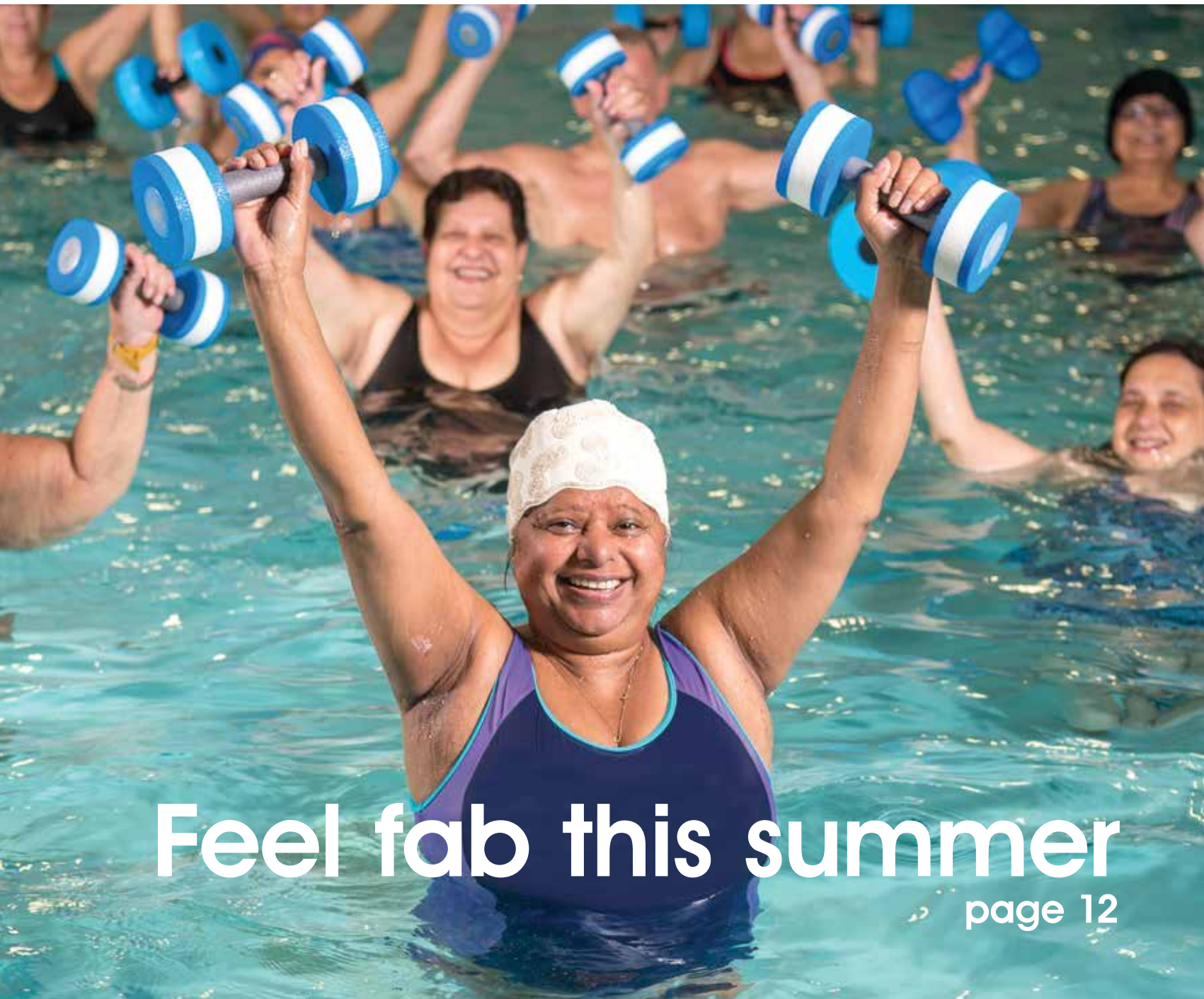


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Leader's column

I hope you are all enjoying the summer. We've seen some lovely weather in June and July.

The summer is also the perfect time to explore the wonderful parks and open spaces we have here in Barnet. With active trails, outdoor gyms and skate parks (pages 14 and 15) on offer, there is something for people of all ages to enjoy.

The local elections were held in May, where many of you turned out to cast your votes. The elections witnessed the arrival of some new councillors and the return of some familiar faces (pages 6 and 7). I would like to wish all council members the best over the next four years as they represent the people of Barnet.

We recently announced how we are proposing to undertake a review to enable a potential realignment of the council's partnership with Capita. The Policy and Resources Committee will consider the proposals which set out the services being considered for a potential return to be run in-house by the council.

Some of these services include finance, management of highways, regeneration, strategic planning and cemeteries and crematoriums. I have always said that our number one priority is to deliver good quality, value for money services to our residents – and nothing has changed in that respect.

It's important to stress that any changes will only be made on the basis that they provide a good deal for you – the Barnet taxpayer. The proposed review will be heard and considered by members at Policy and Resources Committee on Thursday, 19 July.

In June, we marked one-year since the Grenfell Tower fire – a tragedy that resulted in the loss of so many lives. We recently agreed an additional £12.5m to pay for fire safety works to be carried out across the borough. This will provide for the installation of sprinkler systems for blocks of flats with 10 or more floors and a single stairwell.

We are extremely proud of our long association with the Royal Air Force and to celebrate 100 years of the RAF, we're hosting an RAF exhibition at Hendon Town Hall.

The RAF Museum in Hendon (page 20) has also just recently unveiled its new multi-million pound attractions.

This is a great day out for families during the summer holidays. I would highly recommend paying it a visit.

I will speak to you all again in the autumn. Enjoy the rest of the summer – and let's hope the good weather continues.



Richard Cornelius



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news

Unicef partnership's guiding themes announced



We have unveiled the six key themes which will guide our three-year partnership with global children's charity Unicef.

We are one of just five local authorities in the country to be selected as a partner to deliver the international Child Friendly Cities and Communities programme after applying to Unicef UK.

We are working with partners across the borough to further embed children's rights into our governance, policies and practice.

The aim is for Barnet to be recognised as a Child Friendly Community, supporting all children to grow up healthy, happy, safe and resilient.

The six themed 'badges', three of which were chosen by children, young people and local partner organisations, mark a key milestone in the partnership, and will help guide it over the coming years.

The badges are: culture, co-operation and leadership, communication, safe and secure, family and belonging and education and learning.

Over the next three years we will strive towards achieving these badges, with progress being monitored, including taking into account the views of an independent panel of experts.

The partnership will also support our aim of becoming the most family friendly borough in London by 2020.

Proposed review to realign Capita partnership

We have published a report which proposes undertaking a review to enable a potential realignment of our partnership with Capita.

The report will go to Policy and Resources Committee for consideration on Thursday 19 July. If the committee approves the recommendation we will undertake the review with a view to bringing a final report to committee in the autumn.

The proposed review reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring service delivery arrangements are as effective and efficient as possible. It also takes account of both the positive benefits the contract has delivered and the new strategic approach outlined by Capita earlier this year.

The committee will consider the proposals which set out the services being considered for a potential return to the council. These include: Finance, Strategic HR, Management of the council's land and property, Highways,

Regeneration, Strategic Planning and Cemeteries and Crematoriums.

Seventeen services are proposed to stay with Capita, including Revenue & Benefits, Planning Applications, IT and Customer Services.

The Leader of Barnet Council, Councillor Richard Cornelius, said: "Our priority is to deliver good quality, value for money services to our residents. Many things are working well and it's right that we build on them. Where this is not the case, changes are needed.

"The committee will discuss the proposed review to realign services delivered under the Capita contracts. If the committee approves the recommendations, the review will develop more detailed proposals, but it's important to stress any changes will only be recommended on the basis that they provide a good deal for the Barnet taxpayer."

Update on Ofsted findings

Ofsted has published its summary of findings following its latest monitoring visit.

The visit, which took place in April, was the third to take place since Ofsted judged Barnet's Children's Services to be inadequate in July last year.

Since then we have been taking urgent action to make improvements so we can provide better support to our children, young people and families. These improvements are a priority for the whole council and our partners.

During the monitoring visit, inspectors focused on reviewing the work of a number of teams in relation to vulnerable adolescents.

The findings acknowledged that while challenges remain, we are consolidating the improvements already made, with the pace of change remaining consistent and focused, and with the quality of social work practice slowly improving.

Last year we established an Improvement Action Plan which we are currently working towards achieving.

This plan sets out what needs to be done, structured around seven improvement themes, and is aimed at ensuring we can make all the necessary improvements as quickly as possible.

A full update on the progress being made was discussed at the meeting of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee in June. This can be found by visiting

www.barnet.gov.uk

Introducing the Mini Mealtimes app – Entrepreneurial Barnet

Marie Farmer, a Mill Hill resident, has won the Entrepreneurial Barnet competition with her Mini Mealtimes phone app that helps parents provide their children with nutritional meals.

The Mini Mealtimes app allows parents with fussy-eating toddlers to wean their children on to solid food, and to gain insight on nutritional benefits for their child. Marie received £3,000 in prize money and will receive ongoing mentoring to grow and develop her business.

Marie who came up with the business idea during her maternity leave, said: "I'm so pleased to have won this award, as the prize money and ongoing mentoring will really help me develop my business idea further.

"The support you receive throughout the process is wonderful. I'd encourage anyone with a business idea to enter the competition next year. It gives you an extra boost of confidence and will validate your idea."

The Mini Mealtimes app is due to be launched this summer.

For more information, you can visit: www.minimealtimes.com.



Diabetes awareness at Brent Cross



We recently took part in a diabetes awareness event at Brent Cross Shopping Centre, encouraging shoppers to assess their risk of getting diabetes.

The event also provided shoppers with general health advice from doctors, diabetes specialists and dieticians. Shoppers identified at risk were offered a diabetes test, where 23 people were shown to have Type 2 diabetes and a further 20 individuals found out that they were pre-diabetic, and at significant risk of developing the disease.

Interestingly, not one of the shoppers tested were aware of this problem. The on-site clinicians were able to provide the group with specialist advice and they were then referred to their own GP. The findings from the awareness day highlight how important

it is for people to get tested, regardless of whether symptoms present themselves.

Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Councillor Caroline Stock, who helped coordinate the event said: "The implications of being diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes are huge. During our day at Brent Cross Shopping Centre, I was shocked that so many people tested positive, without being aware of having the disease.

"It is really important that people who are at risk make those all-important life changes. Recent research has shown that Type 2 diabetes can be reversed by changing your diet and taking regular exercise."

Find out more about diabetes services in Barnet and use the 'Know Your Risk' tool to see if you are at risk of diabetes.

Visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/public-health/diabetes

RISK FACTORS of Type 2 diabetes can be reduced by making positive lifestyle changes to diet and physical activity.

DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

Diabetes, when not managed well, can have serious life limiting complications, including stroke, heart disease, blindness and nerve damage.

election 2018

2018 local elections

The 2018 local elections took place across London and other parts of the country on Thursday, 3 May.

Barnet Council's election count took place at Allianz Park, where the Conservative Group won the majority of seats. The overall result for Barnet's 63 seats was that the Conservative Group have 38 seats and the Labour Group 25.

At Annual Council, Councillor Richard Cornelius was confirmed as Barnet Council's Leader for the next four years, with Councillor Daniel Thomas as Deputy Leader.

Council Leader, Councillor Richard Cornelius, said: "I am extremely proud to continue as the leader of Barnet Council. Like all local authorities, we face a great many challenges. I very much look forward to carrying on with the hard work the council is already doing to meet those

challenges, and to ensure Barnet remains a fantastic place to live for our residents."

Councillor Reuben Thompstone was also sworn in as the 54th, and youngest ever, Mayor of Barnet at Annual Council. He takes over from the borough's previous Mayor, Brian Salinger, who stepped down as councillor this year after serving for 32 years as a Member in Barnet.

The Worshipful the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Reuben Thompstone, said: "To become the Mayor of Barnet is a tremendous honour and privilege. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead, and to the opportunities it will offer to meet and serve the many people who make Barnet such a wonderful place."

The committee chair appointments were also confirmed at Annual Council. They are:

Titles

Leader Cllr Richard Cornelius

Deputy Leader Cllr Daniel Thomas

Leader of Barnet's Labour Group
Cllr Barry Rawlings

Mayor of Barnet Cllr Reuben Thompstone

Deputy Mayor of Barnet Cllr Caroline Stock

Themed Committee Chairs

Adults and Safeguarding Cllr Sachin Rajput

Assets, Regeneration and Growth
Cllr Daniel Thomas

Children, Education, Libraries
and Safeguarding
Cllr David Longstaff

Community Leadership and Libraries
Cllr Reuben Thompstone

Environment Cllr Dean Cohen

Housing Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg

Financial Performance and Contracts
Cllr Peter Zinkin

Policy and Resources Cllr Richard Cornelius

Other Committees

Audit Cllr Anthony Finn

Constitution and General Purposes
Cllr Melvin Cohen

Health and Wellbeing Board Cllr Caroline Stock

Licensing Cllr John Marshall

Pension Fund Cllr Mark Shooter

Planning Cllr Wendy Prentice

Area Forums

Chipping Barnet Cllr Stephen Sowerby

Finchley and Golders Green Cllr Shimon Ryde

Hendon Area Cllr Val Duschinsky

Residents Forums

Chipping Barnet Cllr Lisa Rutter

Finchley and Golders Green Cllr Rohit Grover

Hendon Cllr Val Duschinsky

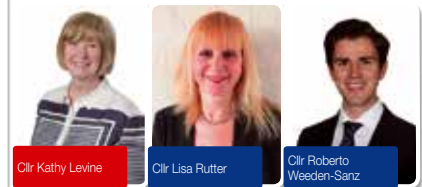
Area Planning Committees

Chipping Barnet Cllr Stephen Sowerby

Finchley and Golders Green Cllr Eva Greenspan

Hendon Cllr Brian Gordon

Brunswick Park Labour/Conservative



Cllr Kathy Levine

Cllr Lisa Rutter

Cllr Roberto Weeden-Sanz

Burnt Oak Labour



Cllr Sara Conway

East Barnet Labour /Conservative



Cllr Felix Byers

Cllr Jo Cooper

Cllr Laurie Williams

East Finchley Labour



Cllr Claire Farrier

Golders Green Conservative



Cllr Dean Cohen

Cllr Melvin Cohen

Cllr Reuben Thompstone

Hale Conservative



Cllr Lachhya Bahadur Gurung

Oakleigh Conservative



Cllr Sachin Rajput

Cllr Thomas Smith

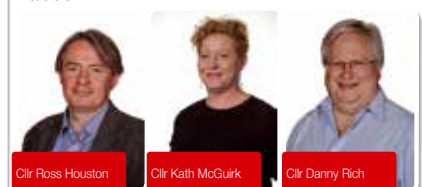
Cllr Stephen Sowerby

Totteridge Conservative



Cllr Richard Cornelius

West Finchley Labour



Cllr Ross Houston

Cllr Kath McGuirk

Cllr Danny Rich

West Hendon Conservative



Cllr Saira Don

Meet your councillors



Childs Hill
Conservative/Labour



Colindale
Labour



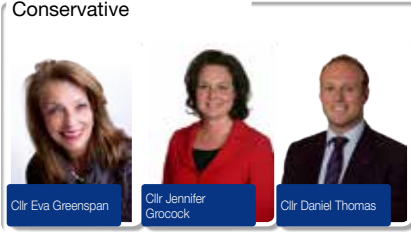
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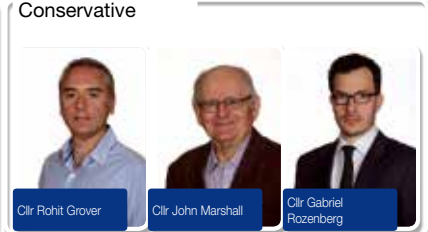
Edgware
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Finchley Church End
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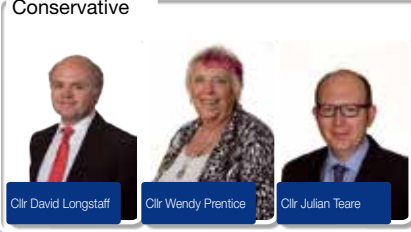
Garden Suburb
Conservative



Hendon
Conservative



High Barnet
Conservative



Mill Hill
Conservative



Underhill
Labour



Woodhouse
Labour



Residents forums: Wednesday 18 July, 2018

7.00 pm Hendon Residents Forum - Various venues within Hendon constituency. Please check the relevant meeting for details of the venue or contact the Governance Service contact for venue details, email: governanceservice@barnet.gov.uk

7.00 pm Chipping Barnet Residents Forum - The area committee and forum venue is variable. Please check the details of the individual meeting or contact the Governance Service contact for venue details, email: governanceservice@barnet.gov.uk

7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum - Greek Cypriot Centre, Britannia Road, Whetstone N12 9RU

Full Council meeting: Tuesday 31 July, 2018

7.00 pm Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4 4RG

For details of surgeries email: first.contact@barnet.gov.uk or write to us: Members' Room, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4RG

For more information and dates of other meetings please visit: www.barnet.moderngov.uk/mglistcommittees

PRIORITIES

Barnet 2024

TELL US YOUR VIEWS ON PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE



We want your views to help us develop our corporate plan for 2019-2024, which will set out our priorities for the next five years and how we will use our resources.

As we look to the future we want to build on our unique strengths: the parks and green spaces, excellent schools and diverse communities that get along and make an active contribution.

We want to: create successful places, achieve great outcomes,

deliver quality services and develop resilient communities. However, like all councils, we're in a difficult financial climate, with increasing demand on our services, less money to spend, and uncertainty about our future funding.

Financial challenge

Between 2019 and 2024 the council faces a forecasted budget gap of £62m. We have already saved £155.8m since 2010 and that means we will need to change the way we operate to enable us to deliver within our means. There will be some tough decisions about our priorities

and where our limited resources can be targeted most effectively. We may need to stop doing some things or do them differently. We will also need to look at how we can become more commercial as a Council by finding opportunities to generate more income.

Ambitions for the future

Despite the challenges, we are ambitious for Barnet and the people that live and work here. We must prioritise and use our resources effectively as we develop plans for the next five years.

You've continued to tell us what's important to you and your local area through our surveys,

consultations, engagement events and to your councillors.

We've used what you've been telling us to help develop some outcomes and priorities that reflect the things we know are important for Barnet to be a place where everyone has a prosperous future. We have also set out an approach for how we will achieve this within our financial constraints.

We want your views on these to make sure we are on the right track as we develop our corporate and financial plan for 2019 – 2024. These priorities will guide us as we develop options and make decisions. We will continue to seek your views along the way on service specific proposals.

OUTCOME PRIORITIES

What we want to achieve

Our proposed focus is on three main outcomes. This doesn't aim to capture all that the council does, rather it provides a framework to guide us.

A PLEASANT WELL MAINTAINED BOROUGH THAT WE PROTECT AND INVEST IN

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- Maintaining our environment by investing in efficient street cleaning services and weekly bin collections
- Improving roads, pavements and transport connections
- Looking after our parks, protecting our green spaces and improving air quality
- Ensuring decent quality housing that buyers and renters can afford, prioritising Barnet residents
- Investing in community facilities to support a growing population, such as schools and leisure centres
- Delivering on our major regeneration schemes including Brent Cross Cricklewood which will deliver 27,000 jobs and 7,500 new homes



OUTCOME PRIORITIES

2

OUR RESIDENTS LIVE HAPPY, HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT LIVES WITH THE MOST VULNERABLE PROTECTED



- Improving services for children and young people and ensuring the needs of children are considered in everything we do
- Ensuring we have good schools and enough school places so all children have access to a great education
- Integrating health and social care, including support for those with mental health problems and complex needs
- Supporting our older and vulnerable residents to remain independent and have a good quality of life
- Encouraging residents to live well and take care of their health
- Helping people into work and better paid employment



PRIORITIES

- Creating a safer community
- Tackling anti-social behaviour including crime that affects our environment, for example fly-tipping, graffiti, littering and dog fouling
- Celebrating our diverse communities and taking a zero-tolerance approach to hate crime
- Ensuring we are a family friendly borough
- Focusing on the strengths of the community and what they can do to help themselves and each other
- Supporting local businesses to thrive

OUTCOME

3

SAFE AND STRONG COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE GET ALONG WELL



Please turn over to read about our approach. ➔

HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Your views will help inform our corporate plan priorities and the way in which we approach the financial challenges we face.

You can take part in the Barnet 2024 consultation by visiting engage.barnet.gov.uk and completing the online questionnaire, where you'll also be able to find out the next steps in the process. Or tel: 020 8359 7016 for a paper questionnaire.

The consultation will be open between 16 July and 23 September 2018.

We'll also be running a series of listening events across the borough in September with The Leader of the Council where you'll be able to hear more about the priorities of the council and give your views.

Book your place at one of these events now by visiting engage.barnet.gov.uk

OUR APPROACH

Barnet 2024

WE HAVE SET OUT BELOW HOW WE INTEND TO DELIVER BOTH OUR STATUTORY DUTIES AND AMBITIONS FOR BARNET WITHIN OUR FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT TAXPAYERS MONEY GOES AS FAR AS IT CAN.

A FAIR DEAL

- Standing up for Barnet so it gets its fair share of resources including police and general funding
- Effective management of resources and contracts to ensure we can keep council tax low and provide value for money for the tax payer
- Focusing resources to deliver targeted extra support at those who need it most, while continuing to deliver priority universal services

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

- Working with residents and the community to share responsibility to ensure Barnet thrives
- Providing early intervention and prevention services so residents can live independently for as long as possible
- Collaborating locally with health partners and the police to achieve better outcomes for Barnet

MAXIMISING OPPORTUNITY

- Taking a commercial approach to generating income and looking for new opportunities to generate revenue from our estate
- Making use of evolving technology and innovation to help us achieve better outcomes and become more efficient
- Capitalising on opportunities from responsible growth and development to increase income and boost the local economy

EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE COUNCIL

- Reviewing the way that we work and deliver services to make best use of resources, including strong financial management
- Providing residents with the assistance they need at the first point of contact and greater access to online services and support
- Ensuring that residents are treated equally, with understanding and respect, and all have access to quality services



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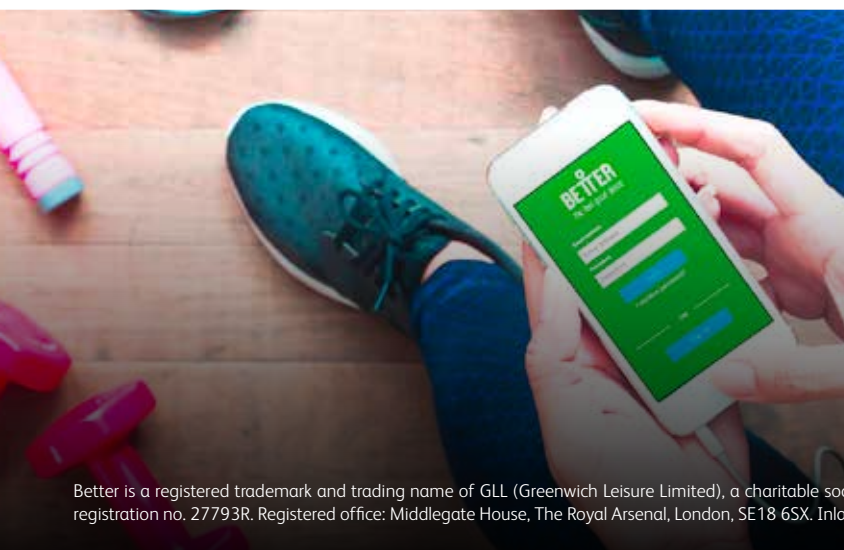
WE ARE MAKING BARNET EVEN BETTER

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MORE

Barnet Council and Better are investing in big improvements to leisure centres and activities in Barnet. You'll find:

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- LEISURE CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS • HEALTHWISE PROGRAMME • CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS
- BETTER MOBILE APP • AND MUCH MORE...

For updates visit better.org.uk/barnet-highlights



feel fab this summer

Being active is easy, fun and social. It can also be a great way of reducing stress and lifting your mood.

Being active helps keep your heart healthy, reduces your risk of serious illnesses and strengthens muscles and bones. It is also a great way to spend time with family, meet friends and get involved in the local community.

In Barnet, we're lucky to have a number of ways for all our residents to keep physically active, many of which don't involve spending a penny.

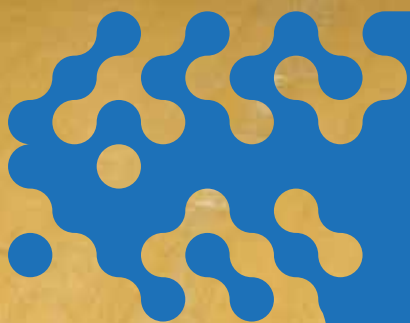


Your free FAB Card



In partnership with Better, we've launched a free FAB Card which provides you with a range of leisure based discounts and other opportunities.

To apply for your free card, visit: www.better.org.uk/fab-hub or visit your local leisure centre.



There are so many fun, local sessions available – find one which suits you

Through our partnership with Better, who manage the borough’s five leisure facilities on our behalf, we’ve developed the FAB Hub. The Hub provides a ‘one stop shop’ of useful information to help you lead more active and healthy lifestyles. Features include: an Activity Finder to help you find local opportunities that work for you and your busy lifestyle, registration for your free FAB Card and much more.

Below are just some of the activities on offer, modeled by our very own residents. To find the perfect activity for you, visit: www.better.org.uk/fab-hub



(Public Health England, 2016)

Water Workout

These invigorating, low impact sessions are the perfect way for you to keep fit, de-stress and have fun.



To find out how much activity you should be doing, visit: www.better.org.uk/fab-hub

Health Walks

Walking is a great way to explore your local area and make friends. It’s also a fantastic opportunity to get more exercise into your day, helping to improve your health and wellbeing.

Enjoy a stroll around some of our beautiful parks and open spaces by taking part in one (or more) of the weekly organised health walks. Our Health Walks programme is led by qualified and experienced instructors, creating a friendly atmosphere for adults to enjoy.

You can also see more about the different activities available in our parks by turning to pages 14 and 15.



Minimise the amount of time spent sedentary (sitting) for extended periods



(Public Health England, 2016)

Basketball

Basketball is the perfect way to unwind after a busy day and helps to build confidence.



Inclusive rugby

Why not take part in one of the inclusive rugby sessions delivered by Mill Hill Rugby Club and Saracens Sports Foundation and supported by Barnet Mencap?

The sessions are fun and provide a great opportunity to meet new people and make friends.



It is recommended that all adults undertake muscle strengthening activity, such as:



exercising with weights



Yoga



or carrying heavy shopping

at least 2 days a week

(Public Health England, 2016)



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WHAT'S ON IN PARKS

What better way to enjoy summer than to explore the 200 wonderful parks and open spaces in Barnet. There are plenty of fun activities for everyone – take a peek and see what's out there for you.



HEALTH WALKS

Boost your health and wellbeing in some of Barnet's most beautiful areas. Trained instructors lead health walks weekly, whatever the weather.

The hour-long walks take place in local beauty spots such as Friary Park and Totteridge Village, including short exercises to boost the great health benefits of regular walking even further.

The walks are graded on a scale from one to five for the stamina and fitness needed, so there is a walk to suit everyone. The walks are available to people aged 18 and over and cost £2.80 each, with concessions available. There is no need to book, just turn up on the specified days.

Full details on Health Walks can be found at: www.barnet.gov.uk/onthemove



BETTER LEISURE CENTRES

If you're looking for a new sport to get into, Barnet's leisure centres are the place for you.

From badminton to basketball, or even a cool splash in the pool, there's something for everyone.

For more information, visit: www.better.org.uk/barnet



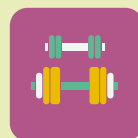


ACTIVE TRAILS

There are 13 free pre-plotted marked routes of 1km, 2.5km or 5km which can be walked, run or cycled.

To view the routes visit:

www.barnet.gov.uk/active-trails



OUTDOOR GYMS

Barnet has 11 free outdoor gyms located in our parks. You don't need any experience to use the equipment and, best of all, there's no membership fee to pay.

To see which parks near you offer gym equipment, visit:

www.barnet.gov.uk/outdoor-gyms



SKATE PARK

Barnet's skateboarders are already making good use of the revamped skate park in Friary Park. The design includes a range of quarter pipes, rails and jumps.

It is open every day to those aged four years-plus and to those with a variety of skills and experience. There are plans to introduce more skate parks across the borough. Any new projects will be delivered in conjunction with local residents and Friends of Parks groups.



PARK RUN AND JUNIOR PARK RUN

This is a free, weekly timed 5km run around Oak Hill Park that takes place every Saturday starting at 9am.

For more information, visit www.parkrun.org.uk/oak-hill



What's on in Barnet this summer



Barnet Market

WHERE: Chipping Close, Barnet, EN5 4LP

WHEN: Saturdays, 8am – 2pm

COST: Free

With its long and fascinating history (dating back to the 12th century), Barnet's traditional food market is a lively community hub. To find out more go to: www.fobm.co.uk

The Teenage Market – Chipping Barnet

WHERE: The Spires, Stapylton Road, Barnet, EN5 4QT

WHEN: Saturday 4 August / Saturday 1 September, 4pm – 7.30pm

COST: Free

DETAILS: The Teenage Market gives young people a free platform to showcase their creative talents. Providing an array of creative retail products, together with food, drink and great music from local bands.

For more information go to: www.theteenagemarket.co.uk

North Finchley Feast

WHERE: The Grand Arcade, North Finchley, N12 0EH

WHEN: Sunday 12 August, 11am – 3pm

COST: Free

DETAILS: North Finchley Feast is a not for profit organisation run by local people who are trying to make a difference to your local area with a small but great line up of traders focusing on vintage, art and craft and hot food.



RAF Museum

WHERE: Royal Air Force Museum London, Grahame Park Way, London, NW9 5LL

WHEN: March to October, 10am – 6pm (last entry 5.30pm)

COST: Free

DETAILS: Make 2018, the Royal Air Force's Centenary Year, the year to visit. It's free to enter and a great day out for all. Explore the fascinating story of the RAF and of the thousands of ordinary servicemen and women who have served in it.

To find out more go to: www.rafmuseum.org.uk

Plane Wall

WHERE: Stephens House and Gardens, 17 East End Road, Finchley N3 2QE

WHEN: Saturday/Sunday, 10 - 5pm (closed on Sundays 29 July, 5 August and August Bank Holiday weekend)

COST: Free

DETAILS: Wonder at hundreds of model aircraft, an immersive soundtrack, and the accompanying collection of family memorabilia and nostalgic items which gently occupy part of Stephens House's historical Victorian basement. For more information go to:

www.stephenshouseandgardens.com

Computers and a Cuppa

WHERE: The Sebright Arms, Alston Road, EN5 4ET

WHEN: Every Friday, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

COST: Free

DETAILS: Are you, or someone you know, confused by computers? Perhaps you'd like to keep in touch with friends and relatives online, or use the internet to shop and bank safely? If so, Computers and a Cuppa is for you. With the help of our friendly and patient volunteers, these free, informal sessions are a chance to learn these skills in a friendly, supportive environment.

Contact Christine for more information on **07720 203 830** or email us@hiab.org.uk

Cinememories

WHERE: Phoenix Cinema, 52 High Road, London, N2 9P

WHEN: Every Tuesday, 12pm – 2.30pm

COST: Free

DETAILS: With easy access and conveniently located by the 253 bus stop, Cinememories dementia-friendly screenings are free for anyone over 60 and two guests of any age, such as friends, family or carers. The screenings are shown with brighter lighting, quieter sound and an interval in the middle of the film for a sing-a-long and comfort break plus free coffee and popcorn. For more information visit:

www.phoenixcinema.co.uk

Talk and Walk

WHERE: The Spires, 111 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5XY

WHEN: Every Wednesday, 1.30pm – 2.30pm

COST: Free

DETAILS: Meets outside Waitrose in The Spires each Wednesday at 1.30pm for a leisurely stroll around Hadley, ending with an optional cuppa on the High Street. No walking boots necessary, just loose fitting clothes and comfortable shoes. The group will go ahead come rain or shine! Contact Christine at High Barnet Altogether Better for more details, on **07720 203 830** or email **us@hiab.org.uk**

Memory Way Cafes run by Jewish Care

WHERE: Betty and Asher Loftus Centre, Sam Beckman Centre, Asher Loftus Way, Colney Hatch Lane, London N11 3ND

WHEN: Thursday 23 August, 2pm – 4pm

COST: Free

DETAILS: Memory Way Cafes offer a warm and welcoming environment for informal social gatherings for people living with dementia together with their family/carers. An opportunity for those living with dementia to seek support and advice as well as enjoy shared stimulating activities and talks in a Jewish environment. For more information please call The Jewish Care Helpline: **020 8922 2222**.

Everyman Silver Screenings

WHERE: Everyman Barnet, Great North Road, EN5 1AB

WHEN: Every Wednesday, 11am – 1pm

COST: £9

DETAILS: Weekly Silver Screenings for film lovers over the age of 55. Tickets include a hot drink and a slice of cake or a cookie. See website for programme details. **www.everymancinema.com/barnet**

Open Mic at The Butchers Arms

WHERE: Butchers Arms, 148 High Street, Barnet, EN5 5XP

WHEN: Every Thursday and Sunday, 8.30pm – 11.55pm

COST: Free

DETAILS: Weekly open mic/jam night. A free drink is offered to all performers (beer, house spirit or house wine). Any style, any standard, any instrument welcome! For more information call: **020 8441 9476**.



THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



The Reading Agency and libraries are excited to be working with Beano in their 80th anniversary year to bring you Mischief Makers, Summer Reading Challenge 2018. The challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays.

In this year's challenge, children can explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers! Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

Children can register for the challenge at any Barnet library or online, then read at least six library books of their choice to collect special stickers and other exclusive rewards along the way; and it's **FREE** to take part. Sign up from Saturday 14 July at a Barnet library near you. There will also be a reward for the school in Barnet which has the highest proportion of children who complete the challenge.

Throughout the summer holiday, Barnet libraries will also be running a programme of fun activities for early years and primary school age children to coincide with this year's Mischief Makers theme. Events this year include a comic art masterclass from Beano artist Kev F, a 'Motley Zoo' visit from Zoolab, a Freshwater Theatre workshop, one-off events from our specialist early years team, free craft activities in every library and much more.

Visit **www.barnet.gov.uk/mischiefmakers** for more information about the reading challenge and summer events in Barnet. The full programme of events will be listed online before the school holiday begins. Please check regularly and follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@BarnetLibraries) for news and updates.

**Sign up at a
Barnet library
near you!**



young people

UK Youth Parliament

The UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for young people across London to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning.

The UK Youth Parliament has over 364 representatives, who are usually elected in annual youth elections throughout the UK. Any young person aged 11-18 can stand or vote. In the past two years, one million young people have voted in UK Youth Parliament elections.

Once elected, Members of Youth Parliament (MYP) organise events and projects, run campaigns and influence decision makers on the issues which matter most to young people. All MYPs get the opportunity to meet once a year at the UK Youth Parliament Annual Sitting.



Meet Tarek, Member of Youth Parliament for Barnet

My journey



Where it all began

As a school council member, I was tasked to promote UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) to my peers.

I wanted to use the platform to have a voice and campaign about the things I'm most passionate about.



Why I got involved

Crime in my community left me confused and shocked and I wanted to do something to help reduce this.

I wanted to take matters into my own hands and become a voice for young people in London, in a bid to make a difference to my community.

HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Here are some of the upcoming events and forums

Children's Rights Forum

The Children's Rights Forum gives young people the chance to work closely with Barnet Council and UNICEF UK to deliver the Child Friendly Cities and Communities Programme and to help co-produce our three-year action plan which focuses on upholding children's rights across the borough.

Youth Board

The Youth Board gives young people a 'voice' that is listened to by decision makers at Barnet Council.

The Youth Board also provides an opportunity to campaign on issues affecting young people locally and nationally and plan projects to benefit the community and support the UKYP campaigns.

young people



Making a difference

The end goal for me is to bring an end to knife crime. I'm currently planning to have a speaker visit every school in Barnet, preferably a previous victim of knife crime, to inspire young people with speeches and teachings of the moral and legal consequences that a knife brings, not only to the offender, but also to the victim.

To achieve my goal, I'm working with various social organisations as well as the Metropolitan Police.



Highlights

Apart from the free pizza available at our monthly meetings (!) I would say the freedom that each member is given to plan and co-ordinate the steps we take to achieve the goals of our campaigns.

It's great to meet other Members of Youth Parliament in the House of Commons, to raise issues that affect young people.

Although we are young, we aren't treated like kids and we're approached with genuine trust and maturity.

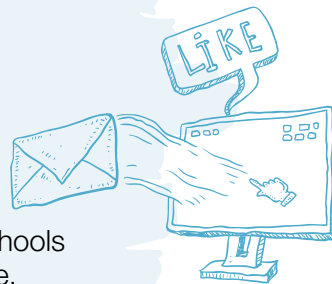


How I applied

It was simple, I pulled together a manifesto of what I intend to do as a member of Youth Parliament, detailing the changes I'd like to make.

I was then invited to a UKYP debate night with other applicants to discuss problems young people face. Based on discussions, I adapted and refined my campaign commitments and plans.

Soon after, online voting opened and schools across Barnet were given access to vote.



"Eventually, we will be the doctors, the lawyers, the engineers, the managers, and all the roles that are crucial for society, so it's important we have a voice now."

I was ecstatic to be one of four members in Barnet elected as a MYP.



Barnet Development Team Youth (BDTY)

BDTY is for young people aged 11-18 with a special education need or disability.

The aim is to help young people shape future services and provisions in education, health, social care and leisure activities.



If you'd like to get involved, please contact The Voice of the Child Team at haveyoursay@barnet.gov.uk or 020 8359 2202



community

Celebrating 100 years of the RAF



Barnet is proud of its long association with the Royal Air Force, firstly through early aviation manufacturers, then later through the RAF Hendon airfield which played a key role during World War II, and most recently through the RAF Museum in Colindale.

The RAF is celebrating 100 years since its inception in 1918 and we are playing our part to mark the special occasion.

We launched an exhibition of some of the material we hold in our archives from the last 100 years – these are on display at Hendon Town Hall until 20 September.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Dates open:

Monday to Friday, 8am to 9pm

Exhibition finishes:

20 September

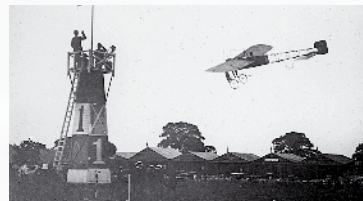
Venue:

**Hendon Town Hall,
The Burroughs,
Hendon NW4**

Entrance:

Free.

Pictured viewing our exhibition is Deputy Lieutenant Martin Russell, RAF Museum Chief Executive Maggie Appleton, Hugh Petrie from our Archive department and the Mayor of Barnet ▶



Do you have a story

Tell us about your links to the RAF here in Barnet by emailing rafstories@barnet.gov.uk

We will share some of the best stories in the next edition of Barnet First.

Royal opening for new RAF Museum exhibits

To mark the reopening of the transformed RAF Museum, the site was visited by HRH The Earl of Wessex on Friday 29 June. He is pictured meeting Maggie Appleton, Chief Executive of the RAF Museum, alongside Martin Russell, the Deputy Lieutenant for the borough of Barnet.



The RAF Museum

– a great day out for all the family



The RAF Museum has been located in the borough since 1972, continuing our association with the force following the end of the airfield's use as an active base in the early 1970s. At the end of June, the Museum's multi-million pound new attractions opened, providing the perfect family day out as the summer holidays approach.

The whole site has been re-landscaped to give a warm welcome with a large area of greenery where families can picnic on warm summer days. A new hangar has been fitted out with all the latest state-of-the-art technology to tell the exciting story of the RAF's first 100 years, as well as showing the diversity of experience amongst its people – from chefs, to technicians to pilots, who have joined from a range of backgrounds. Interactive displays, full-scale replica planes, films played on large screens and electronic debate areas will provide hours of entertainment for young and old.

The Museum has a fun-packed activity calendar of special events running for the next five months, including:

Festival of Flight – 21 to 22 July

Superhero cinema screenings – 27 to 28 July

Spitfire 10K and Family Run – 1 September

The Hendon Pageant – 15 September

100 Open Cockpits and Cabs – 21 September and 8 December.

Find out everything you need to know about these events and more at www.rafmuseum.org.uk



The RAF Museum and Barnet

– a shared story

Barnet First spoke to the Chief Executive of the RAF Museum, Maggie Appleton, ahead of their gala reopening at the end of June, about its history, and the Museum's role within our community here in Barnet.

Speaking about how important the Museum is to the area of Colindale and Hendon, Maggie said: "One of the things that really strikes me is how diverse the RAF is and has been since its earliest times. Barnet also has a very vibrant community, and what the Museum can be is a place to reflect our shared story.

"The RAF is an organisation that cares about its people – it is all about the people that have shaped it and been part of it – and I think all our visitors will be able to see a little bit of themselves reflected here."

neighbourhoods

Taking care of our neighbourhoods

We promise to work hard and continue to ensure that Barnet is a great place to live and that our neighbourhoods are kept moving, clean and green.

We will continue with our £50m investment programme to repair the borough's roads and pavements.

Following a very cold winter, which saw several significant periods of heavy snowfall, we've seen a surge in the number of potholes in our roads; with our highways teams receiving 3,204 pothole reports since January 2018, that's compared to 1,876 reports for the same period in 2017.

Our £1.5m commitment to repairing potholes across the borough will continue to ensure our roads are up to scratch as quickly as possible.

Here are some of the things we've been doing:

Chipping Barnet

Our work in Chipping Barnet includes the following areas: Chipping Barnet Town Centre, New Barnet, East Barnet and Brunswick Park.

Since January 2018, we've...

- resurfaced and improved 45 roads and 575 pavements
- filled 960 potholes
- removed 26 reported fly-tips
- issued 66 fines for littering and fly-tipping.



Hendon

Our work in Hendon includes: Mill Hill, Edgware, Colindale, Burnt Oak and Cricklewood.

Since January 2018, we've...

- resurfaced and improved 18 roads and 496 pavements
- filled 1011 potholes
- removed 902 reported fly-tips
- issued 690 fines for littering and fly-tipping.

Finchley and Golders Green

Our work in Finchley and Golders Green includes: Golders Green, Finchley Church End, East Finchley, North Finchley and Temple Fortune.

Since January 2018, we've...

- resurfaced and improved 14 roads and 427 pavements
- filled 1165 potholes
- removed 561 reported fly-tips
- issued 1,177 fines for littering and fly-tipping.



Spotted a pothole or fly-tip in your neighbourhood?

Help us by reporting a problem and visiting

www.barnet.gov.uk/report-a-problem

If you sign up to MyAccount, you'll also be able to track the progress of your report.

Changes to your recycling and waste collections

You may have seen recently that in June our Environment Committee voted to make some changes to residents' recycling and waste collections.

These changes have been agreed to ensure services run in the most efficient, effective and economical way possible and means that we will be able to collect your black refuse bins on a weekly basis.

The changes we are currently planning include:

Re-organising recycling and waste collections

To improve efficiency and enable us to plan for future growth we will be making some changes to residents' collection days, which will also enable the service to be much more responsive to localised needs and issues.

We will be in touch in the coming months to provide you with more information about how this could affect you.



Improving garden waste collections

As part of re-organising recycling and waste collections, garden waste collections that currently take place on Saturdays will instead take place on weekdays.

We will notify all residents of these changes at a future date.

There will be a six-week suspension of the garden waste service to reflect the reduction in usage over the winter months.

We will, however, continue to collect real Christmas trees in January, if they are left out for collection next to your black refuse bin.



The way food waste will be collected from residents' homes

With only 25 per cent of homes making use of the separate weekly food waste collection, we are currently considering alternative ways for residents to dispose of their food waste.

We will be in touch with residents when we have finalised the changes to set out our plans for this service.

We would also encourage households with or without a garden to compost their fruit and vegetable peelings, eggshells and fruit skins at home.



For top tips about how you can reduce food waste visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling.

For more information, visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling

neighbourhoods

Investing in cleaner streets

As part of our £600,000 investment to keep our streets spick and span, we've rolled out a suite of bright, new electric-powered equipment to vacuum up all types of waste from our town centres. The equipment includes: electrical industrial vacuums (Gluttons) and more versatile mechanical sweepers.



Taking tough action

We are committed to taking tough action against those who cause damage to our environment and so we will be increasing fines for littering to £100, we will also not accept a reduced fine if paid early. Please remember to help take care of our neighbourhoods and place your litter in a bin or take it home.

Don't drop litter.

Take it home or use a bin.



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Stonegrove and Spur Road completed



The Stonegrove and Spur Road estate recently became the first of our major growth and regeneration projects to be completed as the final homes were finished. This completes a 13-year regeneration programme, including ten years of construction, at the Edgware estate.

Before construction, which began in 2008, the estate comprised 600 homes built in the 1960s and 1970s. Ranging from four storey maisonette blocks to 11 storey tower blocks, a combination of high energy costs and the poor state of the buildings led to our regeneration proposal.

The finished scheme has created nearly 1,000 homes with improved living conditions and reduced rent for the residents. Regeneration works have also improved other aspects of the local area for the community, including better roads and transport links, educational and community facilities, such as the London Academy and One Stonegrove Community Centre, and more open spaces for the people of Edgware to benefit from.

The scheme, delivered in partnership with Barratt Evolution Limited and Family Mosaic, has already won several awards and attracted widespread praise.

It was awarded 'Gold' in Barratt's Annual Design Awards, Sterling Court won the NHBC Quality and Seal of Excellence Award and One Stonegrove won Best Civic Project at the Barnet Architecture Awards 2017.

The estate was also chosen by the Prime Minister, Theresa May, as the location to launch a new national programme of home building.



"It's nice. I'm warm and cosy. I'm happy to live in this lovely home, very glad"
Resident Ms. K

"The flat is comfortable and well furnished. All in all, it is a very lovely flat and we are pleased with it."
Resident Mr S.

"I like the way the blocks are arranged, it makes me feel very secure"
Resident Ms. B

Stonegrove and Spur Road regeneration, in brief:

- 999 new homes, all built to the London Housing Design Guide, including 48 per cent affordable housing
- New roads and improvements to junctions
- Improvements to existing play facilities and open space
- Re-provision of school and sports facilities at London Academy
- Skills and job training for residents
- One Stonegrove, a joint church and community centre
- Stonegrove Community Trust formally established
- All secure residents rehoused in to new homes on the site

You can read about all our regeneration work at www.barnet.gov.uk/deliveringforbarnet
For the very latest developments follow us on Twitter @deliver4barnet



Focus on... Brent Cross Cricklewood

The £4.5bn Brent Cross Cricklewood Development is our most significant growth and regeneration programme. It covers 370 acres, will transform Brent Cross Shopping Centre, create a thriving new town centre with 7,500 new homes and green spaces and deliver improved transport connections including new train and improved bus stations.

Brent Cross Thameslink

The new Brent Cross West station will connect to Kings Cross St Pancras in 12 minutes and will support other modes of transport including buses, cycling and improved access for pedestrians. We, in partnership with Network Rail have reached a major milestone where works will soon begin to prepare the site.

A detailed planning application for the new Brent Cross West station will be submitted to the local planning authority in coming months. In addition, two separate planning applications will be submitted for the train drivers' compound and main track works for the sidings which will serve the new station and Midland Mainline.

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has approved the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the acquisition of land to deliver the new station. We acknowledge that a CPO is a last resort and all qualifying parties will be notified.

For more information check:
www.barnet.gov.uk/brentcrossthameslink



Brent Cross South

A public consultation event was held in June to look at designs for the Temporary Open Space that will be created in the first phase of the development. Residents shared ideas for how the new park will work and suggestions on the initial design.

In July, a two day public exhibition looked at the proposed designs of the next plots, before detailed planning applications are submitted in October. These will deliver new homes, streets and green spaces, community space and ground floor retail space. The exhibition also showed streets and networks joining these plots together with the wider area and proposed amendments to the outline planning permission to retain the northern section of the existing Claremont Road with Argent Related.

The Big Outdoors: Summer Fun

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July
Clitterhouse Playing Fields,
Claremont Road, NW2 1BD

Argent Related will be holding a weekend extravaganza of activities and fun for children aged 5-16. Parents can catch-up and relax whilst children explore. There will be a huge choice for all abilities to come and get stuck in across art, drama, craft and sport. Learn a new skill or master one from the past; come and get involved!

Find out more about this event closer to the time on Facebook at The Big Outdoors BXS.

Brent Cross London

The redevelopment and refurbishment of Brent Cross London will double the size of the existing centre to 2 million sq ft of retail and leisure space. The plans include up to 150 new retail stores and 50 new restaurants, state of the art leisure offer anchored by London's first 'Cinema de Lux' and a new hotel.

The regeneration will also include a new riverside park, a relocated and enlarged bus station as well as improved transport and highways infrastructure.

Brent Cross London is being delivered by Hammerson and Aberdeen Standard Investments who jointly developed the site in March 1976, introducing the first American style shopping mall in the UK.

The current centre, an iconic part of the local community for over 40 years, will remain open as usual throughout the development programme.

Please visit: www.brentcrosslondon.co.uk



First designs for Fosters Estate go public

The community co-designed masterplan for the Fosters Estate in Hendon is now reaching the end of the concept design stage.

The development of the new plan has involved many local residents living on and around the estate, working together to explore priorities, understand each other's perspectives, and collaborate with the architectural team. The current plans will create a better landscape and a 'park' around existing and new free-standing housing blocks in the centre of the estate. The removal of roads that currently cut up the open space will also make it safer for children and young people.

Around the edge of the estate, new infill housing will front onto the park and create a continuous street frontage instead of the 'leftover' spaces that currently attract anti-social behaviour. This design solution came directly from community members and will create nearly 200 new homes on the estate, of which 50 per cent will be affordable housing, helping to address Barnet's housing needs.

The design team are very grateful to over 100 community members who have participated in the co-design process so far, contributing a huge amount of time and energy. It's not too late to get involved now.

Please contact ulf@barnet.gov.uk if you have any questions or would like a briefing about the masterplan development so far. It is anticipated that a planning application will be submitted in the autumn.



New Youth Zone takes shape

Funders and supporters of Barnet's £6.5m OnSide Youth Zone were recently treated to a first look at the building's development.

Work has been ongoing at the site on Montrose Playing Fields in Colindale for several months now and as the steel frame nears its completion, those in attendance were invited inside the site complex and given their first glimpse of the shell of a building which will change the lives of thousands of young people across the borough.

The project is being delivered by the national charity OnSide and will join OnSide's network of Youth Zones across the UK.

It will be the first in north London when it opens next year, offering sports, arts, music, drama, enterprise and employability opportunities, counselling and much more for just £5 a year membership and 50p per visit.

We are contributing £4.2m towards the construction costs of the Youth Zone, which will be called Unitas following a branding process involving over 2,000 local young people. OnSide is committed to raising the annual £1m revenue costs from a range of local trusts, grants and private sector philanthropy.

Barnet Council Leader, Cllr Richard Cornelius, said: "It is very exciting to see the progress being made on site and to see the new Youth Zone really beginning to take shape. Unitas is going to be an absolutely fantastic facility for our young people and I am delighted that we are able to support the project. Once it opens its doors, the Youth Zone will provide all kinds of opportunities for young people for many years to come."

For more information visit the Unitas Youth Zone website at www.unitasyouthzone.org



Cornering the market

Barnet based company Udenson Caldbeck Associate Ltd run a variety of weekly markets across the borough. We talked to Osita Udenson, Project Director of Udenson Caldbeck Associate Ltd

Together with my colleague Sara Borchard, I run a consultancy firm specialising in economic and urban regeneration. We provide services in project management, consulting, developing and stage specialist markets, events and promotions.

Via Vibe Market, we run weekly markets, such as Mill Hill town centre's artisan market and the Cricklewood market, helping to increase footfall in town centres whilst bringing new and exciting businesses to the area.

What is your role in putting this all together?

First, we look at the area, aiming to add to what's there, not compete with it, and find the right kind of local business that the community wants. Secondly, we build up a database of reliable local businesses that we can call upon for market trading.

Finally, we work with the council, ensuring we have the correct paperwork and making sure that the correct due diligence vetting is done for every market stall holders. Once that is set up, I promote the market via social media and our website.

What is the hardest part of your job?

The hardest part of the job is to be honest with prospective market stall applicants that I don't think will succeed.

Ultimately, we are here to create a successful market that people will continue to be inspired by and want to return to, and a successful market is made up of successful stall holders.

To support our start-ups, we sometimes provide our newbies with subsidies, to help them establish themselves and cover that tricky first period where we know it can often take up to three months to break even.

What has been your biggest challenge in business?

I worked closely with Barnet Council to develop an official Market Policy.

This was a challenge as it took a lot of hard work, research and time to complete but once established it has enabled the process for all future markets to be streamlined and easy to set up.

How has the council supported or helped your business?

The Licensing officers have been very helpful. Since we worked hand in hand developing the Market Policy, we went on that learning curve together giving us a great working relationship, where they are always approachable and open to suggestions, whilst being flexible with their solutions.

How did you go about engaging the community with your markets?

Both Mill Hill and Cricklewood communities wanted the markets, so we found each other. Sometimes local groups come looking for us or we do the approach.

We believe it is best to go to residents' groups to broker a conversation and establish a need for a regeneration project before taking the next steps of going to the council. Local people must be the ones behind the projects, they are the driving force.

What advice would you give to anyone starting out in business?

Know exactly what you want to do, be passionate about it.

Don't look at what others have done, know your trade, be passionate about it, business is not easy, it is the passion that will drive you through problems.

Have a clear idea of what your business idea is, know what you want and how you want to drive it.



Osita Udenson (right) Sara Borchard (left).
www.udensoncaldbeck.co.uk

For more information about setting up a market in Barnet, contact the Re Business Advice Service who can offer free advice on street trading, planning, licensing and health and safety. Visit www.re-limited.co.uk/get-in-touch

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Volunteering opportunities

Volunteering in Barnet

Get involved in your local community

Volunteering provides vital support to local organisations and charities, and brings many benefits to you too. From improving your confidence to learning new skills, to meeting a new part of your community, volunteering is a great way to make the most of your spare time.

Here we list just a few of the many opportunities available from Volunteering Barnet. Volunteering Barnet is the accredited Volunteer Centre for Barnet and works with over 100 local organisations. There's sure to be something to suit you.

Gardening/Reading Volunteer

Meadowside Care Home

Are you passionate about reading? Meadowside Care Home are looking for volunteers to read short stories out loud to the residents once a week. The residents enjoy reading but often have difficulty concentrating on a book, so this activity enables them to continue to access the enjoyment that reading can bring.

Distribution Volunteer

Barnet Seniors' Association

The Insider is a free bi-monthly newsletter for the benefit of the over-55s, run by the Barnet Seniors' Association. They are looking for volunteers who can distribute the newsletters every two months either on their own or nearby streets or to local community centres. Email distribution@barnetseniors.org.uk for more details.

Pin Badge Volunteer

RSPB

Have you got a couple of hours to spare each month? By placing three badge boxes in your local area you could raise important funds for wildlife conservation in London. This is a very flexible opportunity which can fit your lifestyle.

Trustee

Barnet Carers Centre

If you have an interest in social care and would like to play a key role in the support of carers in Barnet why not join Barnet Carers Centre as a Trustee. They are looking for trustees to meet six times a year to assist them in the delivery and planning of their valuable service.

Early Years Activity Assistant

Barnet Libraries volunteer

Barnet Libraries has an exciting role supporting staff in running events for under-fives. From setting up the room to handing out musical instruments to the children this is a fun and varied role. If you enjoy engaging with young children this could be the opportunity for you!

Office Administration Volunteer

Barnet Education Business Partnership

Barnet Education Business Partnership works to connect Barnet's young people with the world of work. They are looking for volunteers to assist with their general administration duties. There will also be opportunities to assist at events, which is a great way to meet lots of new people and build on your skills.



You can apply for these opportunities, and many more, by registering on the website: www.volunteeringbarnet.org.uk Click "opportunity search" and enter the role title or organisation name.

If you have any questions about these opportunities, or how to apply, get in touch with Emily Coatham: enquiry@volunteeringbarnet.org.uk or 0300 365 9960.

**We would
love to hear
from you!**

Community focus

volunteering

Over the next few editions, we'll be shining the spotlight on the various community partner groups that contribute to making Barnet a great place to live. These include voluntary groups, organisations, social clubs, charities and social enterprises, over 200 of which can be found listed on the Barnet Community Directory.

Barnet Carers Centre

Barnet Carers Centre provides information, advice and practical support to unpaid carers, adults and young carers who live in Barnet and take care of a relative or friend who is disabled, ill or simply can't cope without their support.

Did you know?

There are almost 4,000 young carers in Barnet who spend an estimated 15 – 30 hours a week as carers.

Carers and young carers benefit from the wide range of services, which for young carers include hubs and activities, mentoring support, tuition, trips and outings, among others. Other services such as counselling, form-filling, legal advice, peer support, health and wellbeing activities and training courses, are provided to adult carers.

The centre recently received funding from the Young Barnet Foundation for its popular young carers hubs and activities, which are run four times a month at two different locations in the borough – Mill Hill and High Barnet - giving young carers a chance to let their hair down and take part in a range of fun activities from sports to drama sessions.

If you are a carer or young carer and would like to hear more about the support available to you please get in touch with Barnet Carers Centre through the following teams or visit www.barnetcarers.org

Young carers: 020 8432 2092

Adult carers: 020 8343 9698



Jason's story

“Last year, I received a call from a distressed parent of one of our registered Young Carers, Jason*, aged 12.

Jason is a young carer for his mother, D*, who suffers with Chiari Malformation and Frozen Shoulder. These illnesses cause D to experience varying levels of pain, also impacting on her mobility. Jason helps his mother by offering emotional and practical support, including carrying out domestic tasks, assisting with shopping and caring for his younger sibling.

On top of being a young carer for his mother, Jason experienced ongoing bullying at school which led to his own ill health and anxiety. I wanted to ensure Jason felt comfortable and safe, so I supported both D and Jason to successfully place Jason in another local school.

After a tough year, Jason finally feels confident about going to school again. He regularly attends Barnet Carers Centre activities and outings which he finds useful for making new friends and provides respite from his caring role.”

Support Worker, Barnet Carers Centre

**names have been changed to protect anonymity*

Would you like to suggest a local community group to feature in our next edition? Contact us at barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk

your views

Your views are helping us improve Barnet's Parks and Open Spaces

Barnet has a great collection of parks and open spaces and these are an important part of what makes us a green and family friendly borough.

We want everyone to enjoy our good quality parks and open spaces, and our promise is to make sure they are amongst the best in London.

Following our public consultations on the **Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2016)** and the draft **Playing Pitch Strategy (2017)**, a number of 'Master Plan' activities are taking place. These plans suggest a range of enhancements and developments for particular parks and open spaces in Barnet. We have recently been seeking your views on what you'd like to see at:

- West Hendon Playing Fields and Associated Community Facilities
- Barnet Playing Fields and King George V Playing Fields
- Cophall Sports Hub and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan

Thank you to those who took part in these consultations, the plans are all at various stages of development and you will have more opportunities to have your say as they evolve; keep an eye on engage.barnet.gov.uk

Victoria Park Consultation

Background

We appointed Groundwork London (GWL) earlier this year to identify how best to use the money that was raised from the sale of The Lodge in Victoria Park. It is a requirement that any funds raised from the sale will only be spent on Victoria Park, and we want to use the money to enhance the park and its facilities.

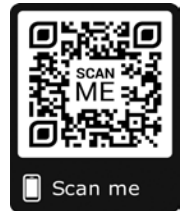
GWL has already engaged with the local community to get a better understanding of the priorities and improvements that residents would most like to see. Over 400 survey responses were received.

Based on these findings, GWL have drafted a Master Plan complete with design options, and a full public consultation is now underway.

What are we seeking your views on?

- the options proposed for play, tennis and a multi-use games area
- your preference as to what work should be done with the money that is available.

We are also running a series of pop up events in the park, so you can come down, look at the potential options and give us your comments. The online questionnaire, dates and specific locations for the pop up events can be found on: engage.barnet.gov.uk



We recently asked your views on the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for safer dog control in Brook Farm Open Space and Barnet Playing Fields. Visit engage.barnet.gov.uk to see how we acted on the results.

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