

Council Meeting – 16 November 2022 Supplementary Agenda

9. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME (Pages 1 - 20)

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Question 1 from Councillor Margaret Greer to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

What progress has the Council made with the Joyce and Snells regeneration scheme?

Response:

I'm pleased to say that the planning application for around 1900 homes was submitted in September. The hybrid masterplan means the application is part detailed for 530 homes which if approved at committee, could start on site as early as next year. Alongside this important planning milestone, officers are progressing procurement for a contractor and enabling works. If successful this will see unsightly garages (which attract anti-social behaviour), demolished in preparation for the first newbuild block commencing in 2023.

Question 2 from Councillor Maria Alexandrou to Councillor Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

How will the Council help the 10,500 blue badge holders that are negatively affected by congestion from the Quieter Neighbourhood schemes? Will the Council look at making exemptions for ALL those with blue badges to alleviate their difficult journeys in travelling?

Response:

The published Equality Impact Assessments for the Quieter Neighbourhood projects have considered the impacts on people who share one of the nine protected characteristics. A decision has already been implemented to introduce permits for Blue Badge holders living within the Bowes Quieter Neighbourhood area and permits have been issued. A further decision, currently subject to the 'call in' process, has also been made to introduce permits for Blue Badge Holders living within the Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood area. There are no current plans to provide a blanket exemption for all Blue Badge holders in the Borough from traffic enforcement cameras. However, further work is ongoing to consider a potential expansion of the permitting approach to enable increased access to exemptions. This work will be published following the implementation of the initial Blue Badge exemptions for those living in the Fox Lane area, if this decision is maintained.

Question 3 from Councillor Sinan Boztas to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Following a recent meeting of Planning Committee, please can the Leader confirm what new health and leisure facilities have been approved at Meridian Water?

Response:

The Meridian 1 development which lies in between the Meridian Water train station,

and the existing community of Angel Edmonton has now achieved planning permission and includes the delivery of a new health centre and gym. Positive discussions are being held with the CCG and NHS over the nature of the health centre, the expectations are that the health centre will be large enough to accommodate a patient list of 14,000 and will therefore make a significant contribution to health outcomes in Edmonton. The gym also forms part of the Council's health and wellbeing strategy and will be sized to accommodate thousands of visitors every year. The health centre is scheduled to open in 2025 and the gym will open two years later in 2027.

Question 4 from Councillor Maria Alexandrou to Councillor Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

What are the recycling figures for this year and last year for doorstep collection recycling?

Response:

The household recycling figure (NI 192) for 21/22 is due to be verified by Defra in the coming weeks. However, our own projections estimate that Enfield's performance will be 30.9%* recycling for 21/22.

The figure from last year decreased by 33%. This was decrease not unexpected due to the increase in rejected recycling as a result of resident's placing incorrect items in their blue lidded recycling bins, and the relaxation of our contamination policy over the last two years whilst dealing with Covid. For context, the London average for recycling in 20/21 was 33%. This trend is shared London wide, with all North London Authorities expecting a decrease in their recycling performance last year.

I am working with officers to reverse this trend and improve performance and have already begun work to improve recycling performance through supporting households placing incorrect items in their recycling bins, and we are seeing the impact that this work is having on our recycling performance. In Q1 22/23 (Apr-Jun 22) we are projecting an improvement. It is expected that with the ongoing service efforts, this trend will continue and result in an increase in recycling for the year end.

*All percentages are awaiting verification from waste data flow, however, are unlikely to change significantly.

Question 5 from Councillor Mohammad Islam to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

What progress has been made to deliver upon the manifesto pledge to deliver a construction skills academy at Meridian Water? When will the construction of the

skills academy be completed and when is it due to formally open?

Response:

The Enfield Construction Skills Academy will contribute to delivering 1000's of training places for Enfield residents over the life of the next decade. The Construction Skills Academy is due achieve practical completion on Friday 11th November. The Council will at that point take over responsibility for the building. The Managed Learning Provider, the people that will train residents, have been selected and we are finalising the contract and lease with them, it is anticipated that the selected provider, The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London (CONEL), will be in contract by the 18th November.

The college has been running recruitment sessions and already have 100s of local residents signed up for construction training. These courses which have started at the college's other campuses will move to the Enfield Construction Skills Academy as part of a soft opening between now and January with the academy moving into full operational mode from January 2023 onwards. It is important to note that continued onward recruitment and referral of residents to the Construction Skills Academy is crucial to the long-term success and officers across the Council are working with partners such as the Job Centre plus to ensure this is the case.

Question 6 from Councillor Chris Dey to Councillor Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion

There were 1686 residential burglaries in the Borough in the 12 months to the end of August 2022. This compares to 1698 in the preceding twelve months. What steps is the Cabinet Member taking to work with colleagues in the police to deploy the additional police officers the Government have recruited to tackle this issue?

Response:

I can confirm that in the event of a burglary the new Metropolitan Police Commissioner has stated that he is committed to ensuring that officers visit burglary victims once the new officers are in post.

The Council supports the police by providing access to the CCTV control centre and any footage retrieval which may assist in an investigation. We also use our partnership grant funding to support the OWL initiative that enhances neighbourhood watch schemes.

We are aware that the BCU and the Commissioner's office have a plan for trying to increase numbers for frontline officers across the MET in-borough. The recruitment of police continues to be a challenge. A commitment from the government to award a pay increase to all frontline emergency staff would help.

Question 7 from Councillor Ayten Guzel to Councillor Ergin Erbil, Deputy Leader of the Council

What progress have we made to date against the Climate Action Plan?

Response:

We have been making progress against the actions set out in our Climate Action Plan, as well as listening and learning and identifying opportunities to make improvements. Recent successes over the last year or so include:

- Embedding Climate Action in the Council's Plan and decision-making processes
- Progressing Climate Action in all policies, through close working between teams. A recent policy implemented is our Sustainable and Ethical Procurement Policy, which includes climate action considerations for use in the selection criteria for all our procurement.
- Delivering carbon reductions on our Council Operations, where we have seen a 19% reduction over the baseline emissions, in line with our targets. Successful projects include:
 - Completing the LED streetlight replacement programme
 - Pushing forward with the retrofit of corporate buildings. We have recently completed heat pump and heat network retrofit pilots to corporate and school buildings and installation of over 1000 solar panels
 - Making advancements with procurement of electric vehicles for our Fleet
- Progressing against our borough-wide targets where we are:
 - Continuing to implement active travel schemes, with 12 school streets and 2 LTN's made permanent
 - Investing in EV charging infrastructure, and now have 96 public charging sockets available across the borough
 - Leading on Retrofit, through our involvement with the Retrofit London workstream in addition to piloting retrofit approaches on our building stock
 - Enabling low-carbon heating to homes with 743 homes connected to Energetik by March 2022 and are continuing to deliver retrofit pilots
 - Investing in our natural environment achieved the target of planting 100,000 trees as part of the Enfield
 - Chase Restoration projects, along with wetlands projects with ambitions set out in our Blue Green Infrastructure strategy

Question 8 from Councillor Chris Dey to Councillor Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion

I have recently read that the new Commissioner of Greater Manchester Police has taken the force out of special measures which is to be commended. Part of his plan to turn around this failing force was by instructing police officers to get back to the basics of catching and putting criminals behind bars and to stop all the senseless woke initiatives. For example, Officers were instructed to be cleanly shaven each

day and to be smart in their appearance, this was supported with upgraded new uniforms. Every crime had been investigated and no crimes were de-prioritised. A focus on Neighbourhood policing and attending the scene of every break in were part of this. Does the Cabinet Member agree with me that the Metropolitan Police would be well advised to see what they can learn from colleagues in Manchester? If so, will she raise this with the Borough Commander?

Response:

The Administration regularly meets with representatives of the MET Police, including our Borough Commander. We discuss crime stats, issues of concerns and joint working to make Enfield safer.

Police forces across the country also regularly share their best practice including that in Manchester. As Cabinet Member, I will continue to have my regular engagement with our local police and Borough Commander. Should Councillor Dey also want to write to our Borough Commander, I'm sure he will also receive a thorough response to any queries he may have.

Question 9 from Councillor Nawshad Ali, to Councillor Ergin Erbil, Deputy Leader of the Council

How are we responding to the extreme weather events experienced this year?

Response:

2022 has been a challenging year, where we have felt the direct effects of Climate Change locally. We experienced unprecedented record heat waves, which resulted in fires, along with flash flooding events.

The IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) released reports indicating the irreversible effects of climate change, and the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emission. We recognise taking Climate Action to be both a mitigation and adaption challenge.

In response to these extreme weather events and reports, we have identified adaptation and resilience as a key area of priority. This will be a primary consideration during the review of our Climate Action Plan. We are working to ensure that all recent projects delivered are helping provide a resilient and adaptive borough. The Council's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy sets out the approach to managing flood risk which includes monitoring and maintaining existing flood defences as well as delivering new projects to make Enfield more resilient to extreme rainfall.

Projects will include further increasing trees and woodland, building on our success of planting 100,000 trees, and creating 60 hectares of woodland. In recent years we have created 10 wetlands in parks and open spaces and close to 200 Sustainable Drainage Schemes (SuDS) such as rain gardens – these nature-based measures capture and store rainfall during extreme weather events, reducing pressure on the

drainage system and therefore reducing the risk of flooding. Such green measures also help to regulate temperatures and improve biodiversity. To further increase resilience to flood events, we will continue to create wetlands and implement SuDS across the borough.

The IPCC has also reported we must mitigate if further warming is to be limited, that is why we are also taking the steps outlined in our Climate Action Plan to decarbonise Enfield Borough by 2040, to reduce emissions ranging from buildings to transport.

Question 10 from Councillor Hannah Dyson to Councillor Chinelo Anyanwu, Cabinet Member for Public Spaces, Culture and Local Economy

Will Councillor Chinelo Anyanwu, Cabinet Member for Public Spaces, Culture and Local Economy explain why the recent decision was made to implement meetings with Friends of Parks groups for a maximum time of 20 minutes and will she join me in calling for a more collaborative, respectful way of working with the Friends of Parks groups for the good of the community, affording them more than a mere twenty minutes especially for the discussion of the more complex and sensitive issues?

Response:

Monthly Meetings with the Friends Group in the form of a surgery are now being held. This provides a focal point to enable us to deal speedily with local issues that arise. This is in addition to the regular quarterly meetings, which are for more strategic discussions and longer in time. From the surgery meetings an agreed action plan is formulated between the group and the Council. Our feedback from the first session delivered in October 2022, was that residents found it was a positive experience.

Question 11 from Councillor Eylem Yuruk to Councillor Abdul Abdullahi, Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Can the Cabinet Member update the Council on the effectiveness of this year's Summer University programme?

Response:

Enfield Council provided £80,000 for the Summer University Programme 2022. A further £55,000 was secured from the Holiday and Activities Food programme (HAF), which is funded by the Department of Education (DofE) to enhance the programme offer.

The Summer University took place during school holidays from 25th July to 26th of Aug 2022. It provided enriching, diversionary and learning activities for young people aged 11-19 and up to 25 with learning disability and difficulty. The overall

programme was co-produced and co-commissioned with Young Leaders to ensure that Summer University offer was attractive and engaging for young people. Young people were able to access sports, fitness, and wellbeing activities, promoting healthy lifestyles, arts and fashion courses, sports leadership programme, music and performing arts activities, skills for life workshops such as hairdressing, first aid course, personal development employability workshops alongside of digital, media and photography courses.

There were 40 organisations alongside of the Council Youth Service that delivered 80 learning courses and 2 holidays camps from local youth centres and community venues such as libraries and Millfield Theatre. Furthermore, Council Youth Service also expanded the Summer University offer into four secondary schools, complimenting the wider Holiday and Food Activities programme. The Summer University programme was offered from the following wards -Ponders End, Lower Edmonton, Edmonton Green, Southgate, Enfield Highway and Enfield Town. These wards also experience high levels of serious youth violence and therefore have benefited from enriching/diversionary activities aimed at young people at risk of boredom and criminal behaviour when not in school.

Overall, the Summer University offered 1570 places, accessed by 793 individual young people, of which 201 young people were eligible for free school meals. Young people were able to sign up to activities through an online portal. Referrals to the programme were also received from a range of services working with vulnerable young people such as social care, disabled children services, special education needs service and youth justice.

Summer University plays an important part of the Council's Public Health approach to prevention of Serious Youth Violence. It is worth noting that there was a reported reduction of 13.8% victims of serious youth violence for the rolling twelve months from July 2021 to August 2022.

Question 12 from Councillor Hannah Dyson to Councillor Susan Erbil, Cabinet Member for Licensing, Planning and Regulatory Services

Can Councillor Susan Erbil, Cabinet Member for Licensing, Planning and Regulatory Services advise what robust enforcement will take place following the demolition of North Lodge in Whitewebbs Park and why it has not been enforced earlier?

Response:

Planning Enforcement responded to concerns of the possible demolition and fly tipping at North Lodge Cottage July 2019.

Squatters had illegally gained entry to buildings within the curtilage of the Grade II Listed building and had taken residence on site and illegally changing the use of the

Land to a waste transfer station.

Combined action was taken with the Police and Waste Enforcement to cease the illegal use and to clear the waste from site. On action being taken a second illegal operator gained illegal entry to the site dumping tonnes of inert material on the land from unknown building sites. On carrying out these illegal works a lorry/digger drove into the Listed Building partially demolishing the side extension not originally part of the Listing.

In July 2019 Planning Enforcement served a Stop Notice on the Land and secured the site to prevent any further incursions and closed the site. It was clear damage to the Listing had occurred however due to possible land contamination and danger to Public Health a full site survey was carried out by the Asbestos Team to ensure officers health on site and the users of the park were not encountered.

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In July 2019 Planning Enforcement subsequently served an Urgent Works Notice requiring action to be taken to protect the Listing

Works were not carried out to the satisfaction of the Council. Due to the damage to the Listing and potential further deterioration the Enforcement Team carried out Works in Default Action. The Listing was structurally strengthened, scaffolding was erected externally to both support and cover the building. A 2m high hoarding was also erected on the boundary to prevent illegal access. A security Team also scheduled patrols of the site through 2020 and 2021 to ensure to further entry or

unauthorised works took place until new ownership could be agreed.

The cost of these works were recharged to the Land Owner and successfully defended when contested.

The illegal dumping has been cleared and the Council has discussed proposals for restoration of the original lodge and replacement of the damaged extension in 2020 and 2021.

Officers have continued to respond to concerns and monitor the site to ensure further deterioration of the Listing does not occur. No further damage has taken place, however due to current weather conditions the Enforcement Team have contacted the current owner to ensure any further enforceable issues are addressed with immediate effect.

Question 13 from Councillor Gunes Akbulut to Councillor Gina Needs, Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion

The period around Halloween and Bonfire Night can result in high levels of ASB
What does the Community Safety ASB team focus on working with the police and partners to reduce the opportunity for ASB?

Response:

The Anti-social Behaviour Team carried out Walkabouts/weapon sweeps with Neighbourhoods Policing Team, Safer Estates Team & Council Housing Estates and liaised with private estates landlords

Through the Enfield Public Safety Centre, officers supported the police by identifying any firework related incident reports and forwarded the details. Camera Operators monitored cameras on key dates and key locations

Our Youth Service deployed Outreach Youth Workers in known areas, where young people have previously congregated to let off fireworks e.g., Edmonton Green Transport Hub, Albany Park, Green space by Enfield Town Library. The aim was to raise awareness of dangers of handling fireworks and re-divert the Young People into positive activities available from the Council's Youth Development Team.

Question 14 from Councillor James Hockney to Councillor Tim Leaver, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement

Can the Finance Portfolio Holder detail all the different funds (and amounts) the Government has provided to us to pass onto residents and businesses relating to Covid Support and Cost of Living support?

Response:

The response to this question has four parts, namely:

Part 1 - Covid business grants allocations paid to Enfield 2020-21 to 2022-23 which totalled £117,595,071.

Part 2 – Business Rate reliefs

The following was received in terms of Business Rates reliefs for retail, nursery & local newspaper relief across 2020-21 to 2022-23. This was matched against the entirety of the business rates that we collect, i.e., includes our share, plus GLA's and Central Government's which totalled £83,376,363.

Part 3 – all other grants that have been distributed in 2020/21 totalled £20,837 and in 2021/22 totalled £15,293.

Part 4 – funding received in 2022/23 for the cost of living crisis totalled £23,094,338.

Question 15 from Councillor Thomas Fawns to Councillor Ergin Erbil, Deputy Leader of the Council

Please can the Deputy Leader explain what progress is being made on the Council manifesto given our financial challenges?

Response:

There are 41 manifesto pledges in total, which are being progressed within the four years of the current administration. 27 of the pledges can be progressed within existing budgets. 1 is progressing at additional cost, which is the replacement of bins and is estimated to cost £200k a year, £100k revenue and £100k capital. This in part has been funded by a windfall payment related to NLWA windfall payment for the capital costs, the ongoing revenue costs will be built into the MTFP. A further 13 pledges are at varying stages of review.

Question 16 from Councillor James Hockney to Councillor Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

Can the Environment Portfolio Holder confirm how many street trees will be planted this financial year in each ward?

Response:

Nearly 500 trees have been planted (476) so far this year and a further 700 are proposed for the remainder of the financial year.

Question 17 from Councillor Chris James to Councillor Tim Leaver, Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement

How is inflation and cost of borrowing impacting on the Council and what is the likelihood of government funding?

Response:

In terms of central government funding for inflation, the budget announcements are expected on 17 November which it is hoped will provide an indication of the position for local government funding. However, speculation in the sector is that inflationary funding from central government is not expected given the wider economic picture and the Council is preparing the medium-term financial plan on this basis.

The LGA recent letter to Jeremy Hunt sets out the national position with £2.4bn extra cost pressures in 2022/23, rising to a funding gap of £3.6bn in the following year. As inflation hits 9.9% in August, *“Without immediate additional funding, Councils will face increasingly stark decisions about which services to stop providing as rising costs hit budgets. This means not just isolated closures of individual facilities but significant cuts to services people rely on, including those to the most vulnerable in our society.”*

The Council is experiencing inflationary cost pressures of £8m in the current financial year, this impact is then compounded in the following year. As reported to Cabinet in October, the forecast General Fund revenue budget gap for 2023/24 is £40m and around half of this relates to inflationary pressures. The total budget gap in 2023/24 totalling £40m, assuming no additional government funding.

The Council’s existing borrowing is mainly already on fixed interest rate of 2.54%. However, a small proportion of the existing long-term borrowing (which funds our capital programme) matures every year and requires refinancing, which will increase revenue pressures. We do not expect cost of borrowing (which is a revenue charge) to increase considerably in 2022/23 owing to borrowing profile not changing considerably, but clearly where further borrowing is required in the future, we will be borrowing at higher rates than has been the case in recent years. All capital business plans are in the process of being reviewed in the current environment – with financial viability of projects significantly challenged by inflation and interest rate changes. Interest rates also mean that hurdle rates require review. If project expenditure increases significantly, it may mean that projects may be delayed, redesigned to remain affordable, programmes re-prioritised or alternative delivery approaches explored.

Question 18 from Councillor Edward Smith to Councillor Tim Leaver, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement

Would the Cabinet Member explain the economic justification for replacing existing farmland in the Green Belt with woodland and leisure uses?

Response:

The Council’s ‘Blue and Green Strategy’ envisages the transformation of parts of the rural areas of the borough from arable fields into a more diverse mosaic of

uses. This proposed transformation is driven by the opportunity to derive multiple benefits for the Borough and beyond: climate change, bio-diversity net gain, supporting the local economy and greater accessibility and availability of local woodland and leisure amenities.

Furthermore, the design and location of new woodlands and wetlands is specifically intended to alleviate flood risk in the south-eastern part of the borough. Whilst some arable fields may be transformed, the issue of food security forms part of the Blue and Green Strategy which anticipates the evolution of food production to a wider range of food types and for more local markets, but with a more efficient use of land.

Question 19 from Councillor Gunes Akbulut to Councillor Alev Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care

Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether the Council has received any of the £500m promised by government for Social Care to deal with winter pressures?

Response:

In September, the Health and Social Care Secretary announced £500m for Adult Social Care this winter, designed to address delayed discharges from hospital. It was also described as a 'down payment on rebalancing funding between health and social care'.

To date none of the funding has materialised. Given the funding challenges for social care and pressures on the NHS it is inexplicable that this hasn't happened.

Question 20 from Councillor David Skelton to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

How is the Council using its procurement process to support local farmers and butchers?

Response:

The Council's contract procedure rules state that for all contracts that are under the EU threshold quotations from local suppliers must be sought. Procurement Services have been engaging with the Enfield Chambers of Commerce to inform local suppliers on process and working on procurement strategies to maximise the accessibility for local suppliers. Our new Sustainable and Ethical procurement policy also addresses promoting local suppliers directly or indirectly through social value.

The council purchases food locally for the Library Green Café and Dugdale Centre. Using local butchers in Winchmore hill or Greenlane's and using Forty Hill farms for fresh organic vegetables.

The School Catering service aspire to use ethically sources ingredients at every opportunity. All of our eggs are locally sourced and free range. Enfield Catering are using London based SMEs which deliver social value back into the borough but are also held to strengthen standards to ensure compliant ethical value out of council expenditure. During the procurement process we worked with local SMEs to support and coach them onto Government buying frameworks. We are also currently in talks with the National Farmer's Association Education programme about delivering educational programmes in the schools we serve.

Question 21 from Councillor Hivran Dalkaya to Councillor Alev Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care

Can the Cabinet Member advise how is the Council working to increase cancer screening uptake?

Response:

The Council is working collaboratively with partners across the system to increase cancer screening uptake, particularly with communities who have lower uptake than the borough average.

Whilst our data regarding inequality in uptake is not comprehensive, the communities which have been identified as having lower uptake include, Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities and residents living in more deprived areas. National research also shows that people with learning disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, people with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and people from the LGBTQ+ communities have lower cancer screening uptake than average. Therefore, we are focusing our campaigns to target the aforementioned groups.

NCL Cancer Alliance have commissioned Bridge Renewal Trust to run a cervical screening survey that will be disseminated to nine communities in Enfield and Haringey, to help understand reasons for low uptake and how better attendance can be encouraged.

NCL Cancer Alliance have commissioned Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust to deliver cervical cancer prevention training for non-clinical primary care staff. Attendees will learn about cervical cancer prevention, how to speak with patients about screening, HPV, and the vaccine. The 90-minute training includes understanding barriers to screening and health inclusion i.e., PWLD, Homelessness, SMIs.

Primary Care have a Locally Commissioned Service (LCS) for cervical screening. This is an incentive scheme focused on supporting PCNs with cervical screening uptake. Also, additional hours/clinics are provided above extended access, extended hours, and GP core hours for cervical screening. We will also engage with practice nurses who are the frontline staff for cervical screening.

The communications and engagement plan delivered by Enfield Council and NCL

ICB will focus on localised campaigns with trusted community leaders and representatives, regular social media posts, working closely with VCS organisations, GP screen advertising of campaigns, posters for healthcare settings and libraries, presentations at the Enfield Black Community Health Forum and at Council and ICB meetings to raise awareness of the campaign.

NCL Cancer Alliance and Primary Care are identifying reasonable adjustments in cancer screening pathways for people experiencing homelessness. They will hold workshops with service users and healthcare professionals to inform these adjustments.

NCL Cancer Alliance are on Phase 3 of their public campaign which aims to focus on improving awareness and uptake of the cervical and bowel cancer screening programmes and awareness of cancer signs and symptoms in line with the National Awareness dates, using existing Help Us Help You and localised resources.

The Community Learning Disability Nurse Team are running several workshops for adults with learning disabilities. They ran a general screening day on the 24/08/22 to talk about testicular screening, breast screening, bowel screening and we ran a health check drop in. They are organising a "Know Your Poo" day on 01/12/22 focusing on bowel health, bowel samples and their meaning, bowel screening and what it means, healthy diets, drinking water and where to go for help. In addition, they will run a men's health day in January 2023 with a focus on breast, testicular and prostate cancer, how to examine yourself and what to look out for. Finally, in February 2023 the team is running a women's health day which will focus on the breast and cervical screening- to support women to self-examine their breasts as well as using test pieces to help them understand what a lump is. There will be cervical screening videos to help them understand a full cervical screen.

Enfield Council will hear from an LGBTQ+ charity called "Live Through This" who will provide advice and expertise on how to make existing and new cancer screening awareness work inclusive for LGBTQ+ residents.

Enfield Voluntary Action is planning to run a workshop dedicated to cancer screening for their Health Champions which aims to inform participants on why screening it is important and how to communicate this message. The messages will be disseminated via the Health Champions to people in their networks.

Question 22 from Councillor David Skelton to Councillor George Savva, Cabinet Member for Social Housing

Has the Council considered how to improve pest control within Council owned properties?

Response:

All Council tenants receive free pest control treatment for rats, mice and cockroaches and we are extending this to the more commonly found pests, for example ants. We actively survey and treat the whole block if an infestation is found in communal areas. The team have been exploring methods of pest

proofing in the individual properties to prevent access by pests when the treatment commences. Active treatment along with proofing combined will reduce the spread of any infestation and contain the problem while ensuring the safety of the residents.

Question 23 from Councillor Elif Erbil to Councillor Chinelo Anyanwu, Cabinet Member for Public Spaces, Culture & Local Economy

How did the Council celebrate Black History month?

Response:

This year's Black History Month celebration has demonstrated Enfield's strong commitment to its communities of Black heritage. I am proud that we have delivered a high quality, high profile cultural programme that reached across the borough.

To help shape and achieve this, we convened a Black History Month Working Group of over 50 people from across the creative, health and community sectors who had input into this year's celebration and set some key goals – to celebrate the achievements of contemporary Enfieldians of Black heritage, to engage and inspire young people, to provide opportunities to discuss health and to be accessible to all.

I am sure Councillors will have seen some of the striking posters across the borough that encouraged people to 'Celebrate now!', the Black History Month website that captured everything happening across the borough and the social media campaign which not only promoted external and council-run events but shared behind-the-scenes glimpses of the artistic production involved and told stories of local achievement. Two special events were held, one at Forty Hall and one at Millfield Theatre, both involving world-class musicians from The African Concert Series. These performances were spectacular.

For the Millfield event, the working group nominated five champions who had each achieved highly in their chosen profession and had supported their communities. Local artists, both young people and professional, were commissioned to create new work which celebrated the stories of the champions, and these works will now tour to select libraries and venues across the borough. The director of Platinum arts, Nina Lewis, then worked with local performers including over 50 young people from Platinum academy to tell the stories of these champions in different artforms: spoken word, gospel, street dance, contemporary dance, in a stunning event on Sunday 30th October. The atmosphere was amazing, with many tears and many compliments, with the quality felt to be West End standard.

In total, over 500 people took part in these two events and many thousands more

learned about Enfield's black history online. And there are some great legacies already emerging: the African Concert Series is looking to return to Forty Hall, and the working group has committed to carrying on with the aim of supporting more activity that celebrates Enfield's black heritage across the year.

Question 24 from Councillor Edward Smith to Councillor Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

Would the Cabinet Member provide details of the financial support from Government or other sources for the Council's Re-Wilding programme in the Green Belt?

Response:

The Council has been awarded funding for various aspects of the rewilding programme from the following sources as set out below and the Council will be submitting further funding bids to fund the next stages of the programme. The aim is for the cost of rewilding to be met entirely from external grant funding.

Project	Funding Source	Timescale	Amount
Salmons Brook Natural Flood Management	Environment Agency Thames RFCC	2018-22	343,000.00
Greener City Fund	Greater London Authority	2020-21	748,000.00
Restoring Enfield's Rivers	Defra/NLHF	2020-22	678,000.00
Enfield Chase Woodland Creation	Forestry Commission	2020-22	343,886.27
WEIF Salmons Brook NFM	Environment Agency	2021-22	35,000.00
Rewild London	Greater London Authority	2022-23	30,292.80
Landscape Recovery - Project Development Phase	Defra	2022-24	548,000.00
Total			2,726,179.07

Question 25 from Councillor Esin Gunes to Councillor Chinelo Anyanwu, Cabinet Member for Public Spaces, Culture & Local Economy

The Dugdale is due to re-open shortly – what can residents expect?

Response:

The Dugdale Arts Centre will reopen to the public on 16th December, and we know from residents that this is eagerly anticipated – and rightly so!

The venue has kept its studio theatre and will be presenting a specially commissioned production of Little Women: The Musical with colour-positive casting from 16th – 7th January as well as regular family favourite Christmas Tales from the Shed – booking now open. The atrium space, however, is completely transformed to enable the community to enjoy museum visits, school trips, music, comedy, supper clubs, shopping for local artist products and lots of opportunities to make and create in a variety of arts workshops, choirs, and performance groups.

There are small spaces for meetings and more intimate performance like poetry or spoken word, and the potential to use the entire space for shows and events. The space will provide an ongoing celebration of everything that is made in Enfield – our creative talent, our vegetables, our ice cream, our crockery, tables, and chairs – and a space to enjoy some of the very best arts and culture from across the UK.

We very much look forward to opening the doors and giving the community a special Christmas present this December.

Question 26 from Councillor James Hockney to Councillor Ergin Erbil, Deputy Leader of the Council

Can the Deputy Leader provide costings for each of the Administration Manifesto Pledges?

Response:

There are 41 manifesto pledges in total, which are being progressed within the four years of the current administration. 27 of the pledges can be progressed within existing budgets. 1 is progressing at additional cost, which is the replacement of bins and is estimated to cost £200k a year, £100k revenue and £100k capital. This in part has been funded by a windfall payment related to NLWA windfall payment for the capital costs, the ongoing revenue costs will be built into the MTFP. A further 13 pledges are at varying stages of review.

Question 27 from Councillor Nicki Adeleke to Councillor Susan Erbil, Cabinet Member for Licensing, Planning & Regulatory Services

What is the Licensing team doing to support both landlords and tenants to sustain tenancies in the private rented sector given the pressures that both landlords and tenants are experiencing?

Response:

Councillors will be aware of the challenging housing environment with increased demand for private rented tenancies, increased rent levels and homelessness challenges.

The services have responded by balancing enforcement activity to working more closely with landlords and agents to improve property conditions and to sustain tenancies. It is vital that landlords have a clear understanding of what is involved in providing accommodation that is deemed safe and fit for human habitation. Officers are supporting landlords to address their licensing obligations and landlord responsibilities, but at the same time highlighting the consequences landlords might face if they commit specific offences.

A collaborative landlord forum in December will enable us to update landlords on legislative changes, including those proposed in the Renters Reform Bill 2022, information on how the council is supporting tenants in fuel poverty and the cost of living crisis and information for landlords when tenants are facing difficulties in paying their rent. We are raising awareness of our services with tenants and working with organisations that provide specialist support to tenants. In conjunction with the Homeless Prevention Team a review of the Council's website is proposed to provide better support and advice for private renters and provide a range of information and links to other support services.

Question 28 from Councillor James Hockney to Councillor Tim Leaver, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement

Can the Finance Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of how the latest £2.8m Government Household Support Grant funding will be spent supporting residents?

Response:

The Council is planning and in the process of distributing the funding against several key themes as summarised in the table below.

Theme	Proposed allocation
Families with children	£1,160,000
Households in the most need	£1,000,000
Voluntary Organisations	£80,000

Energy efficient appliances/light bulbs	£207,995
Community focused activities to support warm spaces and food	£200,000
Reserve to support ad hoc claims	£50,000
Safeguarding – Hospital Discharge	£100,000
Administration	£50,000
Total	£2,847,995

Question 29 from Councillor Ayten Guzel to Councillor Rick Jewell, Cabinet Member for Environment

What progress is being made on the Blue and Green strategy?

Response:

I am pleased to report that good progress continues to be made with the Blue and Green strategy. For example, the commitment to increase tree stock within the borough is being delivered through the reforestation and street / urban tree planting programmes. The Council is working with Natural England to look at options regarding land management, including the introduction of grazing cattle to certain sites within the Parks and Open Spaces. Maintenance and improvement work continue to the blue infrastructures, including the recent desilting of the New river loop.

Question 30 from Councillor Hannah Dyson to Councillor Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

Can the Leader of the Council confirm when the residents of Forty Hall and Bulls Cross can expect section 106 money to be released for the renovation of Gough Park wall and why has there been such a delay in important heritage work?

Response:

These works are now being progressed urgently. Officers are meeting with the Friends group and residents, to ensure that the works are aligned to the existing characteristics of the parks infrastructure. Safety repairs to the kerbside wall have been required before the wider works programme can commence.

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