

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2023**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Doris Jiagge (Mayor), Suna Hurman (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Josh Abey, Nicki Adeleke, Gunes Akbulut, Mahmut Aksanoglu, Maria Alexandrou, Nawshad Ali, Kate Anolue, Chinelo Anyanwu, Mahym Bedekova, Sinan Boztas, Nesil Caliskan, Alev Cazimoglu, Mustafa Cetinkaya, Lee Chamberlain, Hivran Dalkaya, Chris Dey, Guney Dogan, Hannah Dyson, Elif Erbil, Ergin Erbil, Susan Erbil, Peter Fallart, Thomas Fawns, Reece Fox, Alessandro Georgiou, Margaret Greer, Patricia Gregory, Adrian Grumi, Ayten Guzel, Nelly Gyosheva, Ahmet Hasan, Stephanos Ioannou, Mohammad Islam, Rick Jewell, Chris James, Chris Joannides, Joanne Laban, Tim Leaver, Andy Milne, Elisa Morreale, Gina Needs, Tom O'Halloran, Ahmet Oykenner, Sabri Ozaydin, Bektas Ozer, Paul Pratt, Michael Rye OBE, Julian Sampson, Ruby Sampson, George Savva MBE, David Skelton, Edward Smith, Jim Steven, Nia Stevens, Emma Supple, Doug Taylor, Andrew Thorp and Eylem Yuruk

ABSENT James Hockney

THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

Ana Yagdigar Arslan and Ali Arslan from London Alevi Cultural Centre and Cemevi gave a blessing.

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ELECT A PERSON TO PRESIDE IF THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR ARE NOT PRESENT

There was no business transacted under this item.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR

Cllr Caliskan moved, and Cllr Georgiou seconded the nomination of Cllr Hurman as Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the 2023/24 municipal year.

AGREED that Cllr Hurman be elected as the Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield, for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Cllr Hurman made and signed a declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the Badge of Office.

Following her appointment, the Mayor acknowledged the honour and privilege she felt to be elected as Mayor of such a diverse borough. The Mayor thanked members of the Council for their support in appointing her and gave special thanks to her husband and family for all their love and support as a councillor and throughout her working life. The Mayor thanked officers for their support in the lead up to the Mayor Making Ceremony.

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PAST MAYOR'S SPEECH

The Past Mayor, Cllr Jagge thanked her consorts and family for all their support during her mayoralty as well as expressing thanks to the chauffeurs, Mayoral Services Manager, Director of Law and Governance, Head of Governance and Scrutiny and the Governance Team. She wished Cllr Hurman the very best in her new role as Mayor of Enfield.

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Caliskan moved, and Cllr Georgiou seconded the nomination of Cllr Islam as Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the 2023/24 municipal year.

AGREED that Cllr Islam be elected Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield, for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Cllr Islam made and signed a declaration of acceptance of office and was invested with the Badge of Office.

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APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S CONSORTS

Appointment of Mayor's Consorts

The Mayor announced the appointment of Savvas Hurman and Ella Hurman as her consorts for the 2023/24 municipal year investing them with their Badges of Office.

Appointment of Deputy Mayor's Consorts

The Deputy Mayor announced the appointment of Rokshana Afrose as his consort for the 2023/24 municipal year and invested her with her Badge of Office.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUNG MAYOR AND YOUNG DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor announced Darren Paul as the Young Mayor and Sila Karapinar as the Deputy Young Mayor.

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

The Mayor presented the Past Mayor's and Past Mayor's consorts badges recording the Council's appreciation to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Doris Jiagge and her consorts, Jannaya Jiagge-Takyi and Jessica Jiagge-Takyi.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked them for the work they had undertaken over the last year.

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TRIBUTES TO KING CHARLES III

Ann Cable MBE, Deputy Lieutenant

On May 6th, 2023, His Majesty King Charles III became the oldest British king to be crowned, however, that has meant he's been well-prepared for the role of Sovereign having been heir to the throne for some seventy years.

Over these last seven decades, our world has changed significantly with scientific and technological advances and changes in culture. We have learnt much about our new monarch from those years – his childhood was different; he was the first heir apparent to attend school and later University and he served in both the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force. As Prince of Wales, he set up many charitable initiatives benefitting thousands of lives, focused on the needs of young people, education, and the arts as well as such matters as sustainability and the environment. Indeed, well known for championing the importance of protecting our planet, His Majesty stated that climate change has become the great threat of our times.

King Charles talks of how much he has learnt from the people he has met. The diversity of the Commonwealth inspires him, and he sees its great potential as a force for good, urging its peoples to unite and be bold. A man of deep faith, he has also reflected that British society had now evolved into "one of many cultures and many faiths" but with shared values, that diversity making us stronger.

His Majesty brings a change of style, but he has vowed to carry on his mother's lifelong service albeit with his own modernising stamp. He has clearly demonstrated this in the arrangements for the coronation, by the fact that over 800 community champions were invited to be in the congregation and that the days following had a community bias towards sharing, volunteering, caring for one another.

We are reminded again of the value of service to others, of the steadfast service of her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by His Majesty King Charles' pledge to continue that lifelong service. From fighting for the environment and the well-being of people here and across the Commonwealth, King Charles promises to lead as his mother did saying, "wherever you may live in the

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United Kingdom or in the realms and territories across the world and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect, and love as I have throughout my life.”

With that reassurance of constancy, concern for the environment and the well-being of people, of serving and valuing service to the community, whether we be public servants or simply good neighbours, we should take inspiration and hope, and all play our part in this new Carolean era.

We wish King Charles III all strength, wisdom, and grace in his reign. God Save The King!

Cllr Suna Hurman, Mayor of Enfield

The coronation of a new monarch is a unique moment for our country and indeed our borough. We pay tribute to and honour the King, Charles III. The Coronation will bless his accession to the throne, where the teachings and faultless practices of his late mother, the Queen Elizabeth II, will continue in her honour. May he be guided, protected, and find wisdom as he is officially crowned King Charles III and Monarch of the United Kingdom.

It has been wonderful to see the people come together to celebrate and welcome His Majesty to the throne as we mark this important day in our nation’s long history. Wishing the new King many years of happiness and health, peace, and magnificence.

I have the honour to be His Majesty’s most humble and obedient servant. God Save The King.

Cllr Doris Jagge, Former Mayor of Enfield

On behalf of Enfield Council, its staff, and residents, I send our best wishes to our new King of England, Charles III. I pledge unwavering support and allegiance to you and the Royal Family in the years ahead as His Majesty’s loyal subjects and look forward to the further advancement of this great city with you as our King.

Your unswerving devotion and solemn pledge to uphold the constitutional principles, together with the precious traditions, freedoms and responsibilities of our unique history and our respected system of parliamentary government lay at the heart of our nation, keeping us ever stronger.

I have the honour to be His Majesty’s most humble and obedient servant.

Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council

The coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla provided a unique opportunity for communities and neighbourhoods across the borough

to come together. That is why Enfield Council worked with local residents, groups, and organisations so that the momentous occasion could be marked in lots of different ways, from family get-togethers to larger scale community events.

And what a success and spectacle it was! Enfield residents joined the rest of the country in celebrating, hosting street parties and activities across our borough and creating memories that will last for years to come.

This brochure provides a small memento of the Coronation Weekend in which our wonderful and vibrant communities in Enfield came together in celebration. You can see photos of the fabulous street parties, decorated homes and businesses, and many of the activities and events that took part in our bunting-clad town centres and community buildings. It is wonderful that we have also been able to reproduce some of the creative writing and painting produced by our young people to mark the occasion.

I was also particularly pleased that, together with many of our Friends of Parks groups, Enfield Council created a more lasting legacy through activities such as the planting of King Oak trees in parks across our borough.

I am sure you will join me in wishing King Charles III and Queen Camilla a long and happy future.

Cllr Alessandro Georgiou, Leader of the Opposition

Today we come together to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. As one Enfield we rejoice on occasion and congratulate their Majesties King Charles and Queen Camila. Despite us living in challenging times it is welcome that we can come together and celebrate our new Sovereign's reign.

As we embark on this new Carolean Age we must look forward as a borough and a nation through these trying moments with the knowledge that we have a royal family, headed by His Majesty, that is above political squabbles and are one of few constants we have as a country.

We must also remember His Majesty's role not only as King of the United Kingdom's of Great Britain and Northern Ireland but also as Head of the Commonwealth. There are 56 countries within the Commonwealth which represents 2.5 billion people across the world and it now His Majesty's role to keep us united in this important union.

As a Christian, I also recognise the King's role as Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. We know that His Majesty has inherited his Christian values from his mother, her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, which provides welcome and continued spiritual continuity. I pray, and I hope all Christians pray, that our King and Queen have a long and blessed reign.

On behalf of the Opposition of Enfield Council, I renew our commitment as loyal subjects of his Majesty, King Charles III. God Save The King.

Cllr Ergin Erbil, Deputy Leader of the Council

We've come together to celebrate and witness the beginning of a new chapter in our shared history.

Decorations covering our town centres, our high streets, street parties across the borough, and indeed, celebrations in our community centres. Enfield came together to celebrate this momentous occasion and I'm especially proud of the fact that we planted king oak trees in Enfield's parks and green spaces to celebrate the coronation.

We are fortunate to have an environmentalist leader like King Charles at the helm during these challenging times brought about by the climate emergency. His experience, advocacy and leadership will be invaluable as we navigate the challenges ahead and build a greener future for our borough, our country and indeed, across the world.

King Charles has dedicated his life to protecting our environment and serving the people of our country, and I have no doubt that he'll continue to do so with the same dedication and passion as our new monarch.

The coronation was not just about the future, it was also a celebration of our past, our ceremonies, and our traditions, such as the ones we've witnessed over the weekend. These traditions glue our nation together and we are indeed across the world for them.

As we witnessed the coronation of our new monarch, we were reminded of the strength and resilience of our nation and despite ongoing serious challenges across the country, we continue to emerge stronger and hopefully more united in this new era.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our service personnel, UK forces, volunteers and those who invested their time and efforts throughout the weekend. I'd especially like to thank my resident and friend Tom who serves our Navy and who was a part of the ceremonies.

May King Charles' reign be long and prosperous, and may he continue to inspire and lead our nation. God Save The King.

Cllr Emma Supple

Firstly, I'd like to join my fellow councillors to say a huge thank you to everyone across the Borough of Enfield who came together to celebrate the coronation this weekend. It has been fabulous.

The bunting in the streets, the street parties galore, the Big Lunch and the volunteer days - it's been wonderful.

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Thanks especially to the community police officers who visited each and every street party. They visited our street party and declared it to be the best - I'm fairly certain they said that to everybody, but it was very pleasing to see them.

The coronation was quite splendid and huge congratulations to resident Emma Rigby, who was there representing Enfield for her work over COVID and her British Empire Medal. We were hugely proud of her.

Last June, I took my Brownies to the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels and we learned all about the fascinating history of these astonishing treasures. It was wonderful to watch them being in use. They're not museum pieces, they play a vital role in our islands' history.

It was a huge delight to see our very own Lord Syed Kamall of Edmonton, on behalf of the Muslim faith, present to King Charles the Armill part of the Crown Jewels - that was very special indeed. As Lord Kamall said himself, "it was unthinkable at the last coronation that could even have happened. How far we have come."

Our new king has declared his role in the service of celebrating and supporting all communities and all faiths. In this, as local councillors, we can also recommit to the service for the people of Enfield.

King Charles and Queen Camilla are leading the way in all manner of challenges of our time, and not least, in the challenges for our natural world with their dedication to good organic farming and the environment.

So as we celebrate this changing of the monarch, we recommit ourselves to King, Country and Commonwealth. God Save The King.

Cllr Chinelo Anyanwu, Cabinet Member for Public Spaces, Culture & Local Economy

As the Cabinet Member for Culture, I was very honoured to chair the King's coronation working group and I'd like start by thanking all who contributed to the successful coronation celebration in Enfield including our great officers who done great work.

Alongside all the bunting in our town centres with a whole host of activities - I'll try and sum them all up.

We had coronation themes, competitions for young people, adults, and businesses, and I very much look forward to seeing a showcase of creative stories, drawings and seeing the best decorated homes and businesses via our council website and through our comms channels.

On the day of the coronation, despite the weather, at the Millfield Theatre, we saw a staggering 1,200 people really come together and celebrate the coronation.

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The next day at the Big Lunch, there was sixty small grants that were given out to residents to have a street party and if you missed the Big Lunch in Enfield Town then you really missed out because it was a momentous occasion. We had the volunteers who came together with local organisations who had a community tea, cakes, live music, crafts, and activities.

We then had the Big Help Out where we had all the volunteers and community groups come together which was fantastic and friends of Forty Hall who did a wonderful job of planting in our ward gardens.

Something really special which has been mentioned, we have 15 English oak trees that were planted to commemorate the coronation throughout our borough. It's a special contribution to our manifesto commitment to plant a million trees over the next four years.

And something that's very close to my heart that is just a wonderful contribution is that for every child in Enfield that was born on the coronation day, the parents would be offered a chance to have a tree planted in their memory which is really momentous for a special birthday, so I'm very happy that that's happening. God Save The King.

Cllr Julian Sampson

I wanted to echo thanks to the officers who made the events of last weekend possible. Not just the officers in the Civic Centre here at Silver Street but the Tree Planting Team, Forty Hall staff, staff in libraries who were making crowns, staff who were helping children make pictures in the Dugdale Centre and of course the many volunteers who made the weekend the success it was.

If anybody was in any doubt of the enduring strength of constitutional monarchy and its appeal in this borough, they only have to look at the pictures that have been referred to already in the brochure that we have in front of us today. There were many crowds at the Millfield Theatre, in the marketplace, the crown making in libraries and decorating houses and shops.

On a personal note, I watched the coronation from start to finish and I was moved. I was moved by the inclusion of other faiths, and I loved the Ascension Choir. It was that sense of inclusion and community, not just community with each other, but community with our past that makes us the nation that we are today and that you, Madam Mayor, embody in your own life story and journey to this place today.

I know that a lot of people worked very hard to make the events of the last weekend successfully work, but I'm sure that they don't want to repeat those events in the near future, so I'll close by saying not God Save The King, but Long live the King.

Cllr Joanne Laban

His Majesty The King said at the start of the coronation that “I come not to be served but to serve” but that was a rededication as His Majesty, the King has served the country, the realms and the Commonwealth all his life.

As we heard from the Deputy Lieutenant, he served in the armed forces both in the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy where he was asked to become the honorary Colonel-in-Chief for the Parachute Regiment. He put himself through the training programme so if he became Colonel-in-Chief, he could do what the actual soldiers could do. His Majesty started a charity, The Prince’s Trust with his Navy severance pay of just £7,000 in 1976. The charity has now supported more than one million young people, showing his commitment to serving young people.

We heard lots of stories about His Majesty over the weekend and I was watching, and David Lammy popped up. He told his story about why he was so supportive of His Majesty the King. He told the story of the riots in North London that happened in both Tottenham and Enfield Town in 2011, and he said that during that time David Cameron had phoned him, Ed Miliband had phoned him, and Nick Clegg had phoned him. They came down once, but they never came back - he was criticising all the parties. One day he got a phone call, and it was the Prince of Wales' Private Secretary and they said, “Would you mind speaking to the Prince of Wales?” and he said, “I'd really like to help out. I want to come and visit”

Cllr Andrew Thorp

On Saturday, I was honoured to go to the coronation of King Charles III at Westminster Abbey.

It was a day that will live long in my memory. It was a day full of energy, excitement, and joy - the true moment of history for our great country. The only thing damp was the weather because the doubters were proved wrong. People came across the world and were treated to a spectacle that we haven't seen for 70 years. The crowds that lined the streets and the parties across Enfield showed the enduring support for the monarchy.

At the heart of the coronation with the theme of service will serve as a beacon of light to communities across the UK. King Charles pledged to carry on the work of Queen Elizabeth II and her legacy of service to our country having served a lifelong apprenticeship under her.

On Monday, the Big Help Out had more than six million people volunteering communities across the country and many from across this chamber joined this effort. Now let me reassure you that with the Prince of Wales and Prince George coming next, the monarchy is in extremely safe hands.

They joined me at a Scout Hut on Monday to do some redevelopment and decorating. Prince George is excellent at driving a digger, Princess Charlotte can paint a mean door and Prince Louis is certainly an expert with a wheelbarrow.

This Royal Family are a family that are not scared to get their hands dirty. They want to take on the causes that matter to our country with King Charles III leading the way.

If they can do it, we all should do it. We should grab the nettle and we should do more to support our groups across Enfield because they all need our time and support.

I suggest we all join King Charles III's mission for service and volunteer across our community and I look forward to hopefully welcoming the King to Enfield. God Save The King.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Mayor invited everyone present to sing the National Anthem and after thanked the Enfield Harmony Choir who lead the singing.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr James Hockney.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made relating to any items on the agenda.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Council and Extraordinary Council meetings held on 23 February 2023 were received and **AGREED** as a correct record.

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NOTIFICATION OF CABINET MEMBERSHIP

Cllr Caliskan confirmed the appointments to Cabinet as set out below:

Deputy Leader: Cllr Ergin Erbil

Cabinet Member for Children's Services: Cllr Abdul Abdullahi

Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement: Cllr Tim Leaver

Cabinet Member for Social Housing: Cllr George Savva

Cabinet Member for Licensing, Planning & Regulatory Services: Cllr Susan Erbil

Cabinet Member for Environment: Cllr Rick Jewell

Cabinet Member for Public Spaces, Culture & Local Economy: Cllr Chinelo Anyanwu

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Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care: Cllr Alev Cazimoglu
Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Cohesion: Cllr Gina Needs

Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield North: Cllr Ahmet Hasan
Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield West: Cllr Chris James
Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield South East: Cllr Mustafa Cetinkaya
Associate Cabinet Member – Non-geographical: Cllr Ayten Guzel

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APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2023/24

Cllr Ozaydin moved, and Cllr Dey seconded the list of Council bodies and memberships for the 2023/24 municipal year.

AGREED to establish the Council bodies for the 2023/24 municipal year and the appointment of the members to those bodies as set out on the supplementary agenda which was circulated ahead of the meeting.

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REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS FOR 2023/24

Cllr Ozaydin moved, and Cllr Dey seconded the list of nominations to outside bodies for the 2023/24 municipal year.

AGREED the Council's representation on outside bodies as set out on the supplementary agenda which was circulated ahead of the meeting.

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COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Cllr Caliskan moved, and Cllr Dey seconded the proposal to agree the Council's Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.

AGREED the Council's Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.

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MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2023/24

Cllr Caliskan moved, and Cllr Tim Leaver seconded the report, subject to an amendment which proposed an annual uplift of 4.04%, as recommended by the Independent Panel for Remuneration of Councillors in London.

Cllr Caliskan introduced the report and noted the findings and recommendations of the IRP report which was published in January 2022 along with agreement to an annual uplift for councillors remuneration.

Cllr Georgiou advised that the Opposition would be voting against any increase in allowances but acknowledged that the Administration had gone for

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a reduced uplift amount compared to that contained in the constitution. He stated that although an uplift had been voted down since 2009, and he was not against a review of allowances, it was simply not the right time to do so. Councillors allowances should not be for local authorities to decide but an independent body such as Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) in a similar way to MPs allowances. Cllr Georgiou said he was willing to send a joint letter with the Leader of the Council to the government asking to change the law and have fair pay for fair work.

A procedural motion was moved and seconded under paragraph 13.20 (v) of the Council's Procedure Rules that the question be now put which was put to the vote and **AGREED**.

Cllr Caliskan agreed with recommendations made by the Leader of the Opposition and has already stated that she welcomes the government taking the steps necessary, so councillors allowances are set by an independent body. As it stands, the law does not allow for that, so there is a requirement to bring a paper annually to the Council. She stated that a 4.04% increase is well below inflation which is appropriate and in the spirit of recognising the work that councillors do and the necessary representation that good democracy requires, she was comfortable making this proposal.

A roll call vote was requested by Cllr Dey and, another 11 members of the Council having stood in support of the request, the report was then agreed with the following votes recorded:

For (37)

Abdul Abdullahi
Josh Abey
Nicki Adeleke
Gunes Akbulut
Mahmut Aksanoglu
Nawshad Ali
Kate Anolue
Chinelo Anyanwu
Mahym Bedekova
Sinan Boztas
Alev Cazimoglu
Nesil Caliskan
Mustafa Cetinkaya
Hivran Dalkaya
Guney Dogan
Elif Erbil
Ergin Erbil
Susan Erbil
Thomas Fawns
Margaret Greer
Ayten Guzel
Nelly Gyosheva
Ahmet Hasan

Mohammad Islam
Chris James
Rick Jewell
Doris Jiagge
Destiny Karakus
Tim Leaver
Gina Needs
Sabri Ozaydin
Ahmet Oykenner
Bektas Ozer
George Savva MBE
Nia Stevens
Doug Taylor
Eylem Yuruk

Against (24)

Maria Alexandrou
Lee Chamberlain
Chris Dey
Hannah Dyson
Peter Fallart
Reece Fox
Alessandro Georgiou
Patricia Gregory
Adrian Grumi
Stephanos Ioannou
Chris Joannides
Joanne Laban
Andy Milne
Elisa Morreale
Tom O'Halloran
Paul Pratt
Michael Rye OBE
Julian Sampson
Ruby Sampson
David Skelton
Edward Smith
Jim Steven
Emma Supple
Andrew Thorp

AGREED:

That the Members' Allowances Scheme is approved as set out in Part 6 of the Constitution but subject to an uplift of just 4.04% as recommended by the Independent Panel on January 2022.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

AGREED the calendar for the 2023/24 municipal year, subject to any further changes/additions being delegated to the Director of Law & Governance in consultation with both party groups.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 7pm.