



The Joint Trade Unions invite you to

“STRICTLY COME TO THE RALLY “



Wednesday

3rd December at 6 pm

Barnet House



1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ

(Nearest tube Totteridge on Northern line)

“Have you read the Cabinet Report?”

“Do you understand what it is saying?”

“Do you want to know what Councillors think of the Report?”

If you answer **No** to any of the above

Come down to the Rally and attend the Cabinet meeting!

We have had a lot of comments that the report is written in **code**.....not the **Da Vinci Code** but **political code**. This issue was raised about the last Cabinet report on Future Shape. Let us hope it does not take **three months** for a user friendly plain English version to reach the eyes and ears of Barnet residents and staff.

What the report does propose is **a** model. Not several models, but **a** model. Staff are already asking me where their in-house service fits into the model. We have looked at it in detail and cannot find any comment on in-house services being given a 'level playing field' to compete with this model. There is one statement in the report about the current council model which says:

“This model has served the Council well but is approaching the end of its useful life in terms of its ability to deliver the services people need and to produce savings”

So, if you work for Barnet and still feel useful and able to deliver services.....!!

Make sure you come down with your work colleagues and let the Council know, Council staff are alive and well and able to deliver high quality services for Barnet residents!



Our Council is Not for Sale



3 December Cabinet Report

Whilst the decision on the Future of Council Services has been put back until **10 June 2009**, it is important that staff read the Full Cabinet report carefully as there are a number of **key recommendations**:

1. Develop a detailed assessment of the overall model for public service commissioning, design and delivery
2. Develop a detailed assessment of the costs and benefits of procuring a capacity vehicle
3. Develop a detailed assessment of the costs and benefits of procuring a number of service delivery vehicles.

The report goes on to say the *'Council's direct service delivery role will shrink as its strategic capacity expands.*

"It should therefore enable other organisations to do those things that they can do as well or better than the Council"

"...the development of fundamentally new.....closer ways of working with Local Strategic Partnerships' (Middlesex University, Barnet College, Met Police, PCT)

'Special Purpose Vehicle could be a joint venture, between Barnet Council and one or more private, public or voluntary sector partners"

"So instead of the Council, the PCT and Jobcentre Plus all having customer access functions, there could be a single public service access organisation"

"Elements of adults' and children's social services and housing could be combined to create an organisation....."

**There is no mention in the report of
In House service delivery!.....Why not?**

REMEMBER!

Rally & Cabinet meeting on 3 December. 6 p.m. Barnet House