

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY
2013**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Chaudhury Anwar MBE (Mayor), Ingrid Cranfield (Deputy Mayor), Kate Anolue, Ali Bakir, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Jayne Buckland, Alev Cazimoglu, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Yusuf Cicek, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Christopher Deacon, Dogan Delman, Christiana During, Marcus East, Patricia Ekechi, Del Goddard, Jonas Hall, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Tahsin Ibrahim, Chris Joannides, Eric Jukes, Jon Kaye, Nneka Keazor, Joanne Laban, Henry Lamprecht, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Simon Maynard, Paul McCannah, Donald McGowan, Chris Murphy, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Rohini Simbodyal, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Doug Taylor, Glynis Vince, Ozzie Uzoanya, Tom Waterhouse, Lionel Zetter and Ann Zinkin

ABSENT Alan Barker, Caitriona Bearryman, Achilleas Georgiou, Denise Headley and Ahmet Oykenor

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

Father Emmanuel from St Edmunds Church, Edmonton gave the blessing.

Councillor Anolue (as retiring Mayor) took the opportunity to thank Father Emmanuel for his support as her chaplain over the last year.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared by members at the meeting.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Lavender seconded the nomination of Councillor Chaudhury Anwar MBE as Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

In moving the nomination Councillor Taylor highlighted Councillor Anwar's long history of local involvement in the voluntary and community sector which he felt provided a very good understanding of the issues and challenges faced by people living and working within the borough. His passion for fairness and equality would also, he felt, ensure that he was well placed to engage and

work with the diverse range of communities across the borough. He was also pleased, as a fellow ward councillor, to be able to move Councillor Anwar's nomination for what he was sure would be a highly successful year as Mayor.

Councillor Lavender, on behalf of the Conservative Group, advised that he was pleased to second Councillor Anwar's nomination for what he also looked forward to as a successful year for the Mayor.

AGREED that Councillor Chaudhury Anwar MBE be elected as Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

The motion was agreed unanimously (without a vote). Councillor Anwar then made and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the badge of office by the retiring Mayor, Councillor Kate Anolue.

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MAYORS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The Mayor made the following acceptance speech:

"I am overwhelmed and feel humbled by the kind words expressed at my appointment as Mayor. I would like to express thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Leader and Leader of the Opposition for their nominations and to my fellow councillors for electing me as Mayor and the First Citizen of the London Borough of Enfield. I am particularly grateful to my Labour colleagues who have supported me in standing for this position of honour and dignity. I would also like to thank all elected councillors of the borough for their gesture of goodwill towards me, which I would like to reciprocate now and in the future. I would also like to thank the members of the public, invited guests, dignitaries and officers of the Council. I am proud of the fact that I am the first Mayor and was also the first Cabinet Member of Asian origin.

Having been born in India I have also been fortunate to live in Pakistan and Bangladesh as well as the UK. Politics has not always been my main passion. I joined politics as a way of seeking justice and equality and in order to redress what I felt to be the grievances of the Black and Minority Ethnic Communities, experienced during my three decades as a racial equality Director. I still feel passionately that more should be done to empower the Black and Minority Ethnic Community by giving them more strategic support. My challenge, in the past, has been to demand from the authorities that racial discrimination is addressed which has led to me being regarded as a controversial character. I am therefore glad that the Council's objectives now include fairness, sustainability and growth which will need to be carefully monitored in relation to the impact on the Black and Minority Ethnic Community within the borough.

I was born in a small village in India called Uchundi where the nearest school for primary education was 3 miles away. As a young boy I used to travel 6 miles a day by foot just to attend school as the opportunity to be educated was very limited. I was the fifth child in my family with six brothers and six

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sisters. My parents were land owners so were wealthy, although were greatly affected by the partition in India in 1947. I stayed in India with my family until 1953, doing the equivalent of GCSEs and then left to move to East Pakistan, Bangladesh as it is now. It was a challenge for me as a young boy to leave my family in India and to find a good educational opportunity and career in that country. I graduated in Politics, English Literature & Economics in 1959 and two years later gained a Masters in Political Science majoring in Constitutional Law. I also completed a Law degree on a part time basis. In 1969 I gained a Diploma in Public Relations from the British Institute of Public Relations and later achieved full membership. This public relations training has helped me a great deal in dealing with communities of diverse cultures.

My first job was as a social worker with the Diabetic Association in Dhaka, which lasted for nearly a year. I then joined the United States Information Service (USIS) as Branch Chief in 1962 and later joined the American Peace Corps operation in Pakistan as their national coordinator. This lasted until I left Pakistan to take up a 12 month contract with the University of Minnesota, USA to lecture on South East Asia. In 1966 I came to the UK to take up a job with the Pakistan High Commission as Assistant Labour Attaché. During the 1971 Bangladeshi Independence Movement I left the High Commission to take up a job in Oxford as Director of the Community Relations Council. In 1981 I moved to Croydon as Director of the CRC and in 1983 I joined the London Borough of Enfield as its first Director of the Racial Equality Council, where the late Councillor Jackson was especially helpful during his Mayoralty. I left Enfield in 1985 to take up a job in Waltham Forest, where I worked until my retirement in 1998. Following my retirement I became more active in the Voluntary Sector, often being busier than when working on a full time basis! At one stage I was chairing nine different organisations stretching from Oxford, Croydon, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest to Enfield where I was Chair of the Enfield Racial Equality Council, Enfield Bangladesh Welfare Association, North London Asian Care, Director of Enfield Voluntary Action, Ponders End Development Trust and non-executive Director of the NHS Trust.

In terms of achievements I can, on reflection, include the establishment of Cherwell Housing Trust in Oxford, which now has over 2000 units of social housing, along with the Caribbean Resource Centre in Croydon. In Waltham Forest I helped to establish and manage the Waltham Forest Asian Centre and in Enfield have been involved in development of the Racial Equality Council, North London Asian Centre and Enfield Bangladesh Welfare Association.

Turning to my year as Mayor and First Citizen I carry with me the responsibility of enhancing the boroughs image and liaising with various organisations. The guidance handbook for the Mayor says that there are three main roles for the Mayor (1) a symbol of authority and continuity; (2) a symbol of open society; and (3) an expression of social cohesion. I will to adhere to all three of these roles during my term as Mayor. In doing this I will also look to encourage good discipline in the Council Chamber, ensuring a high quality of debate. Personal attacks, aggrandisement or overbearing

political onslaught will not, in my opinion, create an environment of healthy debate. Good research and presentation will lead to an excellent standard of debate and would urge my fellow councillors to focus on the standard of debate rather than on attacking the other side. I will also seek to encourage mutual respect amongst and between all elected councillors and will look to allow healthy debate by strictly enforcing the rules enshrined in the Council's Constitution.

I intend to raise funds for my charity "recognising the community organisations' contributions to society". I will encourage all community organisations that do not get any funding, yet provide useful services to the community, to apply as I want to recognise and appreciate their work through my charity.

I will seek to represent all the main religious groups in the borough through the Mayors Chaplaincy this year. The community in Enfield is made up of 53.6% Christian, 16.7% Muslim, 3.5% Hindu and 1.4% Jewish and I intend to promote the religious mix and diversity of our community by enabling the various religious groups to provide blessings at our Council meetings.

Finally I would like to thank my wife and daughter for being my pillars of strength and supporting me in my ambition and career. I would further like to thank my guests and members of the public who have so kindly joined me to share this special day with me. I would also like to thank my aunt Dr Kusum, representatives from the Bangladesh Welfare Association and many personal friends who are with me tonight.

I would also like to inform you that I will not be seeking election as a councillor next year, which means I can look forward to my real retirement after my time as Mayor. Can I thank you for your support over the coming year, which I am greatly looking forward to.

The Mayor received a presentation from the Enfield Bangladesh Welfare Association recognising his achievement in being appointed as the first Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield from Asian origin.

5 APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS

The Mayor announced the appointment of Quamrun Anwar and Sabrina Anwar as his Mayoress for the 2013/14 Municipal Year. He then invested both with their badge of office.

6 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor confirmed the appointment of Councillor Ingrid Cranfield as Deputy Mayor for the 2013/14 Municipal Year. The Deputy Mayor then made and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested by the Mayor

with her badge of office. Councillor Cranfield then made a speech thanking the Mayor and Council for her appointment as second citizen of the borough.

Councillor Cranfield highlighted the honour she felt at being nominated and would do her utmost to support the Mayor in representing the Council and serving all the people of Enfield.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYORS CONSORT

The Deputy Mayor announced the appointment of Adam Cranfield as her Consort for the 2013/14 Municipal Year. She invested him with his badge of office.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET

Councillor Taylor confirmed the appointments as set out below:

Deputy Leader – Councillor Achilleas Georgiou

Cabinet member for Adult Services, Care and Health – Councillor Don McGowan

Cabinet member for Business and Regeneration – Councillor Del Goddard

Cabinet member for Children and Young People – Councillor Ayfer Orhan

Cabinet member for Community Wellbeing and Public Health – Councillor Christine Hamilton

Cabinet member for Culture, Leisure, Youth and Localism – Councillor Bambos Charalambous

Cabinet member for Environment – Councillor Chris Bond

Cabinet member for Finance and Property – Councillor Andrew Stafford

Cabinet member for Housing – Councillor Ahmet Oyken

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PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR AND MAYORESS' BADGES

The Mayor presented past Mayor's and Mayoress badges and certificates recording the Council's appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Kate Anolue and Mayoress Chinelo Anolue.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked them for the contribution they had made as Mayor and Mayoress during the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

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The Leaders of both Groups were also presented with a token of appreciation for their support over the year.

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MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Mayor informed Council that he had no other announcements in connection with ordinary council business for the meeting.

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MINUTES

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES (IF ANY)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alan Barker, Catriona Bearryman, Achilleas Georgiou, Denise Headley and Ahmet Oykener.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)

None received.

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MOTIONS

None received.

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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Councillor Brett moved and Councillor Waterhouse seconded the report of the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services (No.1) asking the Council to determine the constitution and political balance of the committees, joint committees and panels that had been set up for discharge of the Council's functions.

NOTED that the calculation for allocation of seats had reflected the recent change in political representation on the Council, which had already been subject to review at the Council meeting on 27 February 2013.

AGREED that

- (1) 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 approved as set out in Appendix A of the report.

- (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 * in Appendix A of the report.

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APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BODIES FOR 2013/2014

1.1 Appointment of Council Bodies 2013/14: Planning Committee membership

NOTED that the provisional reference from the Members & Democratic Services Group, regarding membership of the Planning Committee had been withdrawn from the agenda. The withdrawal followed the Members & Democratic Services Group on 2 May 13, when it had been agreed that a more detailed membership review of the Committee be undertaken, for reporting back later in the year.

1.2 Appointment of Council Bodies 2013/14: Committee Membership list

AGREED to the establishment of the Council bodies for the 2013/14 Municipal Year and appointment of their memberships, as set out in the yellow list tabled at the meeting, subject to the following amendment:

- a. **Green Belt Forum:** Councillor East to replace Councillor D.Pearce.

1.3 Appointment of Council Bodies 2013/14: Terms of Reference

AGREED To confirm the Terms of Reference of those bodies set out in Part 2 of the Constitution (pages 2-11 to 2-17 for scrutiny) (pages 2-23 to 2-24 for cabinet) and (pages 2-25 to 2-54 for other committees and panels).

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REPRESENTATIONS ON OTHER BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS

AGREED the Council's representation on other bodies and organisations as detailed on the green list tabled at the meeting, subject to the following amendment:

- (a) Enfield Homes: membership reduced from 6 to 4 members with Councillor Ibrahim and Councillor East removed from the membership list for this body as a result.

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COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

AGREED the authority's Scheme of Delegation, as set out in Part 3 (pages 3-2 to 3-12) of the Constitution.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

NOTED

1. The calendar of meetings included indicative dates for future meetings of the Council up until May/June 2014.
2. The updated version of the calendar, circulated with the "To Follow" papers for the meeting.

AGREED

- (1) the updated version of the calendar of meetings of the Council, including the next Council meeting, which had been scheduled on Wednesday 17 July 2013.
- (2) that approval of any further amendments to the calendar be delegated to the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services, in consultation with both party groups.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 17 July 2013 at the Civic Centre.