

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2018**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Saray Karakus (Mayor), Kate Anolue (Deputy Mayor), Huseyin Akpinar, Mahmut Aksanoglu, Maria Alexandrou, Daniel Anderson, Tolga Aramaz, Guner Aydin, Ian Barnes, Dinah Barry, Mahym Bedekova, Chris Bond, Sinan Boztas, Yasemin Brett, Anne Brown, Nesil Caliskan, Alev Cazimoglu, Mustafa Cetinkaya, Will Coleshill, Jon Daniels, Birsan Demirel, Chris Dey, Guney Dogan, Elif Erbil, Ergin Erbil, Susan Erbil, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Margaret Greer, Charith Gunawardena, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Stephanos Ioannou, Rick Jewell, Nneke Keazor, Joanne Laban, Bernadette Lappage, Tim Leaver, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Gina Needs, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Sabri Ozaydin, Vicki Pite, Lindsay Rawlings, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Clare De Silva, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor, Mahtab Uddin, Glynis Vince and Hass Yusuf

ABSENT

Katherine Chibah, Lee David-Sanders, Ergun Eren, Andy Milne and Edward Smith

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

Unfortunately the Mayor's Chaplain, Alevi Dede, was unable to attend the meeting, at short notice, due to family illness.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Savva moved and Councillor Aramaz seconded the nomination of Councillor Saray Karakus as Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Councillor Laban said that traditionally the mayor had been a long serving councillor with a lot of experience and expressed concern that the councillor nominated for the position of Mayor did not have this experience. She wished the proposed new mayor well in her role but said that her group would be abstaining on the vote.

Councillor Aramaz responded that it was upsetting that the opposition would not vote for the new mayor as she was well known in the community; he hoped that they would change their mind.

AGREED that Councillor Saray Karakus be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield, for the 2018/19 municipal year.

The motion was agreed after a vote with the following result:

For: 42
Against: 0
Abstentions: 14

Councillor Karakus then made and signed a declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the badge of office by Councillor Hamilton, the retiring Mayor.

4 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor George Savva proposed and Councillor Susan Erbil seconded the nomination of Councillor Kate Anolue as the new deputy mayor.

Councillor Laban, Leader of the Opposition, said that she would gladly support the nomination as she knew her well including as a champion of women's issues and that she thought that she would be a good ambassador in the post.

AGREED that Councillor Kate Anolue be elected as the Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield, for the 2018/19 municipal year.

The motion was agreed unanimously.

Councillor Anolue then made and signed a declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the badge of office by Councillor Karakus, the new Mayor.

5 MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The Mayor began "honoured and distinguished guests, friends, colleagues and fellow councillors, I would like to welcome you and to thank you for showing your interest and support by being here today".

She said that she was proud and honoured to stand here as the elected Mayor of this great, vibrant and diverse borough.

Her fellow councillors had bestowed a great privilege and responsibility upon her and she expressed her sincere appreciation to everyone for placing their trust in her.

She took the responsibility and the trust that the members had shown in her very seriously and was committed to serve the people of Enfield to the best of her ability and with enthusiasm, compassion and devotion to the community.

1. Thank yous

The Mayor said that this very special speech was one of thanks. Thanks to members individually and collectively for enabling her to take the Mayoral Office for a year.

She thanked her entire family, her beloved husband Ismet Karakus and her children, Destiny and Efran, other friends and family members all for their tireless support and understanding over the recent months in her political role as she prepared to become a councillor.

She thanked Jeremy Chambers, Director of Law & Governance and the Officers in Democratic Services and the Mayor's Office for their invaluable help and support during the run up to the evening's ceremony.

2. Background

The Mayor said that she had been born in Turkey and had moved to London with her family as a child, attending Princess May Primary School in Hackney.

At the age of 11, her family moved to Enfield where she had attended the Lea Valley High School and Enfield College. She had run her own health and beauty clinic in Edmonton, as well as getting involved in local community theatre and writing scripts for plays and directing groups for performances at the Millfield Theatre. Her plays delivered messages of love, humanity and inclusion, irrelevant of religion, language, gender or borders.

3. Future Plans

The Mayor vowed to serve the London Borough of Enfield to the best of her ability and promised to support and to encourage all the agencies and voluntary sector units that worked so tirelessly to provide excellent services to those who needed it most. She was hoping to work closely with those involved with community safety in the Borough and the Police. As well as supporting the local NHS service and Enfield schools in their plight to provide an invaluable service with the current limited resources. She was especially interested in touching the lives of those living in a lonely and isolated environment, in need of a helping hand.

The Mayor said that she was hoping to gain as much support as possible during her mayoral year, through her charity, by working closely with many voluntary sector groups to include as many "hard to reach" communities as possible.

She was proud to be a resident of Enfield, where the community as a whole was one of plentiful culture and diversity and felt that this should be celebrated

to encourage each and every family to feel welcome and part of something very special.

She ended by thanking everyone for their valued support and hoped that they would enjoy the evening ahead.

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APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S CONSORTS

1. Appointment of Mayor's Consorts

The Mayor thanked members for nominating her and announced the appointment of Ismet and Destiny Karakus as her consorts for the 2018/19 Municipal Year. She then invested them with their badges of office.

2. Appointment of Deputy Mayor's Consorts

The Deputy Mayor announced the appointment of Chinelo Anyanwu and Amaechi Anolue as her consorts for the 2018/19 Municipal year investing them with their badges of office.

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PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR AND THE PAST MAYOR'S CONSORT BADGES

The Mayor presented the past Mayor's and Mayor's Consort badges and certificates recording the Council's appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Christine Hamilton, and her consorts Ian and Joanne Hamilton.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked them for the work they had undertaken during the 2017/18 municipal year.

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APOLOGIES (IF ANY)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David-Sanders, Eren, Chibah, Milne and Smith.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Mayor thanked Councillor Doug Taylor for the many years and effort that he had put in to the community of Enfield. He received a standing ovation.

Councillor Doug Taylor responded by wishing the Mayor every success in her year of office, hoping that the opposition would revise their opinion of her, once they had had a chance to know her, and saying that he thought that she would do a tremendous job.

He said that it had been a privilege to serve as both the leader and deputy leader, as well as leader of the opposition and he was very proud of what the Council had achieved during this time. He cited the bold and innovative Housing Gateway and Lee Valley Heat Network projects, the primary expansion programme, the private landlord licensing scheme and the bid for Cycle Enfield funding. Enfield had been a high performer, a stable and competent Council and had become an outward looking borough, due to the good judgement of the Labour administration. He was also proud of ensuring that all Enfield staff were now paid the London Living Wage. "To dare is to do" and we have dared to do.

The Council had significant challenges ahead, including dealing with further Government cuts and the new London Plan. He felt that there was a need to recognise the many positives opportunities for the borough, including Meridian Water, and ensuring that the Mayor of London makes good on his promises on affordable housing.

He said that it had been a privilege, sometimes a pleasure, to serve the borough, and always interesting.

The Council was now entering the 2018/19 municipal year with the best Labour result for 50 years. He felt that it was good to bow out on a new high point and he wished everyone on both sides well.

Councillor Laban added that although she did not always agree with everything that he had done, Doug Taylor had had the respect of the opposition and she was proud that he had represented the borough well and put the interests of Enfield residents first. She thanked him, on behalf of the opposition.

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ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor George Savva moved and Councillor Mary Maguire seconded the nomination of Councillor Nesil Caliskan to the position of Leader of the Council. No other nominations were received.

Councillor Glynis Vince moved that the motion be put to the vote.

The nomination was agreed after a vote with the following result:

For: 42

Against: 0

Abstentions: 13

AGREED that Councillor Nesil Caliskan be appointed Leader of the Council for a four year term of office to expire at the Annual Council Meeting in 2022.

Councillor Nesil Caliskan then said that she was delighted to be elected. She welcomed the Mayor into her new position, saying that she knew that Councillor Saray Karakus would do well, and with her past experience in the local community theatre, would be a great borough champion for the arts and culture. She wished her well in this great role.

Councillor Nesil Caliskan thanked Councillor Christine Hamilton and her husband for their service over the past year. It had been a pleasure for her to watch Councillor Christine Hamilton serve as Mayor where she had been phenomenal at promoting Enfield and in championing the representation of women in senior positions, including being the first woman to sit on the board of Enfield Town Football Club.

Councillor Nesil Caliskan thanked Councillor Doug Taylor, whom she praised for being a brilliant leader of the Council, steadying the ship in the toughest of times, campaigning for fair funding and for leading responsibly. The Council had benefitted greatly from his leadership over the past 8 years.

The new administration was made up of a large and talented group of people and they would build on past successes, working to provide well-funded public services and committed to tackling inequalities. She ended by saying that it was an honour that she, who had lived her whole life in the borough, was to serve as leader of Enfield Council.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET

Councillor Nesil Caliskan confirmed the appointments as set out below and as detailed on the yellow list tabled under agenda item 13.1.

1. Cabinet Members

Deputy Leader: Councillor Daniel Anderson

Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care: Councillor Alev Cazimoglu

Cabinet Member for Children's Services: Councillor Achilleas Georgiou

Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement: Councillor Mary Maguire

Cabinet Member for Housing: Councillor Dino Lemonides

Cabinet Member for Environment: Councillor Guney Dogan

Cabinet Member for Property and Assets: Councillor Ahmet Oykener

Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion: Councillor Nneka Keazor

Cabinet Member for Public Health: Councillor Yasemin Brett

2. Associate Cabinet Members

Enfield North: Councillor Ahmet Hasan

Enfield South East: Councillor George Savva

Enfield West: Councillor Dinah Barry

A table detailing the remit of each of the cabinet portfolios was tabled at the meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Margaret Greer seconded the report of the Director of Law and Governance (Report No: 1) seeking Council approval to determine the constitution and political balance of the committees, joint committees and panels that had been set up for the discharge of the Council's functions.

AGREED

1. That the seats allocated to each political party on the committees and boards to which section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply, be approved as set out in Appendix A to the report.
2. That in accordance with paragraph 3.3 of the report, the Council resolves (without dissent) that the rules of political proportionality should not apply to those bodies marked with an * in Appendix A.

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APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL BODIES FOR 2018/19

1.1 Appointment of Council Bodies 2018/19: Committee Membership List

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Margaret Greer seconded the list of Council bodies to be established and membership appointments for the 2018/19 municipal year.

AGREED to the establishment of the Council bodies for the 2018/9 Municipal Year and the appointment of their memberships as set out on the yellow list tabled at the meeting.

1.2 Appointment of Council Bodies 2018/19: Terms of Reference

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Margaret Greer seconded the motion to approve the terms of reference as set out in Part 2 of the Council's Constitution.

AGREED to confirm the terms of reference of those bodies as set out in Part 2 of the Council's Constitution.

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REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Gina Needs seconded the list of nominations to outside bodies for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

NOTED that the company member directors would be agreed with the Director of Law and Governance and the Leader, and be reported to the next meeting of the Council.

AGREED the Council's representation on outside bodies, as detailed on the green list tabled at the meeting with the amendment noted above.

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COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Claire Stewart seconded the authority's scheme of delegation.

AGREED the authority's scheme of delegation, as set out in Part 3 (pages 3-3 to 3-5) of the Constitution.

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MEMBERS ALLOWANCES

Councillor Ergin Erbil moved and Councillor Claire Stewart seconded a proposal on Members' Allowances.

NOTED

1. The Members' Allowances Scheme forms Part 6 of the Constitution. Paragraph 6.3 (c) states that "Annual Increases in allowances will be linked to average earnings, for the period ending the previous March of each year. New rates will be effective from the new municipal year."
2. Council was asked to consider the level of allowances payable under the scheme for 2018/19.

AGREED that the current Members Allowances Scheme is re-approved as set out in Part 6 of the Constitution, and that the automatic increase in allowances by the average earnings as at March not be implemented for the 2018/19 financial year.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

NOTED

1. That an amended version of the calendar was tabled at the meeting.
2. The calendar of meetings included indicative dates for future meetings of the Council up until May 2019.

AGREED

1. The amended calendar of meetings of the Council, including the next Council meeting which was scheduled for Thursday 19 July 2018.
2. That approval of any further amendments to the calendar be delegated to the Director of Law and Governance in consultation with both groups.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council will be held at 7pm on Thursday 19 July 2018 at the Civic Centre.