti. While this is still a top priority for the Council, the extra £200,000 investment means the in-house service can be extended to tackle graffiti in town centres.

NEW TEAMS TO BEAT TAGGERS

The new service and machines were unveiled in Edgware Town Centre as part of Barnet's Environment week last month by the Mayor, Councillor Joan Scannell, Council Leader Councillor Victor Lyon and Cabinet Member for Environment Councillor Brian Coleman.

Environment Week also saw Edgware become the fifth town centre in the Borough to get a Town Keeper service.

Town keepers patrol town centres, identifying and tackling any problems. Top priority is also given to Town keepers when calling on support from the two new graffiti removal teams.



Mayor, Councillor Joan Scannell, Neighbourhood Management Co-ordinator Tom Momsey and Edgware's new town keeper Ray Armstrong.



Ready for business. Our picture shows (left to right) Councillor Brian Coleman, Cabinet Member for Environment, Council Leader Councillor Victor Lyon and Barnet's Mayor, Councillor Joan Scannell as the new graffiti removal teams swing into action.

APOLOGIES ON GRASS CUTTING

Barnet Council has apologised to residents for delays in grass cutting at sites across the borough.

Cabinet Member for Children and Community Development, Cllr Lynne Hillan, said: "We are sorry that there is a backlog in grounds maintenance work, particularly the frequency of grass cutting. At this busy time of the growing season there is always an intense workload and staff who would normally be cutting grass are diverted to planting beds and hedge cutting.

"The very wet and warm May and June has also meant the grass growing very quickly.

"Residents will also understand why we had to divert staff for no more than a couple of days to make preparations for the Queen's

successful visit to Copthall as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

"We are pulling out all the stops to get back on

track by the middle of July. As always with grounds maintenance the weather will either help or hinder our plans."

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CHILDREN NEED FAMILIES - AND FAMILIES NEED CHILDREN

A shortage of foster carers means Barnet children have been sent away from the Borough to get the love and attention they need.

But now the council is launching a campaign to 'bring our children home'

Barnet's fostering services have a growing list of children needing short and long-term homes with families and individuals throughout the Borough.

In a drive to encourage more people to consider

Your chance to give someone a new start in life

giving a loving home to a child in need, the Council has launched a new, easy-to-follow guide entitled Nu 2 Fostering which gives a step by step insight into this rewarding and fulfilling life role.

Those considering fostering can be male or female, single, married, in a

relationship or divorced living in the home they own or rent as long as there is sufficient room for a child in the flat or house.

Barnet welcomes fosterers from all racial and cultural backgrounds who want to help the Borough.

Fosterers do not need to

be at home all the time - it does not matter whether they work or not as long as they are at home when a child gets home from school.

To support fosterers, Barnet offers some of the most generous payments in London, ranging between £300 and £350 a week.

It takes between four and six months to become a fosterer. During this assessment period, the Council provides training to help families and individuals become the excellent fosterers every child has a right to expect.

To ensure families and individuals are suitable carers, the Council does carry out checks on all potential fosterers. But in the initial stages, the Council concentrates on answering questions on this vital community

role raised by those considering offering a child a new home.

Not all children seeking foster homes are disturbed or difficult. Many are merely in difficult domestic situations beyond their own control.



If you would like to learn more about fostering, please complete the form on this page and return it to the Council. A visit will be arranged with one of Barnet's Fostering Co-ordinators.

Sharing your home brings life-long rewards

Countless foster carers and the children they have shared their lives with speak of a rewarding experience that will stay with them for ever.

Typical of these is 14-year-old Rachel who has been in a foster home for the past 18 months while her mother is in hospital.

She describes her foster carers as her second family. This is Rachel's story.

"After my mum got sick and had to go to hospital, I stayed with a new family.

They were really nice to me and I had my own room for the first time. I helped

decorate the room in my own favourite colours. There is a garden to run around in which we do not have at home.

I stayed at the same school so had the support of all my mates while my mum was sick. My foster family took me to see my mum whenever I wanted. They made sure that whenever I was feeling sad about my mum they could tell and would try really hard to cheer me up.

Mum is coming out soon and we can go home and be together again. My foster family said I can visit whenever I like - and I will. They are now my second family."

Robert and Amy have been fostering children for the last 29 years. Although they have now retired, they are still in regular contact with many of their foster children - and foster grandchildren.

This caring couple's life-long commitment to caring for children has clearly enriched their lives - and still does so today.

This is Amy's story.

"Robert is a dab hand at changing nappies after all the fostering we have done. It is a good job he is because we now have so many foster grandchildren.

We have looked after over 400 children in the last 29 years. They visit us now - and bring their own children too.

Our house is often completely full - especially at Christmas."

Robert looks back on 29 hectic but rewarding years.

"When you see the

house full of well-adjusted adults, happy with their own families, you know you have done a great job.

"It was the best job I ever had."

Yes! I am interested in finding out more about fostering in Barnet and would appreciate a home visit from the Fostering Coordinator for further information.

I am interested in fostering because

Name: _____
Address: _____

Contact no: _____

Date: ___/___/___

Please return this form to: Freepost PO Box 35534, London NW4 4YE

Barnet Borough Police



Our Plan for the Future

intend to do to make Barnet the safest Borough in London.

Sue Akers
Chief Superintendent Barnet
Borough Commander

Dealing with Young People as Offenders and Victims

We aim to work with young people to prevent them becoming the victims of crime. We want to involve them in events highlighting the need to reduce crime and disorder and to raise their own awareness to reduce the number of youth victims by 20% over the next 3 years.

By targeting persistent young offenders and speeding up the process of getting them to court we intend to reduce the numbers of youths offending and re-offending by 5% in the next 3 years. We will also continue working with other agencies providing activities and schemes to encourage young people away from criminal behaviour.

Through our work with the education service we aim together to reduce the level of truancy and ensure that 95% of all school children are taught skills to resist drugs.

Improving the quality of life in Barnet

We will continue to work to protect the community from drug related, anti-social and criminal behaviour. We support our partners in protecting residents from such nuisances as fly tipping, dogs, litter, abandoned vehicles and noise. The use of knives and other offensive weapons, graffiti and anti-social behaviour is a blight on modern society. By working together in joint operations with other agencies we intend to reduce the level of these crimes by 10%.

Drugs dealers and suppliers can expect to be targeted and their activities disrupted whenever and wherever possible.

Making People Safe

The media has reported widely about the increase in street crime. We have set ourselves the target to contain the increase in street crime in Barnet to 10%.

We have already opened up sites for 3rd Party reporting where people can report race and hate crimes to people other than police officers and away from

police premises. The number of these sites will be increased throughout the year.

For race, homophobic, domestic crime and rape, we have set ourselves challenging targets for arresting and bringing to justice offenders of these crimes.

We intend to have a 0% increase in armed criminality.

Property Crime

We intend to contain the increase of burglaries to 0% and reduce burglary crimes by 5% in certain areas of Golders Green and West Hendon.



"Distraction Burglary" or burglary committed by bogus callers will be addressed by increasing awareness amongst residents. We will be encouraging more residents to become members of Neighbourhood watch, a proven method of reducing burglary.

We intend to reduce auto crime by 3%.

Enhancing our response to retail crime will also be one of our priorities in the forthcoming year.

We intend to hold 3 multi-agency crime reduction events per year.



Sue Akers
Chief
Superintendent
Barnet Borough
Commander

METROPOLITAN
POLICE

Working for a safer London

DO YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A NHS DENTAL ACCESS CENTRE AT EDGWARE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL?

NHS Dental Access Centres are a new way of providing NHS dentistry to complement existing services. At the Centre you can expect:

- Access to NHS dental treatment and advice
- Consultation with an experienced NHS dentist
- Information on other local NHS dental services

Appointments are not always necessary and NHS charges apply. When you contact the centre an appointment can be made for treatment but those in need of emergency or urgent treatment will have priority over routine care.

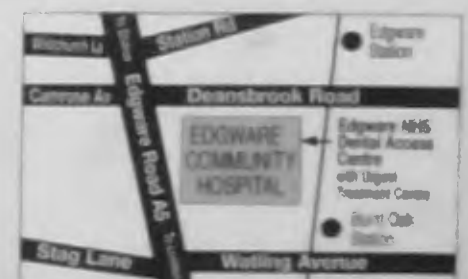
However, patients registered with a dentist should make every effort to follow arrangements that have been made by their dentist in the provision of their dental care.

The Edgware NHS Dental Access centre is located at: Edgware Community Hospital
Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 0AD. For further information please phone 020 8732 6905

There are also centres at: Enfield Island NHS Dental Access Centre Tel: 01992 703535 & North Middlesex NHS Dental Access Centre Tel: 020 8807 7841

• One of the three centres will be open on a Saturday morning

Barnet **NHS**
Primary Care Trust



Chairs of your committees plan for the future



CABINET
Leader
 Victor Lyon
 (Conservative)



COUNCIL POLICY CONFERENCE
 (All Members of the Council)
Chair
 John Marshall
 (Conservative)



CABINET OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
 (11 seats)
Chair
 Leslie Sussman
 (Conservative)



AUDIT & CENTRAL SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Wayne Casey
 (Lib Dem)



BEST VALUE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 John Marshall
 (Conservative)



EDUCATION & CHILDREN OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Christopher Hams
 (Conservative)



HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Fiona Bulmer
 (Conservative)



PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Andreas Tambourides
 (Conservative)



RECREATION, LEISURE & ARTS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Wendy Prentice
 (Conservative)



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Helena Hart
 (Conservative)



STREET BASED SERVICES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Olwen Evans
 (Conservative)



APPEALS (1) COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Olwen Evans
 (Conservative)



APPEALS (2) COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Katia David
 (Conservative)



APPEALS (3) COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Wendy Prentice
 (Conservative)



APPEALS (4) COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Leslie Sussman
 (Conservative)



APPEALS (5) COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Maureen Braun
 (Conservative)



APPEALS (6) COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Leslie Sussman
 (Conservative)



APPEALS (7) COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Agnes Slocombe
 (Labour)



APPEALS (8) COMMITTEE
 (9 seats)
Chair
 Jack Cohen
 (Lib Dem)

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
 (3 non-executive Councillors (one from each political group), with three substitute members (also one from each political group) and four independent co-opted members)



GENERAL FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Joan Scannell
 (Conservative)



PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
 (21 seats)
Chair
 Melvin Cohen
 (Conservative)



WELSH HARP JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
 (4 seats)
Chair
 Matthew Offord
 (Conservative)



CORPORATE JOINT NEGOTIATION & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE
 (14 seats)
Chair
 Katia David
 (Conservative)



TEACHERS JOINT NEGOTIATION & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE
 (10 seats)
Chair
 Vanessa Gearson
 (Conservative)



CORPORATE JOINT CONSULTATION (HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE) COMMITTEE
 (6 seats)
Chair
 Brian Salinger
 (Conservative)



PENSION FUND MANAGEMENT ADVISORY PANEL
 (3 seats)
Chair
 Anthony Finn
 (Conservative)



FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Eva Greenspan
 (Conservative)



CHIPPING BARNET AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Katia David
 (Conservative)



HENDON AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Maureen Braun
 (Conservative)



FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN AREA ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Mike Freer
 (Conservative)



CHIPPING BARNET AREA ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Olwen Evans
 (Conservative)



HENDON AREA ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
 (7 seats)
Chair
 Matthew Offord
 (Conservative)

Your Cabinet at work



Councillor MIKE FREER

Cabinet Member for Value and Effectiveness

'Giving Council Tax Payers Value For Money- Tackling Inefficiencies'

As its title suggests, getting value for money will be the key role for Cllr Mike Freer, Barnet Council's new Cabinet Member for Value and Effectiveness.

Cllr Freer, who works as Area Director for a high street bank, originally served as a councillor between 1990 and 1994 and again from 2001 when he was elected to the Finchley ward.

DELIVERING THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICES

"This council is committed to delivering the best services possible and ensuring, above all, that council tax payers get value for money", he said.

"It is my role to see that the council spends its money efficiently and effectively whether that means services being delivered directly by the council or in partnership with a non-profit sector".

LISTENING TO RESIDENTS

"It is also vital to listen to what residents are saying to us and to make sure we respond to the valuable suggestions and contributions they can make".

Cllr Freer believes the council currently provides many excellent services but he will still be reviewing them all to ensure any inefficiencies are identified and weeded out.

In addition to the financial scrutiny of the council, Cllr Freer will also be looking at the performance of the organisation itself.

In what is perhaps the single most important approach to improving service delivery, Cllr Freer will lead a complete 'performance assessment' by the council.

A self-assessment of the council's strengths and weaknesses has already begun with every council team taking a critical look at the way it operates and producing proposals for improvement.

This will be followed by an external evaluation of the

council's performance, in September, when external auditors, from the Audit Commission, will be invited give their verdict on how well the council is performing.

"It is by facing this type of tough scrutiny that we will be able to formulate plans to improve service delivery throughout the length and breadth of the council", said Cllr Freer. "We cannot, must not and will not avoid taking tough decisions to improve services."

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH RESIDENTS

In addition to his role on value and effectiveness, Cllr Freer is part of the team of councillors who are looking to ensure the council communicates in the most effective way possible.

"With my colleagues Cllrs Hillan, Gearson and Offord we will be looking at everything from council publications and effective signage to the best way of consulting residents on major issues," said Cllr Freer.

If you have any comments or questions for Cllr Freer email him at cabinetcomment@barnet.gov.uk or write to Cabinet Comment, Barnet Life, Room 46, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG

Your Cabinet at work



Councillor VANESSA GEARSON

Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning

Education Opportunities for all our Children

BARNET Council's new Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning Cllr Vanessa Gearson has one simple aim – to make sure every child in Barnet has the same education opportunities she had.

PRAISE FOR BARNET SCHOOLS

A 'home-grown' product of Barnet's state schools Cllr Gearson is full of praise for the education she received in the borough, first of all at Brooklands Infant and Junior Schools and then at St Michael's Catholic Grammar School.

"I am not ashamed to say that I am very proud of my education -I had a very happy experience as a pupil – not that the schools I was at would necessarily share the same view! But let me put this simply – I see no reason why every child in Barnet should not have the same opportunities I had," said Cllr Gearson.

After reading Spanish at Kings College, Cllr Gearson became an Associate of King's College London and went on to complete a doctorate. She then spent six years teaching undergraduates and post graduates from King's College and the London Business School and helped to establish a modern

languages programme for the University of London.

Always maintaining her interest in education, Cllr Gearson has been a governor at an inner London school for the last 12 years and Chairman of Governors for the last four. During that time the school has received a number of accolades for achievement and gained recognition from the Secretary of State for the improvements it has made.

Elected as a Councillor for the Garden Suburb Ward in November 2000, Cllr Gearson was appointed Shadow Cabinet Member for Education a year later. After the local elections in May she took up the post of Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning.

A FIRST CLASS EDUCATION IN FIRST CLASS SCHOOLS

Since then Cllr Gearson has laid her stall out by announcing a package of measures designed to ensure that all of Barnet's children receive a first class education in first class schools so that they receive the best possible start in life.

This follows a review of the borough's education service that compared it to the very highest standards. School buildings, information technology, teacher recruitment and the way the council supports its schools to help them improve are just some of the areas which are earmarked for action and improvement

over the next four years.

Looking forward to the task ahead Cllr Gearson said: "I have been on a very steep learning curve indeed since May 3 – and I thank officers, particularly Jill Stansfield, for their patience and it is thanks to their help and support that I am coming to terms with the full magnitude of this vitally important portfolio.

AN OPEN AND HONEST PARTNERSHIP

"I am looking forward to working with officers, headteachers, teachers, governors and parents in Barnet and I can promise an open and honest partnership, my personal commitment not to use children as a political football and my pledge, to not merely ask opinions, but to take note of what is said and take appropriate action. I can also assure the people of Barnet that my colleagues in the new administration have placed education at the top of our agenda.

"We are aware of the outstanding work and personal contributions that the school communities make towards making our schools as successful as they currently are and we are deeply grateful.

"Barnet Council is committed to making all of Barnet's schools the best in the country by ensuring that the highest standards of education are delivered. With your help and support, we believe our aspirations can be achieved."

If you have any comments or questions for Cllr Gearson email her at cabinetcomment@barnet.gov.uk or write to Cabinet Comment, Barnet Life, Room 46, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG

Your Cabinet at work



'Best Possible Education for Children - with no one Disadvantaged'

Councillor Lynne Hillan was appointed to her new post as Cabinet Member for Children and Community Development when the Conservatives regained political control of Barnet Council following the May local elections. She had previously served as shadow cabinet member for Children and Young People's services.

Lynne has lived and worked in the borough for the last 25 years and in 1998 the residents of Brunswick Park Ward elected her to represent them.

PUTTING SOMETHING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY

Explaining what prompted her to stand as a councillor Cllr Hillan said: "I was in a position to put something back into the community and I just thought it was the right thing to do. It is important to me that the voters had enough confidence to re-elect me in the Borough elections this year"

The Children and Community Development portfolio will see Cllr Hillan taking the lead on issues relating to children's and youth services and early years provision as well

as cultural services such as libraries, leisure services and green spaces.

THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE

Outlining her priorities Cllr Hillan said: "I want all of our children to get the best possible start in education so that they have the opportunity to achieve their ambitions. I also think it is important that we, as a community, take responsibility to ensure that no child is disadvantaged." To this end she is determined to work with her cabinet colleagues in Education and Social Services to improve on the 'one star' rating the council's Children's Social Services department received earlier this year.

She added: "The latest rating from the Social Services Inspectorate is not acceptable. In improving the service we will be taking a radical, proactive and co-ordinated approach that puts the children first. We are determined to create an environment where they are safe and protected, while at the same time providing the facilities for them to thrive. To ensure improvements are made in services for children and young people we are carrying out a 'best value' review and will be putting forward an action plan in the near future."

Cllr Hillan sees the approach the council takes to its Leisure and Youth Services as fundamental to achieving its overall aim of 'putting the community first.'

"We want to improve the standards of our leisure centres and to do this we will be looking to work with an external partner to secure facilities fit for the 21st Century. We also intend to live up to the high standards already achieved in our greenspaces by protecting, preserving and enhancing them," she said.

Cultural services are another priority for Cllr Hillan and it is her intention to carry forward the modernisation programme of the borough's libraries. This will include the refurbishment of the flagship Hendon Library and the implementation of new technology in all libraries across the borough.

ACCESS TO LIFELONG LEARNING

Commenting further she said: "We want to promote access to lifelong learning and inclusion for all members of our community will be at the heart of our service delivery and we particularly want to make sure children are supported and encouraged so they make full use of all of our services and participate fully in the life of the community."

Councillor LYNNE HILLAN

Cabinet Member for Children and Community Development

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Your Cabinet at work



Councillor KANTI PATEL

**MEng, MCIQB, FFB,
MIMgt**

**Cabinet Member for
Borough Development
and Planning**

‘Opportunities for regeneration and inward investment’

Councillor Kanti Patel, the new Cabinet Member for Borough Development and Planning is a building and construction engineer and Chartered Builder.

He was elected for the Hadley Ward in 1994. He has been a Shadow Chairman of the Planning, Education Scrutiny and Land Building Executive Committee.

ATTRACTING INWARD INVESTMENT

Cllr Patel is a firm believer in attracting more inward investment into the Borough and improving the range of services already received by Barnet residents.

He is committed to promoting and enhancing the local environment while ensuring the full

protection of the Green Belt.

“Barnet is an excellent place to live and is one of the fastest growing outer London Boroughs. There are currently opportunities for regeneration and inward investment that will benefit both the residents and the community.

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

“In the future Barnet will be not just an excellent place to live and work, but a great place – one that puts the community first and I am very excited about the future prospects for the Borough.”

Cllr Patel believes in a well-balanced Economic Development Regeneration Plan for the Borough, and is a keen supporter of ‘regeneration without

red tape’. Regeneration, he believes, is a means of tackling social deprivation and providing opportunity whilst sustaining the local job and residential market. The development of the Cricklewood lands is one project that Kanti Patel is enthusiastic about the future.

FOUR THOUSAND HOMES AND NOW JOBS

“I want to ensure the right vision and framework for the development of the Cricklewood lands. This is a major regeneration opportunity which will create four thousand homes and new jobs over a ten year period. This is an exciting challenge and one to which I look forward.”

If you have any comments or questions for Cllr Patel email him at cabinetcomment@barnet.gov.uk or write to Cabinet Comment, Barnet Life, Room 46, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG

Your Cabinet at work

‘Priority is to provide best possible homes’

Councillor Brian Salinger is the new Cabinet Member for Housing and Environmental health.

Brian has been a councillor for 20 years. He stood for election in Haringey in 1974 and again in 1978 and served as a Haringey councillor from 1982 to 1986. For the last 16 years he has been a Barnet councillor representing Friern Barnet ward. Following changes to ward boundaries he is now a councillor for Oakleigh ward.

When the Conservatives were in control of Barnet council before 1994 he was at different times chairman of the Chipping Barnet Area Planning Committee and the Finance and Resources Committee. He was also a member of Barnet Health authority for nine years and served as chairman for two. For the last eight years he was local Conservative spokesman on Housing.

As a member of the cabinet he is now responsible not only for Housing but also for Environmental Health, Air Pollution, Trading Standards, Food Safety, the cemetery, crematorium and the mortuary.

Brian has recently been elected a vice-chairman of the Association of

London Government Housing Committee.

HOUSING FOR THOSE IN NEED

The council has three roles with regard to housing. The first is as landlord to around 15,000 tenants and leaseholders. The second is to provide housing for those in need. The third is to provide strategic guidance across the housing field.

The new council is acutely aware of the pressures on Barnet's housing stock, the shortage of funds in the housing revenue account and the need to meet the demand of government to bring all our housing stock up to a decent standard by 2010.

MEETING THE TARGETS

Councillor Salinger said: "We are determined to meet this target but the obstacles are formidable, mostly financial.

"The Housing revenue account is running out of cash for anything other than urgent repairs. Rents have been fixed by the government at above the rate of inflation and they will increase over the next few years to come in line with rents charged by Housing associations.

"The priority now, and in the years to come, will be for the service to do everything in its power, with

the resources available, to provide the best possible homes for those already living in council owned homes and to do its best to meet the needs of those currently in temporary and unsatisfactory housing, and those who become homeless".

REGENERATION OF ESTATES

The council will regenerate the four estates of Grahame Park, West Hendon, Stonegrove/ Spur Road and Dollis Valley, working closely with tenants, leaseholders and chosen development partners.

A major consultation has recently been launched which will look at the options to ensure the rest of the council's stock will meet the government's standard by 2010.

Other policy initiatives will include setting up a more independent body to represent tenants, new ways to improve the repairs and caretaking services and measures to tackle the need for new affordable housing whenever appropriate opportunities occur.

The council will be pressing the government and other agencies to supply the resources needed to support the measures the council wants to take to provide good value, high quality housing for the borough's residents.



**Councillor
BRIAN
SALINGER**

**Cabinet Member
for Housing and
Environmental Health**

If you have any comments or questions for Cllr Salinger email him at cabinetcomment@barnet.gov.uk or write to Cabinet Comment, Barnet Life, Room 46, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BG

CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

(at Bank holidays, surgery times may change. Please ring beforehand to check) (Con = Conservative, Lab = Labour, LibDem = Liberal Democrat)

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Normally meetings will commence at 7pm and will be held at The Town Hall, Hendon, unless otherwise stated. Other arrangements operate for Area Forums and Area Sub-Committees. To find out details for one near you phone 020 8359 2156.

28 (Wed) - Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee, Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee, Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee - Conference Rooms 2 & 3, Barnet House
29 (Thurs) Planning and Environment Committee

July 2002

22 (Mon) - Cabinet (Formal Meeting)
23 (Tue) - Golders Green and Childs Hill Area Forum - Childs Hill Primary School, Dersingham Road, NW2 - 6.30 pm
Whetstone Area Forum - The Sports Hall, Barnet College, Russell Lane - 6.30 pm
24 (Wed) - Member Training (Performance Monitoring)
25 (Thur) - Reserved for Civic Forum
29 (Mon) - Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
30 (Tue) - Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee - venue to be announced
31 (Wed) - Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee, Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee, Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee - Conference Rooms 2 & 3, Barnet House

September 2002

2 (Mon) - Cabinet (Formal Meeting)
4 (Wed) - Barnet Area Forum - Underhill Junior School, Mays Lane, Barnet - 6.30 pm
Finchley Area Forum - venue to be announced - 6.30 pm
Hendon Area Forum - venue to be announced - 6.30 pm
9 (Mon) - Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
10 (Tue) - Council
17 (Tue) - Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee, Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee - venue to be announced
18 (Wed) - Reserved for Overview & Scrutiny Committees
19 (Thur) - Council Policy Conference
24 (Tue) - General Functions Committee
25 (Wed) - Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee, Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee, Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee - Conference Rooms 2 & 3, Barnet House
26 (Thur) - Cabinet Resources Committee
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August 2002

1 (Thur) - Member Training (Effective Casework and Advice Surgeries)

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Golden Celebration

Thousands flock to Jubilee Party

Over 20,000 flocked to Barnet's Copthall Centre last month for a day-long party to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee culminating in a pageant of colour, dance and music by residents from all the eight North London boroughs.

The Queen's visit to Copthall was the highlight of her tour of North London and as part of the pageant she was entertained by a host of acts including falconry, motorbike stunts, horse displays and bands.

On arrival at Copthall, the Queen was greeted by Barnet's Mayor, Councillor Joan Scannell, and representatives of the other eight North London boroughs.

The young, the old and families with young children joined in the non-stop round of celebrations and tributes to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

The biggest party of its kind ever held in North London, the celebrations took visitors on a journey from 1952 to the present time.

From pipe bands to steel

bands, belly dancing to Bollywood acts, the parade represented the diversity of culture in North London.

To mark the occasion, the Queen unveiled a plaque amid rousing cheers from the 20,000 throng who had travelled from throughout North London to take part in this historic celebration.

"We were thrilled to be

Lynne Hillan, Cabinet Member for Children and Community Development.

Following the Copthall celebrations, Barnet's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Andrea Tambourides, led a delegation to a special lunch at Alexandra Palace to mark the Golden Jubilee.

The celebration lunch was attended by the Queen and Prince Phillip and over

100 invited guests.

Guests included key figures from all the North London boroughs who were introduced to the Queen by Councillor Tambourides.

They included the vice-chancellor of Middlesex University, Professor Michael Driscoll, Andrew Dismore MP, Barnet youth worker Charlene O'Makawala, the general manager of Brent Cross Tom Nathan, chair

of Barnet College Tony Alderman, police inspector Alan Piggott and Jewish community leader Bernard Koschland.

"I had been Deputy Mayor for just over a month and to lead the delegation at Alexandra Palace was a great honour. Meeting the Queen and Prince Phillip was one of the greatest moments of my life," said Councillor Tambourides.



hosting the event on behalf of the North London boroughs.

"The Golden Jubilee year is an important milestone and we were delighted Her Majesty the Queen chose to celebrate her special year with us," said Councillor



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