

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2007**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT**

Tony Dey (Mayor), Don Delman (Deputy Mayor), Pamela Adams, Christopher Andrew, Kate Anolue, Gregory Antoniou, Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Alan Barker, John Boast, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Kris Brown, Jayne Buckland, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Annette Dreblow, Christiana During, Peter Fallart, Achilleas Georgiou, Del Goddard, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Denise Headley, Ruth Hones, Ertan Hurer, John Jackson, Chris Joannides, Eric Jukes, Jon Kaye, Matthew Laban, Henry Lamprecht, Bernadette Lappage, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Paul McCannah, Donald McGowan, Kieran McGregor, Chris Murphy, Terence Neville, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Henry Pipe, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Jeff Rodin, Michael Rye, Eleftherios Savva, George Savva, Toby Simon, Edward Smith, Terence Smith, Andrew Stafford, Doug Taylor, Glynis Vince, Kate Wilkinson and Ann Zinkin

**ABSENT**

Vivien Giladi and Jonas Hall

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**MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING**

The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend John Paul gave a blessing on the Council.

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**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor made the following announcements:

1. Salmons Brook Project

I wish to let members know that The Salmons Brook Project in Edmonton Green, received a commendation for Best Community or Partnership Initiative at the London Planning Awards presented by the Mayor at City Hall on Tuesday night (28<sup>th</sup> November).

These Awards are run jointly by the Mayor of London, London First and The Royal Town Planning Institute and aim to recognise outstanding planning achievements by individuals and organisations and celebrate the best of planning in the capital.

The project was delivered in partnership by Enfield Council, Lea Rivers Trust and the local community, which included the following schools (Aylward, Raynham, Fleecefield, St Edmunds, Cuckoo Hall – engaging over 1200 children).

Features include new accessible pathway, new benches and litter bins, art mural projects designed by Neil Irons in collaboration with local schools, new gateways at Plevna and Montagu Road, designed by Lawrance Walker, also with local schools, and information board designed by local residents.

The project was one of the stops on the Queen's visit in 2003 where children from Fleecefield School sang 'The Salmons Brook Song'.

The judges were particularly impressed by the level of community engagement and with the importance of involving school children with their local waterway.

I would like to invite the following people who were involved with this project to come forward to receive their awards: Gemma Sargant, Albert Petrony, Jane Berger and Tony Corrigan.

2. Sponsored Carol Sing

My thanks to all of you who sponsored Margery and I for the carol sing. I am delighted to say that we raised over £1500, which is marvellous.

3. Charity Dinner on 16<sup>th</sup> March

My fund raising evening is at Trios Banqueting Suite on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. I do hope that many of you will be able to support us. If you cannot join us, donations and raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

We are having a fun charity casino this year. This basically means that guests are invited to purchase fun money for gaming chips. At the end of the evening there will be prizes for a lady and a gent who have won the most chips. I must stress that all the proceeds from this go to the Mayor's Charity. There are no cash prizes awarded on the night.

4. Local Government Finance Training

Members are reminded that Local Government Finance Training is taking place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January in the Conference Room. As finance is an important issue members ought to attend this training and I would urge as many of you as possible to do so.

5. Petition

I have this evening received a petition containing 10 signatures from residents in Edmonton connected to motion 17.4 on the agenda. This will be passed to the relevant cabinet member for a response.

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MINUTES**

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 November 2006 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hall and Giladi. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Prescott and T Smith.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Bond declared a personal interest regarding Item No. 11 – Implementation of Parking Charges 2006/07, being a trustee of a charity with parking interests in Enfield Town. Councillor Prescott declared a personal interest regarding Item No. 11 – Implementation of Parking Charges 2006/07, being a Board member of the Enfield Business and Retail Association. Both are Council nominees

Councillor Laban declared a personal and prejudicial interest regarding Item No. 17.1, the motion relating to Enfield Leisure Centres Trust Ltd. as his sister is a Council employee who worked at the Edmonton Leisure Centre and he was a Director of the Trust prior to its liquidation.

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2005/06**

Geoffrey Mills, Chairman of the Standards Committee, introduced the Annual Report for 2005/06 (Report No. 206), being the third Annual Report of the London Borough of Enfield's Standards Committee. The report set out the key issues that the committee had dealt with during the past year and looked ahead at priorities for 2006/07.

Councillor Rye seconded the report and thanked the independent and other members of the committee for their hard work and diligence.

AGREED to note the Standards Committee Annual Report for 2005/06.

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REFERENCES FROM CONSTITUTION REVIEW GROUP**

**93.1 Revision to the Standards Committee Terms of Reference**

Geoffrey Mills, Chairman of the Standards Committee, introduced the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No.207) detailing changes to the Standards Committee Terms of Reference recommended by the Constitution Review Group.

Councillor Rye seconded the report and highlighted the amendments to the terms of reference set out below that were agreed at the Constitution Review Group on 23 January 2006:

Appendix A to the report Paragraph (p) To consider whether a member's allowances should be suspended (wholly or partly) if that member is suspended pursuant to Part III Local Government Act 2000.

AGREED to approve the changes to the Standards Committee Terms of Reference recommended by the Constitution Review Group as amended above.

#### 93.2 Audit Committee – Annual Report

NOTED that the Constitution Review Group on 2 November 2006 endorsed a recommendation from the Audit Committee that the Committee be required to produce an Annual Report, similar to that provided by the Standards Committee.

Councillor Rye moved and Councillor Hurer seconded this recommendation to amend the Council's Constitution.

AGREED the Audit Committee be required to produce an Annual Report and the Council's Constitution be revised accordingly.

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#### **BEST VALUE SCRUTINY REVIEW**

Councillor E Smith moved and Councillor Pearce seconded the report of the Scrutiny Best Value Core Team (Report No.208) detailing the final outcome and recommendations from the Best Value Review of Enfield Council's Scrutiny function.

NOTED that the recommendations set out in the report were made in response to the 5 Key Issues identified through the Performance Appraisal Report, and have been supported by Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), Best Value Cabinet Sub Committee and the Council's Management Board.

AGREED

1. That Departments be required to identify specific individuals (at Head of Service level or above) to undertake Scrutiny Lead Officer responsibilities, and that no Scrutiny Lead Officer should support more than one Panel.
2. That the Head of Corporate Scrutiny Services (CSS) co-ordinates scrutiny work across the Council and the CSS team provide investigative and research support across the Scrutiny function.

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3. That the Democratic Services Team continue to provide administrative co-ordination, secretarial support and constitutional advice to the Scrutiny Panels and their Chairmen.
4. That the Head of CSS takes responsibility for ensuring that all major scrutiny reviews are fully scoped and supports OSC in co-ordinating and managing the scrutiny work programme between Panels.
5. That the Council continues with the current organisation of scrutiny through OSC, with a combination of functional and thematic Scrutiny Panels.
6. That work is commissioned on developing a specific area of the council's website that will provide access to all relevant scrutiny information.
7. That the roles and responsibilities of the Lead Support Officers, Support Officers and Scrutiny Secretaries be reviewed to ensure clarity of each role.

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#### **FAIR TRADE**

Councillor E Smith moved and Councillor Dreblow seconded the report of the Environment, Parks & Leisure Scrutiny Fair Trade Working Group (Report No.209) updating Council on the action taken to address previous issues on the recommendation for the London Borough of Enfield to apply to become a "Fairtrade Borough".

A lengthy debate then followed, many members of the Council spoke in support of applying to become a Fairtrade Borough.

#### AGREED

1. To support Enfield applying to become a Fairtrade Borough.
2. That a Fairtrade Steering Group be set up to oversee progress, and to offer a coordination role for the activities to be completed by the Council and the community groups involved.
3. That the Environment, Parks & Leisure Scrutiny Panel receive and monitor an agreed Action Plan to achieve accreditation.
4. That the Fairtrade Steering Group report back to Full Council as appropriate.

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#### **REFERENCE FROM OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CALL-INS - IMPLEMENTATION OF PARKING CHARGES 2006/07**

Councillor Pearce introduced the report and moved recommendation 2.1 set out in the report of the Director of Finance & Corporate Resources (Report

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No.210) subject to the car parks at The Bourne N14, Fords Grove N21 and the Library Ponders End remaining free car parks. Councillor Prescott seconded the proposal.

### NOTED

1. that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 29 November 2006 considered the following 2 items related to the implementation of parking charges for 2006/07 that had been called-in for review:

(a) Cabinet (1 November 2006): Response to reference from Special Projects Scrutiny Panel on Parking Charges & Review.

(b) Portfolio decision by Cabinet Member for Environment & Street Scene (13 November 2006): Proposed Parking Charges for 2006/07 – Results of Consultation.

2. that under the call-in procedure Council was required to formally consider both of the original decisions on these items and decide whether, having taken account of the issues raised by Overview & Scrutiny Committee, it wishes to object to or confirm them.

3. that the Borough Solicitor advised members prior to the start of the debate that the Council was able to determine this issue without reference back to the Cabinet Member.

During the debate Councillor Charalambous moved that recommendation 2.1 of the report be now put to the vote. This proposal was lost and the Council continued to debate the report.

Later in the debate Councillor Lavender moved and Councillor Hurer seconded the approval of recommendation 2.2 subject to the car parks at The Bourne N14, Fords Grove N21 and the Library Ponders End remaining free car parks.

Councillor Lavender's proposal was put to the vote with following result:

For: 30

Against: 27

AGREED not to object to the original decisions made, subject to the car parks at The Bourne N14, Fords Grove N21 and the Library Ponders End remaining free car parks.

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### **CENTRAL LEESIDE BUSINESS AREA - JOINT AREA ACTION PLAN WITH THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY**

Councillor Neville moved and Councillor E Savva seconded the report of the Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks (Report No.211), seeking

the approval of Council for the production of a Central Leaside Joint Area Action Plan (CLJAAP) with the London Borough of Haringey.

AGREED to endorse the involvement of the Council in the preparation of the Central Leaside Joint Area Action Plan with the London Borough of Haringey, and endorse the draft Memorandum of Understanding setting out joint production arrangements with Enfield as the lead authority (as detailed in Appendix B of the report).

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### **ADOPTION AND APPLICATION OF NEW DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

Councillor Neville moved and Councillor E Savva seconded the report of the Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks seeking authority to introduce Dog Control Orders, which replace the previous system of park byelaws for the control of dogs, and also dog fouling under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act, which has now been repealed. (Report No.193)

AGREED

1. that subject to statutory consultation procedures, that the Dog Control Orders as they apply to dog fouling, the banning of dogs from certain enclosed areas in parks and the control of dogs - in parks and open spaces as shown at paragraphs 3.6 to 3.9 be adopted. Maps showing the designated areas will be placed in the Members Library and Group Offices.
2. that the Authority to designate officers to enforce the provisions of the Act be delegated to Directors.

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### **FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

AGREED that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened on Monday 16th April 2007 to confer Honorary Freedom of the Borough on 8 citizens.

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### **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)**

1. Urgent Questions

None received.

2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

1. the 26 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**

Councillor Chamberlain to Councillor Neville, Cabinet Member for Environment & Street Scene:

“What particular challenges are there for Parks?”

Reply from Councillor Neville:

“The key challenge is to secure the improvements that have be made, when the costs to improve our parks were last quantified a figure of £100m was identified. This is beyond our means, but we need to do some of the more essential works. There has been no investment in parks for a number of years, this administration has tried to reverse that trend and over the next year we plan to invest £2m of the Council’s capital resources. We will need to continue with this level of investment in future years if we are to make any progress. We also need to provide more multi games areas and improve the toilets as we have done at Jubilee Park. There are other challenges, we need to improve the other facilities available, such as cafeterias to enable users to enjoy our parks.”

**Question 5**

Councillor Fallart to Councillor Laban, Cabinet Member for Housing:

How much have the tenants of this Council paid over in housing subsidy to the Government this year?

Reply from Councillor Laban:

This year tenants will pay over £5.9m, I am sure they would rather have seen that money spent in this borough.

**Question 9**

Councillor Adams to Councillor Lavender, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources.

“Are there any other authorities that have suffered because of the liquidation of the Enfield Leisure Centres Trust?”

Reply from Councillor Lavender:

“I understand that East Herts District Council and Kent County Council have been affected.”



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**STANDING ORDER 8 - DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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.
3. That the Council will be deemed to have agreed the changes to memberships of council bodies and nominations to outside organisations.

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

NOTED the urgent decisions below made in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure (Paragraph 17.3 – relating to the waiving of the requirement to allow a 5-day call-in period):

1. Supply of Electricity – Civic Centre.
2. Supply of Gas
3. Responsive Maintenance, Building Works, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Services – Alteration to proposed Arrangements.
4. Implementation of Additional SAP Software (Managers' Self Service and Employees' Self Service)

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**MOTIONS**

NOTED that the following motions lapsed because of insufficient time:

17.1 In the name of Councillor McCannah

“Enfield Leisure Centres Ltd. is currently in Liquidation. The Liquidators are in the process of completing their inquiries and, in due course, may report to the Department of Trade and Industry on the conduct of the company and its directors. When this process is completed it is vital that the public of the Borough are able to examine the reasons for the failure of the company and the Council resolves to set up a special scrutiny commission, at a date to be decided following the completion of the Liquidators' work and the conclusions

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of the DTI, to examine the reasons for and the consequences of the insolvency of Enfield Leisure Centres Ltd.”

17.2 In the name of Councillor Boast

“Enfield Council calls upon the Government to repeal any laws or regulations stemming from the European Working Time Directive that impede the emergency services in the performance of their duties.”

17.3 In the name of Councillor Chamberlain

“By 2007 the Government’s Housing Revenue “claw back” will have effectively taken £10 million from the pockets of Enfield Council tenants, using the Government’s own rent formula. In doing so it takes council house rent money from Enfield residents who can ill afford it and redistributes where this Government considers people to be more deserving.

The Council abhors this practice and calls upon the Boroughs MP’s to condemn the redistribution and lobby against it.”

17.4 In the name of Councillor Brown

“This Council acknowledges that it has a duty under the Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended in 2001), to promote good race relations in the London Borough of Enfield. It considers that the comment by Councillor Michael Lavender at the Council meeting on 8 November 2006 that Edmonton is “just a UN feeding station”, contravenes that duty and it therefore no longer has any confidence in him as Deputy Leader of the Council.”

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### MEMBERSHIPS

**AGREED** the following changes to committee memberships:

1. Joint Borough Committee Barnet Enfield and Haringey Clinical Strategy

To reduce the Council’s membership on the Committee from 4 to 3 with Councillor Adams ceasing to be a member.

2. Education Statutory co-optee

To appoint Mrs Alicia Meniru to fill the vacancy of Parent Governor Representative.

3. School Appeal Panel (Community & Voluntary Aided Schools)

To remove Mr Roger Vince & Mr John Egan from the pool of Panel members (parents or persons experienced in education).

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**NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

AGREED the following changes to nominations on outside bodies:

1. Capel Manor Governing Body

To appoint Mr Graham Eustance OBE as the Local Authority representative for a 3 year term of office to expire on 14 December 2009.

2. London Accident Prevention Council

Vacancy to replace Councillor Neville

3. Edmonton Pathway

Vacancy to replace Councillor T Smith

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**CALLED IN DECISIONS**

Please refer to minute 96 above.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 21 February 2007 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.