



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 31ST MARCH,
2010 AT 7.00 PM**

**THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS OF THE
LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD**

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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Enfield to be held at the Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield on Wednesday, 31st March, 2010 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

Yours sincerely

J. P. Aushin

Assistant Director, Corporate Governance

1. ELECTION (IF REQUIRED) OF THE CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

2. MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

The Mayor's Chaplain to give a blessing.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (15 MINUTES APPROXIMATELY)

4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 14)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2010.

5. APOLOGIES

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Pages 15 - 16)

Members of the Council are invited to identify any personal or prejudicial interests relevant to items on the agenda. Please refer to the guidance note attached to the agenda.

7. OPPOSITION BUSINESS - THE RESPONSE TO THE CHANGING SOCIAL PROFILE OF THE BOROUGH (Pages 17 - 22)

An issues paper prepared by the Labour Group is attached for the consideration of Council.

The Constitution Procedure Rules relating to Opposition Business are attached for information.

8. ADOPTION OF THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGY FOR ENFIELD (Pages 23 - 32)

To receive the report of the Director of Place Shaping and Enterprise (No. 236) recommending to Council the adoption of the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy together with its delivery plan and rolling action plan.

The recommendations set out in the report are to be considered at the Cabinet meeting to be held on 24 March 2010.

Copies of the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy, consultation statement and the rolling action plan have been placed on deposit in the Members Library, group offices and on the democracy pages of the Council's website.

9. ADDITION TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Pages 33 - 34)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 252) seeking Council approval to a change to the Capital Programme arising from the third quarter capital monitoring report.

The recommendation set out in the report was endorsed at the Cabinet meeting held on 3 March 2010.

10. HONEYSUCKLE HOUSE, OAKTHORPE ROAD, N13 5HY (Pages 35 - 42)

To receive the report of the Director of Health and Adult Social Care (No. 253) seeking approval of the acquisition of the remaining financial interest held by NHS Enfield in Honeysuckle House Care Home.

The recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Cabinet meeting held on 3 March 2010.

11. DELEGATED AUTHORITY WITHIN ENVIRONMENT & STREETSCENE DEPARTMENT (Pages 43 - 66)

To receive the report of the Director of Environment and Street Scene (No. 254) setting out the delegated authority arrangements within Environment and Street Scene Department and updating the arrangements in respect of delegated powers within the Planning & Environmental Protection, Highways & Transportation Services and Waste Management Divisions; and the Community Safety Unit; as a consequence of changes in structures, posts and legislation.

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007 - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS FOR NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 67 - 74)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 255) seeking approval of the draft Constitutional amendments necessary to implement the new governance arrangements and which are appended to this Report as Schedule One.

The recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Governance Review Group meeting held on 4 March 2010.

13. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)
(Pages 75 - 88)

13.1 Urgent Questions (Part 4 - Paragraph 9.2.(b) of Constitution – Page 4-9)

With the permission of the Mayor, questions on urgent issues may be tabled with the proviso of a subsequent written response if the issue requires research or is considered by the Mayor to be minor.

Please note that the Mayor will decide whether a question is urgent or not.

The definition of an urgent question is “An issue which could not reasonably have been foreseen or anticipated prior to the deadline for the submission of questions and which needs to be considered before the next meeting of the Council.”

Submission of urgent questions to Council requires the Member when submitting the question to specify why the issue could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the deadline and why it has to be considered before the next meeting.

A supplementary question is not permitted.

13.2 Councillors' Questions (Part 4 – Paragraph 9.2(a) of Constitution – Page 4 - 8)

The twenty three questions and responses are attached to the agenda.

14. URGENT DECISIONS REQUIRING THE WAIVING OF THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE (PART 4.2 – PARAGRAPH 17.3 – PAGE 4-34)

Council is asked to note the decision taken and the reason for urgency. The decision set out below was made in accordance with the Council's Constitution and Scrutiny Rules of Procedure (Paragraph 17.3 – relating to the waiving of the requirement to allow a 5-day call-in period):

i. Acquisition of land for the Oasis Hadley Academy, Ponders End

Decision:

That the Director of Place Shaping and Enterprise and the Co-Director of Education, Children's Services and Leisure (in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Resources and Education and Children's Services) be authorised to exchange contacts and complete the acquisition of the freehold interest in land at South Street, Ponders End on the terms outlined in this report and in accordance with the Cabinet decision dated 10 September 2008.

Reason for Urgency:

Failure to acquire the site would place £28 million of government funding for Ponders End for the project at serious risk of loss, and in any case delay to the project would incur substantial costs and reduce the number of primary school places available in the area in 2012.

15. MOTIONS

15.1 In the name of Councillor Lamprecht

"This Council calls upon the Government to freeze the increases in Business Rates for two years following the revaluation of premises which has resulted in massive and unwelcome increases in some cases of over 100%."

15.2 In the name of Councillor Chamberlain

"This Council calls upon the Government to halt their programme of cuts to Accident and Emergency services at hospitals in London, and especially at Chase Farm Hospital.

This Council demands that local General Practitioners, Clinicians and Local Authorities should determine local health needs."

15.3 In the name of Councillor Charalambous:

"This Council deplores the incompetence and waste of money in attempting to relocate Palmers Green Library to 284 Green Lanes, N13."

Content / length of speeches and Speakers

The Constitution confirms that speeches must be directed to the question under discussion, to a personal explanation or point of order. No speech may exceed 5 minutes without the consent of the Mayor. As an exception, the mover of a motion (other than to receive or adopt reports of the Cabinet, a Committee/Sub-Committee or Panel or appropriate officer) may speak for 15 minutes in total, with an option of 5 or 10 minutes for proposing the motion and 5 or 10 minutes in exercising the right of reply. There should be no variations allowed between these two options. A maximum of 10 minutes should be allowed at any one period.

16. MEMBERSHIPS

To confirm the following change to committee memberships:

1. Standards Committee Independent Member Appointment Panel

To set up an Appointment Panel for the vacancy of an Independent Member when Rufus Barnes steps down in May 2010.

17. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm any changes to nominations to outside bodies.

18. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 26 May 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

20. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the press and public from the meeting for the item of business on part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).