

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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Title: Motions	
Report of: The Chief Executive	
Open	For Information
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
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Accountable Director:	The Chief Executive
Summary: The following motions have been received in accordance with paragraph 14 of Article 2, Part B of the Council's Constitution: 1. Train fare increases and unfair zonal system To be moved by Councillor McCarthy: "Barking and Dagenham Council notes with great concern the latest rises in train fares and the disproportionate costs incurred by people in Barking and Dagenham due to the unfair zonal system. A weekly train ticket has increased by 25% since Boris Johnson became Mayor in 2008 – adding £440 a year to travel costs. "Barking and Dagenham Council recommends that the current zonal system be reconfigured in order to remove the current bias in favour of west London. This is to remove such discrepancies as a journey from Richmond to Bank costing less than one from Dagenham East to the same station. We also call upon the Mayor of London to freeze prices in 2014 in order to halt spiraling costs." 2. Unacceptable practice of blacklisting of construction workers To be moved by Councillor Channer: "This Council notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The GMB campaign to highlight that 3,213 workers were blacklisted by construction firms and which calls for all of those affected to be given an unreserved apology and compensation by the firms.- That in 2009 the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) seized a database of 3,213 construction workers used by 44 companies to vet new recruits and keep out	

employment trade union and health and safety activists.

- That of the 3,213 workers identified on the blacklist only 194 have been informed that they appear on the list.
- Of the 194 people identified as featuring on the blacklist, 39 of these were based or attempting to find work in London.
- A number of blacklisted workers live in Barking and Dagenham

"This Council believes:

- Blacklisting is an unacceptable practice which cannot be condoned.
- That the construction firms that engaged in blacklisting should apologise to those who have been affected and denied jobs as a result of the list.
- That the Information Commissioners' Office should inform all those who feature on the blacklist.

"This Council resolves:

- To support the GMB campaign against the blacklisting of construction workers.
- To call on the Council to make clear to all construction companies bidding for Council contracts that any unlawful blacklisting of workers will not be tolerated
- To request the Chief Executive to provide a report to the next Assembly meeting regarding progress on this matter."

The deadline for amendments to these motions is noon on Friday 10 May 2013.

For information, attached at Appendix A is the relevant extract from the Council's Constitution relating to the procedure for dealing with motions.

Recommendation/Reason:

The Assembly is asked to debate and vote on the above motion and any amendments.