

Environment Committee

The Environment Committee has a wide remit and is responsible for all borough-wide matters relating to the street scene including; allotments, crematoria and mortuary, environmental health, lighting, parking, parks road safety, recycling and waste collections, street cleaning, trading standards transport, trees and waterways.

Introduction:

Barnet is a green and leafy borough with parks and open spaces that are amongst the best in London. In order to meet the needs of our growing population as well as reduce the environmental impact of it we are working to reduce the amount of waste produced by each person in the Brough and ensuring resilient sustainable collections. Our streets will be safe and clean, day and night to support the prosperity of the borough. We will also ensure that our highways are maintained to a good standard and that transport connections are improved to support employment and the development of housing in the borough. However, we are also developing a Transport Strategy to provide improved alternatives to using the car and support improvements to air quality and health.

Committee Priorities for 2019-2024

| Corporate priority | How we will deliver this by 2024 |
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| Getting Barnet clean through efficient street cleaning services, minimising and recycling waste, and weekly bin collections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting residents to reduce waste to below the London average by working on initiatives that promote waste minimisation and reuse Working with landlords and agents to reduce the hidden 'throw away' culture in many communal dwellings Fully utilising new street cleansing equipment Reducing bin clutter in town centres by continuing to implement time-banded collections |
| Keeping the borough moving, including improvements to roads and pavements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving the condition of our roads and pavements Encouraging the use of public transport, walking and cycling through the 'healthy streets' approach Lobbying for improvements to public transport and bringing back disused public transport such as rail lines Developing a cycle network to major destinations in the borough without impeding main traffic routes Promoting and continuing to roll out electric vehicle charging and car clubs Using enforcement to increase compliance and support traffic to move smoothly and safely |
| Getting the best out of our parks and improving air quality by looking after and investing in our greenspaces | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing masterplans that deliver significant improvements to parks Delivering the tree planting programme across the borough to alleviate the effects of pollution Identifying sites for using green spaces to promote health and wellbeing |
| Additional committee priority | How we will deliver this by 2024 |
| Using regulation and enforcement to reduce non-compliance and maintain our public realm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taking enforcement action to reduce offending such as fly-tipping and littering Addressing and reducing unnecessary demand on public resources which are required to maintain the quality of the public realm Delivering multi-agency interventions including inspections and environmental audits to reduce offending and lessen the impact on local communities and businesses |
| Creating a healthy environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working closely with partners to help address and prevent health issues Utilising the built environment and green infrastructure to promote active travel (such as walking and cycling routes) to support health improvement. Enforcing environmental health regulations Working with TfL and Highways England to improve air quality on the main network corridors and areas close to schools. |