WOODHOUSE NEWS

Weekly News and Events for Residents of Woodhouse Ward
Friday 11 September 2026

At The Town Hall this week: The **Finance & Growth Cttee** met on Monday 7th to consider 'Development & Regeneration Projects in Barnet', as well as 'council processes to achieve debt recovery' and 'fixed price electricity procurement through Long-term Purchase Agreement'. Planning Committee met on Wednesday, 9th where the application for an additional story to Gloucester House in Woodside Lane was approved, despite a lot of local opposition.

Next week is very busy with committees every day! So... To start with the Barnet Pension Fund committee meets on Monday, 14th, to consider the external audit & accounts as well as the investment strategy and the annual report from the local Pension Board. Cabinet meets on Tuesday, 15th, to consider a response to the assurance review for Barnet by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) as well as an update on 'Our Plan for Barnet' and new processes for the NCiL programme, whereby a proportion of development funds are reserved for local projects. Wednesday 16th its Adults & Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The main item on the agenda there is an update on community equipment and technology. To quote from the papers "*Community equipment and assistive technology are preventative services that support people to remain independent, safe and well at home, and contribute to timely hospital discharge and wider neighbourhood health priorities.*" GARMS (Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards Committee) meets on Thursday, 17th. Items to discuss there are: Complaints, the quarterly risk report, progress on the internal audit, an update on the performance of treasury management and a progress report on the external audit. JHOSC (Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee) meets on Friday morning, 19th, in Enfield this time. Agenda to be published. JHOSC includes the five London Boroughs of Barnet, Haringey, Enfield, Islington and Camden to scrutinise broader health provision across the area. Quarterly meetings are rotated around the five boroughs.

Lastly, the **Safer Communities Partnership Board** also meets on Friday, 18th, at the Town Hall, at 10.00 O'clock. To be discussed there: the quarterly performance report of the committee, as well as an update from the police North West BCU (Borough Command Unit), Family Services update, including reducing offending and VAWG, an update on the strategy for dealing with serious violence, combatting drugs and an annual update from the health partners. www.barnet.gov.uk.



Four Waymark lamps are being installed across the Borough. This one outside artsdepot in North Finchley, indicating local places of interest and heritage. Funded by the National Lottery and supported by the Mayor of London's Cultural Impact Award. The main comments so far have been that the seat is too high!

Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, approaches so wishing everyone celebrating a safe and happy time.

Woodhouse Safer Neighbourhood Police Panel met this week on **Wednesday 9 September,** where there was an update from the police team on local crime and statistics. Theft and some violence was up but commercial theft, including shoplifting was down. We also discussed 'safe heavens' where people can go if they don't feel safe – there is a call for more venues to come forward to take part in this scheme. Appropriate training is offered. We were pleased to be joined on this occasion by the Cabinet member for Community Safety, Cllr. Sara Conway, who could update the panel on council policy and practice in the various areas.

For details of how to get involved in the panel email the secretary, Helen Hooper at helenhooper9@hotmail.com Please call 101 to report any incidents - 999 if an emergency of course. You can also call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. The more incidents that are recorded the better chance of those responsible being caught. See also Barnet First: *www.barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk*

Woodhouse Councillors' Advice Surgeries are held on the third Saturday of each month 2.00pm to 3.30pm at: North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N12 9HP Tel: 020 8359 3845 – or by arrangement. The next surgery will be on **Saturday 19 September.** These are 'drop in' sessions – no appointment needed.

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