

Barnet Council – Caring for people, our places and the planet

We have a new mission at Barnet Council: *to care for people, our places and the planet.* Here's a flavour of what we are doing:



Caring for people

- We've launched our child participation and family involvement strategy called **'My Say Matters.'** By involving children, young people and their families in the way we shape and develop our services we ensure their voices are heard.
- We're enabling **more discharges from hospital** through social care than ever before.
- We've launched a new **£2m residents' support fund** to help people struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, taking our total support to over **£9m.**



- Working with local businesses and not for profit groups, we're launching **warm spaces** for residents to visit this winter.



- A **£240k** community innovation fund is now available to community groups to support the cost of living crisis.
- **1,000s** of residents enjoyed our biggest-ever **Black History Month**, bringing together the borough's communities to celebrate with over **70** events.
- We're offering **small grants** to community groups to encourage a **Winter of Festivals.**
- We've launched an **engagement and co-production** strategy to involve residents even more in shaping our adult social care services.



Caring for our places

- **2 community safety hubs** have opened in Edgware and West Hendon, with more due to open soon, so residents can easily raise concerns about crime with police and council enforcement officers.
- We've launched **safer streets ward walks** aimed at addressing place-based issues to help everyone to feel safe.
- Our new **community skips service** will visit **74** neighbourhoods around the borough throughout the year.
- We're investing **£500k more** to 'deep clean' our streets.



- We're providing **£250k more** to repair potholes and pavements.
- Our **fly-tipping campaign** lets residents know how to report issues and warns offenders against fly-tipping.



- We've started work to deliver **1,000** new council homes at **50%** of market rental rates.
- Sheffield Hallam University will open a **campus** for up to **5,000 students** at Brent Cross Town in 2025/26, strengthening the educational offer to local people.
- We're working with TfL and GLA to secure government Levelling Up funding for a redeveloped, **step-free tube station** at Colindale.



Caring for the planet

NET ZERO BY 2030



- We've declared a climate emergency and pledged to be a **net zero council by 2030 and a net zero borough by 2042.**
- Our **Climate Change Citizens' Assembly** launches in January with **40** residents looking at how we can get to Net Zero.



- We're installing **510** more electric vehicle charging points across the borough.
- We joined the Mayor of London's **anti-idling campaign** to improve the air we breathe.



- As part of the council's Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration scheme, the **£8bn** Brent Cross Town development will have an on-site energy centre and **the largest air source heat pump installation in Europe.** It will provide **low carbon heating** to the planned 6,700 new homes and all energy supplied will come from **100% renewal** sources. The new Brent Cross West railway station is also under construction.

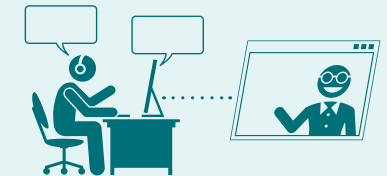


An engaged and effective council

- Our new **corporate plan** will put caring for people, our places and the planet at the heart of everything we do.



- We're involving communities more closely in shaping our services and local areas. We've set out how in our new **community engagement and participation strategy.**
- We have been recognised as working to become a dementia friendly borough by the Alzheimer's Society and have over **10,000** residents and staff trained as Dementia Friends.



- A new **call-back option** added to our phone service and **British Sign Language** and **ReciteMe** tools in our on-line service will make it easier for people to contact us.
- We are moving to a Cabinet system of governance and are making the system more **open and accountable.**

