

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2010**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT**

Jayne Buckland (Mayor), Christiana During (Deputy Mayor), Kate Anolue, Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Alan Barker, Caitriona Bearryman, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Yusuf Cicek, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Ingrid Cranfield, Christopher Deacon, Dogan Delman, Patricia Ekechi, Achilleas Georgiou, Del Goddard, Jonas Hall, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Denise Headley, Ertan Hurer, Chris Joannides, 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, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Michael Rye OBE, Eleftherios Savva, 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**

Ali Bakir, Bambos Charalambous, Marcus East, Tahsin Ibrahim and Eric Jukes

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**POETRY READING**

The Mayor invited Joan Povey a resident of Enfield and a joint winner of the Enfield Advertiser's Poetry Competition to read her poem which is set out below:

**VERANDAH SONG**

They say an old man lived nearby -  
And, on a verandah, 'neath the evening sky  
A violin of mahogany brown  
He'd gently play, till the sun went down.  
Each evening, all the summer through  
Until the soft grass, glistened with dew  
He'd sit within that rosy bower  
Serenading the quiet, twilight hour.

And the children flocked from miles around  
To sit at his feet on the dusty ground;  
And ripe, red apples he'd throw their way –  
As, laughingly, they begged him, "Play!"  
How they danced to the sweet bows' song  
'Till the summer shadows grew 'ere long

And the evening took on a sudden chill -  
Time to run home down the hill.

"You'll come tomorrow?" they'd hear him cry  
As he raised his bow in fond goodbye  
Softly playing a farewell strain  
Guiding them safely down the lane.  
So many years have passed since then  
And the verandah now is a tangled den  
Of rusting iron, bound with ivy leaves  
And the tangled roots of twisted trees.

Yet, even now, when the shadows fall  
Casting their grey spell over all,  
Mingling with the Owl's stark cry,  
I'm sure I hear a violin's sigh.  
Oh, how I wish that time stood still  
And I, too, could race down that hill -  
Raising my hand in fond farewell,  
A willing captive to the violin's spell.

The Mayor then invited Councillor Brett to read the poem by Andri Voukanary, joint winner of the Enfield Advertiser's Poetry Competition which is set out below:

#### DIVERSITY

With so many diverse cultures  
All living closely side by side,  
With different races and colours  
Is there no bond by which we're tied?

Diversity isn't division  
In life's jigsaw we're each one part,  
If we have hearing and vision  
We can understand music and art.

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#### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor made the following announcements:

1. Mayor's Charity Quiz Night

Please support my quiz night on Friday 19 November in the Conference Room. It promises to be a fun evening. Tickets at £5 each are available from either Rhoda or myself. If you cannot attend perhaps you might donate a raffle prize.

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### 2. Mayor's Christmas Reception

Please note that the usual Mayor's Christmas Reception for Councillors, Freemen of the Borough and Directors will be held on Friday 10 December at Gentlemen's Row. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

### 3. Burns Night

My Burns Night event is to be held on Saturday 22 January 2011 at Capel Manor.

### 4. Remembrance Day

Please can you stand for a minutes silence in memory of the men and women who have lost their lives in the service of their country.

## **61 MINUTES**

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 September 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **62 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Charalambous, East, Ibrahim and Jukes. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor McGowan.

## **63 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

John Austin the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance advised members that in view of the technical nature of Item 9 – Temporary Accommodation – Housing Benefit Subsidy, it was not necessary for members who were landlords to declare an interest with regard to this item.

Councillor Anolue declared a personal interest in Item 12.2 – Motions, being an employee of the North Middlesex University Hospital Trust.

## **64 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Brett seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 101) setting out proposed changes to the Council's Constitution agreed by the Governance Review Group (GRG) at their meetings on 9 September and 19 October 2010. Recommendation 2.4 and paragraph 3.8.1 refers.

NOTED

1. that with regard to recommendation 2.4 of the report, Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Brett seconded an amendment to reduce the time allowed to a maximum of 5 minutes for presenting a report and a further 5 minutes for the right of reply.

2. that with regard to recommendation 2.5 of the report, Councillor Taylor confirmed that there would be no leaflet distribution costs to be met by the Council.

AGREED the following changes to the Council's Constitution:

1. that all references to "Borough Solicitor" in the Council's Constitution be replaced with the post of "Assistant Director of Legal Services".

2. that all references to "Borough Secretary" in the Council's Constitution be replaced with the post of "Assistant Director Corporate Governance".

3. the revised Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee set out in Appendix A of the report.

4. that the penultimate paragraph of Section 31 of Chapter 4.1 of the Constitution be replaced with the wording "Reports to Council should be moved and seconded. The mover of a report has a right of reply at the end of the debate immediately before the report is put to the vote. A maximum of 5 minutes is to be allowed for presenting the report and a further 5 minutes for the right of reply."

In accordance with paragraph 15.4 (page 4-17) of the Council procedure rules, a roll call was requested for the vote on recommendation 2.5 of the report.

This was put to the vote with the following result:

For: 31 (namely)

Councillors Anolue, Anwar, Bearryman, Bond, Brett, Cazimoglu, Cicek, Cole, Constantinides, Cranfield, Deacon, Ekechi, Georgiou, Goddard, Hamilton, Hasan, Keazor, Lemonides, Levy, McGowan, Murphy, Orhan, Oykenner, Robinson, G Savva, Simbodyal, Simon, Sitkin, Stafford, Taylor and Uzoanya.

Against: 25 (namely)

Councillors Barker, Delman, Hall, R Hayward, E Hayward, Headley, Hurer, Joannides, Kaye, Laban, Lamprecht, Lavender, Maynard, McCannah, Neville, A Pearce, D Pearce, Prescott, Rye, E Savva, Smith, Vince, Waterhouse, Zetter and Zinkin.

Abstained: 2 (namely)

Councillors Buckland and During.

Resolved accordingly.

AGREED the production of ward leaflets for councillors, including the design and printing costs to raise awareness of Councillors' representational roles in the community.

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**ADOPTION OF THE CORE STRATEGY OF ENFIELD'S LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Councillor Goddard moved and Councillor Rye seconded the report of the Director of Place Shaping and Enterprise (No. 96) seeking the formal adoption of the Core Strategy, along with additional Minor Changes put forward by the Council during the examination process.

NOTED

1. that the report was endorsed at the Cabinet meeting held on 3 November 2010.
2. the additional supporting information circulated to all Members of the Council.
3. the thanks expressed by Councillors Goddard and Rye to Joanne Woodward, George Simms and the other officers and members involved in the production of the strategy.

AGREED

1. the Enfield LDF Core Strategy as consolidated with minor changes.
2. the Schedule of Extant Unitary Development Plan Policies as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

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**TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION - HOUSING BENEFIT SUBSIDY**

Councillor Oykenor moved and Councillor Georgiou seconded the report of the Director of Place Shaping and Enterprise (No. 81) seeking approval to amend the level of rents to be operative with effect from 20 December 2010 back dated to 5 April 2010 for tenants in 4 and 5 bedroom temporary accommodation and to note the affects to General Fund account budgets.

NOTED that the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Cabinet meeting held on 13 October 2010.

AGREED

1. that the guideline rents for 2010/11 for temporary accommodation tenancies be decreased to the cap level of £375.00 per week in line with the announcement by the DWP to the Housing Benefit subsidy cap for 2010/11.
2. the decrease of £2.50 per week for 302 tenants in 4 bedroom properties and £121.92 per week for 9 tenants in 5 bedroom properties. This amends the rent increase agreed at Cabinet (10 February 2010) and Council (24 February 2010) whereby rents were set at the previous Housing Benefit subsidy level of Local Housing Allowance less 10% plus £40 per week.
3. that the weekly reduction in actual rents as outlined above be implemented as soon as possible to accommodate the legal notice period of 4 weeks and back-dated to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

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**ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Councillor Simon moved and Councillor Lamprecht seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 100) setting out the recommendations of the Electoral Review Panel following a full review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough at the Council and UK Parliamentary elections in May 2010.

NOTED

1. that the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Electoral Review Panel meeting held on 27 October 2010.
2. the thanks expressed by Members to Peter Stanyon for undertaking the review of the existing electoral arrangements.

AGREED

1. to endorse the procedure that:
  - a. each polling district and the polling districts bordering it be designated as the polling place for that polling district;
  - b. on an annual basis, the Returning Officer be required to submit a schedule of proposed buildings to be used as polling stations for approval by the Electoral Review Panel;
  - c. any amendments deemed necessary by the Returning Officer to that schedule in the intervening period be notified to the Chairman of the Panel and the Opposition Lead Member with the Returning Officer's reasons for the change.

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2. to note and endorse that no changes be made to the polling district boundaries in the 17 Wards listed at paragraph 3.6 of the report.
3. that Council notes and agrees the recommended changes to polling districts in the Southbury, Enfield Highway, Bush Hill Park and Jubilee Wards as set out in the report.
4. to note the revised schedule of polling stations set out in the report.

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#### **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME**

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

None received.

2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

1. the forty eight questions, on the Council's agenda, which received a written reply by the relevant Cabinet Member.
2. the following supplementary questions received for the questions indicated below:

#### **Question 1 (information on community visits) from Councillor Lamprecht to Councillor Anwar Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Capacity Building in the Third Sector**

"Why is Councillor Anwar being so secretive, can he be more transparent with the Council and tell us what he is achieving?"

#### **Reply from Councillor Anwar**

"I have given a full response to your question, I do not intend to give a copy of my diary to the Council. I have been meeting with community organisation to engage with them and I am looking to develop an approach that will empower the third sector."

#### **Question 3 (funding for Turkish Sunday Schools) from Councillor Rye to Councillor Orhan Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services**

"Given the previous allocation of resources for this type of activity will Councillor Orhan look favourably on these Sunday Schools that improve pupil performance at Key Stage 4?"

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

“We are in discussion with Sunday Schools which do exceptional work and we will be running a pilot project to see how they can be linked to mainstream schools.”

**Question 5 (satellite dishes) from Councillor Hall to Councillor Oykener Cabinet Member for Housing and Area Improvements**

“Does Councillor Oykener concede that this type of satellite dish will not be available to all Turkish speaking residents?”

**Reply from Councillor Oykener**

“No”

**Question 15 (off street parking) from Councillor Zinkin to Councillor Bond Cabinet Member for Environment Street Scene and Parks**

Councillor Zinkin provided a lengthy definition of a small vehicle which was available on the direct.gov.uk website and asked if this was of assistance to Councillor Bond?

**Reply from Councillor Bond**

“May I thank Councillor Zinkin for this useful information.”

**Question 19 (children without a school place) from Councillor Rye to Councillor Orhan Cabinet Member for Education and Children’s Services**

“Will Councillor Orhan seek to gather this information that is not currently available on the school previously attended by a transferring pupil?”

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

“We are looking at the difficulties faced by schools and why the pupils are coming into our borough and this situation is constantly being reviewed. With the cuts being faced across the country I am sure there will be an impact on schools, but we will continue to monitor the situation.”

**Question 20 (funding for academy schools) from Councillor Robinson to Councillor Orhan Cabinet Member for Education and Children’s Services**

“Please can Councillor Orhan tell the Council what it would mean to Enfield if this funding was withdrawn?”

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

“I would remind members that as a Council we have lost over £100m of funding due to the coalition governments cuts and without these resources we



won't be able to build the new school places that are required. The directors are working hard to find a solution in the current economic climate and I hope that the opposition will call on the government to give our money back."

**Question 22 (Chairman of Adult Safeguarding Board) from Councillor Vince to Councillor McGowan Cabinet Member for Older People and Adult Social Services**

"Can Councillor McGowan please be more specific with any timescales?"

**Reply from Councillor McGowan**

"I will get the information to Councillor Vince in due course."

**Question 25 (Bury Street Lodge) from Councillor E Savva to Councillor Goddard Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Improving Localities**

"Can Councillor Goddard tell us what plans there are for the piece of waste land at Bury Lodge Depot?"

**Reply from Councillor Goddard**

"The site will continue with its present operational use, but the situation is under review. This administration is still working with the Conservative Group's earlier manifesto idea for this site."

**Question 27 (star rating systems) from Councillor Joannides to Councillor McGowan, Cabinet Member for Older People and Adult Social Services**

"Does the Cabinet member accept that good progress was made by the previous administration?"

**Reply from Councillor McGowan**

"I would like to point out that the progress was made with the financial help of the last Labour Government."

**Question 34 (predetermination by Overview and Scrutiny Committee) from Councillor A Pearce to Councillor Simon, Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

"What assurances can Councillor Simon give this Council that Labour members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will not predetermine future decisions?"

**Reply from Councillor Simon**

"You only have to look at the Labour members on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to see that they are independent and there is not much chance of

me being able to exercise control over them. I am however keen to have a majority of my colleagues present at meetings who can then be persuaded by any points of view put."

**Question 35 (priorities for Environment and Street Scene) from Councillor Zinkin to Councillor Bond, Cabinet Member for Environment, Street Scene and Parks**

"Can you tell the Council how these matters will be funded and in what timescale?"

**Reply from Councillor Bond**

"This administration was elected on its manifesto and we will decide over the next 4 years how to implement it. The timescales will depend on a number of factors including to what extent the coalition government cuts funding to the Council."

**Question 37 (Commonwealth Games reception) from Councillor Rye to Councillor Taylor Leader of the Council**

"Is Councillor Taylor now in a position to inform the Council if he intends to organise a Civic Reception to congratulate the successful Enfield athletes from the Commonwealth Games."

**Reply from Councillor Taylor**

"I am supportive of this suggestion and hope we can reach agreement on any proposals for an event."

**Question 38 (decisions of Overview and Scrutiny Committee) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Simon, Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny**

"Does Councillor Simon not think that his email puts at risk the independence of scrutiny and demonstrates without doubt that this Labour administration is contemptuous of scrutiny? Will he now withdraw his statement published in the Enfield Advertiser?"

**Reply from Councillor Simon**

"As politicians we exercise political judgements on our manifestos and our political judgement systems. If the decisions of this administration have the full support of the Labour Group, it is unlikely that we will change our view on a particular matter, but we will of course listen to any arguments his group may wish to put to the committee."

**Question 39 (new Free Schools) from Councillor Kaye to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services**

"If the Cabinet member says she wishes to maintain good working relationships with all schools, why did she say that she did not want anymore academies to be created in the borough? Does she not think that she should be more open minded?"

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

"Councillor Kaye is misguided; I do want a family of all schools in this borough."

**Question 43 (Property Asset Register) from Councillor Maynard to Councillor Stafford Cabinet member for Finance, Facilities and Human Resources**

"When does Councillor Stafford anticipate the completion of the new asset management project?"

**Reply from Councillor Stafford**

"I am not sure of a final date, but it will be in the next year and the system will be put on line when it is finished."

**Question 47 (encouragement for new Free Schools) from Councillor Maynard to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services**

"Does Councillor Orhan think that the creation of free schools will be good for Enfield?"

**Reply from Councillor Orhan**

"I think the creation of any new school in Enfield is to be welcomed, but what would be good for Enfield is for the coalition government to give back the Building Schools for the Future resources to this Council to allow us to do this."

**Question 48 from (Member Vacancy Panel) Councillor Maynard to Councillor Stafford Cabinet Member for Finance, Facilities and Human Resources**

"Should these decisions not be taken by a cross party panel of members?"

**Reply from Councillor Stafford**

"No"

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**MOTIONS**

1. Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor McGowan seconded, the following motion:

“This Council notes the results of the review of the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy.”

During the debate Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor McGowan seconded the following amendment:

Councillor Taylor suggested that the amendment could be voted on in two stages (Parts A and B) this was agreed by the Council.

A This Council notes the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Review Panel Report.

This Council also notes that as a result of the moratorium announced by the Secretary of State for Health Andrew Lansley in May, that expectations have been raised in Enfield that Chase Farm hospital would retain its A&E 24 hour service and Maternity Services. This is also an expectation that was raised by pledges made by the Conservative Party in the run-up to the General Election. In election literature distributed in Enfield, the Conservatives stated that they were committed to halting cuts to maternity services and A&E.

As a principle this Council believes that the health service should meet the needs and aspirations of its citizens and in so doing improve the health situation of those in the most deprived parts of the borough. The stated views of patients and residents must be primary in the planning of healthcare.

This Council also recognises the impact on residents of Barnet, Haringey and South Herts. of decisions about the health provision within Enfield. It is important to be aware of the views of those residents.

The Government White Paper on the future provision and the potential funding limitations do not assist with sensible planning and the needs of local people are not well served by it. The White Paper proposals would have a serious detrimental impact upon the services, values and founding principles of our National Health Service. These proposals had little support or consultation from NHS staff, patients or GPs. The costs of this new Government experiment will inevitably divert funds away from patient care.

B The Council therefore agrees to respond to the consultation on the basis that:

1. The patients and residents should be key in planning future facilities and their voice should be heard as the primary stakeholder in healthcare.

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2. No decisions should undermine the quality and viability of North Middlesex Hospital.
3. The future of Chase Farm as a viable hospital must be guaranteed, providing the services that local people need, want and ask for.
4. Proper investment in our hospitals must be guaranteed.
5. Adequate funding must be made available by Central Government.
6. There can be no compromise on patient safety in planning facilities.
7. In the longer term, Enfield residents want good value services at both the Enfield hospitals and there should be joined up thinking and working that ensures this occurs, which might result in a closer relationship than the current one.
8. The Council Health Scrutiny panel meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> must, as a priority, specifically consider points 1 – 7 in terms of the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Clinical Review Panel Report.

Following a lengthy debate the amendment (Parts A and B) were put to the vote and agreed with the following result:

Amendment A

For: 31

Against: 23

Abstained: 0

Amendment B was unanimously agreed by the Council.

The substantive motion (Parts A and B) was then put to the vote and agreed with the following result:

Part A

For: 31

Against: 23

Abstained: 0

Part B was unanimously agreed by the Council.

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2. Councillor Zetter moved and Councillor Hall seconded the following motion:

"This Council congratulates the coalition government on making the same difficult decisions that every government in the European Union has had to make in order to reduce the budget deficit. It also notes that the coalition government's level of spending reductions are virtually identical to those planned by the previous Labour government.

We therefore call on the Labour Administration to act responsibly, and to work with the Coalition Government and the Department for Communities and Local Government to manage its finances efficiently in this more constrained fiscal environment. In the interests of the people of Enfield, the Opposition Conservative Group offers to work with the Enfield Labour Administration in order to identify savings which will not impact on front line services."

During the debate Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Lavender seconded the following amendment:

We call on the Council to act responsibly and to work in the interests of the people of Enfield.

Following a short debate the amendment was put to the vote and agreed.

The motion as amended was then put to the vote and agreed.

3. Councillor Goddard moved and Councillor Lavender seconded the following motion:

"This Council supports the submission to Government for a Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) covering the Upper Lee/Stansted corridor and agrees to write to the Mayor of London seeking his support for a two level arrangement in London (a London-wide LEP and sub regional corridors). This Council believes this would be an effective way to support sub regional growth in Outer London and achieve economic diversification."

Following a short debate the motion was then put to the vote and agreed.

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### **STANDING ORDER 8 - DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETING**

NOTED

1. that in accordance with Council Procedure, Rule 8 (page 4-7 – part 4), the Mayor advised the Council that the time available for the meeting had elapsed and the remaining items of business would be dealt with in accordance with the expedited procedure.

2. that the remaining items of business would be put to the vote without debate.

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MOTIONS**

The motions set out below lapsed due to lack of time:

12.3 In the name of Councillor Neville

"The Council welcomes and supports the government's proposals for ending the dependency culture which has grown, particularly under the last Labour government, to unsustainable levels and which delivers little benefit to individuals and actively discourages claimants from seeking work."

12.5 In the name of Councillor Oyken

"This Council believes:

1. that less well-off people should not be pushed into Outer London Boroughs and the Mayor of London should emphatically resist any attempt to recreate a London where the rich and poor cannot live together; and
2. that the answer to solving Enfield's, and London's, housing situation is to build more affordable housing.

This Council resolves that the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Mayor of London, bringing to their attention the expected impact on Enfield as a result of the Housing Benefit Cap and the need for more affordable social housing."

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MEMBERSHIPS**

AGREED the following changes to Committee Memberships:

1. Children's Services Scrutiny Panel - Councillor Keazor to replace Councillor Cazimoglu.
2. Member Governor Forum - Councillors Vince, Constantinides and Akechi to replace Councillors Joannides, Bakir and Cole.
3. Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) - Councillor Simbodyal to replace Councillor Cole.
4. Fostering Panel - Vacancy to replace Councillor E Savva.
5. Planning Committee - Councillor Prescott to replace Councillor E Savva.

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**NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

AGREED the following change to nominations to outside bodies:

- 1 Enfield Homes Board - Councillor Ibrahim to replace Councillor Bakir.

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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 was to be held on 26 January 2011 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.