

WOODHOUSE NEWS

Weekly News and Events for Residents of Woodhouse Ward Friday 6 December 2024

At The Town Hall: This past week **Cabinet** met on Thursday 5 December to consider the strategy on **Keeping Young People Safe: Tackling Child Exploitation 2025-2028**. This was the last report of Chris Munday who is retiring as Director of Childrens' Services in Barnet. Cabinet thanked Chris for his ten years of service to the Borough. There was also discussion on a revised policy for **Community Assets** as well as the annual report on **Equalities. Business Planning**, included the revised MTFS (Medium Term Financial Strategy) which was discussed in detail, including key headlines and a breakdown of service pressures. The proposals will go out to public consultation from 12 December to 22 January and subsequently back to Cabinet in February, before being presented to full council in March. Next week there will be a further meeting of **GARMS** (Governance, Audit, Risk Management and Standards) on Thursday 12th to receive a report by auditors BDO on the audits of council accounts for 2021/22 and 22/23, as well as those of the **Barnet Pension Fund**. The **Overview & Scrutiny Committee** will also be scrutinising the budget at a meeting on the same evening. www.barnet.gov.uk

Also highlighted this week has been the continuing work on **VAWG** keeping Women and Girls safe and reminder of the 'Safe Havens' around the borough. More information: at Barnet's **Safer Communities Partnership Board** www.barnet.gov.uk

Artsdepot welcomed thousands of families through its doors this year and now want to give 100 tickets, festive food and gifts to local families who couldn't otherwise afford to come. They are also offering five free places for their inclusive summer camp for children.

Tuesday 10 December at noon is the last time to raise £4,000 - every donation will be matched by pledge donors, meaning that for every £1 donated they will receive £2. Do help them if you can at:

<https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a056900002TPV18AAH>

North Finchley Library in Ravensdale Avenue, N12 9HP, is offering an evening of '**Lego & Chit Chat for adults**' on Tuesday 10 December 6.00pm – 7.00pm. An evening for adults to relax with Lego.



Spaces are limited, first come, first served

Teas & coffees provided.

"This is an event to encourage adults to be creative and socialise with others from the community"

Saturday 7 December is '**Small Business Saturday**'. #SmallBizSatUK

A reminder that detailed proposals and consultation material for the **Torrington Park 20mph zone** can be found using the link [Torrington Park and surrounding area road safety consultation | Engage Barnet](#). On the Barnet website.

Barnet Health Champions offer a wealth of information and opportunities about enjoyable ways to keep fit in the community. Contact them for more information and how to get involved: [<barnethealthchampions@groundwork.org.uk>](mailto:barnethealthchampions@groundwork.org.uk)

The next Woodhouse local police panel will be in January. Please contact the Chair, Tony Kirkham, for more information and if you would like to be involved, on 07542 020 031 or email: tk5000@btinternet.com. **Reminder:** in an emergency always call 999 or to report a non-urgent incident its 101. www.met.police.co.uk

Councillors Surgeries are held twice a month, on the first and third Saturdays, in the café area at **artsdepot** from 10.30 – 12 noon. **December** Dates are Saturdays 7th and 21st. Do come along if you have any concerns, or just to meet your local Councillors.

Or contact Geof or Anne by email or phone: Cllr.g.cooke@barnet.gov.uk or 020 8440 3602 Cllr.a.hutton@barnet.gov.uk or 07710 383 884

