



BARNET BUDGET EDITION

THE LIB. DEM. VIEW from your Councillors **JACK COHEN MONROE PALMER SUSETTE PALMER**

Barnet's Tory Budget passed by Council has cut after cut.

Forexample: -

- ☹️ £2millionpoundscutfromthe Environmentbudget
- ☹️ Over£1millioncutfromadultsocial services
- ☹️ £867,000cutfromchildren'sser- vices
- ☹️ £100,000cutfromwinterroad maintenance.

The Liberal Democrat Alternative Budget

(validatedbyBarnet'sChiefFinanceOfficer)included: -

- ☺️ TownCentreRenewalbypilotinga1hourfreeparking schemeforHighStreetshoppers.
- ☺️ Retainingwardensinshelteredaccommodation.The courtjudgementforcedtheToriestoputplanstoscrap thewardensonhold.However,theToryAdministration hasmadecleartheydonotintendtofundwardenslong term.
- ☺️ Givingresidents'forumsalocalimprovementbudget
- ☺️ Restoringcutstowinterroadmaintenance.

TheToryAdministrationvotedoutourproposals.

ALL YOUR COUNCILLORS SPOKE IN THE BUDGET DEBATE



CllrJackCohen presentedtheLiberalDemocratAlternative Budgetincludingallthe pointsabove.Hecon- cluded“Barnetresidentsarenowpay- ingmoreCouncilTaxthantheir neighboursinBrent&Camden(both LiberalDemocratledCouncils). **ThisToryBudgetis‘Trickand Treat.’AllTricksandnoTreat.**



CllrSusettePalmer pointedoutthatcutting thelibrarymediaand bookfundby£40,000was goingtomeanlessbooks. Shethenwentontotackle thelackofneighbourhoodwardensand thedeteriorationinroadsandpave- ments.Sheconcluded, **“Don’tletthemfoolyou.ThisTory budgetpromisescuts,cutsandmore cutstoourpublicservices.”**



CllrMonroePalmer said, “BarnetToriesare‘inde- nial’aboutadmittingthat theygambledwithmoney borrowedandlostit”.He comparedBarnet’sactionswithputting themoneyonMic’sDelight,winnerat KemptonParkat20to1.“Thiscouldbe describedasastrategybutBarnetvoters didnotelectaCounciltotakesuchrisks, beitIcelandorthe4.45atKemptonPark. **Weareunlikelytogetthemoneyback.**

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