

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 MAY 2021**

COUNCILLORS

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

ABSENT Yasemin Brett and Guney Dogan

**1
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brett, Hasan, Hayward and Karakus.

**2
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Jeremy Chambers, Director of Law and Governance/Monitoring Officer, announced a dispensation for all members relating to the NHS.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Ayfer Orhan announced she had resigned from the Labour Party with immediate effect.

**3
MOTIONS**

Councillor Stewart moved a procedural motion to change the order in which motions are taken to Motion 2, 3, 4 and 1.

Councillor Hockney raised a point of order as the purpose of the meeting was to hear Motion 1 and asked whether this is a breach of administrative law. Jeremy Chambers, Monitoring Officer, informed the Council that the Council's Procedure Rules allow for the order of business to be changed and that Councillor Stewart's Motion was procedural.

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At this point in the meeting eleven members of the majority opposition stood indicating those members require a roll call on the proposed change to the order of motions:

For: 32

Councillor Mahmut Aksangolu
Councillor Chinelo Anyanwu
Councillor Kate Anolue
Councillor Tolga Aramaz
Councillor Guner Aydin
Councillor Ian Barnes
Councillor Mahym Bedekova
Councillor Sinan Boztas
Councillor Nesil Caliskan
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Mustafa Cetinkaya
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Elif Erbil
Councillor Susan Erbil
Councillor Erbil Ergin
Councillor Margaret Greer
Councillor Ayten Guzel
Councillor Christine Hamilton
Councillor Rick Jewell
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Tim Leaver
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Gina Needs
Councillor Ahmet Oykener
Councillor Sabri Ozaydin
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Mahtab Uddin
Councillor Hass Yusuf

Against: 22

Councillor Maria Alexandrou
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Anne Brown
Councillor Lee David-Sanders
Councillor Clare De Silva
Councillor Chris Dey
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Charith Gunawardena
Councillor James Hockney
Councillor Stephanos Ioannou
Councillor Joanne Laban

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Councillor Dino Lemonides
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terry Neville
Councillor Lindsay Rawlings
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Andrew Thorp
Councillor Glynis Vince

Abstain: 1
Councillor Ayfer Orhan

The motion to amend the order of business was agreed and the Motions were taken in the following order: Motion 2, Motion 3, Motion 4 and Motion 1.

Councillor Nesil Caliskan moved the motion and Councillor Claire Stewart seconded the following motion:

“Enfield Council notes:

- 1. The incredible dedication and hard work of health workers during the coronavirus pandemic, including those who work in our two local NHS hospitals: Chase Farm Hospital and North Middlesex Hospital.*
- 2. That in marking International Women’s Day on 8th March, we paid tribute to female NHS staff who make up 77% of the total workforce.*
- 3. That the Government’s 1% pay offer to health workers would see them receive a settlement that is in reality a real-terms cut to their pay.*
- 4. That the 1% pay increase does not reflect promises made by Government to value and support NHS health workers.*

Enfield Council:

- 1. Believes there should be a far more generous pay settlement that includes a clear pay rise for NHS workers.*
- 2. Supports the British Medical Association (BMA), UNISON and the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) in their condemnation of the 1% pay offer from the Conservative Government.*
- 3. Will join others in lobbying the Government including all affiliated unions in their campaign to improve the pay of NHS workers.*
- 4. To ask our local MPs to call on the Government to deliver fair pay for NHS workers.”*

Councillor Terry Neville moved an amendment to the motion and Councillor Joanne Laban seconded the amendment.

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4. *That the 1% pay increase does not reflect promises made by Government to value and support NHS health workers.*

Enfield Council:

1. *Believes there should be a more generous pay settlement that includes a clear pay rise for NHS workers.*
2. *Supports NHS Providers, the British Medical Association (BMA), UNISON and the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) in their demand the government reconsiders its 1% pay offer.*
3. *Will join others in lobbying the Government including to improve the pay of NHS workers.*
4. *To ask our local MPs to call on the Government to support the above."*

Following the debate on the amendment motion, the amendment to the motion was not agreed.

For: 22

Against: 36

Abstain: 0

During the debate Councillor Vince moved procedure rule 14.11 to move to the next item of business. This was not agreed and the debate continued.

At the end of the debate the substantive motion in the name of Councillor Caliskan was agreed.

For: 42

Against: 0

Abstain: 16

Councillor Susan Erbil moved the motion and Councillor Nneka Keazor seconded the following motion:

"Enfield Council sends our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Sarah Everard, who was tragically murdered earlier this year. Sarah's death has resonated deeply because so many women know the fear of walking home at night and many have told their own personal stories since. Women across London and beyond have spoken out against the violence that women and children continue to experience every day. Over 50% of victims of violent crime in the last 3 years are women. Violence against women is not a rare occurrence. Enfield Council urges the Metropolitan Police to listen to the strength of feeling in our communities on this issue. Enfield Council also urges parliamentarians to speak out against the government's Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, as it does not adequately tackle violence against women and girls. Enfield Council will continue to work to deliver on the objectives outlined on our own Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, and we will regularly review our approach to better protect and support women and girls in the borough."

Councillor Laban moved, and Councillor Rawlings seconded the below amendment to the motion:

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Women across London and beyond have spoken out against the violence that women and children continue to experience every day. Over 50% of victims of violent crime in the last 3 years are women. Violence against women is not a rare occurrence. Enfield Council urges the Metropolitan Police to listen to the strength of feeling in our communities on this issue.

Enfield Council will continue to work to deliver on the objectives outlined on our own Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, and we will regularly review our approach to better protect and support women and girls in the borough."

Following the debate on the amendment the amendment fell.

For: 21

Against: 25

Abstain: 2

At this point in the debate Councillor Levy moved the motion to move on to the next order of business. This was not agreed and the discussion continued.

Following the debate, the substantive motion was agreed.

For: 42

Against: 0

Abstain: 16

Councillor Michael Rye moved, and Councillor Andrew Thorp seconded the below motion:

"Enfield Council will retain Whitewebbs golf course for public use, recognizing the important benefits this provides in supporting physical fitness, tackling obesity and in maintaining good mental health."

Councillor Caliskan moved and Councillor Has Yusuf seconded the following amendment to the motion in the name of Councillor Neville:

"Enfield Council recognises that the existing golf club at Whitewebbs has made a financial loss of £1m over the past 5 years and that it would be financially irresponsible for the council to continue to provide this subsidy."

In seeking a solution to secure the future of Whitewebbs, Enfield Council will enhance the current level of public access at Whitewebbs, maintaining the

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woodland and open areas, ensure refreshment and welfare for all users of the park, and a more inclusive range of leisure and sports activities.

Green and open spaces are important supporting physical fitness, tackling obesity and in maintaining good mental health.”

The amendment to the motion was agreed, and following the debate the amended motion was agreed.

For: 35

Against: 23

Abstain: 0

Councillor Joanne Laban moved, and Councillor Lee David-Sanders seconded the following motion:

“Enfield Council has no confidence in this Labour Administration”.

Following the debate the above motion was not agreed.

For: 23

Against: 35

Abstain: 0