

### **LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD**

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 2006



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

**Please** 

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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, 22nd February, 2006 at**, **7.00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

Yours sincerely

### **Borough Secretary**

### 1. ELECTION (IF REQUIRED) OF THE CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

### 2. MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

The Mayor's Chaplain to give a blessing.

**3. MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 January 2006.

#### 4. APOLOGIES

### 5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Pages 7 - 8)

Members of the Council are invited to identify any personal or prejudicial interests relevant to items on the agenda. A definition of personal and prejudicial interests has been attached for members' information.

# 6. RELATIONSHIP MANAGER AND DISTRICT AUDITOR'S ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER (Pages 9 - 38)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources summarising for Members the more important matters arising from the Relationship Manager and District Auditor's audit and inspection programme for 2004/05 and commenting on current issues.

The recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February 2006.

# 7. BUDGET FOR 2006/07 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (GENERAL FUND) (Pages 39 - 132)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources setting out the Council's Budget for 2006/07 and the Medium Term Financial Plan (General Fund).

The recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February 2006.

# 8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT DRAFT REVENUE ESTIMATES 2006/07 (RENT SETTING) (Pages 133 - 150)

To receive the joint report of the Directors of Community, Housing and Adult Social Services and Finance and Corporate Resources, presenting for approval the detailed revenue estimates of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2006/07 following consultation with residents on the HRA budget position and the options for the rent proposals.

The recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February 2006.

#### 9. **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PLAN** (Pages 151 - 158)

To receive the report of the Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks setting out the background and legal duties for highway maintenance, identifying the main issues relating to network safety, serviceability and sustainability, and proposing an effective and objective mechanism for prioritising planned maintenance requirements in order to address customer service requirements.

The recommendations set out in the report were endorsed at the Cabinet

meeting held on 8 February 2006.

# **10.** APPROVAL OF THE REVISED CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES. (Pages 159 - 192)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources proposing revised Contract Procedure Rules for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.

The recommendations set out in the report were approved by the Audit Committee on 17 January and the Constitution Review Group on 9 February 2006.

# **11. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION** (Pages 193 - 230)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources proposing a number of changes to the Council's Constitution endorsed at the Constitution Review Group meeting held on 9 February 2006.

### 12. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)

# 12.1 <u>Urgent Questions (Part 4 - Paragraph 9.2.(b) of Constitution – Page 4-9)</u>

With the permission of the Mayor, questions on urgent issues may be tabled with the proviso of a subsequent written response if the issue requires research or is considered by the Mayor to be minor.

Please note that the Mayor will decide whether a question is urgent or not. The definition of an urgent question is "An issue which could not reasonably have been foreseen or anticipated prior to the deadline for the submission of questions and which needs to be considered before the next meeting of the Council."

A supplementary question is not permitted.

# 12.2 <u>Councillors' Questions (Part 4 – Paragraph 9.2(a) of Constitution – Page 4 - 8)</u>

### Question 1 from Councillor Andrew to Councillor Rye, Leader of the Council.

"Would Councillor Rye inform the council what investment has been made in Edmonton by the Conservative Administration since 2002?"

### **Response from Councillor Rye:**

"I am very proud of our record as a Conservative Administration trying to meet the needs of the whole Borough including Edmonton. I have therefore set out below investment in Edmonton completed by us that was started before 2002, and also investment made by us since 2002.

#### Started before 2002

- EPI new homes in the Barbot, Montague and Plevna Road Estates, demolition of 1960s concrete tower blocks, a new ASDA supermarket bringing in hundreds of new jobs, new transport hub, state of the art leisure centre and health facilities.
- New Starks Field School
- Sure start
- Lea Valley Athletics Centre
- Since May 2002 we have completed apart from EPI 196 additional homes that include CDI sites, 42 shared ownership and 3 key worker homes

### Started post 2002

- Public safety centre CCTV monitoring
- Drug Treatment centre
- Delta City Learning Centre
- School building improvements at Hazelbury Junior (2004), Edmonton County Upper School (2005), Salisbury (2006/7), Latymer (2005), and Wilbury Primary School (2007)
- Galliard School a full-service extended school at "the cutting edge" and quoted as an exemplar of good practice in the Schools' White Paper
- New nursery and childcare facilities at Eldon Infants (2005), Galliard (2006), Hazelbury Infants (2004) and Raynham Primary (2006).
- Creation of Forest Road Jubilee Park meeting a specific pledge to create a new green space in Edmonton
- HERS Edmonton Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme restoration and improvement to shop frontages in Edmonton Fore Street and Church Street. The overall programme has been £680,000 of which a substantial sum is funded by ERDF and English Heritage.
- Play and toilet refurbishment at Jubilee Park
- Major improvements to Pymmes Park and Craig Park New multi-use Games Area (MUGA) in place and a new dance studio being developed at the Youth Centre
- Further improvements to be delivered before March 2006 at Durants Park (water play facility), Albany Park (Multi Use Games Area), Craig Park (playground), Albany Park (playground)
- New Internet 31 centre opened in 2005
- Pavement improvements to Brettenham Road, Bull Lane, Church Street, Haselbury Road, Lincoln Road, Montagu Road, Nightingale Road, Pasteur Gardens, Silver Street (N18), Victoria Road, Wilbury Way (2005/6)
- Road improvements in Bounces Road, Gordon Road, Montagu Road, Wilbury Way (2005/6)
- Roads and footways major programme of resurfacing/reconstruction

- including major schemes at Hertford Road and Lincoln Road (east of A10)
- Highways Safety Schemes a substantial programme of works to improve safety for both pedestrians and drivers. Sites include Hertford Road, Brimsdown Avenue, Galliard Road, Conduit Lane, Bull Lane/Bridport Road
- Improvements to council housing in Cuckoo Hall Lane, Walmer House, Dover House and Walbrook House (2005/6)
- New cctv cameras outside Edmonton Green and Silver Street stations, new cameras to be installed in Fore Street
- Improved three industrial estates. Phase 2 completed works to Harbet Road and Montagu Industrial Estate with a total value of £935k. (Currently underway Phase 3 improvements at Harbet Road, Claverings and Montagu with a value of approximately £3 – 7m)
- IKFA
- Safe n'9 sound a neighbourhood wardens programme based at Bounces Road, which is having a huge impact on making the area a better place to live and helping people to feel safer
- Conservation Areas character appraisals produced for Enfield Lock, Turkey Street, Montagu Cemeteries, Ponders End Flour Mills, Church Street/Fore Street

#### Just some of the schemes supported by NRF since 2002 are:

- Young Person's Gym project at Edmonton Leisure Centre, which provides health and fitness facilities, plus appropriate staffing support, to give young people aged 8-16 opportunities to exercise on a regular basis, in a safe and welcoming environment. The project aims to improve the health and well-being of young people, including those that are considered to be obese.
- Street soccer on three Edmonton estates, encouraging young people to take part in physical activity
- Community resources at Aylward School (Edict.com) and Raynham School
- Neighbourhood wardens budget bid for mainstreaming
- Roll on Reading and LEAP schemes projects to support children at school with a range of problems, to promote literacy skills and provide mentoring support to underachieving children
- Support for young adults with mental health needs, the project aims to help young adults to develop their personal skills through one to one support, social groups and activities, and structured training around life skills. It will serve young adults aged 18-26 including a significant number of young men from BME groups.
- Breakfast Clubs for children and young people to ensure a healthy start to the day
- Bounces Road Youth Team
- Safer Town Centres
- Edmonton Credit Union
- Street Hawks
- Fit for Life classes at the Healthy Living Centre

- Mind How You Go now mainstreamed by Enfield Council Home Support Network
- Variety of employment projects including First Step Trust and Health Employment Link
- Development of the Laing Training Centre in Montagu Road to provide construction training for local people
- Of the total £7m NRF over £5m has been spent in Edmonton and the rest in Ponders End.

#### **BIG LOTTERY PROJECTS**

• £264k has been spent on greening Edmonton at Montagu open space, Raynham Community Space and Enfield Living Rivers"

## 13. MOTIONS – (NO TIME LIMIT – SEE PART 4 – PARAGRAPH 10 – PAGE 4-9)

In the name of Councillor Rodin

"This Council is deeply concerned at the lack of Council financial support for a range of European Objective 2 economic regeneration projects aimed at tackling worklessness and assisting those on low incomes in the most disadvantaged parts of Edmonton.

It notes that the EU funds ringfenced to Edmonton will be reallocated to other Boroughs in the Upper Lee Valley or to East London as a result of the Council's refusal to match fund the proposals at a time when the Council is proposing to reduce its matched funding budget in regeneration."

#### 14. MEMBERSHIPS

To confirm any changes to committee memberships.

#### 15. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm any changes to nominations to outside bodies.

#### 16. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

#### 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 29 March 2006 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.