

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE 2017**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council), Daniel Anderson (Cabinet Member for Environment), Yasemin Brett (Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture), Alev Cazimoglu (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care), Krystle Fonyonga (Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health), Dino Lemonides (Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency), Ahmet Oykenner (Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration) and Alan Sitkin (Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development)

**Associate Cabinet Members (Non-Executive and Non-Voting):** Vicki Pite (Enfield North) and George Savva (Enfield South East)

**ABSENT** Achilleas Georgiou (Deputy Leader) and Ayfer Orhan (Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection), Bambos Charalambous (Associate Cabinet Member – Enfield West)

**OFFICERS:** Ian Davis (Chief Executive), James Rolfe (Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services), Ray James (Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care), Tony Theodoulou (Executive Director of Children's Services), Gary Barnes (Acting Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment), Jayne Middleton-Albooye (Head of Legal Services), Nicky Fiedler (Assistant Director - Public Realm, Environment), Detlev Munster (Head of Property Programmes), Matthew Watts (Parks Business Strategy & Partnerships Officer) and Andrea De Lucy (Press and New Media Officer) Jacqui Hurst (Secretary)

**Also Attending:** Councillor Derek Levy (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Robert Hayward

**1**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Achilleas Georgiou (Deputy Leader), Ayfer Orhan (Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection), and Bambos Charalambous (Associate Cabinet Member – Enfield West).

**2**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in respect of any item listed on the agenda.

**3**

**URGENT ITEMS**

- 3.1 NOTED, that the reports listed on the agenda had been circulated in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information and Meetings) (England) Regulations 2012 with the exception of Report Nos. 10 and 11 – Acquisition of Long Leasehold Interest – Jeffreys Road, Brimsdown, EN3 7UZ (Minute Nos. 9 and 18 below refer). These requirements state that agendas and reports should be circulated at least 5 clear working days in advance of meetings.

**AGREED**, that the above reports be considered at this meeting.

- 3.2 **Decision Taken by the Leader of the Council under the Cabinet Urgent Action Procedure – Assurance Letter from the Council, as Sole Shareholder, to Enfield Innovations Limited**

NOTED, that a decision had been taken by the Leader of the Council, on behalf of the Cabinet, on 15 May 2017, under the Cabinet Urgent Action Procedure (as set out in the Council's Constitution, Chapter 4.3 – Section 12 – Rules of Procedure). The decision had recommended that the Council approve the issuing of a letter of assurance from the Council to its wholly owned company Enfield Innovations Limited.

Urgent approval had been sought for implementation of this decision as Enfield Innovations Limited (EIL) was being audited. EIL's auditors required a demonstration of the Council's commitment to the company in order for them to conclude the company accounts. EIL's draft accounts had to be submitted to the Council's Corporate Finance Department by 19 May 2017 in order for the group accounts to be consolidated. Therefore, the letter of assurance had been required to be signed as a matter of urgency as it would assist in demonstrating to the auditors the Council's continued commitment to EIL, alongside the usual letter issued by the Council to the auditors and EIL's business plan. Due to the required deadline, it had not been possible for the matter to be included on the agenda for this Cabinet meeting and it had not been possible to consider the matter at the previous Cabinet meeting on 9 May 2017.

The Leader of the Council, on behalf of Cabinet, under the Cabinet's Urgent Action procedure, had therefore approved the issuing of a letter of assurance to Enfield Innovations Limited to enable it to submit its audited accounts to the Council by 19 May 2017.

**4**

**DEPUTATIONS**

NOTED, that no requests for deputations had been received for presentation to this Cabinet meeting.

**5**

**ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL**

NOTED, that there were no reports to be referred to full Council.

**6**

**STATEMENT BY COUNCILLOR AHMET OYKENER (CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOUSING REGENERATION)**

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council) invited Councillor Ahmet Oykenner (Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration) to update the Cabinet on events following the recent terrible fire at Grenfell Towers. The following statement was made:

"The terrible fire at Grenfell Towers has shocked us all, and since last week I have been working closely with the leader, chief executive and other council officers to both assist Kensington and Chelsea Council and provide assurance to ourselves and our residents that they are safe in their homes.

Enfield owns 54 blocks of 6 or more storeys, which provide homes to almost 2,500 families. Each block has a fire risk assessment undertaken each year, and where these result in recommendations to improve safety they are implemented with a high priority. Fire doors have been fitted to all high rise homes since 2010 and any changes to doors are picked up via the monitoring process. The majority of our homes have smoke alarms, and we are prioritising identifying the gaps and getting hard wired alarms fitted where there are none.

Caretakers inspect our tower blocks every day as part of their cleaning rota, remove any items from communal areas, check fire doors are safe and closed and report if repairs are required.

Following the tragic events last Tuesday night we arranged a top to bottom inspection and audit of our tower blocks as an additional precaution, this was completed by last Friday and focused particularly on identifying and removing items left in communal areas which could restrict escape in the event of a fire. Further risk assessments will be carried out.

None of our blocks have the same cladding as Grenfell Tower.

Five blocks have cladding made of a high-pressure laminate. The only aluminium within the cladding is the vertical rail which holds the panel. The insulation is mineral fibre which will not burn. There are horizontal fire barriers between the floors and vertical fire barriers between flats, to prevent fire spreading. None the less, we have laboratory tested the cladding and will have final results back by the end of the week.

15 blocks are rendered – this render uses non-combustible insulation material and meets all fire and safety legislation. The remaining 34 blocks have not been fitted with any kind of external wall insulation cladding – and so have no additional external materials which could affect the spread of fire on the outside of the building.

Letters were sent to residents last week to reassure them about the steps we are taking and to enlist their support in keeping the stairwells etc. clear. A further set of letters is being prepared to go out later this week.

As well as making sure our residents are safe we are also supporting the affected residents in Kensington. We have offered any help needed and have to date provided LALOs (local authority liaison officers), social workers and housing assessment officers. We will continue to offer any support that the Council may request from us.”

Councillor Oykenier reiterated that all Councillors had been informed of the above and, that further information was being prepared for ward councillors with details of the high rise blocks in their wards, to ensure that they had all the necessary information when meeting with their local residents.

Members discussed the tragic event and the measures that were being undertaken, as outlined by Councillor Oykenier above. Members stated that representations should be made to the Government on the potential future funding implications. Councillor Taylor advised Members that the Local Government Association and London Councils would be working jointly on this issue and a collective response made in due course. Local authorities were currently collating information requested by the Government.

Members expressed their appreciation of the work being undertaken by the Council's officers. Councillor Brett asked that consideration be given to ways in which the Council could effectively communicate information within local communities as well as individual residents, to provide further reassurance and raise awareness.

Councillor Taylor reported that he had recently met with the Borough's Chief Fire Officer. It was important to ensure that all communications were guided by the advice of the Fire Brigade.

Councillor Oykenner reiterated the reassurance and advice that was being provided and would consider how to further engage with local community groups in future communications.

Ray James (Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care) summarised the actions being taken as outlined above and gave reassurance that the Council would act on any risks that were highlighted with appropriate representations being made to the Government. The advice of the Fire Brigade would be followed and clearly communicated.

Councillor Oykenner concluded by providing reassurance that all necessary action was being carried out within the Borough.

## **7**

### **QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Councillor Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council) introduced the report of the Chief Executive (No.8) showing the end of year performance for 2016/17 and comparing it to the Council's performance for the end of 2015/16.

NOTED for information only, the progress being made towards achieving the identified key priorities for Enfield.

**Alternative Options Considered:** Not to report regularly on the Council's performance. This would make it difficult to assess progress made on achieving the Council's main priorities and to demonstrate the value for money being provided by Council services.

**Reason:** To update Cabinet on the progress made against all key priority performance indicators for the Council.

## **8**

### **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES EVENTS STRATEGY REVIEW**

Councillor Daniel Anderson (Cabinet Member for Environment) introduced the report of the Executive Director – Regeneration and Environment and Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.9).

NOTED

## **CABINET - 21.6.2017**

1. An amendment to paragraph 6.2.3 of the report with the deletion of the words “the Street Works Enforcement and Prosecution Policy” and insertion of “the Parks and Open Spaces Events Strategy”.
2. That four Cabinet Members had been involved in various aspects of the Strategy, as detailed in the report.
3. Councillor Anderson highlighted the main aspects of the review that had been undertaken and the recommended way forward. The Strategy covered a breadth of issues and aimed to strike a balance with all aspects of the events strategy going forward. The increasing demand for events of various sizes, the commercial aspects and the needs of local residents and park users had all been taken into consideration. A detailed consultation exercise had been undertaken, as outlined in the report. A range of consultation methods had been followed with various stakeholders. The review had been comprehensive and a number of concerns previously raised had been mitigated. The need for events to be well-managed was recognised. Income generation was important to support the Borough’s parks and open spaces; this was balanced against any concerns expressed by local stakeholders and residents. The Strategy set out clear structures and processes to be followed and provided clear guidance on moving forward. The creation of the Strategy with majority support; would now provide the foundations to deliver events that provide community, social and economic value to the council but balance the impact they might have on stakeholders and residents.
4. Councillor Taylor (Leader of the Council) advised Members that he had received two written representations today from representatives of the Trent Park Conservation Committee (TPCC) and the Chalk Lane Area Residents Association (CLARA). Copies of the representations were provided to Cabinet Members at the meeting for their consideration in advance of reaching their decision on the adoption of the Strategy. In addition, Councillor Robert Hayward also wished to address the Cabinet; he had received further written representations from the Friends of Trent Country Park, copies of which were also provided to the Cabinet.
5. Members discussed in detail the issues raised within the three written representations and Nicky Fiedler (Assistant Director – Regeneration and Environment) responded to the points outlined for Members’ consideration. Members were reminded of the licensing conditions that were applied to events and the processes that had to be followed and adhered to. The Events Strategy was a policy that covered the delivery of all events across 124 parks. It was the Council’s responsibility to determine which events were suitable for which parks within the borough, but work was undertaken with stakeholders to determine the measures and controls to be put in place to limit the impact of events on local residents. It was felt that the new Strategy was a significant step forward.

6. Councillor Robert Hayward was invited to address the Cabinet. Councillor Hayward took this opportunity to highlight his views regarding the need to ensure that comprehensive and adequate security measures were in place for large scale events. In response, Councillor Derek Levy outlined the role undertaken by the Licensing Committee and the representations made by responsible authorities in the consideration of licensing applications. Councillor Taylor recognised the need for comprehensive risk assessments to be undertaken whilst also ensuring that events could continue as normal. Further reassurances were provided by Councillor Fonyonga and officers present. Police were consulted and, the Safety Advisory Group carried out comprehensive risk assessments on an individual event basis. Councillor Fonyonga undertook to ensure that Councillor Hayward's comments were highlighted to the Group in their future considerations.
7. Nicky Fiedler provided further reassurances regarding security measures and the continued involvement of stakeholders in moving forward. Comprehensive responses were provided to Members in their consideration of the written representations which had been received. Information was provided on the number of established events held at Trent Park and the Strategy followed for events held in school holidays.
8. Councillor Yasemin Brett highlighted the potential biodiversity impact and proposed that consideration be given to a biodiversity audit being undertaken at a future stage. Councillor Brett praised the Strategy and recognised the considerable work that had been undertaken in reaching this stage.
9. Councillor Vicki Pite praised the comprehensive consultation process that had been undertaken.
10. Councillor George Savva highlighted the positive aspects of the events in bringing local communities together and, noted the Council's continued work with stakeholders including the Friends of the Parks.
11. Following Members' detailed consideration of the written representations which had been received and the representations made by Councillor Hayward at the meeting, Members expressed their support of the new Strategy.
12. Councillor Taylor concluded that Members were not dismissive of the points that had been raised, the representations which had been made were acknowledged and officers would continue to have dialogue with the stakeholders in going forward. The value and benefits provided by the Borough's parks and open spaces was recognised. Any income generated by the events was reinvested for the future benefit of the parks.

**Alternative Options Considered:** Not to develop a new strategy and miss the cultural, economic, social and financial benefits that park events bring to borough. Not to adopt a new strategy and risk challenge from the community that there was no framework under which park events could be managed and governed. Adopt a new strategy that had no framework and offers the community no reassurance of the number, size or frequency of events within the Borough's parks and open spaces.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed to adopt the new strategy and use the framework set out within the strategy to guide the delivery of events in parks and open spaces going forward.

**Reason:** A new strategy was required to guide the effective delivery of events within the Borough's parks and open spaces. The strategy was required to set out the framework under which events could be delivered to allow the enrichment of the cultural offering within the Borough, support economic growth and generate income that would help the Council maintain our parks and open spaces, and protect those residents who were most affected by events happening within their local park. It was believed that the proposed strategy provided a good balance between facilitating park events and protecting residents.

**(Key decision – reference number 4456)**

## 9

### **ACQUISITION OF LONG LEASEHOLD INTEREST - JEFFREYS ROAD, BRIMSDOWN, EN3 7UZ**

Councillor Alan Sitkin (Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services and Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.10).

NOTED

1. That Report No.11 also referred as detailed in Minute No.18 below.
2. Councillor Sitkin outlined the justification for, and potential benefits arising from the acquisition as set out in detail in the report.
3. That recommendation 2.1 of the report was being amended in response to Members' discussion of the proposals. The amendment was reflected in decision 1 below.

**Alternative Options Considered:** NOTED,

1. Not acquiring the property was considered a lost opportunity, and, more importantly, the relocation potential this site offers to realise the Council's wider economic and social regeneration initiatives.



2. It represented “good asset management” and a timely opportunity where the Council could realise the reversionary interest now at a consideration that would be less than what the full unencumbered freehold could offer the Council in terms of flexibility and added value within the industrial portfolio.
3. The Council would still need to consider alternative relocation sites for its regeneration purposes. As described in the “Economic Outlook” section of the report, these sites were likely to be increasingly difficult and costly to acquire in years to come. There was further commentary on alternative option in the part two report (Report No.11, Minute No.17 below referred).

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed

1. To approve the acquisition of the leasehold interest(s) at Jeffreys Road by negotiation and, delegate authority to the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services and the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Efficiency and Economic Regeneration and Business Development to agree draft Heads of Terms, subject to appropriate legal, finance, environmental and property due diligence being undertaken; and to delegate final approval to the Cabinet Members for Finance and Efficiency, and Economic Regeneration and Business Development to complete the transaction if the Council's offer is accepted by the vendor.
2. The funding arrangements of the purchase as detailed in the part two report (Report No.11, Minute No.18 below referred).

**Reason:** A well located site of this size represented an important opportunity in the Enfield property market. There were several reasons that justify the Council acquiring the property, as outlined in the part two report (Report No.11, Minute No.18 below referred).

**(Key decision – reference number 4525/U201)**

**10**

## **CABINET SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18**

**AGREED**, that the following Cabinet Sub-Committees be established for the new municipal year 2017/18:

### **Local Plan Cabinet Sub-Committee**

Councillors: Alan Sitkin, Daniel Anderson, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenen

### **Enfield Community Support Fund Cabinet Sub-Committee**

Councillors: Yasemin Brett, Achilleas Georgiou, Krystle Fonyonga

**Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme Cabinet Sub-Committee**

Councillors: Yasemin Brett, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenen, Dino Lemonides

**Independence and Well-Being Enfield Ltd. Cabinet Sub-Committee**

Councillors: Dino Lemonides, Daniel Anderson

**11**

**ISSUES ARISING FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Derek Levy (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee) reported that a joint meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Crime Scrutiny Panel was being scheduled to take place on 11 July 2017 to consider “knife crime”. The meeting would be open to all Councillors.

In addition, Cabinet were advised that the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee scheduled to take place on 12 October 2017 would be considering the Meridian Water development.

**12**

**CABINET AGENDA PLANNING - FUTURE ITEMS**

NOTED, the provisional list of items scheduled for future Cabinet meetings.

**13**

**MINUTES**

**AGREED**, that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 9 May 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**14**

**MINUTES OF LOCAL PLAN CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE - 3 MAY 2017**

NOTED,

1. For information, the minutes of a meeting of the Local Plan Cabinet Sub-Committee held on 3 May 2017.
2. That the public consultation on the Enfield Town Draft Master Plan could now take place. The start of the consultation had been delayed due to the purdah restrictions of the recent General Election.

**15**

**ENFIELD STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

NOTED, that there were no written updates to be received at this meeting.

**16**

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

NOTED that

1. The next meeting of the Cabinet was scheduled to take place on Thursday 13 July 2017 at 8.15pm.
2. An additional meeting of the Cabinet had been scheduled to take place on Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 7.00pm.

**17**

**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**, in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the item listed on part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

**18**

**ACQUISITION OF LONG LEASEHOLD INTEREST - JEFFREYS ROAD, BRIMSDOWN, EN3 7UZ**

Councillor Dino Lemonides (Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services and Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.11).

NOTED

1. That Report No.10 also referred as detailed in Minute No. 9 above.

2. The opportunities that the proposed acquisition would provide to the Council and the potential benefits. The financial implications, as set out in the report were outlined for Members' consideration.
3. The proposed uses of the site in question and the alternative options as set out in the report.
4. Subject to the further due diligence to be undertaken, as outlined in Minute No.9 above, Members supported the recommendations set out in the decisions below.

**Alternative Options Considered:** NOTED, the full and detailed alternative options considered as set out in section 5 of the report.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed

1. To approve the virement and release of the sum detailed in recommendation 2.1 of the report, from the approved Montagu406 Land Acquisition/Assembly Budget (KD 4357) to allow the acquisition of the leasehold interest of the Jeffreys Road site and all associated transactional costs.
2. That the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services, in consultation with the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment in conjunction with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Efficiency and Economic Regeneration and Business Development be granted authority to make the necessary arrangement to acquire the property at a price not exceeding the sum detailed in recommendation 2.2 of the report (including SDLT and transactional fees), and to agree Terms, and all related negotiations, and to exchange contracts.

**Reason:** NOTED, the full and detailed reasons for the recommendations as set out in section 6 of the report.

**(Key decision – reference number 4525/U201)**