

Council Meeting 14 July 2021: Councillors' Questions

Question 1 from Cllr Mahym Bedekova to Cllr George Savva, Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulatory Services

The selective licensing scheme for the Private Rented Sector has recently been approved by the Secretary of State and will come into force on 1st September 2021. What does this mean to the Landlords, Tenants, and the Borough as a whole?

Answer:

I am very pleased that the Secretary of State has approved our application for Selective Licensing as this will improve the quality of life for over 23,000 households and make living conditions safer for private renters in Enfield.

The Selective Licensing Scheme is being introduced as a response to strong evidence and findings of poor housing conditions, deprivation, and anti-social behaviour in the private rented sector in these wards.

The selective licensing scheme will require all non-HMOs (privately rented accommodation where tenants do not share bathrooms or kitchens) in 14 wards in the East and South of the Borough to be licensed for a five-year period.

This Selective Licensing Scheme follows on from the Additional Licensing Scheme for smaller HMOs and which covers the whole borough that was introduced in Enfield on 1 September 2020. These schemes encourage landlords to take a more proactive approach to property management and also provide a 'level playing field' as non-compliant landlords are addressed. It provides wider community benefits by improving overcrowding, ASB and poor property conditions improving the neighbourhood.

Question 2 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Would Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council explain why she believed Cllr Guney Dogan had the skills to continue being Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability on 19th May but less than a month later he needed to be moved to the Commercial portfolio?

Answer:

Enfield Council's constitution allows for changes to the Cabinet appointments, including to portfolios, at any point during the year. The latest changes to Cabinet portfolios follow Cabinet Members reflecting on priorities for the period ahead and areas they would like to focus on. There was an opportunity for Cabinet Members to consider this after the Council's AGM.

Question 3 from Cllr Dinah Barry to Cllr Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for social housing

How many households with a high health and wellbeing assessment resulting in them having the highest level of priority are currently on the housing register?

Answer:

There are sixty households on the housing register with a high health and wellbeing assessment. Our ability to rehouse applicants is dependent on the availability of properties and how suitable these properties are for people with specific needs.

- 10 households need a one bedroomed home
- 17 need a two bedroomed home
- 20 need a three bedroomed home
- 12 need a four bedroomed home
- 1 need a 5 bedroomed home

Question 4 from Cllr Tim Leaver to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader

How is the Council's 3,500 home development programme progressing?

Answer:

This administration has moved quickly to increase construction of new council and affordable homes following the adoption of the Housing and Good Growth Strategy. Our 3,500 programme is dependent on government grant funding and the conditions of those grants have changed this year, which has reduced our ability to take forward Estate Regeneration, but we continue to deliver on our aspirations. I am pleased to provide a further update above what Cabinet provided in February's cabinet report on the housing development programme:

- 80 street properties have been acquired and converted to affordable rent
- Over 336 new homes have started construction on site and/or completed in the last year
- Over 669 new homes will be onsite with construction or acquired by 2022
- Over 900 new homes will be starting from 2023 with an expected funding of roughly £205m from the GLA's Affordable Housing Programme 2021-26 programme (to be confirmed by 19 July 2021).

This is in addition to the roughly 360 homes delivered through development agreements Council-led regeneration schemes such as Ladderswood, Alma Estate and New Avenue Estate.

The Council has also joined up with five other London councils (Barking and Dagenham, Waltham Forest, Newham, Haringey, and Redbridge) to form a modern methods of construction (MMC) buyer's club with the aim of accelerating delivery, controlling build costs and delivering environmentally sustainable homes.

Question 5 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Will Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council listen to Sadiq Khan the Mayor of London and drop proposals to de-declassify large parts of the Green Belt contained within the Draft Local Plan?

Answer:

Consultation on the draft plan is ongoing. The Council will of course listen carefully to all views and feedback received through the consultation, including any formal response from the Mayor of London, before proceeding to the next stage of local plan preparation. This will include reviewing responses in relation to the spatial strategy which proposes to release some limited areas of Green Belt in order to help meet the borough's acute housing need.

Question 6 from Cllr Anne Brown to Cllr Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Commercial Services.

Please outline your vision for this new portfolio and tell the council what your top three priorities are and what action you have already taken to promote them.

Answer:

This is an exciting portfolio of a wide range of services that deliver important services to residents and businesses. My top three priorities are:

- To review the leisure contract with Fusion Leisure Limited and to realise further benefits for the borough's residents.
- To continue with the work we have undertaken in extending our cemeteries (in Edmonton and Southgate) and to promote construction of new cemeteries to ensure that there are a range of burial options for our diverse communities.
- To promote the council's commercial building control service.

Question 7 from Cllr Doug Taylor to Cllr Mary Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement

Would the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement provide a progress report on the support given to businesses in Enfield to aid recovery from Covid restrictions?

Answer:

Enfield Council has worked hard to support our businesses and high streets, and to administer Government support. I want to thank officers who have responded quickly to Government announcements which required prompt action to distribute funds to businesses.

Across the pandemic a series of financial and non-financial support has been given to the business community via government grant schemes as well as council initiated activity.

Financial Support

In total this equates to 76 million pounds through a series of financial grants and support schemes that were administered. This consists of the following Schemes

Closed Grant Schemes (Administered in 2020/21)

Small Business Grant Scheme		Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant		Leisure Grant & Discretionary Grant		Total	
Grant £	Grants (no.)	Grant £	Grants (no.)	Grant £	Grants (no.)	Grant £	Grants (no.)
20415000	2034	23995000	1093	2485500	315	46,895,500	3442

Open Grant Schemes

		6 th July 2021	
Grant Scheme	Business Types	Number of grants Issued	Amount paid
Additional Restrictions Grant Phase 1	Supports Suppliers to non-essential retail, hospitality, leisure, and events businesses that did not have to close but which were severely impacted by the national restrictions	80	£165,000
Additional Restrictions Grant Phase 2	Discretionary scheme that supports • Small or Medium size businesses that have not benefited from the Government's previous support schemes. • Freelancers, home based businesses and self-employed • Other Businesses who have not received previous support and that have been directly impacted by the ongoing national restrictions affecting a substantial part of their business, leading to a loss of income of at least 10%.	1507	£3,111,800
Restart Grants	The Restart Grant a single one-off payment for businesses occupying a property that is assessed for business rates. This is for premises for hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care, and gym businesses.	1,354	£9,658,120
Local Restrictions Support Grant	Supports Businesses which have been severely impacted due to local Tier 2 or Tier 3 restrictions resulting from the	10,789	£10,352,984

	Pandemic. This covers a range of businesses across all sectors		
Christmas Support Payment – Wet-led Pubs	Supports pub that derives less than 50% of its income from sales of food	27	£27,000
Closed Businesses Lockdown Payment (CBLP)	Supports businesses that have been required to close due to the national restrictions that began on 5 January 2021. The payments are based on the rateable value of premises	1,285	£6,661,000
Grand Total		15,042	£29,975,904

Over 18,400 grants have been distributed to business across all sectors in Enfield. This includes larger scale businesses that were entitled to government schemes focussing on retail and hospitality as well as locally designed schemes such as the Additional Restrictions Grant that centred on smaller homebased businesses that had no received previous funding.

Business have also been supported through the Extended Retail Discount which was provided to retail businesses and was extended to include leisure and hospitality sectors for 2021-22. As such businesses in this sector had no business rates to pay from April through to June 2021 as the relief provided for this period was 100%. Then from July through to March 2022 the relief from their business rates bill is 66% Under this scheme we have paid 1337 businesses £9.7m to date.

The Council is currently supporting businesses that are struggling to meet their business rates payments offering longer payment arrangements and reviewing their accounts to ensure they are receiving all the reliefs/exemptions they are entitled to

Non-Financial Support

Town Centres: The Council has delivered a co-ordinated reopening programme to help businesses out of lockdown and encourage the community to support their local economies. This includes a borough wide comms campaign and ‘welcome back packs’ distributed to over 3000 businesses in Enfield. We have partnered with ShopAppy, an online platform to promote our independent businesses, consulted and supported businesses applying for outdoor trading licenses, begun a capital works programme to enhance the environment and deliver a public welcome for our town centres and planned a summer of cultural activities to celebrate our diverse food businesses and communities.

Business Engagement – The council has undertaken a business survey and we have set up a business roundtable for the end of July to understand how we can further support the businesses and local economy.

A Month of Sundays – This food and fun festival has been designed to rebuild our community and support local businesses. Officers are supporting smaller businesses of the borough who have suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic to participate.

Employment: Officers have several projects to support employment. One with Business in the Community to support homeless people into employment. Also Working with the local employment provider (Maximus) to support people in the labour market and working with DWP in promoting national employment projects. Furthermore, through a dedicated Kickstart programme officer the Council has supported over 70 local young people into work placements across the borough, with hundreds more planned.

Question 8 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Does Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council agree and support the Mayor's London Plan?

Answer:

I support the Mayor's London Plan (2021) which sets out a planning framework to address the unprecedented pressures on London's homes, infrastructure and the environment. We need to tackle the housing crisis in our borough and deliver housing that is affordable for Enfield's residents to buy or rent. Currently residents in Enfield are finding it difficult to find decent or affordable homes. The draft Enfield Local Plan, like the London Plan, recognises the need for appropriate development and intensification of existing places over time to deliver additional housing. The Mayor of London has stated that we need to increase housing provision in accessible parts of outer London to help address the substantial housing need in these areas and deliver market homes in more affordable price brackets. I am pleased that the London Plan recognises the unique pressures facing outer London boroughs like Enfield and is supportive of delivering suburban development in an incremental and suitable manner.

One of the organisations that we expect to engage in this conversation is the Greater London Authority (GLA) and Enfield Council will be working closely with officers and senior representatives at the GLA throughout the plan preparation process. We will be interested to hear what the Mayor of London thinks of the draft Enfield Local Plan and the choices, options and the preferred approach laid out in it.

Question 9 from Cllr Dinah Barry to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader

As part of the transformative Cycle Enfield project, traffic lights were installed at the very wide junction of the A105 with the access road to Sainsbury's in Winchmore Hill. This was intended to make it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross but there was no pedestrian phase and the traffic lights controlling motor vehicles and cycles are not visible to anyone on foot. It was therefore agreed under the previous Administration, as part of a review, to reconsider the junction to make it safer for pedestrians.

However, despite promises over the last three years to residents and to me as ward Councillor, no action under the current Administration has yet been taken.

Can the Deputy Leader therefore please explain how this failure to act helps promote his active travel agenda?

Answer:

A number of pedestrian improvements were delivered as part of the A105 Cycle Enfield. Further improvements at this junction would be desirable but the challenging funding environment of the past couple of years have meant that this has not been possible. This remains an aspiration and will be assessed and prioritised against other projects that I will be bringing forward to promote the healthy streets and active travel agenda.

Question 10 from Cllr Christine Hamilton to Cllr Mary Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement

Would the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement comment on reports that "serious and pervasive problems" due to a shortage of skilled personnel amongst PSAA external auditors will lead to further delays to audit sign-off for many councils?

Answer:

The National Audit Office recently reported on the Timeliness of local auditor reporting on local government in England, 2020 in response to this national issue. The report having considered published data, the views of local authority finance directors, key stakeholders in the audit landscape, and audit firms makes a number of conclusions about the underlying weaknesses in the local audit system impacting on the ability of the contracted audit firms to deliver timely audit opinions.

The report concluded that, previously identified problems from 2019 report were still a key issue. Including insufficient staff with the relevant qualifications, skills and experience, and a resulting net loss of qualified staff. The requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards, along with the increased expectations from the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) following the high-profile corporate failures such as Carillion, have combined to produce a significant increase in audit work, such as on asset and pensions valuations, which local authorities found less useful. The relative lack of attractiveness of the audit of local public bodies, compared with alternative audit opportunities available to staff, has contributed to a high staff turnover level.

This has then been exacerbated over the past 12 months by Covid-19 and the restricted movement of staff with many of the firms being reliant on overseas staff to fulfil their audit work.

As at May 2021, 30% of 2019/20 audit work was still not complete and a further 5% from 2018/19.

The challenges experienced in 2019/20 are likely to be surpassed by the MHCLG reporting timelines in place for 2020/21 audits. For 2020/21 local authorities have been given until 1 August to produce draft accounts. However, the audit firms have until 30 September to issue opinions which audit firms (including BDO) are stating is unachievable and, therefore, it is highly likely that completion performance will see a further decline.

This was reported in the “Update on the Council’s and Pension Fund External Audit for 2019/20 and Progress on 2020/21” report to General Purposes Committee on 30 June 2020.

The NAO report concluded that, “Since we reported on local authority governance and audit in 2019, despite efforts by the various organisations involved in the local audit system and by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, we can only conclude that the local audit system has worsened... *This will require cooperation and collaboration by all bodies involved in the local audit system, together with clear leadership from government.*”

The government commissioned Redmond Review echoes these same concerns.

There seems to be a clear message from more than one independent source that there is a national capacity issue which has been long standing, this is not sustainable position. The NAO recognized that government needs to play a leadership role to resolve this persistent situation permanently.

Question 11 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Would Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council confirm whether she agreed to the questions contained within the Draft Local Plan consultation survey?

Answer:

The questions contained in the draft Local Plan consultation survey replicate those which are contained in the draft Local Plan. The draft Enfield Local Plan was approved for consultation at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the council on 9 June 2021. Councillor Laban should note that consultation arrangements must follow government guidance and statutory requirements.

Question 12 From Cllr. Derek Levy to Cllr. Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

Since the current Labour administration seized power from the previous Labour Administration in May 2018, it has presided over a woefully consistent fall in recycling rates, with Enfield now ranked as one of the lowest of all the London Boroughs, averaging below 35%. Against this backdrop, the administration has, within a Climate Change Action Plan which is high in aspiration yet sparse in detail, set a recycling rate of 65%-75% by the mid -2030's.

Given there is nothing by way of a relevant or sustainable roadmap, strategy, or detail (even in outline form) within that Action Plan, and given the track record of this administration personified by the abject failure of his predecessor, in what way is the Cabinet Member able to demonstrate he has the skills and expertise to reverse the trend and move from the 30% range to achieving a rate of 75%, when no other London Borough has managed to breach 65% and certainly not come remotely close to delivering at 75%?

Answer:

The Council has a published Reduction and Recycling Plan in 2019 which arose following the service changes and in response to the London Environment Strategy targets and requirements. The Plan sets out how the Council intends to work towards the London-wide recycling targets.

The pandemic and restrictions on social contact have delayed the direct resident engagement programmes on recycling, but these have now commenced in June and I will be overseeing them carefully. I will also be promoting increased recycling opportunities for those of our residents who do not have a curb side collection and I will update the Reduction and Recycling Plan this year.

Question 13 from Cllr Mahmut Aksanoglu to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader

Now that the consultations on the hugely successful first tranche of School Streets have closed, could the Deputy Leader let us know the timeline going forward with regards to these schools having more permanent, perhaps camera-controlled schemes?

Answer:

The first 2 permanent school streets that were implemented in the Borough utilised camera enforcement. The Council's intention is that all future schemes utilise this technology to help ensure sustainable schemes. A report is currently being produced by officers that will set out the position on the 12 experimental schemes, with a decision anticipated in early Autumn. Any introduction of cameras at these sites will need to be phased in accordance with resources available.

Question 14 from Cllr Joanne Laban to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Does Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council agree that the questions included in the Draft Local Plan Consultation Survey, such as asking people's views on the borough's 'spatial portrait', are not inclusive, full of jargon and should never have been signed off?

Answer:

The draft Local Plan, including consultation questions, was approved for consultation at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the council on 9 June 2021.

Officers have done the following to help explain the wording referred to:

- Adding explanations of the terms used in the FAQ section.
- Adding explanations of the terms used next to the questions themselves.
- The draft Local Plan also contains a glossary and acronym buster, which will be updated as part of the Reg-19 plan.

The Council is using a range of engagement techniques to help explain the draft Local Plan and reach as many people as possible.

I would advise that Cllr Laban should stop making comments that insinuate Enfield residents are incapable of reading and comprehending consultations documents, it is offensive.

Question 15 from Cllr Ayfer Orhan to Cllr Uddin - Cabinet Member for Children's Services

In the light of national concerns about the disproportionate numbers of young people from black and ethnic minorities in remand centres, can the cabinet member for Children's Services update the Council on the percentage of children and young people from Enfield that are currently held in remand centres or are in prison from black and ethnic minorities and provide the council with figures since 2018?

Answer:

Table 1 highlights the breakdown of children held on remand (in blue) and children sentenced to custody (green) since 2018.

Table 1

	Number of Remand Episodes	No YP Remands	Number of Custodial Sentence	Number of YP Custodial Sentence
2018 -2019	32	22	26	19
2019 – 2020	35	27	15	13
2020 – 2021	14	11	12	9

Table 2 shows an ethnicity breakdown of children remanded since 2018 (in blue) and

Young People by Ethnicity 5	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Black or Black British	14 (64%)	19 (70%)	8 (73%)	15 (79%)	9 (69.2%)	5 (56%)
Chinese or Other ethnic group	1 (4.5%)	0	0	0	0	0
Mixed	1 (4.5%)	5 (19%)	2 (18%)	1 (5%)	2 (15.4%)	3 (33%)
White	6 (27%)	3 (11%)	1 (9%)	3 (16%)	2 (15.4 %)	1 (11%)
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	22	27	11	19	13	9

children in custody (in green). There is an over representation of children from black and ethnic minorities.

Table 2

The Youth Offending Service has undertaken a disproportionality analysis of the whole youth offending cohort that has been disseminated to all youth justice partners and informed the development of local Youth Offending Service action plan that complements the Mayor of London's disproportionality action plan.

Question 16 from Cllr Chinelo Anyanwu to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader

Electric vehicle charging points are appearing in lampposts around the borough. Could the Deputy Leader give an update on the roll out of the trial?

Answer:

The Council has procured 80 electric vehicle lamp column charging points. I am pleased to report that 60 have already been installed with 23 now live: <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/roads-and-transport/electric-vehicle-charging-points-roads-and-transport.pdf>

They have been deployed in locations where there is evidence of existing demand (for example several residents have expressed an interest in having a charging point) and/or there is likely to be demand in the near future (for example, this includes in the areas of the borough that will be covered by the expanded Ultra Low Emission Zone: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/ulez-expansion>).

Question 17 from Cllr Lee David-Sanders to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Would Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council set out in detail what she plans to do to improve the assurance level of the Meridian Water Procurement Strategy as it was given a very poor limited assurance level in a recent internal audit which highlighted problems with oversight, which is extremely concerning given the high value of the contracts being awarded?

Answer:

The audit report summary to which the councillor refers will be taken to the next General Purposes Committee which the councillor sits on. The Committee session will be an opportunity for council officers to explain the actions that officers will be taking to address the items raised in the audit.

Question 18 from Cllr Gunawardena to Cllr Caliskan Leader of the Council

The Enfield Local Housing Needs Assessment (2020) states "The projections suggest that 60% of new households will need homes with 3 or more bedrooms". This is to address the acute local housing crisis in Enfield.

Please will the Leader confirm the percentage of 3+ bed homes that will be built in Meridian Water phases 1A, 1B and 2?

Answer:

As set out in the planning committee report, phase 1a (20/03821/RM) achieves 28% 3bed+, all of which are affordable. The planning committee report for Phase 2 (19/02718/RE3) also explains that the development achieves 20% 3 bed and 10% 4+ bed; the scheme is 100% affordable. Phase 1b is a new application that will be submitted by Vistry in the autumn.

Question 19 from Cllr Margaret Greer to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader

As Low Traffic Neighbourhoods are a central plank of the Conservative government's climate policy to reduce emissions on our roads, does the Deputy Leader know if further funds will be made available by the Conservative government for LTNs across the borough?

Answer:

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods are indeed a commitment in the Conservative Government's '*10-Point-Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution*' and were also an election promise in 2019, so it is all the more puzzling that the Enfield Conservative Group vehemently opposes its own Conservative Government on this matter.

Of course the Government is simply continuing the success seen in the Labour boroughs of Waltham Forest and Hackney, as well as Sadiq Khan's longstanding commitment to LTNs. It appears that the objective of fighting climate change is now shared by everyone across the political divide except sadly the Enfield Conservative Group which votes against any and every measure intended to reduce emissions in our borough.

With regards to funding, at the start of the pandemic the Borough received funds directly from the Conservative Government for implementation of the Bowes LTN and it introduced an incredibly short implementation timescale. More recently, this funding has been channelled through Transport for London.

Whilst there has been an interim settlement between TfL and DfT for the next 6 months, future funding is unknown at this time pending ongoing negotiations between TfL and the Government. However, despite this funding uncertainty, Government policy aligned with Mayoral policy is for the continued delivery of LTN projects to help ensure a green recovery. Therefore, any future funding secured, like that already provided, is likely to come with conditions that it needs to be used on projects such as LTNs and meaningful segregated cycling projects.

Question 20 from Cllr Lee David-Sanders to Cllr Guney Dogan, Cabinet Member for Commercial Services

Would Cllr Dogan, Cabinet Member for Commercial Services set out his priorities in his new role and what outcomes can we expect to see in the next six months?

Answer:

This is an exciting portfolio of a wide range of services that deliver important services to residents and businesses. My top three priorities are:

- To review the leisure contract with Fusion Leisure Limited and to realise further benefits for the borough's residents.
- To continue with the work we have undertaken in extending our cemeteries (in Edmonton and Southgate) and to promote construction of new cemeteries to ensure that there are a range of burial options for our diverse communities.
- To promote the council's commercial building control service.

Question 21 from Cllr Ayfer Orhan to Cllr Uddin - Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Councillors must and should understand the importance of ensuring that the histories, lives, and experiences of all people are considered in decisions.

Therefore, can the cabinet member tell this Council how he, and his predecessor, have been able to do that in the area of the school's curriculum since 2019 and following the sad death of George Perry Floyd Jr.?

Answer:

Schools and their communities have responded with shock and determination to the death of George Floyd Jr. It brought a renewed focus on the issues of equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in schools. As system leader, the Education Service worked to support and challenge schools in their practice. A steering group of relevant stakeholders which represented many of the diverse cultures in LBE was convened by the Head of Professional Learning. This supported the response and helped to plan relevant professional learning for staff, Governors and the Service. Other parts of the service planned how to support and challenge settings, schools and colleges.

- A programme of ten sessions of training on Unconscious Bias and Anti-Racisms (UBAR) was put on which many LBE schools accessed in whole or part. This used local, national and international expertise;
- Many schools have set up their own EDI committees, and one school will report on their work at the EDI Group on the evening of the 15th July;
- Governor training from the National Black Governors Association re: recruitment of more diverse Governors;
- Three UBAR Governors sessions, planned to compliment the school professional learning programme;
- The Early Years and Foundation Stage (EYFS) team are reviewing their documentation and following through with suggestions and support for all settings regarding a curriculum that reflects local diversity;
- The EYFS team are targeting individual settings to look at the achievement in specific areas of the curriculum and the different groups' attainment;

- The Education Leadership team has had specific training around UBAR internally;
- The Enfield Learning Excellence Partnership (ELEP) Board has written specific targets regarding the groups that to not attain as well as others;
- The ELEP had started two projects to support these targets. One shares good practice around how to target disadvantage and underachievement. The other project is using Champions in schools to promote the outcomes of African Caribbean pupils;
- The LBE Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) will revisit the LBE Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education this year in line with LBE's statutory duty. This does include local religious traditions (e.g., Alevism) but in the next reworking will use the UBAR lens to inform the syllabus (SACRE is a statutory group made up of representatives from the local religious groups).

Question 22 from Cllr Tolga Aramaz to Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader

A local newspaper recently ran a story about the reintroduction of the beaver back into Enfield. Could the Deputy Leader give us any further details of this exciting prospect at this time?

Answer:

I am pleased to share that a beaver reintroduction project is being developed by the Council in partnership with Capel Manor College. A site within the Forty Hall estate has been identified and a licence application to Natural England has been submitted. The beavers will be released into an enclosure to prevent them from escaping. If all goes well, and subject to the licence from Natural England, this will take place in Autumn 2021. The purpose of the reintroduction is to restore natural wetland habitat which is good for biodiversity as well as helping to reduce flood risk downstream. Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and Thames21 are also involved in the project – they will assist with monitoring the impact of the beavers on the local ecology and water environment respectively.

Question 23 from Cllr Glynis Vince to Cllr Mahtab Uddin, Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Would Cllr Uddin, Cabinet Member for Children's Services inform the Council how he intends to communicate and engage with the Young People of the Borough, this would include School Councils, LAC, and the Youth of the Borough?

Answer:

Communicating and engaging with the young people of the Borough is something I very much look forward to. Having read the Children's Plan "Empowering Young Enfield" 2021-2025 I have heard clearly the priorities of children and young people for the borough in the coming years. I will be chairing the Corporate Parenting Board and taking on the full statutory duties as Cabinet Member for Children's Services. I have always valued what young people have to say and I will take every opportunity that I can to hear directly from the youth of the Borough. By meeting with young people, listening to their opinions and harnessing their creative thinking they will

directly influence the future decisions we make about the services and support afforded to them.

Question 24 from Cllr Ayfer Orhan to Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Please tell this council if the Leader has instructed officers to carry out a heritage review of all landmarks, historical sites and statues in Enfield following the death of George Perry Floyd Jr. and the calls from the successful campaign of the Black Lives Matters movement here in Enfield and across other parts of the country and what outcome has come of that review?

Answer:

Planning and design officers proactively undertook an initial review of statues and blue plaques early on in the BLM movement in June 2020. No obvious issues were identified on first inspection. Since then, officers are aware of at least one building which was queried (a housing block) by members of the public but upon investigation the block name referred to a local resident rather than a historically contested figure.

Later in 2020 there was a request to review street names, and this was discussed with the cabinet member at the time. Whilst nothing should come in the way of changing street names where there is a strong case that they falsely celebrate individuals or events, the implications of this for individual households and businesses needs to be taken into account as this would involve all residents and businesses of that road changing all their legal documents. The impact of this cannot be underestimated.

Question 25 from Cllr Ayten Guzel to Cllr Alev Cazimoglu, Health and Social Care

What are we doing to tackle food poverty?

Answer:

In 2019 Enfield established an independent commission to understand the impact of poverty and inequality in Enfield and to find local solutions to these problems. The report was launched in May 2020 and has 27 separate recommendations about how to address poverty within the borough.

Recommendation number 7 states;

‘The voluntary and community sector, supported by the Council, should create a Food Action Plan for Enfield, to ensure that all families have access to healthy food’.

The work described below significantly contributes towards this recommendation.

- In November 2020, the Public Health Team established the Enfield Food Alliance, a network formed of over 30 local charities and organisations providing food support to Enfield’s residents.
The Enfield Food Alliance’s aim is to work together to tackle the root causes of food insecurity and is focused on adopting preventative approaches to strengthen people, communities and food systems.
Alliance members have committed to taking a cash-first approach by ensuring that all service users receive information and support to deal with their financial issues e.g. debt, housing arrears etc.

- Draft Food Action Plan has been developed. The plan has been developed in partnership with the Enfield Food Alliance and includes interviews, surveys, and workshop outcomes from food-aid providers and those using food banks and other food support in Enfield.
- The Public Health Team has also provided seed funding for four Food Pantries. Food Pantry members pay £4.50 for more than £20 worth of food (plus free fruit and vegetables) from a weekly shop at the Pantry. Members join the scheme for a six-month period and during this time they must engage in support to improve their financial status, through benefits they are entitled to, debt management or engaging in skills or employment training.
- The 'Worrying About Money' Leaflet has been developed in partnership with the Independent Food Aid Network. The leaflet is a step by step guide that starts off with the situations people face when accessing food aid. It explains the cash options available to anyone in those situations and directs people to the advice and support agencies that are available to help access those support options. The leaflet is being promoted via the Enfield Food Alliance and copies are being sent to every school in Enfield to share with parents.
- The Addressing Food Poverty event on the 9th July will highlight some the work taking place in Enfield (both internally and community-led) to tackle food poverty. This event will include a wide range of stakeholders including the Enfield Food Alliance and will inform the draft of the Food Action Plan.
- The Public Health Team were project leads for the Covid Winter Grant scheme, supported by officers across the Council. The aim of the grant was to ensure that no child went cold or hungry during the winter period. As part of this scheme;
 - Families with children eligible for Free School Meals received £90 worth of supermarket vouchers to cover the school holidays from December to April.
 - Families with children under 5 and eligible for Healthy Start, received £45 supermarket vouchers and support to apply for the scheme (Surveys have been sent to families eligible for FSM and HS who received vouchers to better understand how useful the vouchers were and how easy they were to access. Responses will be taken into account when deciding on the best methods for delivering future support)
 - In February 2021, over £50k worth of grants were issued to community groups working to provide food to Enfield's most vulnerable residents or projects to help build resilience and support residents out of food poverty. This was funded through the Covid Winter Grant and Public Health budget. A second round of funding in June 2021 from the Covid Winter Grant scheme provided nearly £34,000 in grants to local food related organisations, providing funding to increase the access and provision of food to local residents in need. This includes seed funding for a community-led fruit and vegetable stall which will work closely with local allotments and food growers to source and distribute locally grown surplus food to those most in need.

Question 26 from Cllr Maria Alexandrou to Cllr Ergin Erbil, Non-Geographical Associate Cabinet Member

At the full council meeting on 2.3.21 Cllr Ergin Erbil answered a question (no23) about LTNs and life expectancy, claiming Low Traffic Neighbourhoods can be

viewed as a public health intervention. Would he clarify how this comment fits in with the increasing pollution levels outside Bowes Primary School on the North Circular Road since the implementation of the Bowes LTNs?

Answer:

The Council monitors two pollutants at Bowes Primary, nitrogen dioxide and PM10 (small particulates). Both of these pollutants have standards and objectives, which can be seen in the table below and the measured pollutant concentrations are compared to these values.

Pollutant	Standard / Objective (UK)	Averaging Period	Date ⁽¹⁾
Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂)	200 µg m ⁻³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times a year	1-hour mean	31 Dec 2005
Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂)	40 µg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 Dec 2005
Particles (PM ₁₀)	50 µg m ⁻³ not to be exceeded more than 35 times a year	24-hour mean	31 Dec 2004
Particles (PM ₁₀)	40 µg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 Dec 2004

The following tables provide you with the results of the monitored data at Bowes Primary from installation up to the end of December 2020.

Table: Results for nitrogen dioxide

Year	Annual Mean (ug/m ³)	No. exceedances of hourly mean
2008	59	0
2009	55	18
2010	54	8
2011	45	2
2012	49	24
2013	47	0
2014	43	0
2015	46	1
2016	47	6
2017	45	3
2018	44	0

2019	41	0
2020	30	0

Table: Results for PM10

Year	Annual Mean (ug/m ³)	No. exceedances of 24-hour mean
2004	28	12
2005	28	24
2006	27	21
2007	26	21
2008	26	18
2009	25	14
2010	26	4
2011	29	28
2012	24	16
2013	22	4
2014	21	11
2015	19	1
2016	22	10
2017	19	9
2018	18	2
2019	19	9
2020	15	2

You will note that over time the monitoring results for both pollutants have reduced. There is a small variation between years, and this will be the influence of weather, for example, as this has a strong influence on pollutant concentrations, and this is why long-term trends are needed to decide if concentrations are reducing.

This year, to date, the monitoring data shows that the mean concentration for nitrogen dioxide from 1st January 2021 to 7th July 2021 is 29ug/m³ and there have been no exceedances of the hourly objective. For PM10 the annual mean for the same period this year is 15ug/m³ and there have been no exceedances of the 24-hour mean objective.

The data for the Bowes Primary monitoring site does not show an increase in concentrations of nitrogen dioxide or PM10.

Question 27 from Cllr. Barry to Cllr. Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

It has become clear during lockdown that fortnightly collections are not adequate when people have to work from home. Like Enfield Council, most employers are now moving to mixed working with employees working from home for part of the week.

What steps are you taking to provide sufficient waste collection for the additional domestic waste that residents will now generate?

Answer:

The fortnightly collection service was introduced to increase recycling and in response to the £2.5 million cut imposed by the government that specifically allowed for weekly bin collections.

The quarterly performance report discussed at Cabinet on 7 July demonstrates that the kilograms of waste collected per household (black bins) decreased in 20/21 compared with 19/20, despite the pandemic. It also shows an increase in recycling and food composting as a % of household total waste during that time. This demonstrates that the service is encouraging people to recycle and manage their waste better, despite the pandemic period.

I have been working with officers to take other steps to address concerns, including increasing the frequency of collection for council housing estates and supporting a pilot on communal recycling for council housing estates. Now that social distancing restrictions are lifted, a comprehensive recycling campaign has commenced to help educate residents on how to manage their waste.

Question 28 from Cllr Susan Erbil to Cllr Alev Cazimoglu, Health and Social Care

What are we doing to support improved access to primary care?

Answer:

The COVID pandemic has highlighted the needs of many communities within Enfield who experience inequality. We know that there is likely to be many thousands (Katie) of residents who remain unregistered with a GP. This indicates that those individuals are not receiving the preventative services offered within primary care such as cancer screening or NHS Health Checks and may be more likely to use other health services, such as A&E when they have need or present late with health issues that have become more problematic.

LBE have been working closely with partners including the CCG and VCS groups, taking a range of actions to improve registration;

- Engagement and communication activity with groups among which intelligence indicates under registration e.g. Bulgarian speaking community. Together with Primary Care colleagues we have held webinars and a pop up registration event in Edmonton Green shopping centre.

- Working with LBE rough sleepers' team we have ensured that all rough sleepers offered temporary accommodation during the pandemic were supported to register with a GP if needed.
- Communication has gone out to the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community to encourage registration.
- Training was offered to GPs in 2020 on registration of inclusion health groups especially rough sleepers.

Question 29 from Cllr Maria Alexandrou to Cllr Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

Will Cllr Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment inform council what progress has been made with regard to putting a skate park in Broomfield Park as campaigned for by a local young resident, which will help tackle obesity, improve fitness and reduce crime?

Answer:

I am pleased that local groups are proactively seeking to improve our parks with more facilities to keep young people active. A group convened by a local resident are looking to hold a pop up event in September in Broomfield Park to create awareness for the proposed project. The group are also seeking to create a constitution in order to apply for funding to undertake an initial feasibility study. Officers have helpfully provided some contacts for other funders that have been involved in other successful skateparks. Regular monthly meetings take place between officers and the Group to discuss progress.

Question 30 from Cllr Daniel Anderson to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

London's Green Belt prevents urban sprawl, driving the reuse and intensification of previously developed land. Prioritising development on brownfield land is a key part of the approach. Not my words but those of the Labour Mayor of London Sadiq Khan.

That being so, can the Leader of the Council please explain the logic in proceeding with a draft local plan consultation that proposes over 6,000 homes in the Green Belt by 2039 - which is 1,000 more homes than on Meridian Water a designated brownfield site, when the Mayor has already objected given, it is contrary to of his London Plan?

Answer:

The draft local plan has to balance a wide range of considerations which includes planning to meet the borough's acute housing need in response to national policy. The draft Local Plan does pursue a 'brownfield first' approach, seeking to optimise development on urban sites in the first instance.

However, brownfield sites alone would not be able to meet the housing need for the borough, which is why some limited Green Belt land has been considered. Initial viability evidence indicates that development in the Green Belt will also be able to

support higher proportions of affordable housing and help to reduce the Council's significant waiting list for affordable housing. These sites will also be able to provide more of the family homes with gardens that Enfield needs.

I would also note that Cllr Anderson has a strong and consistent record in voting against applications for new housing in brownfield sites across the borough. I wonder whether he has any ideas as to where we should provide the housing our residents so desperately need.

Question 31 from Cllr Katherine Chibah to Cllr George Savva, Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulatory Services

How are the COVID-19 Enfield Marshalls coping to keep Enfield Residents Safe?

Answer:

Since the Covid Marshals were re-introduced on 19th December 2020 when the cases of Coronavirus were increasing rapidly and Enfield (and London) went into Tier 3, the marshals have:

- Visited over 44,500 businesses
- Spoken to or dispersed almost 4,900 groups on high streets
- Carried out over 2,100 patrols in parks

The covid marshals provide high visibility pro-active patrols and presence on the high street and in parks. They:

- Provide basic advice to businesses about social distancing, face masks etc
- Give advice to the public on face coverings and social distancing
- Engage with groups of people and encourage gatherings to disperse
- Provide intelligence back to the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Officers of businesses that need follow up and enforcement
- Liaise with the Police and seek assistance to disperse and enforce gathering when needed
- Are tasked to specific hotspots or problem locations/premises
- Provide reassurance to the public and are often complimented about their work
- Regular presence which helps to ensure that businesses are compliant

They have also called ambulances for collapsed shoppers three times in the high street, assisted with a lost child in Broomfield Park and given first aid/called an ambulance for a knocked down pedestrian in Forty Hall.

Question 32 from Cllr Edward Smith to Cllr Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing

Would Cllr Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing provide a statement of intent on the Council's position regarding the repeat requests by the Alma Residents' Association to run the new community centre at Welcome Point and provide them with the necessary funding and support?

Answer:

The Council is committed to working with the ARA regarding a long-term presence on the estate supporting the local community. There have been a number of conversations in respect of the ARA relocating to the new community space, which forms part of the overall structure of the new community centre and Welcome Point. Dialogue will continue with the ARA to explore opportunities as staff are doing with other local community groups in the area.

No decision has been made about the long-term management of the new community space since Council staff are investigating options to fund the internal fit out of the building since the Council's developer partner, Countryside Properties, is building it to shell and core. The new community facility is expected to be delivered in late spring/early summer of 2023.

Council staff have been discussing various matters, in addition to the future community centre, with the ARA in the last few months and these include:

- Seeking agreement on an interim development lease that would enable the ARA to remain in their current premises (100 South Street) until the Council require vacant possession under the Compulsory Purchase Order process for demolition in 2023/2024.
- Facilitating support in the form of an independent architect to understand the planning drawings and address any concerns for Phases 2a and 4, which include the re-provision of shops as well as new homes.
- Supporting the ARA with overheads on their current premises.

These and other matters are reported regularly to the monthly Ward Councillor briefings.

Question 33 from Cllr Ayfer Orhan to Cllr Caliskan, Leader of the Council

The proposed larger Incinerator will service seven North London Boroughs, with waste travelling by road from across the seven boroughs to Edmonton, to be burned day and night.

For 50 years it's been releasing toxic fumes into the air breathed in by children and residents of Edmonton. Now Enfield Council is supporting the building of a bigger incinerator and the toxic fumes will be intensified locally and travel further across Enfield.

Can the Leader tell this Council if she is now ready to listen to the campaign mounted by residents calling for the expansion to be paused and to allow an independent review to take place and with full consultation with residents?

Answer:

Enfield has been part of the North London Waste Authority for many years. The NLWA is committed to protecting the health of its communities. For this reason, the Authority, and boroughs, including Enfield, have specified the highest class of emissions control technology for the new Energy Recovery Facility. It will be the

safest and cleanest facility in the UK, and NLWA is proud to serve north London's residents in this way.

The existing plant already operates well within air quality limits set by the Environment Agency. The replacement Energy Recovery Facility will perform to even higher standards, despite managing a larger volume of non-recyclable waste. Across Enfield, the facility will have an exceedingly small impact on pollution levels. For the vast majority of the year, concentrations of nitrogen oxides and particulates (the most significant causes of poor air quality) from the facility will be effectively zero. In comparison, transport emissions typically are responsible for up to 29.6% of the particles in the atmosphere in Enfield, industry and commercial practices cause 11.2%, and biomass burning (including wood burning) causes 7.6% of particulate emissions in Enfield. The figures are from the London Emissions Inventory run by the Greater London Authority (GLA).

This position is corroborated by Public Health England which is clear that modern facilities, like the existing and replacement plants in Edmonton, are an extremely small source of pollution and do not pose a significant health risk. The premise of the first paragraph of the question is therefore regrettably alarmist and inaccurate.

The decision to build the replacement facility followed careful analysis over many years by NLWA and boroughs. As part of the project's Development Consent Order application, full public consultation was carried out with north London's residents including leaflets to 28,000 homes across Enfield, Waltham Forest and Haringey, as well as 15 events in the local area and information material provided to local libraries and council buildings. This was followed by an examination in public and a recommendation for approval from the independent Planning Inspectorate. The Secretary of State accepted this recommendation in 2017, and the project is being built now in line with this consent.

Pausing the project would put at risk essential waste management services for two million residents and delay pollution improvements. It would also delay major new recycling facilities, which includes a public reuse and recycling centre for the benefit of Enfield residents, as well as a new education and community centre for residents and schools to learn about recycling and reducing their waste.

The NLWA's role in Enfield and the project proposals have been discussed with Enfield Council for some years now including when Councillor Orhan herself was a Cabinet Member. Therefore, Councillor Orhan will be fully aware that in her capacity as an executive decision maker within the Cabinet, that she had every opportunity to influence and speak out against on the NLWA proposals at the time.

Question 34 from Cllr Kate Anolue to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader

In November 2020 the grant agreement for the Housing Infrastructure Fund was signed. Can the Leader of the Council please outline what progress the Council has made in delivering infrastructure works at Meridian Water to enable future phases, and how have local businesses benefited from this?

Answer:

I am pleased to report that the Council has made rapid progress on the works and has received positive feedback from central government on the pace of implementation.

In particular

- The Council has completed the appointments of the full professional team to deliver both the HIF Street Works and HIF Rail Works.
- On 16th March the Council entered into a single Pre-Construction Service Agreement with the first ranked framework contractor (Vinci Taylor Woodrow) for the delivery of HIF Street Works in Meridian Water.
- The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process to acquire land needed to deliver the HIF Street Works is progressing in accordance with programme. The CPO inquiry was held in April, which has been positive, and the Council has been able to put a robust case forward and the CPO decision from the Secretary of State is expected in September.
- In April 2021, Arup was instructed to commence the Full Business Case (FBC) for the HIF Rail Works, with a completion date of December 2021 in line with the overall programme.
- Surveys and design work of the HIF Rail Works has started and is now well underway. The Council commenced the procurement of a Main Contractor for the HIF Rail Works in April 2021, with the aim to appoint the successful contractor towards the end of 2021
- The Council has drawn down £12m of grant from government.
- Central government conducted an annual review of progress in May which was positive. So too was a recent internal audit

The main contractor Vinci has run two meet the buyer events and has started the process of engaging with local businesses to join their supply chain, it is too early at this stage to appoint sub-contractors.

Additionally, Vinci are actively seeking to speak to people from Edmonton or Enfield about 6 engineering Apprenticeship opportunities, they have also contributed to the Community Chest which will be launched in September.

The physical construction of the Streets Works elements of the HIF programme are due to commence this Winter.

Question 35 from Cllr Edward Smith to Cllr Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing

Would Cllr Needs, Cabinet Member for Social Housing provide details of the current complement of the new Repairs Service detailing the number of permanent staff and agency staff and her plans for the ultimate size and shape of the service?

Answer:

The new Enfield Repairs Direct service has had a positive impact on the lives of council tenants, and I have seen a measurable improvement in customer service statistics since the service began.

The current complement of 65 in the repairs service comprises 34 permanent members of staff and 31 agency placements. Of this 31, 8 members of staff are in

the process of acquiring permanent contracts having been successful at competitive interviews. Officers will commence a further external recruitment round this month.

As part of the restructure, the management of the repairs service will be integrated with related operational functions to improve the service we give to residents: aids and adaptations, voids and lettings, contract management, call handling and estate services. This will enable Council Housing to work more efficiently and, for instance, consolidate some administrative functions and work in a more integrated way.

Question 36 from Cllr Birsen Demirel, to Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader

The Government launched a Levelling Up Fund in the March spending review, and classified Enfield as a 'Tier 2' authority for support. Can the leader of the Council explain what this means and how the Council has applied to this infrastructure fund to support Enfield's town centres and culture?

Answer:

The member is correct that in the ranking for the new Levelling Up Fund announced by Government in March that Enfield was placed as a 'Tier 2' authority. This means we are in the middle bracket of priority for support through the fund.

This designation was a surprise given the clear and highly challenging levels of inequality in our borough. Indeed, as the member knows we have some of the highest levels of deprivation to be found in England.

The fund was launched with an incredibly tight turnaround time associated with its first round. Local authorities were expected to develop compliant bids for a Round 1 closing date of June 18, 2021.

I am pleased to inform you that an officer team at the local authority worked incredibly hard to develop two bids for the deadline. I believe if either or both were successful in attracting funding as requested, we could add great value to our transformational programme for the borough.

One of the two bids is a multi-million-pound bid to secure funding to accelerate transformation in Edmonton, entitled 'Edmonton Silver Links'. This transport infrastructure bid seeks to improve accessibility and stimulate economic growth centred on the renovation of Silver Street station and its surrounding areas. This will help unlock the potential of the area, complementing and accelerate the transformational Good Growth work already underway, creating links to Meridian Water and helping to support the redevelopment of the North Middlesex Hospital site. This bid has the full support of partners in Network Rail and Transport for London, our local MP, Kate Osamor, and the Mayor's Office.

The second bid encompasses the creation of a new Enfield Chase Cultural Gateway. This will seek to escalate and add huge value to the Council's existing plans to both enhance the natural landscape and create a focal point for visitors and cultural activities in the north of the borough. Crucially, it will also seek to better connect residents in the east of the borough to green space to deliver positive health and employment outcomes. It has the support of Thames 21 and many local

environmental and parks groups as well as the support of Feryal Clark MP, and the Mayor's Office. If successful the resulting project could transform the area, giving a valuable and sustainable resource to our residents full of opportunities as well as placing Enfield on the map as a first-class tourist destination that can host high profile events as well as be a centre for local culture manufacturing.

I intend that should the fund continue, in Round 2 of the fund we will seek to submit a bid that focuses our Southgate constituency and I look forward to updating you on that in due course.

We are hoping to hear back from Government in Autumn 2021 as to whether we have been successful with the bids submitted. I am sure you will join me in thanking the officer team for their dedication and hard work in getting these innovative and inclusive bids into Government in such quick time.

Question 37 from Cllr Chris Dey to Cllr Alev Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Will Cllr Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care state the percentage of care home residents and staff who have been double vaccinated? Please provide a separate percentage for each cohort.

Action Bindi Nagra/Tony Theodoulou

Enfield Care Home Staff Total (inc agency) = **2235**

NCL Care Home Staff Vaccination Progress: 08/07/21

Enfield Homes	
No of Homes with 100% vaccination	23
No of Homes with unvaccinated staff	58
No of unvaccinated staff	409

Staff			
Borough	Number of Homes	1st Dose	2nd Dose
Camden	10	84%	73%
Enfield	81	78%	67%
Barnet	81	81%	68%
Islington	4	87%	78%
Haringey	30	80%	69%

London Ranking		
Staff	1st Dose	2nd Dose
	30th	25th

Current activity to encourage COVID vaccination coverage in care homes

- Staff/team webinars with paid time for staff to attend
- One to one session with Ph for staff who are hesitant

- Payments to staff for attendance and vaccines for time and travel of £20 per jab
- Twice weekly contact with home managers/deputies to understand reasons for staff hesitancy and follow up calls to support with follow up calls arranged based on themed feedback
- One to one support with each home to manage rapid/fast track access to vaccine slots
- Established specialist vaccine hub at chase farm for staff/residents in learning disability and mental health care homes
- Links with the Care Home Assessment Team to arrange in-reach appointments for both staff and residents in care homes
- Key messages through weekly public health messages to care homes including myth busting and frequently asked questions, particularly around vaccinations
- BAME focused webinars (for different BAME groups) supported by public health, Health professionals and community leaders
- Messages through provider forums with clear messaging that Council/families would not choose to make referrals to care homes with low vaccine uptake
- F2F consultation with GPs and homes have agreed to release staff to receive their vaccine on the same day at the nearest vaccination centre.
- Homes discussing the mandating of vaccines from October
- Workforce development to support care homes in recruiting carers via the Proud to Care programme.
- Visits to care homes to provide infection prevention control training.
- Weekly quality assurance calls to providers

Question 38 from Cllr Mahmut Aksanoglu, to Cllr Nneka Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion

Can the Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion confirm what actions that the Council is taking to tackle and prevent increased anti-social behaviour which has gone up since the pandemic?

Answer:

During the peak of the pandemic ASB incidents reported to the police increased by over 90% at the peak. Much of this was linked with reported breaches of Covid restrictions but there was also an element of additional pressure in households and neighbourhoods from the lockdown situation.

The Community Safety Unit ASB team continued to answer responses throughout working with police colleagues, especially the Council funded team, with officers in the CSU's CCTV centre and with other council departments to coordinate work.

Actions led by the CSU ASB team include:

- Dealing with all the most serious cases (priority 1) that are reported to the Council.
- Co-Chairing and Coordinating the Partnership Problem Solving Group
- Supporting vulnerable people exploited by criminals and promoted campaign on how to report cuckooing.
- Supporting the police in identifying and closing addresses used to supply drugs

- Providing the main link to the police to intervene with Unlicensed Music Events.
- Ensuring appropriate referrals where Domestic abuse is relevant to cases.
- Secured funding to support a new ASB mediation service to commence this year.
- Supported Autumn nights campaigns to deter ASB linked with fireworks disorder
- Supported police activity to tackle prostitution
- Support the Business Crime Reduction Partnership at Edmonton Green
- Provided and installed knife bins for safe storage of knives recovered in public areas and locked away to stop them being recirculated.
- Leading the Community Marac (multi agency risk assessment conference) to address at the most complex ASB cases.
- Monitoring National and International Issues which may impact on levels of ASB & Crime locally – increase in graffiti and around anti-COVID
- Continued focus on Crime & ASB on Housing Estates – carrying out Days of actions which included weapon sweeps
- Carried out a Day of Action around Café establishments to address concerns around women’s safety and ASB.

From the peak period for reporting, we are now seeing reductions however, the ASB officers continue to address high numbers of the most complex cases.

Question 39 from Cllr Chris Dey to Cllr Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

Will Cllr Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment ensure that a solution is found to the amount of litter in Enfield Town Park, Library Green and the surrounding residential streets? The litter bins are often overflowing especially at weekends which causes litter to be left by the bins. This litter is then blown around in the wind or disrupted by animals and causes the areas mentioned to look unsightly and uncared for. Will the Cabinet Member outline what action they will take to permanently resolve this matter?

Answer:

Additional bins will be installed within the Enfield Town Park, suitable designed with lids to minimise the possibility of waste being dispersed by wind or animal, in addition the continued 7day staffing of the park and neighbouring Library green will continue and be extended into the later part of the day in line with Park closing times.

This extension of resource will adequately support the cleansing of waste generated. Furthermore, we will utilise social media platforms in line with the Don’t trash our Parks banner’s to communicate with residents and remind them to dispose of their waste either in the bins provided or take it home.

Question 41 from Cllr Lindsay Rawlings to Cllr Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

Would Cllr Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment set out in detail how he plans to tackle the huge levels of fly-tipping that blight our streets?

Answer:

Officers have been working throughout the pandemic to collect and manage the boroughs waste, taking proactive steps to address fly tipping. Officers have recently changed the approach to collecting bins for flats above shops, where both waste and street scene crews have responsibility for maintaining the bin areas. This trial begun on May 17 and although this has only been going for a short period, I have noticed an improvement with a reduction in waste build up around the bins for flats above shops.

Street Cleansing deployed additional fly tip clearance teams working across the borough during the period of the pandemic as officers recognised that being at home, people produced more rubbish. Some of these extra resources are still in place now, this enables officers to visit most public highways within the Borough daily Monday to Friday, with one team at the weekend to cover emergency fly tip reports.

The service fly tipping team work with the waste enforcement team and check for evidence, which is photographed and passed to enforcement to take the appropriate action. The levels of enforcement for fly tipping and other waste offences are within the top quartile of performance in England, but we striving to do more to ensure that all people are take reasonability for the proper disposal of waste.

There was an increase during lockdown in fly tipping, but this has reduced as the restrictions have been lifted.

However, as a new portfolio holder for this area I am working with officers to take further steps to reduce fly tipping and I look forward to communicating the changes shortly.

Question 42 from Cllr Claire Stewart to Cllr Nneka Keazor, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion

Can the Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion confirm how the council has supported the commemoration of the Windrush Day and Armed Forces Day in Enfield?

Answer:

I am grateful to the elected member for drawing these two recent events in our civic calendar to wider attention.

I can confirm that for Windrush Day 2021, I issued a statement reflecting on the importance of Windrush Day to all our residents of Commonwealth heritage who answered the call of Government and came to help the country recover post-World War 2 and beyond. The contribution of these families and individuals cannot be underestimated both in terms of their contribution to creating a sustainable economic recovery as well as the cultural gifts they bestowed on us helping make Enfield and our country the wonderfully diverse place it is today. We also collaborated with our

own Enfield Caribbean Association to highlight their contribution to the day in question as they provided an engaging and highly informative on-line quiz to commemorate the day.

Armed Forces Day is similarly a highly important day in our calendar, and we helped our armed forces colleagues hold a very dignified and worthy event despite the ongoing restrictions we are managing due to the pandemic. It remains vitally important that we recognise the contribution and sacrifice of those who help keep us and many others across the world safe. We should also not forget the sacrifice the families of armed forces personnel often make to support them.

I am very proud of our ongoing work with the Deputy Lieutenant and local armed forces representatives to ensure proper commemoration of annual events such as Armed Forces Day. We will always be grateful to those who gave and continue to give so much to keep us secure.