



## **LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD**

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH MAY, 2022  
AT 7.00 PM**

**THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS OF THE  
LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD**

**Please  
Reply to:** Clare Cade

**E-mail:** Clare.cade@enfield.gov.uk  
**My Ref:**

**Date:** May-22

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Enfield to be held at the Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield on Wednesday, 25th May, 2022 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

Yours sincerely

*Terry Osborne*

Interim Director Law & Governance

- 1. MAYORS CHAPLAIN TO GIVE BLESSING**
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members of the Council are invited to identify any disclosable pecuniary, other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relevant to items on the agenda.

- 3. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

To elect the Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the municipal year 2022/23.

- 4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

To elect the Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the municipal year 2022/23.

- 5. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S CONSORTS**

**Appointment of Mayor's Consort**

The Mayor to announce the appointment of the Mayor's Consort for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

**Appointment of Deputy Mayor's Consort**

The Deputy Mayor to announce the appointment of the Deputy Mayor's Consort for the Municipal Year 2022/23.

**6. PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR'S AND THE PAST MAYOR'S CONSORT BADGES**

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor will present the past Mayor's and past Mayor's Consort badges.

**7. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 12)**

To approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting of Council on 24 February 2022.

**9. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**10. ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

To elect the Leader of the Council for a four year term.

**11. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET**

To note the appointment by the Leader of the Council of the Deputy Leader and the Cabinet as detailed under Agenda Item 13.

**12. REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES 2022/23 (Pages 13 - 20)**

To receive a report of the Interim Director of Law and Governance asking the Council to determine the constitution and political balance of the committees, joint committees and panels that have been set up for discharge of the Council's functions.

**13. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BODIES FOR 2022/23**

To establish Council bodies for the coming Municipal Year and to appoint memberships to these. (List on yellow sheet to follow)

**14. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS 2022/23**

To consider the Council's representation on outside bodies and organisations as required. (List on green sheet to follow).

**15. COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

The Council is asked to agree the authority's Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.

**16. MEMBER'S ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2022/23 (Pages 21 - 24)**

To receive a report from the Interim Director of Law & Governance on Member's Allowance Scheme for 2022/23.

**17. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

The Council is asked to approve the calendar for the 2022/23 municipal year, subject to any further changes/additions, being delegated to the Interim Director of Law & Governance in consultation with all party groups.

**18. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

To note that subject to agreement of Agenda Item 17 the date of the next Council meeting will be 13 July 2022.

**COUNCIL - 24.2.2022****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2022****COUNCILLORS****PRESENT**

Sabri Ozaydin (Mayor), Huseyin Akpinar, Mahmut Aksanoglu, Maria Alexandrou, Daniel Anderson, Kate Anolue, Chinelo Anyanwu, Tolga Aramaz, Ian Barnes, Dinah Barry, Mahym Bedekova, Sinan Boztas, Anne Brown, Nesil Caliskan, Alev Cazimoglu, Mustafa Cetinkaya, Katherine Chibah, Lee David-Sanders, Clare De Silva, Birsan Demirel, Chris Dey, Guney Dogan, Elif Erbil, Susan Erbil, Peter Fallart (Bush Hill Park), Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Margaret Greer, Charith Gunawardena, Christine Hamilton (Deputy Mayor), Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, James Hockney, Stephanos Ioannou, Rick Jewell, Nneke Keazor, Joanne Laban, Tim Leaver, Mary Maguire, Andy Milne, Gina Needs, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenler, Lindsay Rawlings, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Edward Smith, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor, Andrew Thorp, Mahtab Uddin, Glynis Vince and Hass Yusuf

**ABSENT**

Guner Aydin, Yasemin Brett, Ergin Erbil, Ergun Eren, Ayten Guzel, Saray Karakus, Dino Lemonides and Derek Levy

**1****THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING**

Erdal Yapıcı performed a blessing in the form of music.

**2****MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY  
BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Chamber.

The Mayor announced that his events had continued to gather speed. He expressed his gratitude to many of the Enfield businesses who had come forward to donate money to his charity and took the opportunity to thank them formally for their generosity.

The invitations to the Annual Gala Dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 had been posted. The Mayor stated that he was excited to be able to hold this event, especially as the last couple of years had been quite non-eventful in our calendars in respect of gatherings and social events. He hoped to see as many as possible at the charity event where he was hoping to gather as much urgently needed donations as possible for the Enfield community.

The Mayor announced that his charities for the year were the Felix Project, North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton Eagles, Enfield Town Football Club and

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Nightingale Cancer Support. They were worthy recipients and he hoped to help them as much as possible.

The Mayor's charity website was also up and running. A link had been circulated for perusal. These had been personally donated by the Mayor and all sale proceeds would go towards the Mayors charity.

As this was the last Council meeting he would chair, the Mayor, wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the support he had received whilst he had been Mayor over the last two municipal years. It had been a challenging time in many ways, in an ever-changing world.

The Mayor wished everyone and their families the very best and urged everyone to stay safe and healthy.

**3  
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were AGREED.

**4  
APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Guner Aydin, Yasemin Brett, Ergin Erbil, Ergun Eren, Ayten Guzel, Saray Karakus, Dino Lemonides and Derek Levy.

Apologies for lateness had been received from Councillor Peter Fallart.

**5  
DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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**6**

**BUDGET REPORT 2022/23 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2022/23 TO 2026/27**

Cllr Maguire moved, and Councillor Caliskan seconded, the report.

Cllr Maguire introduced the report and noted the following points:

- The report was to set the Revenue Budget and Council Tax for the 2022/23 financial year and updated the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) in the light of those decisions.
- The proposals were the culmination of the 2022/23 budget planning process.
- A balanced budget was a legal requirement.

Cllr Laban, on behalf of the majority opposition group moved and Cllr Hockney seconded an alternative budget which would give additional savings of £16.389m.

The majority opposition made the following points:

- The alternative budget proposed to agree the recommendations subject to an additional investment of £2.689m to ensure the Borough was cleaner, safer and supported residents with the cost-of-living crisis, which would be financed by savings of an equivalent amount.
- The sustainable budget would provide an action plan to implement the following:
  - Cleaner – restore weekly bin collections from September and increase fly tip CCTV cameras providing an additional 100 cameras.
  - Greener – additional planting of 3,000 street trees; electric charging points; air pollution monitors and investment in parks, buildings and maintenance.
  - Safer – Reinstatement of school crossing patrols; increase in road safety fund; expansion of CCTV coverage, additional Police Officers recharged to the Housing Revenue Account. In addition to a reduction to the build to change project.

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- Cost-of-living – provide low-income households with energy efficient lightbulbs, freeze costs to residents and groups on fees and charges.

The administration, in response to the proposed alternative budget, made the following points:

- Efficiencies would be reduced.
- The budget was robust and resilient, one which allowed investment in the Borough.
- It was misleading to residents to state that the cost of living would reduce.
- The alternative budget would lead to privatisation of the Council services.

On being put the vote the amendment was lost.

The administration spoke to the substantive budget proposed and made following points:

- Councils across the country had faced severe cuts to their budgets in the last 12 months.
- The Covid-19 pandemic had added more to this challenge.
- An additional investment in social services and adult social care means that the Council is committed to provide services for the most vulnerable residents in the Borough.
- A Council tax freeze has been introduced, whilst the Council Tax Support Scheme continues.
- The temporary accommodation rents had been increased for the first time in a long time. This accommodation protected the most vulnerable residents of the Borough.
- There were revenue savings of £500k.
- For the capital programme to remain affordable the Council must keep within the self-imposed borrowing cap of £2bn.
- A treasury management strategy has been introduced to provide finances which are well planned and executed.
- The Council was a statutory authority and as such had to implement the Local Plan.
- Whitewebbs had been leased, not sold.

The majority opposition made the following points regarding the substantive budget:

- Supportive of the Council Tax freeze.
- There were lower grants available compared to previous years.
- The audits for 2019/20 had not been completed.
- There was an increase in the cost of funerals.
- There was a direct link to the life expectancy of the residents of the Borough in relation to the quality of the Council's housing stock.
- Low Traffic Neighbourhoods would see a build-up of traffic in surrounding areas and adversely affect the lives of residents on low incomes.



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The minority opposition made the following points:

- The administration had used the Council's reserves.
- Many of the Council's projects and scrutiny processes had failed, which allowed £2m borrowing.
- Discussion with residents about Lower Traffic Neighbourhoods had been blocked.
- There had been insufficient investment in housing which had resulted in overcrowding in properties.
- The administration had misunderstood the housing issues experienced in Enfield.
- There had been poor rates of recycling.
- Small businesses were not supported by the Council.
- The Council was not interested in investment in the high streets or small businesses in the Borough.
- There had been increases in the Special Responsibility Allowances.

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

In accordance with standing order regulations 2014, the vote was recorded in relation to the above decisions.

For:

Councillor Huseyin Akpinar  
Councillor Mahmut Aksanoglu  
Councillor Kate Anolue  
Councillor Chinelo Anyanwu  
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 Birsan Demirel  
Councillor Guney Dogan  
Councillor Elif Erbil  
Councillor Susan Erbil  
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou  
Councillor Margaret Greer  
Councillor Christine Hamilton  
Councillor Ahmet Hasan  
Councillor Rick Jewell  
Councillor Nneke Keazor  
Councillor Tim Leaver  
Councillor Mary Maguire  
Councillor Gina Needs  
Councillor Ahmet Oykenen  
Councillor Sabri Ozaydin

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Councillor George Savva  
Councillor Claire Stewart  
Councillor Doug Taylor  
Councillor Mahtab Uddin  
Councillor Hass Yusuf

**Against:**

Councillor Maria Alexandrou  
Councillor Lee David-Sanders  
Councillor Clare De Silva  
Councillor Chris Dey  
Councillor Peter Fallart  
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou  
Councillor Elaine Hayward  
Councillor James Hockney  
Councillor Joanne Laban  
Councillor Andy Milne  
Councillor Terry Neville  
Councillor Lindsay Rawlings  
Councillor Michael Rye  
Councillor Edward Smith  
Councillor Jim Steven  
Councillor Andrew Thorp  
Councillor Glynis Vince

**Abstentions:**

Councillor Daniel Anderson  
Councillor Dinah Barry  
Councillor Anne Brown  
Councillor Charith Gunawardena  
Councillor Ayfer Orhan

**AGREED:**

1. To note:
  - i. The budget is in a balanced position for 2022/23, however, this had required the one-off use of reserves of £1.985m.
  - ii. The total costs of Covid-19 in 2022/23 were estimated to be £6.339m; this would be funded from the £10m reserve which had been created to fund ongoing Covid-19 costs. At this stage the sector was not anticipating any further funding from the Government in respect of Covid-19.
  - iii. Government funding assumptions continued to rely on Council Tax as a key source of funding for Adult Social Care through the Precept.

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- iv. The wider London Business Rate pool was not going ahead for 2022/23 due to uncertainty over whether participation would be financially beneficial for members. Enfield would however be joining a smaller pool of 8 authorities to pool business rates for 2022/23. This decision had been approved by Cabinet on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Members of the pool were: City of London, Barnet, Brent, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest. The potential one-off benefits from the Pool would be realisable circa August 2023 and nothing had been built into the MTFP at this stage.
2. To approve:
- i. With regard to the Revenue Budget for 2022/23 to set the Council Tax Requirement for Enfield at £139.361m in 2022/23; and
  - ii. To set the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield's services for 2022/23 at £1,446.12, being a 0.00% general Council Tax increase and a 1.00% Adult Social Care Precept.
3. To agree the Medium-Term Financial Plan, including:
- i. The pressures set out in Appendix 1a of the report totalling £22.009m in 2022/23 (excluding the Covid-19 reversals of 13.894m), which include:
    - a. £3.188m for Demographic pressures within Adults and Children's Social Care and SEN Transport to reflect growing demand in these areas. (in 2022/23 Adults gross expenditure budget will be £140.0m, net £87.4m; Children's Services gross expenditure budget will be £57.2m, net £46.4m; SEN Transport net budget will be £11.1m).
    - b. £8.024m of Inflation and pay award funding.
  - ii. £3.438m investment in transformation funded by the flexible use of capital receipts.
  - iii. Full year effects of reversals of one-off prior year savings and income totalling £0.705m set out in Appendix 2a of the report.
  - iv. The savings of £5.856m and income proposals of £2.840m in 2022/23 set out in Appendix 2b of the report.
  - v. Adopt the key principles set out in the Medium-Term Financial Plan section of the report.
  - vi. Note the £1.020m for Capital Financing included within the pressures figure to invest in proposals to deliver long term

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benefits to the Borough. £10.111m is set aside for Capital Financing over the lifetime of the MTFP.

3. To agree:

- i. The planned flexible use of capital receipts in 2021/22 being £1.501m and approve the planned flexible use of capital receipts in 2022/23, being £3.438m.
- ii. The Schools Budget for 2022/23.
- iii. The changes in Fees and Charges for 2022/23 as set out in paragraph 178 and Appendices 11 to 14 of the report, and to delegate authority to Executive Directors and Directors to negotiate discounts and make in year amendments where appropriate.
- iv. To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources in consultation with the Lead Member for Finance & Procurement in respect of any actions arising from the Government's recent announcement regarding the award of £150 Council Tax rebates and discretionary support (see paragraphs 70 to 73).
- v. To note the gap remaining in the MTFP for 2023/24 of £13.295m; and of £45.600m for the period 2023/24 to 2026/27 and the actions being taken to address this challenging position.
- vi. To agree that the New Homes Bonus funding of £0.172m is applied as a one-off contribution to the General Fund in 2022/23.
- vii. To note the detailed feedback from the Budget Engagement, which is set out in Appendix 5a of the report.
- viii. To note the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 12th January 2022 which are set out in Appendix 5b of the report.
- ix. To note that the delivery of the saving for digitalisation/decentralisation of MEQ & Complaints Team responsibilities will require members to utilise the new digital self-serve MEQ reporting system.
- x. With regard to the robustness of the 2022/23 budget and the adequacy of the Council's earmarked reserves and balances:
  - i. To note the risks and uncertainties inherent in the 2022/23 budget and the MTFP and agree the actions in hand to mitigate them;

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- ii. To note the advice of the Executive Director of Resources regarding the recommended levels of contingencies, balances and earmarked reserves and have regard to the comments of the Director of Finance) when making final decisions on the 2022/23 budget; and
- iii. To agree the recommended levels of central contingency and general balances.

**7**

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 TO 2031/32**

Cllr Maguire moved and Councillor Caliskan seconded the report of the Executive Director Resources on the Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2031/32.

Cllr Maguire made the following points:

- The ambitious capital programme would be a source of funding over the next ten years and would support the delivery of the Council's services.
- The capital programme was within the self-imposed borrowing cap of £2b.
- Information on the capital schemes has been collected using the new Development Investment Financial Framework (DIFF) which has enabled a deeper analysis of the programme.
- The Council's treasury advisers have endorsed the capital programme as appropriate.

Cllr Laban moved an amendment and proposed an alternative budget, which was seconded by Cllr Hockney.

Cllr Laban made the following points:

- To agree the recommendations subject to the necessary adjustments to reflect investment in a cleaner, greener, safer borough that supports residents rising cost of living funded by reducing the planned Build the Change Civic Centre investment.
- Funding diverted from the Build the Change programme would also be used on front line staff and to increase fly tip CCTV camera resulting in an additional 100 cameras.
- Additional funding would be used to invest in the Borough.
- School Road Safety fund. Comprehensive strategy to implement more school streets, zebra crossings, 20 mph zones and walk to school schemes. Youth buses would increase outreach facilities to youth and youth groups.

Cllr Hockney made the following points:

- Thousands of additional trees would be planted.
- Investment would be in improving roads and road safety and pavements.

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The administration made the following points:

- Investment in Information Technology would deliver better services to all residents but particularly the family hub to those who were vulnerable.
- There would be investment in the Borough for now and in the future.
- Enforcement action was and would be taken against fly tipping.

The majority opposition made the following points:

- The alternative budget would:
  - Increase the amount available for investment in the Enfield, an outer London Borough.
  - Provide investment in technology for alternative sources of power.
- There was insufficient provision for air monitors to measure increased pollution in the Borough.
- The administration should aim to borrow prudently to reduce the borrowing figures.

The minority opposition made the following points:

- The administration had failed to be addressed housing needs of the most vulnerable residents of the Borough had failed to be addressed.
- There had been insufficient investment in the Borough's parks.

NOTED that the report was recommended to Council by Cabinet on the meeting held on 16th February 2022.

AGREED to approve the 2022/23 Capital Programme and to note the 2023/24 to 2031/32 Ten Year Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 3 of the officer's report.

**8**

**MAYOR'S THANK YOU TO RETIRING MEMBERS**

The Mayor invited those Members, who were not standing for re-election and who wished to do so, to speak.

The following Members thanked colleagues and staff at the Council for their support and referred to many events which had occurred during their term as a Councillor at Enfield Borough Council.

Councillor Terry Neville  
Councillor Ian Barnes  
Councillor Dinah Barry  
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou  
Councillor Mary Maguire  
Councillor Claire Stewart  
Councillor Lindsay Rawlings  
Councillor Glynis Vince  
Councillor Elaine Haywood

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Councillor Lee David-Sanders

**9  
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET 2022/23, RENT SETTING  
AND BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE**

This item was noted under the guillotine arrangements.

**10  
TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2022/23**

This item was noted under the guillotine arrangements.

**11  
RETENDER OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS - OPTING INTO  
THE NATIONAL PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

This item was noted under the guillotine arrangements.

**12  
MONITORING OFFICER REPORT**

This item was noted under the guillotine arrangements.

**13  
QUESTIONS**

This item was noted under the guillotine arrangements.

**14  
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

There were no amendments to the committee membership.

**15  
NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no nominations to outside bodies.

**16  
DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled on the 25 May 2022.

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**London Borough of Enfield**

**Meeting:** Council

**Meeting Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Subject:** Review of Political Balance on Committees 2022/23

**Director:** Terry Osborne, Interim Director of Law and Governance

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**Purpose of Report**

1. This report fulfils the Council's duty to review and determine the representation of different political groups on certain committees at its Annual Meeting or as soon as practicable thereafter.
2. Subsequently, the Council has a duty to make appointments to those committees giving effect to the wishes of the political group allocated the seats. The appointments to those bodies are dealt with under a separate item on this agenda.

**Proposals**

3. That Council:
  - i. Agrees the allocation of seats across the Ordinary Committees as set out in Table 3 to this report;
  - ii. Agrees the allocation of seats on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Panels as set out in Table 4 to this report;
  - iii. Agrees the allocation of seats to the other committees and as set out in the Appendix to this report;
  - iv. Agrees without dissent that the rules on proportionality shall not apply to the Councillor Conduct Committee and that the allocation of seats to that committee shall be 2:2 as set out in the constitution;
  - v. Notes that appointments to the Council's committees, sub-committees and panels and other bodies to which appointments are made are dealt with under a separate item on this agenda.

**Reason for Proposals**

4. The recommendations in this report give effect to the statutory requirements to make appointments to committees in accordance with the rules on proportionality set out in legislation.

**Relevance to the Council Plan**

5. The proposals give effect to statutory requirements on proportionality on committees and sub-committees. Those committees have been created to enable elected members to participate in the democratic process and in so doing to help develop, deliver or scrutinise the Council Plan.

## **Background**

6. The Council is required to review the representation of different political groups on certain committees as soon as practicable following a change in the composition of the Council.
7. The allocation must be determined by applying the 'political balance rules' prescribed by section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and supplemented by the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. The rules are designed to ensure that the political composition of the Council's decision making and deliberative committees, as far as possible, replicates the political composition of the Council. Subsequently, the Council has a duty to make appointments to those committees giving effect to the wishes of the political groups allocated the seats.
8. The Council committees to which the political balance rules apply have similar duties to apply political balance in relation to the sub-committees they appoint to, if any.
9. The membership of the Council is 63 elected members and there are currently two political groups represented on the Council following the recent local election. There are currently no vacant seats on the Council. Table 1 below shows the number of councillors currently representing the Council by political group and the proportion of seats the groups have on the Council.

**Table 1**

	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>
<b>Number of councillors</b>	38	25
<b>Proportion</b>	60.31%	39.68%

## *The Political Balance Principles*

10. The legislation requires seats on relevant committees to be allocated to different political groups so far as reasonably practicable in accordance with the following 4 principles:
  - a. that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;
  - b. that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to

that group is a majority of the Council's membership;

- c. subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that each political group is allocated the same proportion of the total seats across all the Ordinary Committees of the Council as the proportion of the members of the Council that belong to that group; and
- d. subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that each political group is allocated the same proportion of the seats on each relevant body as the proportion of the members of the Council that belong to that group.

### *Ordinary Committees*

11. Principle (c) refers to "Ordinary Committees" which, under the Act, means those appointed under section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, namely the General Purposes Committee, Councillor Conduct Committee, the Pension Policy & Investment Committee, the Staff Appeals, Appointments and Remuneration Committee and the Planning Committee. Overview and Scrutiny Committees and their sub-committees are not 'Ordinary Committees' and so are not taken into account for the purposes of this aspect of the calculation. Nor is the Licensing Committee.

12. In accordance with principle (c) above, the total number of seats across all of the Ordinary Committees listed above have to be taken together to determine the number of seats that should be allocated to each political group. There are 44 seats on the Ordinary Committees which will be allocated as follows:

**Table 2**

	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>
<b>Number of councillors</b>	38	25
<b>Proportion</b>	60.31%	39.68%
<b>Number of seats allocated on Ordinary Committees (out of a total of 44)</b>	27	17

13. Having calculated the number of seats on Ordinary Committees to be allocated to each political group (Labour 27, Conservative 17), the allocation of seats on each of those individual committees then needs to be calculated proportionately but subject to this overall allocation of 27:17. There may, therefore, need to be some 'manual' or 'balancing' adjustment to the allocation of seats on each committee in order to meet this overall allocation requirement, such adjustment to be agreed by the Council. The manual or balancing adjustment has been made to the allocation of seats on the Planning Committee but an alternative allocation could be moved and agreed by the Council, thus:

**Table 3**

<b>Ordinary Committee</b>	<b>Seats</b>	<b>Labour</b>	<b>Conservative</b>
<b>Total seats across all Ordinary Committees to be allocated</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>General Purposes Committee</b>	9	5	4
<b>Councillor Conduct Committee</b>	4	2	2
<b>Pension Policy &amp; Investment Committee</b>	6	4	2
<b>Staff Appeals, Appointments and Remuneration Committee</b>	13	8	5
<b>Planning Committee</b>	12	8	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>

*Overview and Scrutiny Committees*

14. The other committees to which the political balance rules apply individually are the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. There are 8 seats on each of the committees/panels and these are allocated proportionately to Labour (5) and Conservative (3)

**Table 4**

<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny</b>	<b>Number of seats</b>	<b>Labour 60.31%</b>	<b>Conservative 39.68%</b>
<b>Overview and Scrutiny</b>	8	5	3
<b>Children, Young People &amp; Education</b>	8	5	3
<b>Crime</b>	8	5	3
<b>Health &amp; Adult Social care</b>	8	5	3
<b>Environment &amp; Climate Action</b>	8	5	3
<b>Housing</b>	8	5	3
<b>Finance &amp; Performance</b>	8	5	3
<b>Regeneration &amp; Economic Development</b>	8	5	3

### *Other Committees and Bodies*

15. The political balance rules do not formally apply to the Licensing Committee or sub-committees nor the other bodies to which the Council appoints members but appointments to them are made broadly in accordance with the broad political balance principle. The allocation of seats to those bodies is shown in Appendix A

### **Main Considerations for the Council**

16. The political balance rules do not always completely determine the balance of each committee. The Council unavoidably has some discretion as to how to apply those rules and may have to carry out a balancing adjustment to seat allocation in order to comply with the rules.

### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

17. The proposals in this report are made as a result of the application of legislative requirements.

### **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken**

18. If the Council does not review the composition of its committees and other bodies to reflect the Council's membership, any decisions taken could be unlawful.

### **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks**

19. None – Council is required under Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to review the representation of different political groups on which it makes appointments whenever there is a change in political representation.

### **Financial Implications**

20. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report. The work of committees will be carried out within existing resources.

### **Legal Implications**

21. These are mainly addressed in the body of the report.
22. Each local authority is required to appoint a number of voting co-opted members to its Overview and Scrutiny committee which deals with education matters. The appointment of these members will be reviewed and further appointments undertaken over the coming months where necessary.

23. The Council can only depart from the rules on political balance by passing a resolution with no members voting against the resolution. Notice of the resolution must be given in the summons. An abstention does not count as a vote against for these purposes. The only committee this applies to is the Councillor Conduct Committee, as seats are allocated in accordance with the constitution.

### **Options Considered**

24. The proposals set out in this report arise mainly from the application of legislative requirements. Where options are available they have been highlighted in the report and are referred to as balancing adjustments. The appointments to the committees are dealt with under a separate item on this agenda.

### **Conclusions**

25. The Council is asked to approve the representation of the different political groups and bodies to which it makes appointments.
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Date of report: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### **Appendices:**

Appendix A

### **Background Papers**

None

## Appendix A

<b>Body</b>	<b>Number of seats</b>	<b>Labour 60.31%</b>	<b>Conservative 39.68%</b>
<b>Licensing</b>	15	9	6
<b>Licensing sub-committees</b>	3	2	1
<b>Planning Panel</b>	7	4	3
<b>Local Pension Board</b>	3	2	1
<b>Equalities Board</b>	9	5	4
<b>Environment Forum</b>	5	3	2
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board*</b>	4	4	
<b>Corporate Parenting Group*</b>	4	2	2
<b>Fostering Panel*</b>	2	1	1
<b>Learning Difficulties Partnership Board*</b>	3	2	1
<b>Joint Consultative Group for Teachers &amp; Staff Forum</b>	5	3	2
<b>Member Governor Forum</b>	5	3	2
<b>Schools Forum*</b>	1	1	
<b>Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education*</b>	4	2	2

\*Seats allocated in accordance with the constitution.

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**London Borough of Enfield**

**Meeting:** Council

**Meeting Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Subject:** Members Allowances Scheme 2022/23

**Director:** Terry Osborne, Interim Director of Law & Governance

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**Purpose of Report**

1. This report details the statutory annual review of Members' allowances for the 2022/23 Municipal year.

**Proposals**

2. That the Members Allowances Scheme is approved as set out in Part 6 of the Constitution.
3. That the automatic increase in allowances based on average earnings as at March 2022 is applied.

**Relevance to Council Plan**

4. The review supports the Council's governance arrangements

**Background**

5. The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 provide that a Local Authority shall make a scheme in accordance with these Regulations in respect of each year. Regulation 10 provides that such a scheme shall be made before the beginning of each year, and may be amended during the year, but only revoked and replaced with a new scheme with effect from the beginning of a year.
6. The scheme allows for an annual uplift of allowances linked to average earnings, for the period ending the previous March of each year, with the new rate effective from the new Municipal year.

**Main Considerations for the Council**

7. The Council is required under the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 to undertake an annual review of its Members' Allowances scheme and approve any amendments to the scheme.

### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

8. There is no impact on equalities from these proposals.

### **Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken**

9. Council has agreed each year since 2009 not to increase the basic allowance which is £10,570. The London Councils Independent Remuneration Panel 2018 recommended a basic allowance of £11,045. The 2022 report which will be considered over the coming months recommends a basic allowance of £12,014.
10. Although finance is not the only deterrent from people taking on the role of councillor, it could be a barrier which prevents some people.

### **Financial Implications**

11. The proposals can be met from existing budgets. There are no other financial issues arising from report.

### **Legal Implications**

12. The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (as amended) are made under the provisions of section 18 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and require local authorities to make a scheme of allowances for their members and to establish and maintain an independent remuneration panel to make recommendations to the Council about the scheme and the amounts to be paid.
13. The regulations make specific provision for London Councils to establish a panel, which could exercise the functions of an independent remuneration panel on behalf of London borough councils and regard has to be had to the report of the Independent Panel on the Remuneration of Councillors in London established by London Councils on behalf of all London Councils published in January 2018. A more recent report was issued in January of this year and will be reported to General Purposes Committee in due course, and if necessary to Full Council.

### **Workforce Implications**

14. There are no workforce implications.

### **Property Implications**

15. There are no property implications.

### **Other Implications**

16. There are no other implications.

### **Options Considered**

17. The Members Allowances Scheme must be approved annually. Members have the option to either implement the automatic increase in allowances by the average earnings as at February 2022 or not to implement the increase for 2022/23.

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**Appendices**

None.

**Background Papers**

Constitution Part 6.

Independent Remuneration Panel Report 2018 and 2022.

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