

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2020**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Kate Anolue, Sabri Ozaydin, Huseyin Akpinar, Mahmut Aksanoglu, Maria Alexandrou, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Ian Barnes, Mahym Bedekova, Chris Bond, Sinan Boztas, Yasemin Brett, Anne Brown, Nesil Caliskan, Mustafa Cetinkaya, Katherine Chibah, Clare De Silva, Guney Dogan, Ergin Erbil, Susan Erbil, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Margaret Greer, Charith Gunawardena, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Stephanos Ioannou, Rick Jewell, Saray Karakus, Nneka Keazor, Joanne Laban, Dino Lemonides, Tim Leaver, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Gina Needs, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Vicki Pite, Lindsay Rawlings, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Edward Smith, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor, Mahtab Uddin, Glynis Vince, Hass Yusuf and James Hockney

ABSENT Tolga Aramaz, Guner Aydin, Alev Cazimoglu, Will Coleshill, Lee David-Sanders, Birsen Demirel, Chris Dey, Elif Erbil, Ergun Eren, Bernadette Lappage and Andy Milne

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THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father Emmanuel Ogunnaike from St Edmunds Catholic Church in Edmonton, gave the blessing.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Speech of the Young Mayor

The Young Mayor, Okan Gurhan, gave a brief speech. He began by expressing his gratitude to Councillor Kate Anolue for setting up the young mayoralty and enabling him to be the first young mayor of Enfield.

Being Young Mayor had been a wonderful opportunity, he had met so many people and he had gained so much from the experience. Highlights included visiting the House of Lords and meeting Bambos Charalambous MP and attending the Mayor's Day with mayors from all over London.

On 17 April 2020 they had arranged a public speaking event called the Big Speech for year 8 children. He hoped members would be able to attend.

He was very grateful for an amazing year and he hoped to be able to go on to Oxford University to study Politics Philosophy and Economics and become a lawyer, politician or a banker.

The Mayor thanked Okan Gurhan and said how much she valued the young people.

2. The Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor began by saying how quickly the last year had passed.

The Mayor thanked the officers in democratic services who had enabled her to achieve the goal of creating a young mayor and deputy mayor for Enfield. This had been a great success and for next year there were now 45 young people interested in the roles. She hoped the Council would continue to support the initiative.

The Mayor said that she was happy to have spent her life working with people, 40 years at North Middlesex Hospital and for the people of Enfield and she would continue to do so.

The Mayor was organising a special event on Friday 6 March 2020 to commemorate International Women's Day, celebrating the achievements of local women.

During the year the Mayor had visited lots of organisations and other boroughs. Enfield had a great deal of vivacity, people spoke over 100 different languages and it was a wonderfully cultured borough. She had lived in Enfield for more than 40 years and loved Enfield.

Last week she had visited sickle cell unit at North Middlesex Hospital. They needed their own machine. This had changed dramatically since her last visit in 2012 but more resources were needed. This was one of her ten charities for which she was raising money. She wanted to help the lonely, the vulnerable, carers and the elderly and all vulnerable, isolated and lonely residents.

This had been a tough year but she felt that it could not have gone better. When people invited her to an event, she had found it difficult to refuse, so she had been to many events.

The Mayor said that she could not have done it without the help and support of Koulla Panaretou, the Mayor's Secretary, saying how hard she worked and how wonderful the way she appealed to people was. She also thanked her wonderful drivers Bill Cornish and Paresh Thakore who were so caring, always on time and enjoyed what they are doing. She respected them all and thanked them all for making things go so well.

3. Speech of the Deputy Young Mayor

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Deputy Young Mayor, Christevie Ngoma, also gave a short speech. She said that her whole year as deputy had been an amazing experience. She had learnt so much and would have some wonderful memories. She had particularly enjoyed working with Councillor Barnes on climate change, meeting and talking to so many new people and hearing new ideas. She also wanted to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics and hoped that she could be a role model for others in the future.

Councillor Barnes thanked Christevie Ngoma and Okan Gurhan for their fantastic contributions on the Climate Change Task Force.

Councillor Laban added her thanks saying how proud she was of the young people and wished them both a brilliant future.

3 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Aramaz, Aydin, Cazimoglu, David Sanders, Demirel, Dey, Elif Erbil, Eren, Lappage, Milne and for lateness from Councillors Alessandro Georgiou and Levy.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

5 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Before inviting members to declare any interests, the Mayor asked Jeremy Chambers (Director Law and Governance) to make a short statement on the declaration of interests' requirements, in relation to agenda item 6 (Budget Report 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Plan).

NOTED

1. Under guidance issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government there was no requirement for members to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPA) in relation to item 6 on the budget or setting of the Council Tax.
2. The requirements within Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 would, however, still apply, which required any Member who was two or more months in arrears on their Council Tax to declare their position and not vote on any issue that could affect the calculation of the budget or Council Tax. No declarations in this respect were made at the meeting.

3. Having noted the advice provided, the following interests were declared:
- Councillor Mahym Bedekova declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8 the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), Business Plan Budget 2020/21, Rent Setting and Service Charges.
 - Councillors Oykenner and Lemonides declared a disclosable-pecuniary interest in Item 11 (Review and Adoption of the Statutory Pay Policy Statement) as they had relatives who worked for the Council.

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PETITION - WHITEWEBBS PARK

The Lead Petitioner Sean Wilkinson spoke for 5 minutes in support of the petition on Whitewebbs Park. He raised the following points:

- Leases and freehold purchase were used in the past by the rich and powerful to enclose the land of Enfield Chase. The poor received nothing. However, in 1931 an enlightened Council purchased Whitewebbs Park as public open space for the people of Enfield.
- Whitewebbs is a beautiful park with a small café, many attractive footpaths and a public golf course. It makes a huge contribution to people's mental and physical wellbeing.
- The ancient woodland with its magnificent trees cleans the air, helps flood prevention and to combat climate change.
- Although it is poorly served by public transport, there is free parking which makes it very accessible.
- There is an abundance of plant and animal life, lots of biodiversity.
- Any development that involves construction, earth-working and landscaping would be a denial of the Council's commitment to climate reform.
- There was concern that the potential for dealing with 200,000 cubic metres of imported material has not been retracted from the tender documents.
- The suggestion that the golf course was losing money could be applied to any of the Council's leisure facilities. It was felt that accounts can be twisted to show anything.
- The golf course needed quality preparation, the right facilities and adequate parking.
- There has been a policy of secrecy around this issue, minimal publicity, misleading and contradictory statements.
- The initial commitment to require the current level of public access across the park has been changed to rights of way, but there were none in the park.
- Any community consultation had been done by the community, who had consulted with 120 park users at a public meeting and had put together a petition signed by over 3,500 people.

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- A Council committee and councillors had been misled by officers.
- The secrecy had generated a great deal of mistrust.
- The Council had only organised a question and answer session with the preferred bidder. There was no longer any stakeholder involvement.
- Councillors were custodians not owners of the park and they had a responsibility to guard it for the people of Enfield, not to sell it off to the rich and powerful
- The petitioners wanted their children and grandchildren to have a beautiful natural park, to enhance the environment, defend the climate, for the Council to think anew and put an end to these proposals.

In response, Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council thanked the petitioner and the residents who had come to attend the meeting. She made the following points:

- She agreed that the park was absolutely beautiful.
- The Council had owned the freehold since 1931 and there were no restrictive covenants.
- The golf course had been opened in 1932 so there was a long history of sport on the site. However, over the past 5 years the golf course had lost money, over £960,000. This money was needed to deliver other vital services such as adult social care and services for children.
- The Council owned other local golf courses which have successfully operated under leases for many years.
- There had been lots of misinformation about this matter, particularly during the recent General Election, but the Leader made very clear that the Council would not be selling or disposing of the site. There were no plans for housing development, major building or landfill.
- The Council were proposing a 25year lease with no automatic renewal and strict controls. The whole site would not necessarily be included in the lease. The surrounding land had been included in the tender document to encourage ideas for further leisure uses and to enhance biodiversity through further planting or active management of the wood and grassland areas.
- Any proposal for Whitewebbs would be subject to planning policy. The Council's position was to protect and boost this popular open space.
- In the first phase of the tender process, the Council had received 18 expressions of interest. These bidders had received advice from the planners and it was expected that 6 of these will be submitted to the next stage. This would be announced next week.
- The Council were committed to engaging with stakeholders, such as the Woodland Trust and the Local Wildlife Trust. A public engagement event would be held in late May/early June.
- The Council would make sure that it was utilising its assets in the best way possible and was looking to enhance public open space so that it could be enjoyed by everyone.

In response Councillor Laban highlighted the following:

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- Support for the petitioners in their passion for local green spaces.
- The need to acknowledge that the Council had gone about this project in the wrong way. Communication had been very poor, people had been alarmed by the inclusion of the woodlands and the possibility of soil dumping in the tender documents.
- Support for the Leader's commitment to further engagement.
- The need to listen to taxpayers concerns about any proposals for Whitewebbs.

Other points highlighted during the debate by the majority group:

- The Council would be consulting with the public and would listen to the views of the petitioners and other residents.
- The Council had always been committed to the first five points in the petition and they would continue to adhere to them.
- Some misinformation had been promoted during the election campaign.
- Local ward councillors had been fervent green campaigners.
- Whitewebbs should be used by the many not the few. Activities for the whole family would be welcomed. Biodiversity needed protecting. Any new leaseholder would have to be transparent on and committed to these issues.
- The valued criteria included protection of the rights of way, preserving and enhancing biodiversity, refreshing facilities and a community engagement plan.
- Several members expressed good memories of the park. It was haven for wildlife, for rest and recuperation.
- The Council had every intention to ensure that the park was there for future generations.
- The Council had admitted that they had made mistakes, but listening was a two-way process. It was heartening to see so much local interest, particularly as Whitewebbs was one of the few parks in the borough without a friend's group.

Other points highlighted during the debate from the Opposition:

- The marketing of Whitewebbs was a lesson in how not to do things.
- The residents had many legitimate concerns. During the election campaign many posters supporting the petition had been seen in the windows of local people.

At the end of the debate Councillor Caliskan, Leader of the Council summed up the Council's response. She thanked the Lead petitioner, was happy to listen to people's views, but had to take account of the fact that the golf course had only 100 members and was losing money. The Council was committed to protecting and enhancing the open space and were looking to ensure adequate investment. But she also regretted the huge misinformation campaign about the matter.

It was agreed, after a vote with the following result, that the points raised by the petitioners would be referred to the Executive Director Place for further consideration.

For 36
Against: 13
Abstentions: 0

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CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Glynis Vince moved and Councillor Michael Rye seconded a motion to extend the time available for debate on reports from 60 minutes to 90 minutes.

This was not agreed after a vote with the following result:

For: 13
Against: 35
Abstentions: 0

Councillor Glynis Vince moved and Councillor Michael Rye seconded a motion to change the order of business to take item 9 after item 13.

This was not agreed after a vote with the following result:

For: 13
Against: 36
Abstentions: 0

8
2020/21 BUDGET AND 2020/21 TO 2024/25 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Councillor Maguire moved and Councillor Caliskan seconded the report of the Acting Executive Director Resources presenting the 2020/21 Budget and 2020/21 to 2024/25 Medium Term Financial Plan for Council approval. (Report No: 190A)

NOTED

1. Recommendations 2.1 – 2.10 had been endorsed and recommended onto Council for formal approval by Cabinet on 12 February 2020.
2. The amendment to recommendation 2.1 (ii) set out in the green update sheet as follows:

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- “2.1(ii) a. Set the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield’s services for 2020/21 at £1,363.77 (section 7), being a 1.99% general Council Tax increase and a 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept.
b. Set the Council Tax at Band D for the total of Enfield’s services and GLA services for 2020/21 at £1,694.8
c. Note the GLA element of the Total Band D for 2020/21 being £332.07”
3. The following comments highlighted by Councillor Maguire, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement when moving the report.
- a. That once again the Council would receive insufficient funding from the Government. Since 2010 it had suffered a cut of more than 50%, down from £191.2m to £94.7m. In real terms, taking account of inflation, this would be £178m.
 - b. Enfield also suffers from the damping mechanism, meaning it receives £11m less than Government assesses we should. This equates to £80 for every household. A £76m budget gap.
 - c. Many services have increased costs including social and children’s services.
 - d. Nevertheless, the administration had managed to set a resilient and sustainable budget which will protect vulnerable residents.
 - e. The Government’s one-off approach to funding could only be a sticking plaster. Despite multiple promises the settlement this year only covers one year which makes planning ahead difficult.
 - f. The Adult Social Care precept will bring in £4.5m which will not be enough.
 - g. However, despite reduced funding and many savings, the Council continues to provide the best possible services.
 - h. Thanks to the Chief Executive, Executive Directors and all the staff who had worked so hard to find every penny of savings and deliver this budget.
 - i. This year the Council had produced a 5-year financial plan, a 10 year Capital strategy and a ten year treasury management strategy to provide additional transparency.
 - j. The savings identified were realistic and achievable. It was proposed that the Council uses £1.5m of its reserves which keeps them at an acceptable level of £39m. 17% of the net budget.
 - k. Full details are set out in the report including all savings and income generation schemes, the schools’ budget, fees and charges, anticipated pressures and including an additional £10.5m for adult social care, using £1m of the Community Infrastructure levy to support the recommendations from the recent poverty commission, 0.5m for flytipping.
 - l. The green update sheet contains an amendment highlighting the contribution to the Mayor of London.
 - m. The Council Tax will increase by 1.99% including the increase in the Mayor of London’s levy of 3.91%, this will result in an average increase of £1.22 a week.

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- n. The Council would maintain pressure on the Government to fully fund local government, provide long term funding commitments, make sure that Enfield received fair funding and produce the promised Green Paper on Adult Social Care.
4. Councillor Laban, Leader of the Opposition responded highlighting:
 - a. After ten years of this Labour administration the people of Enfield were suffering from higher taxes, higher borrowing and poorer services.
 - b. The building on the small sites were still not completed, security costs were spiralling, the number of crossing patrols had been reduced, there were failed procurements, contracts had been neglected and nothing had been done about the Carnegie Library in Ponders End.
 - c. Properties had been left empty, meaning less income coming in. The small sites properties were still not occupied, the Council had yet to complete on a deal with a housing association. The Enfield Innovation Limited deal had not been secured and there was a risk that it would fall through. There were problems with the delivery of housing at Meridian Water. There were no plans to make the print services more commercial.
 - d. There had been very few responses to the budget consultation only 83 compared with over 5,500 on the recent petition about the rubbish collection services. Such a small sample cannot be reflective.
 - e. Parents valued the school crossing patrols which were being reduced.
 - f. Money had been wasted on a £100,000 internal staff survey and £100,000 on hospitality. Every year the Council was overspending. £5.1m last year. The budget is not robust. The large capital programme created an added pressure which will impact on day to day services. These should be the priority.
 1. The comments of the Majority Group:
 - a. The need to acknowledge that several Conservative Councils have gone under because of the lack of Government funding.
 - b. Despite the cuts the Council is still required to provide services. There have been savage cuts to services for children and the elderly. Twenty-four children's centres have been reduced to one. 90% of youth budget has been cut. Thanks to the Mayor of London the Council has been able to invest in a new youth project to help keep young people away from crime. There is a deficit in school budgets. Many teaching assistants have been lost. Where the Council can, they have been investing in youth services, in special educational needs including the new school in Southgate.
 - c. The budget was resilient and sound based on proper Labour values. The administration were custodians holding power on

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- behalf of the residents. They were determined to invest in the community and would not turn their back on vulnerable people.
- d. Insourcing was an appropriate policy. Council led services obtained better results. The Council can ensure that staff are paid the London Living Wage. Housing repairs, cemetery management and transport services had all been bought back under the Council's control delivering a better service for residents.
 - e. Concern that the Government was proposing to disregard criteria such as deprivation and homelessness in their allocation of future local government funding.
 - f. The budget was the culmination of many months hard work, informed by political values and the excellent professionalism and judgement of officers.
 - g. The Council was investing in addressing climate change and were producing a new strategy. They had invested in LED street lighting which will not only save energy but also provide brighter lighting. The new waste collection services would also boost recycling levels and help protect the environment and Energetik would significantly reduce energy consumption. Other green schemes included low traffic neighbourhoods, encouraging people not to use their cars, resulting in cleaner air, and flood alleviation schemes.
 - h. Funding would be available to support and empower young people. Parenting was particularly important. There would be a programme of young parenting courses at the Dugdale Centre, additional spending on youth workers, covering potential crime hot spots and places where there were concerns about youth violence.
 - i. After ten years of Conservative austerity difficult decisions had had to be made but the Council had 800 front line staff working in environment on the highway and the street scene, preserving safe clean green spaces and creating flood alleviation, sustainable drainage and rain garden projects. £38m had been obtained for regeneration projects including from the Liveable Neighbourhoods Fund for Enfield Town.

A recognition of the pressures in adult social care and support for the adult social care precept.

- 6. The following comments from the Opposition Group:
 - a. Concern about gang violence and support for the Nexus youth project and other investments in youth services. If the opposition had been in power they would double the resources for youth services and reverse the changes to the bin services, if they could find significant savings.

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- b. Councils should be continually improving and providing value for money. The Opposition felt that they could make further cost cutting measures, find additional savings and strengthen income targets. Insourcing was in their view not necessary.
- c. Wandsworth Conservative Council had the best levels of service and the lowest Council tax of any other authority.
- d. The Government were determined to support the Northern constituencies which had been let down by Europe and it was right that these areas of the country should be prioritised.
- e. Support for fairer funding for Enfield and agreement that Enfield had been let down for many years by all governments through the use of the damping mechanism.
- f. There had been a 5% increase in funding to education through the direct schools grant and money had been allocated to lessen the impact of changes to the funding formula.
- g. Praise for the Schools Forum who were doing an excellent job in allocating the new formula and welcome support for the new children's premium.
- h. The view that school standards had increased despite the cuts.
- i. That the ambition for 10,000 new homes at Meridian Water did not match the figures in the Leaside Area Action Plan for 5,000 new homes. The development at Meridian Water was a significant undertaking and there was no guarantee that it would turn out well. It could have a negative impact on other council services.
- j. Money had been wasted on ICT projects and transformation schemes. It was now harder to contact the Council. Many people had vented their anger on social media.
- k. Funding from Government had increased. There was more money for social care.
- j. Some disappointment that there was only half a page in the budget documents on the climate emergency.
- k. The new rubbish collection service had experienced many problems and bins were not being collected.
- l. Too much money was being spent on consultants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.45pm at this point in the proceedings due to a medical emergency.

When the meeting was resumed, Councillor Barnes proposed and Councillor Laban seconded a motion to end the meeting bringing in the guillotine motion.

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This was agreed without a vote.

The budget report was then agreed following a roll call vote detailed below:

AGREED

1. With regard to the revenue budget for 2020/21:
 - (i) To set the Council Tax Requirement for Enfield at £133.276m in 2020/21;
 - (ii) a. To set the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield's services for 2020/21 at £1,363.77 (section 7), being a 1.99% general Council Tax increase and a 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept.
b. To set the council Tax at Band D for the total of Enfield's services and GLA services for 2020/21 at £1694.80
c. To note the GLA element of the total Band D for 2020/21 being £332.07
2. To approve the Medium -erm Financial Plan (MTFP), including:
 - (i) the pressures set out in Appendix 3, £30.148m in 2020/21 (partly offset by a £3.600m benefit from the Pensions Actuarial Review to give a net figure of £26.548m), which includes:
 - £1.5m for additional social workers within Children's Social Care to address caseload pressures.
 - a further £10.3m allocated in 2020/21 to address Adults and Children's Social Care pressures, partly funded from further Social Care Support Grant allocated by the Government in 2020/21 (£5.4m).
 - (ii) £2.405m investment in transformation funded by the flexible use of capital receipts.
 - (iii) an allocation of £0.5m per annum within the 2019/20 and 2020/21 budgets which is recommended to provide mentoring related to serious youth violence and improve data to better target resources (para 10.7).
 - (iv) full year effects of prior year savings and income generation totalling £3.279m set out in Appendix 2a.
 - (v) the savings of £9.2m and income proposals of £2.7m in 2020/21 set out in Appendix 2b.
 - (vi) to adopt the key principles set out in section 11.
 - (vii) to note the £3.4m for Capital Financing included within the pressures figure to invest in proposals to deliver long term benefits to the Council.
3. To approve the Schools Budget for 2020/21 (Section 8.20 and Appendix 5)
4. To approve the changes in Fees and Charges for 2020/21 as set out in Sections 10.20 to 10.44 and Appendices 11 to 13 and delegate authority

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- to Executive Directors and Directors to negotiate discounts where appropriate.
5. To note the gap remaining in the MTFP for 2021/22 to 2024/25 and the actions being taken to address this (Section 14).
 6. To approve that the New Homes Bonus funding of £0.646m is applied as a one-off contribution to the General Fund in 2020/21.
 7. To approve the planned flexible use of capital receipts in 2019/20 being £3.256m and approve the planned flexible use of capital receipts in 2020/21, being £2.405m (Section 10.45 and Appendix 10).
 8. To note the feedback and minutes from the Budget Engagement and Overview and Scrutiny Committee Budget Meeting on 19th December 2019 as set out in Appendices 1a and 1b.
 9. With regard to the robustness of the 2020/21 budget and the adequacy of the Council's earmarked reserves and balances to:
 - (i) note the risks and uncertainties inherent in the 2020/21 budget and the MTFP (section 11) and agree the actions in hand to mitigate them;
 - (ii) note the advice of the Executive Director of Resources regarding the recommended levels of contingencies, balances and earmarked reserves (section 13 and Appendix 8a) and have regard to the comments of the Director of Finance (section 17) when making final decisions on the 2020/21 budget; and
 - (iii) approve the recommended levels of central contingency and general balances (section 13).
 10. To note Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires any Member who is two months or more in arrears on their Council Tax to declare their position and not to vote on any issue that could affect the calculation of the budget or the Council Tax. Any Member affected by Section 106 who fails to declare this could be subject to prosecution.

In accordance with standing order regulations 2014, the vote was recorded in relation to the decisions in 2.1 (i) (ii), 2.2 (iv) (v) (vi) (vii), 2.4, 2.5, and 2.9

For: 35

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Against: 13

Councillor Maria Alexandrou
Councillor Clare De Silva
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor James Hockney
Councillor Stephanos Ioannou
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Terence Neville
Councillor Lindsay Rawlings
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

The vote recorded in regard to recommendation: 2.2 (i)(ii)(iii), 2.3, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.10

For: 49

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Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

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DURATION OF TIME ALLOWED FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor advised, at this stage of the meeting, that Council Procedure Rule 9 would apply.

NOTED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (page 4-8 – Part 4), the remaining items of business on the Council agenda were considered without debate.

10

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA), BUSINESS PLAN BUDGET 2020/21, RENT SETTING AND SERVICE CHARGES

RECEIVED the report of the Executive Director Place and Director of Finance, on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan Budget 20/21, Rent Setting and Service Charges. (Report No: 190A)

NOTED

1. That the recommendations in the report had been endorsed and approved for recommendation onto Council by Cabinet on 12 February 2020.

AGREED

1. **To approve the HRA 30-Year Business Plan shown in Appendix 1**
2. To approve the detailed HRA Revenue Budget for 2020/21
3. To note the 10-year HRA Capital Programme and additional borrowing requirements to deliver 3,500 additional units
4. To note the social and affordable rent levels for circa.10,100 properties in 2020/21 and note the London Affordable Rent levels applicable for new homes to new tenants
5. To Approve the level of service charges for 2020/21 for those properties receiving this service.
6. To Approve the new pricing structure for Community Halls and Garages as outlined in paragraph 3.46 of the report
7. To note changes to the Landlord consent process and introduction of tiered application fees for 2020/21
8. To approves increasing the Under-Occupation incentive to support the downsizing strategy as shown in paragraph 3.66. In addition, delegate to Director of Housing and Regeneration to increase the incentive aiming
9. for flexible, bespoke packages that meet the needs of vulnerable
10. tenants on a case by case basis by up to £2,000 per case.
11. To approves the Leaseholder Ground Source Heat Pump charging proposal outlined in paragraph 3.78.

12. To note the change in Thames Water billing, from the Council collecting the charges to Thames Water directly charging residents outlined in paragraph 3.88.
13. To note the heating charges for 2020/21 for those properties on communal heating systems. heating systems.

Councillor Laban, Leader of the Opposition, indicated that if there had been a vote the Opposition Group would have voted against this report.

11

CAPITAL STRATEGY AND TEN YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 TO 2029/30

RECEIVED the report of the Acting Executive Director Resources on the Capital Strategy and Ten-Year Capital Programme. (Report No: 191A)

NOTED that this report was recommended to Council by Cabinet at their meeting on 12 February 2020.

AGREED

1. To approve the 2020/21 Capital Strategy.
2. To approve 2020/21 Capital Programme and to note the 2020/21 to 2029/30 Ten Year Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 1 - Table 3C, this includes the following additions considered by Cabinet on 28th January:
 - i. Capital programme monitor Period 8 (November) 2019 additions (£359.97m),
 - ii. 2020/21 Corporate Condition Programme (CCP) - KD5004, £2.5m,
 - iii. Montagu Industrial Estate Redevelopment - KD4876, £33.36m
 - iv. Business Case for Capital Funding for Highways, Street Scene and Parks infrastructure 2020/21-2029/30 - KD5044, £7.2m.
3. To approve the following presented as separate agenda items:
Housing Revenue Account (HRA) -10-year Capital Programme £1,173m

Councillor Laban, Leader of the Opposition, indicated that, if there had been a vote, the Opposition Group would have voted against this report.

12

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2020/21

RECEIVED the report of the Acting Executive Director Resources on the Treasury Management Statement 2020/21. (Report No: 192A)

NOTED that this report had been recommended to Council by Cabinet at the meeting held on 12 February 2020.

AGREED

1. ***To approve the attached Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2020/21;***

2. *To note the Economic context & Interest rate forecast (Appendices A and B);*
3. *To approve the Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix D;*
4. *To approve the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement (Appendix E); and*
5. *To approve the Counterparty List and Limits set out in Appendix F.*
6. *To note the plans to develop options for financing the ten-year capital programme and report to Cabinet in December 2020, as per section 4 Next Steps. In the interim the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement will regularly update, and progress will be reported in the formal treasury reports (outturn and mid-year).*

Councillor Laban, Leader of the Opposition, indicated that if there had been a vote the Opposition Group would have voted against this report.

13

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE STATUTORY PAY POLICY STATEMENT - 2020

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development on the review and adoption of the Council's statutory pay policy statement. (Report No: 218)

AGREED the amendments to the statutory pay policy statement as included in appendix 1 to the report.

14

NEW DECISION-MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO SPEND THE ENFIELD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY & SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

RECEIVED the report of the Executive Director Place on the new decision making arrangements to spend the Enfield community infrastructure levy and section 106 agreements. (Report No: 195A)

NOTED that Cabinet agreed to recommend this report on to Council at the meeting held on 12 February 2020.

AGREED

1. From April 2020 onwards to allocate CIL spend through the main capital programme and agree on the priorities on its allocation, as part of the annual budget setting process.
2. To note that Cabinet agreed the following at their meeting on 12 February:
 - To approve the proposed governance arrangements through which decisions on the funding of infrastructure (CIL and S106 agreements) will be determined (see section 3.12);
 - To note the revocation of the Regulation 123 List (April 2016) which restricts the use of CIL to specified projects
 - To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning to approve consultation on the neighbourhood

portion (based on 15% of CIL receipts) and the priorities on how it is spent

- To approve the publication of the borough's first Infrastructure Funding Statement (see appendix 1) setting out how CIL and S106 income has been spent over the previous financial year (2018/2019) and how spend will be prioritised over the next reporting period; and
- To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning to approve the publication of future Infrastructure Delivery Statements and authority to consult on updates to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Councillor Laban, Leader of the Opposition, indicated that if there had been a vote the Opposition Group would have voted against this report.

15

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Law and Governance seeking approval on changes to the Council Constitution. (Report No: 219)

AGREED

1. To approve the proposed amendments as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
2. To note that the revised Constitution will apply following the Annual Meeting in May 2020.

Councillor Laban, Leader of the Opposition, indicated that, if there had been a vote, the Opposition Group would have voted strongly against this report.

16

COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1. Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions.

2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED the forty questions on the Council agenda and the written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet Members.

17

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

There were no changes to committee memberships.

18
NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no nominations for outside bodies.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council would be Annual Council on Wednesday 13 May 2020 at 7pm.