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THE CABINET

**Wednesday, 13th December, 2006 at 8.00 pm in the Civic Centre,
Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA**

Membership:

Councillors : Michael Rye (Leader of the Council), Michael Lavender (Deputy Leader of the Council/Finance and Resources), Ertan Hurer (Cabinet Member for Community Safety & the Voluntary Sector), John Jackson (Cabinet Member for Sustainable Communities and Employment), Matthew Laban (Cabinet Member for Housing), Paul McCannah (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Olympics 2012), Terence Neville (Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene), Glynis Vince (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services), Ann Zinkin (Cabinet Member for Corporate Strategy and Communications) and Alan Barker (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services)

NOTE: CONDUCT AT MEETINGS OF THE CABINET

Members of the public and representatives of the press are entitled to attend meetings of the Cabinet and to remain and hear discussions on matters within Part 1 of the agenda which is the public part of the meeting. They are not however, entitled to participate in any discussions.

AGENDA – PART 1

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Pages 1 - 2)**

Members of the Cabinet are invited to identify any personal or prejudicial interests relevant to items on the agenda. Please refer to the guidance note attached to the agenda.

DECISION ITEMS

3. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman will consider the admission of any late reports (listed on the agenda but circulated late) which have not been circulated in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Amendment Regulations 2002.

Note: The above requirements state that agendas and reports should be circulated at least 5 clear working days in advance of meetings.

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

5. OCTOBER 2006 REVENUE MONITORING REPORT. (Pages 3 - 28)

A report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources is attached. This sets out the Council's revenue budget monitoring position for 2006/07 based on information to the end of October 2006. The report indicates a potential overspend within departmental budgets of £43k that is offset by a corporate savings including £930k within Treasury Management leaving an overall potential underspend on the budget of £951k.

(Key decision – number 2029)

6. MANAGEMENT OF THE GREEN BELT (Pages 29 - 40)

A report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources is attached. This report advises on the outcomes of a review undertaken by an independent consultant in response to concerns about the management of the Green Belt. The report recognises the pressures now faced being placed on the Green Belt; the fact that the management of the Green Belt has been under-resourced, and the problems that this has allowed to develop. A series of actions are recommended, including the securing of expert external management of the Council's Green Belt Estate.

(Non – key)

7. CONSULTATION ON FUTURE OF ENFIELD'S LEISURE CENTRES (Pages 41 - 46)

A joint report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources and the Director of Education, Children's Services and Leisure is attached. Enfield Leisure Centres Ltd (ELCL) is currently in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation. The Council is working with the Liquidators of the company to improve the service at the leisure centres and stem the financial losses, which flow from the operation by ELCL. It is proposed that the future management arrangements for the leisure centres are based on a detailed specification that is itself based on a detailed community consultation carried out in the New Year.

(Key decision – reference number 2074)

8. ENFIELD TOWN (Pages 47 - 58)

A report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources is attached. This report considers Enfield Town Phase 2, (the Palace Exchange Shopping Centre) and the award of the fitting out contract for Thomas Hardy House. It also considers in principle the next phase of the rejuvenation programme for Enfield Town.

(Key decision – reference number 2088)

9. COMPULSORY LICENSING OF HIGHER RISK HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO) (Pages 59 - 62)

A report of the Director Health and Adult Social Services is attached. This report deals with the compulsory licensing of higher risk Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO). It seeks Cabinet approval to set the level of fees for licensing and agree an additional post of HMO licensing Officer whose costs are to be recovered from HMO licence fees.

(Key decision – reference number 2044)

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN – DISPOSALS PROGRAMME UPDATE (Pages 63 - 72)

A report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources is attached. This report updates Members on the sites/properties sold in this financial year, those properties deferred to 2007/08 and identifies additional properties to be included in the 2007/2008 disposals programmes.

(Non-key)

11. OUR ENFIELD MAGAZINE (Pages 73 - 76)

A report of the Chief Executive is attached. This seeks Cabinet approval for the creation of a new residents magazine. The magazine will be called Our Enfield, produced bi-monthly and distributed to all homes in the Borough. It will be funded through a combination of existing publication budgets and advertising income.

(Key decision – reference number 2090)

12. HOUSING RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 77 - 82)

A report of the Director of Performance, Partnership & Policy is attached. This presents the Enfield Homes' Resident Involvement Strategy 2006-11 – people like you..... making a difference' which has been developed following consultation with individual residents and resident's groups and key partners such as FECA. The report briefly explains the context for preparing the strategy, the consultation process undertaken and sets out the overall vision and objectives of the strategy for the next 5 years.

(Key decision – reference number 2091)

13. 2006 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESMENT OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENFIELD COUNCIL (Pages 83 - 94)

A report of the Director of Education, Children's Services and Leisure is attached. The report details the 2006 Annual Performance Assessment of Services for Children and Young People, carried out by OFSTED and CSCI, provides strategic performance information about improvements since the Joint Area Review. All services and our capacity to improve have been judged as 'Good' and there has been overall good progress since the Joint Area Review.

(Non-key)

14. ISSUES ARISING FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE/SCRUTINY PANELS

No items have been received for consideration at this meeting.

15. ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL

To confirm any items to be referred to the Council.

16. CABINET AGENDA PLANNING - FUTURE ITEMS (Pages 95 - 98)

Attached is a provisional list of items scheduled for future Cabinet meetings.

17. KEY DECISIONS FOR INCLUSION ON THE COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN

Members are asked to consider any forthcoming key decisions for inclusion on the Council's Forward Plan.

Note: The next Forward Plan is due to be published on 16 January 2007, this will cover the period from 1 February to 31 May 2007.

18. MINUTES OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD / ENFIELD RACIAL EQUALITY COUNCIL - 4 OCTOBER 2006 (Pages 99 - 106)

To receive for information, the minutes of a meeting of the London Borough of Enfield / Enfield Racial Equality Council held on 4 October 2006.

19. MINUTES (Pages 107 - 116)

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 22 November 2006.

20. MATTERS ARISING

To identify any matters arising from the above minutes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

21. ENFIELD STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FEEDBACK

To receive an oral update from members of the Enfield Strategic Partnership Board (Councillors Michael Rye (Chairman), John Jackson and Paul McCannah).

22. NOTICE OF WORK IN PROGRESS

Cabinet members may wish to take this opportunity to raise any issues which may be of interest to Cabinet colleagues.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Cabinet is scheduled to take place on Thursday 18 January 2007 at 8.00pm at the Civic Centre.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

24. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC