

# The A-Z Guide to Future Shape

**A** is for Airlines.



The Council has been promoted as looking to run its public service along the no frills airline model. It would be political suicide if they decided to run with this model.

**B** is for Barnet



Barnet has attracted national media profile due to the easyCouncil tag.



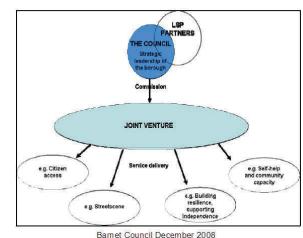
## Our Council is Not for Sale

# C

is for Commissioning.

In the original plan the council was looking to move from a delivering to a commissioning only council. The whole workforce feared mass privatisation of services, the idea has been subsequently dropped.

Figure 4: new public service model



# D

is for Dexter

Dexter Whitfield is Director, European Services Strategy Unit.  
He has and is continuing to provide consultancy support to the Trade Unions.



# E

is for easyCouncil.

This catchphrase has quickly pushed Barnet into the scrutiny of not only the residents but national political commentators.



# F

is for Mike Freer

The former Council Leader who initiated and promoted the Future Shape project.



# G

is for Gordon Brown.

Gordon Browns government are promoting a Project called '**Total Place**' which is another name for Future Shape.



# H

is for Housing.

Future Shape aims to bring the ALMO and the Councils Housing together, the key decision is whether it remains within the Council.



# I

is for IT services.



IT contracts come to an end and key decision as to who and how these services will be provided including partnerships with other public sector bodies in Barnet.

# J

is for Judicial review.

Barnet Sheltered Housing residents won a judicial review to save their service.

Without Future Shape there would not have been a Barnet Community Campaign (BCC) . BCC helped promote and deliver the campaign.



# K

is for £K

£££££££££££ spent on **Consultants** to support the Future Shape project



# L

is for Local Strategic Partnerships (LSP)

Barnet College, Middlesex University, NHS Barnet, Job Centre Plus, Council, Met Police are all working together to deliver big savings.



# M

is for money



One of the key aims of Future Shape is to achieve a relentless drive for efficiency. Any privatisation of council services will see the new provider making sure they take their share of any profits/efficiencies made.

# N

is for North London Business Park (NLBP)

Next year will see another large number of council staff move into the ever increasing NLBP village.



"Resistance is futile"



# O

is for 'One Public Sector'

What does this mean in practice? It could mean merging of back office services across the public sector bodies it could mean a **Borg** takeover of Public services?

# P

is for Public Services

Future Shape marks a watershed as to who will be providing public services across all public sector bodies.



# Q

is for Queue jumping.



According to some the easyCouncil model for delivering public services will lead to a two tier service with those with money able to jump the queue.

# R

is for Refuse service



Future Shape promotes changing or shaping the behaviour of its residents. The Council claim they need to change residents behaviour to recycling otherwise the Council could face a massive Landfill bill in five years time.

# S

is for services.



The council delivers a broad range of '*value for money*' services to Barnet residents.

# T

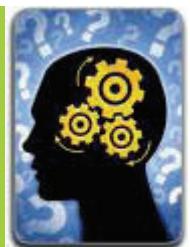
is for TUPE Plus



TUPE Plus has been promoted by the joint trade unions to ensure in the event of any transfer of staff to another organisation their terms and conditions will not be undermined.

# U

is for understanding?



Very few people understand what Future Shape is or means.

# V

is for Joint Venture



One of a number of alternative models of service delivery

# W

is for Waves



Waves are stages in the Future Shape Timetable.

# X

is for X Factor



Because in house services deliver the X Factor for residents

# Y

is for young people.



The Council is looking at a Learning Trust model for delivering services to young people in schools/community.

# Z

is for sleeping...



You are guaranteed plenty of zzzzzzz if you manage to read all the Future Shape Cabinet report including background papers.



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