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Dear Councillor,

Council – 6 May 2009 – “TO FOLLOW PAPERS”

Please find attached and listed below, four of the items that were not available when the agenda for the above meeting was circulated.

Item No. 9 - Councillors' Question Time
Item No. 10 - Motions
Item No. 12 - Memberships of Committees and Panels
Item No. 16 - Calendar of Meetings

Please note that the papers for Item No. 13 – Appointment of Council Bodies for 2009/2010 and Item No. 14 – Representation on other Bodies and Organisations will be circulated at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Addison
Democratic Services Team

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS
6 MAY 2009

Question 1 from Councillor Rodin to Councillor Lavender, Deputy Leader of the Council/ Sustainable Communities & Employment & Place Shaping

“Can Councillor Lavender give the council an update on the latest position in relation to the North London Waste Authority's intention to acquire a site for a new waste facility within Enfield?”

Reply from Councillor Lavender:

“The North London Waste Authority (NLWA) has an all party waste planning group which assesses the needs of the area administered by the NLWA and the identification of capacity and sites. It is known as the North London Waste Planning Members Group (NLWPMG). I am not a member of the NLWPMG. Councillor Neville is a member of that body and a similar question was asked of him at a recent council meeting. The answer to that question is minuted; I do not need to repeat it here. I also attach a copy of Councillor Neville's response to the member for Enfield North following his answer to the supplementary question posed by Councillor Bond.

At the most recent Local Development Framework sub-committee, at which Councillor Goddard was in attendance, we were informed that the North London Waste Plan would be published in September 2009 since no final decisions had currently been made by the NLWPMG.

I understand that Councillor Rodin has made similar requests of the chairman of the NLWA and can only assume given the persistence of the Labour Group in requesting the information within this chamber that the Chairman of the NLWA has also and quite properly declined to disclose the identity of any sites under consideration pending their publication.”

Question 2 from Councillor Rodin to Councillor Lavender, Deputy Leader of the Council/ Sustainable Communities & Employment & Place Shaping

“At the last council meeting, you replied to an urgent question about Broomfield House. Your answer included the following "... in fact £6 million has been awarded for restoration of Broomfield House and stables by Boris for the year 2010/2011 - 3 cheers for Boris! ..." Can Councillor Lavender please let the Council know the following:

- (a) from what fund has this money been allocated?
- (b) what are the stated purposes of this fund?
- (c) by whom is the money provided for this fund?
- (d) what is the total amount available from this fund for Greater London for the year 2010/2011?
- (e) what is the amount in (d) above supposed to deliver for the whole of London?”

Reply from Councillor Lavender:

- “(a) The council has received an indicative funding allocation of £5.9m from the Mayor of London’s targeted funding stream.
- (b) The purpose of the targeted funding stream is to provide funding for specific programmes of work in key areas of housing need. These areas include improving the condition and use of existing homes and in particular, bringing long-term empty properties back into use. Priority projects in this category are schemes which would bring a building listed with English Heritage back into use. Hence the request by this administration and the support of Boris Johnson for the restoration of Broomfield House is entirely proper.
- (c) The money is administered by Boris Johnson under the 2007 GLA Act. Given the inexorable path from local government to local administration under the present Labour government and central government’s hypothecation of local government expenditure Councillor Rodin wants me to acknowledge that any expenditure of local government is from the largesse of central government and the benevolence of the Labour Party, well I won’t give him that satisfaction. Monies from central government come partly from the taxpayer and in the main (since this government has destroyed the tax-paying capacity of the British economy) from those who initially subscribed for gilts, it does not come out of Labour MP’s back-pockets.
- (d) The total funding available from the targeted funding stream for improving the use and condition of existing homes in 2010/2011 is £77m. Given the number of London boroughs and the sum awarded to Enfield for this project, you can see that our lobbying of the Mayor has paid dividends in that we have received a significant share of this money.
- (e) The GLA has not yet confirmed the overall funding programme for 2010/2011 and it is still subject to further review by the Mayor and ministerial sign off. The Mayor’s Housing Strategy confirms the Mayor’s target to bring over 3,400 empty homes back in to use by 2011.

Three cheers for Boris!”

Question 3 from Councillor Rodin to Councillor Lavender, Deputy Leader of the Council/ Sustainable Communities & Employment & Place Shaping

In a Conservative Party leaflet, distributed at Palmers Green Triangle on Saturday, 18 April it was stated that Enfield Council has allocated £2 million for the restoration of Broomfield House. When was this decision taken, by whom, and can Councillor Lavender let the council know the relevant council report number?

Reply from Councillor Lavender:

“Councillor Rodin thinks he may have found our agent in Enfield Southgate has been exaggerating.

Me thinks he might be right.

As part of the penultimate year’s budget, authorisation for expenditure on the House and grounds in Broomfield Park was contained within the capital programme and medium term financial strategy to the tune of only £1m not £2m.

(Incidentally Councillor Charamalambous stood up in this council chamber and expressly stated that he refused to support the budget. I am grateful to Councillor Rodin for giving me the opportunity to highlight the lack of support given by the Labour Party to the improvement of the House and grounds.)

However one needs to trawl back a bit further as well. An additional sum was allocated pursuant to Cabinet decision 29 of the Cabinet meeting held on January 16th 2003. It was intended that such allocation be supported by the sale of the stables (of course the sale will not be necessary nor possible and the shortfall will need to be made up in the capital programme as a result if further sums are needed).

Incidentally this was a confidential Part II item but the minutes indicate that Councillor Goddard was in attendance from the Labour Party.

That sum allocated was for £940,000. So only £1,940,000 in total has in principle been allocated not £2m.

I will admonish Councillor Lamprecht for exaggerating to the tune of £60,000 and tell him not to do it in future.

As I stated in the answer to the question, we need to understand what £6m will buy. Once our conservation team has worked up costing and proposals more accurately then a final figure will be arrived upon and a final decision made. Councillor Rodin can rest assured that both he and the Labour Party will be given every opportunity to oppose this initiative in time for the next local elections.

Question 4 from Councillor Lemonides to Councillor Rye, Leader of the Council

“Do you agree that to run any organisation, including a council, that all members need to understand the risks to that organisation? If so, what arrangements are being made to share the Corporate Risk Register with all members by way of a council meeting agenda item?”

Reply from Councillor Rye:

"The council has recently revised its risk management strategy setting out roles and responsibilities for both members and officers.

One of the key objectives in the strategy is to ensure that members, Council Management Board, and external regulators can obtain the necessary assurance that the council is mitigating the risks in terms of achieving its objectives and complying with good corporate governance practice.

The strategy clearly states that the Audit Committee will review the Corporate Risk Register every six months. Similarly, it states that the Corporate Risk Register should be considered by the Cabinet on a six-monthly basis. All members receive the Cabinet agenda so will be kept informed in that way. However, I am happy for a report to come to Council annually "

Question 5 from Councillor G Savva to Councillor Kaye, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture, Olympics 2012 and Voluntary Sector

"Will Councillor Kaye inform the council of the start date of the mobile library visiting the site of Weir Hall Library, as he promised in the press in December 2008?"

Reply from Councillor Kaye:

My original comment to the press referred to a mobile library service in the area "from time to time". I subsequently decided to ensure that the local community was offered a more frequent service on a weekly basis, nearby. The location at Haselbury Junior School was identified as the neighbourhood is more densely populated than the Millfield site and is less than a 15-minute walk away. Moreover, some parents had expressed the view that the relocation of Weir Hall library to Fore Street would have an impact on local schools, so consequently we decided to locate the mobile library on a school site which is also open to members of the public, on Monday afternoons. On average, so far, over 80 people including school children, have been visiting the mobile library on this site, each week.

Construction work at the Millfield Theatre is about to get underway and it would currently prove difficult for the vehicle to enter and leave that particular site safely over the next few months. A site visit with the mobile library will be undertaken and a risk assessment carried out to decide if re-locating the mobile library is possible, in the future.

Between September and February, the old mobile vehicle was off the road as it did not meet with new emission standards. We now have a new mobile vehicle and the regular timetabled stops have resumed. During the time that the mobile library was off the road, school sites were serviced by our smaller delivery vehicle and anyone wishing for a service who could not get to a library service point was offered our Homebound Service direct to their home.

Question 6 from Councillor G Savva to Councillor Kaye, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture, Olympics 2012 and Voluntary Sector

"Will Councillor Kaye inform the Council of the cost for security at Fore Street Library?"

Reply from Councillor Kaye:

“The security arrangements at Fore Street are exactly the same as those at other libraries, including the former Weir Hall Library. This comprises a set of security gates and electronic tags in the items available for loan. New gates were purchased for Fore Street as the old ones are not compatible with self-service technology. New gates were also purchased for Enfield Island Village Library. These cost around £7k and we will be installing new gates in all libraries as we roll out our self-service option. Security tags are part of a borough wide purchase and cost around 11p each.”

Question 1 refers

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T Neville OBE JP
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14 April 2009

Dear Joan

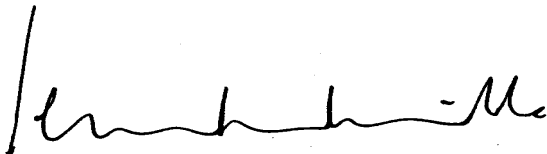
Thank you for your letter of 20 March about the NLWA and Councillor Bond's questions at the 28 January Council Meeting.

You may rest assured that I do not take lightly the location of new waste facilities, indeed that is why I have given many hours of my time to chairing the North London Waste Planning Members Group to ensure as far as practicable, that we achieve an equitable distribution of waste facilities across the seven boroughs.

The short point here is that site specific information at this stage needs to remain confidential until the formal consultation process has identified sites, if any, which may become the location for waste facilities. To give out such information before then risks causing unnecessary alarm and could influence site values inappropriately, thereby potentially increasing eventual acquisition costs for any sites wherever located which may be required.

My referral to you in reply to the supplementary question asked by Councillor Bond was certainly not facetious it was based on my assumption, from statements attributed to you in the past, that you are aware of proposals. You have repeatedly claimed to know that NLWA and Enfield were "secretly" planning to increase the number of waste facilities in the borough, despite my repeated assurance that this was not so. If in fact you are not in possession of information, then of course you will be able to inform Councillor Bond accordingly and perhaps desist from making such claims.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terence Neville', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Terence Neville OBE JP
Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene

MOTIONS
6 MAY 2009

10.1 In the name of Councillor Rodin

“This Council is aware of the financial difficulties being faced by many Enfield residents in the current economic situation. It recognises that its decision to increase the Council Tax for 2009/10 was unwelcome. It is also aware that the Council has substantial financial reserves. It therefore resolves: -

1. to change its decision taken at the Council meeting on 25 February to increase the Council Tax for 2009/10 and instead to set a Council Tax for 2009/10 at the same level as that for 2008/9
2. to declare its intention to set the Enfield element of the Council Tax for 2010/11 at the same level as the Council Tax for 2008/9.”

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MUNICIPAL YEAR 2009/10 REPORT NO. 1

MEETING TITLE AND DATE:
COUNCIL
- 6.5.09

REPORT OF:
Director of Finance and
Corporate
Resources

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AGENDA - PART:	1	ITEM: 12
SUBJECT:		
MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS		

1. SUMMARY

To determine the constitution and political balance of the committees, joint committees and panels that have been set up for the discharge of the Council's functions.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the seats allocated to each political party, on the committees and boards to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply, be as set out in Appendix A of this report.
- 2.2 In accordance with paragraph 3.3 of the report, Council resolves without dissent that the rules of political proportionality should not apply to those bodies marked with an asterisk on Appendix A.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 imposes a duty on Councils to review the representation of different political groups on bodies to which the Council makes appointments. The Act requires that the review should be held at the Annual Meeting or as soon as practicable after that meeting.
- 3.2 The Act provides four principles concerning political representation that must be observed when conducting a review. The four principles are:-
- (a) That not all seats are allocated to the same political party.
 - (b) That the political group with the majority of seats should have the majority of seats on each committee.

- (c) Subject to (a) and (b) that the total number of seats allocated to political groups on all committees (to which Section 15 of the Act applies), shall be in the same proportion as the total number of seats on the authority held by each political group.
- (d) Subject to (a) to (c) that the number of seats allocated to each political group on a committee (to which Section 15 of the Act applies), shall be the same as the proportion of the total number of seats on the authority held by each political group.

3.3 The fourth principle can be waived if the members of the Council agree with no member voting against. Where the fourth principle is waived the allocation of seats on the committee in question must still be included in the calculation as to the total number of seats held by each political group on all committees.

4. CONSIDERATIONS

The committees and boards to which the provisions of Section 15 of the Act apply are shown in Appendix A together with the overall political balance of the Council.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a specific duty imposed on the Council to review each year at the Annual meeting, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the representation of different political groups. The legislation provides that the Council may make alternative arrangements to the 'proportionality' principles within this report only by a unanimous vote. However a political group may decide to offer a seat on a committee or panel to another political group. This does not affect the proportionality principles as it remains within the gift of that political group to determine how it wishes to exercise that discretion, if at all.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 There is a duty imposed on the Council to review, at the Annual Meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, the political balance of bodies to which it makes appointments.
- 7.2 The bodies in question are the committees and boards shown in the table contained in the appendix to this report.
- 7.3 The table shows the political balance of the Council and the number of seats suggested for allocation to each political party in respect of each

committee or board, so as to comply with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Background Papers

None.

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MEMBERS PROPORTIONALITY FOR MEETINGS

APPENDIX A

Title of Meeting	No. of Members	Conservative	Labour	SCF	Total %
		33 52.38%	28 44.44%	2 3.17%	63 100%
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	6	4	2		6
Childrens' Services Scrutiny Panel	9	5	4		9
Environment, Parks & Leisure Scrutiny Panel	9	5	4		9
Health Scrutiny Panel	9	5	3	1	9
Housing Scrutiny Panel	9	5	4		9
Crime and Safety Scrutiny Panel	9	5	3	1	9
Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel	9	5	4		9
Enfield Leisure Centres Ltd. Scrutiny Commission	5	3	2		5
Health Care for London Joint Scrutiny Committee *	2	1	1		2
Young Peoples Life Opportunities Scrutiny Commission	6	3	3		6
Standards Committee *	6	3	3		6
Audit Committee	7	4	3		7
Planning Committee	15	8	6	1	15
Conservation Advisory Group *	5	2	2	1	5
Constitution Review Group	5	3	2		5
Green Belt Forum *	5	2	2	1	5
Licensing Committee	15	8	7		15
Education Standard Forum	7	4	3		7
Learning Difficulties Partnership Board *	2	1	1		2
Joint Consultative Group for Teachers & Staff Forum	5	3	2		5
Member Governor Forum	5	3	2		5
Parents Forum *	4	2	2		4
Complaints Against Curriculum Panel	3	2	1		3
Admissions Forum	5	3	2		5
Secondary Tuition Centre *	2	1	1		2
Schools Forum *	1		1		1
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education *	4	2	2		4
Adoption Panel *	2	1	1		2
Fostering Panel *	2	1	1		2
Corporate Parenting Group *	2	1	1		2
Appointment Panel	5	3	2		5
Eastern District Community Housing Partnership	9	5	4		9
Edmonton District Community Housing Partnership *	9	0	9		9
Western District Community Housing Partnership	9	5	2	2	9
Edmonton Partnership Working Group *	4	2	2		4
Electoral Review Panel	7	4	3		7
Pension Fund Board	7	4	3		7
Public Transport Consultative Group *	11	5	5	1	11
Staff Appeals Panel	11	6	5		11
Tenant Participation Working Group *	5	2	2	1	5
Twinning Working Party *	6	3	3		6
Housing Services Board	3	2	1		3
Enfield Council Working Group on the Olympic and Paralympics Games	5	3	2		5
TOTAL	266	139	118	9	266
Actual Percentage of Representation		52.26%	44.36%	3.38%	100%

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LBE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2009/2010

CIRCULATION 1 (1 MAY 2009)

	MAY 09	JUNE 09	JULY 09	AUG 09	SEPT 09	OCT 09	NOV 09	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	MAY 10
COUNCIL (7 meetings)	Wed 06 Annual		Wed 01		Wed 23		Wed 11		Tues 26	Wed 24	Wed 31		Wed 26 Annual
CABINET													
STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP FORUM													
Local Development Framework Cab Sub Working Grp – Olympic/Paralympic Games Constitution Review Group	Thurs 21	Wed 17 Wed 10	Wed 15 Mon 6		Wed 16 Mon 28	Wed 07 Wed 14	Wed 04 & 25 Wed 18 Tue 3	Wed 16	Wed 20 Wed 10	Wed 10	Wed 03 & 24 Wed 10	Wed 21	
SCRUTINY													
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Tues 12 ³ Tues 26*	Mon 08* Tues 23*	Tues 07* Wed 22	Thur 13*	Wed 02* Thurs 17*	Wed 14* Wed 21*	Tues 03 Thurs 19*	Thurs 3* Tues 22*	Wed 13* Thurs 21 ²	Tues 02* Thurs 18*	Thurs 11 Tues 30*	Tues 06* Thurs 22	Wed 05*
PANELS													
Children's Services		Thurs 11 ¹	Thurs 09			Thurs 01		Tues 15		Mon 01		Mon 19	
Environment, Parks & Leisure		Wed 03 ¹	Thurs 16		Tues 08			Wed 02			Mon 01	Wed 28	
Health		01 or 08 ¹	Tues 21			Mon 19		Tues 08		Thurs 11		Tues 27	
Housing		Tues 19 ¹	Wed 08		Wed 09		Tues 17		Thurs 14		Wed 10		
Adult Social Services		Mon 18 ¹			Tues 29		Tues 10		Tues 12		Tues 23		
Crime & Safety		Tues 02 ¹	Mon 06		Tues 15			Wed 09		Tues 09		Tues 20	
AUDIT COMMITTEE													
STANDARDS COMMITTEE		Tues 30			Thurs 10		Tues 24		Tues 05		Tues 02		
Assessment Sub-Committee	Thurs 07*	Thurs 25*	Thurs 30 Tues 21*		Thurs 03* Thurs 17*	Thurs 15 Thurs 15*	Wed 18* Wed 18*	Tues 08* Tues 08*	Tues 12* Tues 12*	Thurs 11* Thurs 11*	Tues 16* Tues 16*	Thurs 15 Tues 27*	Thurs 27*
PLANNING COMMITTEE	Thurs 14 Wed 20	Wed 24	Wed 29 Thurs 02 Tues 28	Wed 26	Tues 22 Tues 01 Thurs 17	Tues 20 Tues 06	Mon 30 Thurs 05	Thurs 17 Wed 02	Tues 19 Wed 20	Tues 23 Thurs 25	Tues 16 Thurs 25	Mon 26 Tues 20	Thurs 27 Tues 04
Conservation Advisory Group													
Green Belt Forum													
AREA FORUMS													
• Boves, Southgate & Southgate Green		Tues 30				Tues 13		Thurs 10	Tues 05		Tues 02		
• Bush Hill Park, Palmers Green & Winchmore Hill		Tues 09				Thurs 15			Wed 06		Thurs 04		
• Cockfosters, Grange & Highlands		Thurs 18			Tues 08			Wed 09			Thurs 25		
• Chase, Southbury & Town			Tues 14			Thurs 08			Thurs 07		Tues 09		
• Enfield Highway, Enfield Lock & Turkey Street			Wed 22			Wed 21			Wed 13		Wed 17		
• Jubilee, Lower Edmonton & Ponders End		Wed 10			Wed 30				Tues 05		Wed 24		
• Edmonton Green, Haselbury & Upper Edmonton			Wed 15			Mon 19		Tues 01			Tues 30		

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¹ Informal meeting – Work Programme Planning
² Scrutiny Budget Commission
³ Scrutiny Member Induction
*Provisional Call-in (if required)

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LBE/Enfield Racial Equality Council			Thurs 02							Tues 02		Thurs 22	
Enfield Community Police Partnership	Thurs 28			Thurs 27			Thurs 12			Thurs 25			
Public Transport Consultative Group	Thurs 07					Thurs 01	Thurs 26	Thurs 10			Thurs 18		
Enfield Essex Herts Border Liaison Group		Thurs 11			Thurs 10			Thurs 10			Thurs 11		
Local Joint Group													
Pension Board		Tues 23			Tues 29			Tues 8				Tues 6	
Edmonton Partnership Working Group	Thurs 14		Thurs 16 or 23		Thurs 17 or 24		Thurs 19 or 26		Thurs 21		Thurs 18		
Enfield Strategic Partnership Board		Tues 16			Tues 15			Tues 08					
Housing Services Board		Tues 02	Mon 27		Thurs 24	Thurs 22		Tues 01	Wed 27			Thurs 01	
Twinning Working Group													
EDUCATION FORUMS													
• Member/Governor Forum	Tues 12												
• Staff Forum & JCGT		Tues 16					Tues 17			Tues 09			
• Education Standards Forum													
• SACRE		Thurs 25											
• Schools Forum		Thurs 25						Thurs 10	Thurs 28				
• Admissions Forum		Tues 23											
• Parents Forum													
HOUSING													
Enfield Homes Board		Wed 03	Wed 22		Thurs 17		Thurs 19		Thurs 19	Tues 23		Tues 13	
Tenant Participation Working Party													
Eastern Community Housing Partnership		Wed 24											
Edmonton Community Housing Partnership		Tues 23											
Western Community Housing Partnership		Wed 17											
GROUPS													
Conservative Group		Mon 22 & 29			Mon 14 & 21		Mon 02 & 09		Mon 18 & 25	Mon 15 & 22	Mon 22 & 29		Mon 17 & 24
Labour Group		Mon 15, 22, 29	Mon 13 & 20		Mon 7, 14, 21	Mon 12, 26	Mon 02, 09 & 23	Mon 07 & 14	Mon 11, 18, 25	Mon 08, 15, 22	Mon 15, 22, 29		Mon 17 & 24

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