

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2007**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Dogan Delman (Mayor), Lee Chamberlain (Deputy Mayor), Pamela Adams, Kate Anolue, Gregory Antoniou, Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Alan Barker, John Boast, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Kris Brown, Jayne Buckland, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Tony Dey, Annette Dreblow, Christiana During, Peter Fallart, Norman Ford, Achilleas Georgiou, Vivien Giladi, Del Goddard, Jonas Hall, John Jackson, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Denise Headley, Ruth Hones, Ertan Hurer, Chris Joannides, Eric Jukes, Jon Kaye, Matthew Laban, Henry Lamprecht, Bernadette Lappage, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Paul McCannah, Kieran McGregor, Chris Murphy, Terence Neville, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Henry Pipe, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Jeff Rodin, Michael Rye, Eleftherios Savva, George Savva MBE, Toby Simon, Edward Smith, Terence Smith, Andrew Stafford, Doug Taylor, Glynis Vince, Kate Wilkinson and Ann Zinkin

ABSENT Christopher Andrew, Bambos Charalambous and Donald McGowan

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Eric Greer gave a blessing on the Council.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:

1. Enfield in Bloom's (EiB) aims are to improve our environment and enhance the local area in which we live. There are many schemes that EiB operate including; seasonal bulb planting, sponsored flower bed/ container planting, the schools programme, encouragement of sustainable drought tolerant planting within our parks and open spaces.

Enfield in Bloom annually enter the London in Bloom Competition and The London Garden Society Competition. This year Enfield in Bloom achieved a Silver Gilt for Best Borough, Gold for Best Town Centre and Silver for the Best Front Garden in the London in Bloom Competition.

In the London Garden Society competition we won the Solomans Cup overall, Gold for Best Garden with professional/paid help, Silver for Best Front Garden

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and Silver for the best medium sized garden. London Garden Society Awards were held in the Egyptian room, Mansion House.

It gives me pleasure to welcome Graham Deal Chairman of Enfield in Bloom and Karen Gurrey. Our thanks to both of them for their hard work and dedication. Would you like to come forward and receive the Solomans Cup.

2. I am delighted to let you know that the Casino Night raised over £4,000 for my charity appeal. My thanks to those of you who came along and supported the evening. And a special thank you to Hurkans, Chartered Accountants for sponsoring the event.

3. It is with great sadness that I remind members of the recent death of former Mayor and Honorary Freeman of the London Borough of Enfield Rita Smythe.

In 1950 she was elected to the Edmonton Borough Council representing Angel Ward and held this seat until the amalgamation of the boroughs of Edmonton, Southgate and Enfield in 1965.

She fought three Parliamentary elections in Middlesborough West in 1955, Billericay in 1959 and in 1964, failing on the last occasion by a small margin.

Rita represented the Edmonton wards of St Alphage followed by Jubilee and with her husband Eric clocked up between them 100 years of public service.

Rita was elected Mayor of Edmonton in 1961 and Mayor of Enfield in 1994. During her working life Rita represented the Enfield Council on many outside bodies and always took an active part in the work of voluntary organisations.

Her many years of valued service to the Hospital Management Committee were reflected in her appointment for eight years to the Enfield and Haringey Area Health Authority and its successor body the Enfield District Health Authority.

In 1988 she was made an Honorary Freeman of the London Borough of Enfield in recognition of her long and valuable service to the borough and to the community.

She will be sadly missed by all those who knew her. I will be attending her funeral on Friday 9th November at the Enfield Crematorium at 1.30pm. Flowers only from the family and donations to Enfield Age Concern.

4. I would also like to express my condolences to the families of the 4 firemen of the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service who tragically died this week.

May I ask you to stand for 1 minutes silence in memory of Rita and the 4 firemen.

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MINUTES**

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 September 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrew, Charalambous and McGowan. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Bond, Brown, Headley and Prescott.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

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OPPOSITION BUSINESS - ENFIELD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
FRAMEWORK**

Councillor Goddard introduced the issues paper prepared by the Labour Group, highlighting the need for proper overview of the process by which the Plan is developed and adopted.

He highlighted the need for genuine consultation and engagement with all sectors and sections of the Borough. This would include other public sector agencies, the private sector, the third sector, local communities and individual residents of the Borough.

He felt that it was important that the Plan was debated as it evolves not only at the Cabinet but also in all the Scrutiny Panels. It was not acceptable in his view if the only Council forum for discussion was single party and not accessible to the public.

The Labour Group were concerned that so far, matters had not progressed well and Councillor Goddard moved and Councillor Rodin seconded the following motion:

“This Council regrets the lack of progress in the production for effective plans for the development of Enfield and asks its Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate the position and report back to the Council in time for its meeting on 23 January 2008.”

Councillor Neville responded to the debate on behalf of the majority group and rejected the premise of the motion. Councillor Goddard had been coopted onto the Cabinet Sub Committee dealing with this matter in a non-voting capacity and the Sub Committees decisions were published and subject to call-in. There had been extensive consultation with a variety of interested

parties and this would continue throughout the process. Councillor Neville confirmed that the delays referred to had been caused by delays from Government and the other agencies involved and changes in procedure. The Governments' own White Paper acknowledges the complexities and the need for change. There has never been any question of the Council achieving a new plan before 2009/10. He was surprised that the opposition had used Priority Business for this debate.

Following a lengthy debate the motion was put to the vote and lost with the following result:

For: 25
Against: 31
Abstained: 0

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REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

Councillor Boast moved and Councillor Hurer seconded the report of the Chief Executive (No. 128) reviewing all polling districts and polling places in accordance with the requirements of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

NOTED

1. that the Council was required to sub-divide its area into polling districts for the purposes of parliamentary elections and to designate polling places for each of those districts.
2. that this matter was considered at the Electoral Review Panel meetings on 12 September and 23 October 2007.
3. the thanks of the Council to Julie Carter and Peter Stanyon for their hard work on this matter.

Councillor Simon moved and Councillor Brown seconded the following amendment to the recommendation set out in the report:

Add at the end, "subject to the following change:

That the Enfield Highway Library be substituted as a polling place for XHC for the St James CE School and consequential amendment be made to the boundary with XHB, as recommended by the Returning Officer."

Following a lengthy debate the amendment was put to the vote with the following result:

For: 27
Against: 31

Abstained: 0

AGREED to approve the outcome of the review carried out by the Electoral Review Panel as summarised in the report for the future electoral arrangements in the Borough.

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REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF A CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF COUNCIL OWNED RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Councillor Barker moved and Councillor Rye seconded the report of the Director of Health and Adult Social Care outlining the outcome of a consultation exercise, agreed by Cabinet on 18th January 2007, on the future of Council owned residential care provision for older people.

NOTED

1. that the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed by the Cabinet on 10 October 2007.
2. that during the debate, Councillor Pipe Chairman of the Adult Services Scrutiny Panel confirmed that the Panel would continue to keep this matter under review.

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor G Savva seconded the following amendments to the recommendations set out in the report:

Add at the end of each point:

- 2.1 The Council provide directly, or under contract, all services that it is legally able to provide as part of this integrated service. It will be a specific objective to maximise the quality and quantity of provision on the chosen site.
- 2.2 The development will ensure that there is no net loss of beds compared with the current total provision within the 4 homes.
- 2.3 A disputes resolution panel will be established of 4 councillors (2 majority/ 2 opposition) to consider any complaints from residents or families where a transfer is proposed. This will apply in all transfers from any of the existing homes. The panel will consider any objections to any proposed course of action of the Council officers and be empowered to decide to agree alternative options.
- 2.7 This decision will be subject to a review by the Adult Social Services scrutiny panel in co-operation with Age Concern.

Additional recommendations:

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2.12 The Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel be requested to continue through the established working group to monitor the progress against recommendations and have full access to relevant working papers.

2.13 In developing its strategy for the provision of care in Enfield it is explicitly understood that the Council will use its position to maximise its influence in influencing standards in the market and accepts that this cannot be achieved purely through commissioning. Officers will be mindful of this as the project develops.

Following a lengthy debate the amendments were put to the vote with the following result:

For: 26
Against: 30
Abstained: 0

Councillors Anolue, Anwar, Bond, Brett, Brown, Cole, Constantinides, During, Georgiou, Giladi, Goddard, Hasan, Headley, Lappage, Lemonides, McGregor, Murphy, Orhan, Oykener, Robinson, Rodin, G Savva, Simon, Stafford, Taylor and Wilkinson voted in favour of the above amendments to the recommendations.

Following a further debate the recommendations set out in the report were put to the vote with the following result:

For: 30
Against: 24
Abstained: 0

AGREED

1. in principle to the reprovision of services in a new, purpose built dual registered residential and nursing care facility for older people, subject to a further report to Cabinet on the detailed capital and revenue implications once the specific site and size of development is confirmed. This would include residential care, nursing care, day care, respite care and facilities for carers. A decision on the final location would be based on access, planning consent and affordability.

2. the new scheme would be designed and built in a manner that allows for cluster units that over time have the capacity to provide a flexible response to meeting an increasingly diverse range of needs.

3. in view of the current low level of occupancy and all of its bedrooms being unsuitable for wheelchair users, that Elizabeth House be the first home to close. That existing residents be offered the choice of moving to the remaining three units or to alternative placements in the independent sector over the next six months.

4. that the three remaining units re-open for new admissions and continue to provide services until such time as the new build unit is ready, at which point residents would have the opportunity to transfer to the new unit along with existing staff under TUPE arrangements, where appropriate.
5. following the withdrawal of £200,000 funding by the Primary Care Trust the Rehabilitation Unit at Reardon Court would change and revert to operating as a unit providing 9 permanent residential beds, to accommodate residents transferred from Elizabeth House in the first instance.
6. to replace the respite provision at Elizabeth House by changing the use of 8 beds at Bridge House and 1 bed at Coppice Wood Lodge (as they become vacant) to respite care.
7. to relocate day care services from Elizabeth House to the planned Extra Care Scheme on the Forest Road site and to source accommodation for the in-house home care service.
8. because Reardon Court does not meet the National Minimum Standards (in terms of its physical environment), that further work be undertaken to secure an affordable and appropriate mix of services on the Reardon Court site.
9. that Members note the ongoing provision of dual registered care at Honeysuckle House as detailed in paragraph 6.1. of the report. The outcome of the tender process, including, detailed costings would be the subject of a separate report.
10. to consult further, both within the Council and with partners, on property disposal options and to agree that the first call on any capital receipts would be for the re-provision of services for older people. A decision on the final location would be based on access, planning consent and affordability.
11. in principle the resources necessary to ensure the careful transfer of residents to appropriate settings and the continued programme management and oversight of the re-provision project.

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LICENSING ACT 2003 - SECOND EDITION OF THE LICENSING POLICY

Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Boast seconded the report of the Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks (No. 130) proposing a revised Licensing Policy Statement in accordance with Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 that requires the Council, as Licensing Authority, to (a) determine its policy with respect to the exercise of its licensing functions and (b) publish a statement of that policy, every three years.

NOTED that the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed by the Licensing Committee on 24 October 2007.

AGREED to approve the second edition of the Enfield's Licensing Policy Statement, attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

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SCHOOLS FORUM : CHANGE TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

Councillor Rye moved and Councillor Vince seconded the report of the Director of Education, Childrens Services and Leisure (No. 131) seeking approval to proposed new arrangements for determining school organisation proposals following the abolition of School Organisation Committees.

NOTED that this matter was agreed by the Constitution Review Group meeting on 18 October 2007.

AGREED that the Terms of Reference of the Schools Forum be amended to enable it to receive objections/comments concerning statutory proposals for school organisation and the local authority's recommendations in accordance with statutory guidance and the Council's scheme of delegation.

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GREEN BELT FORUM - REVISED ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Rye moved and Councillor Boast seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 132) reviewing the arrangements for the Green Belt Forum and setting out proposals for its future operation.

NOTED

1. that this matter was considered at the Constitution Review Group meeting on 18 October 2007.

2. the amendment to the report tabled at the meeting and set out below:

Delete last sentence of paragraph 8.3 and replace it with "The Forum will be provided with regular reports on issues in the green belt and will be given the opportunity to understand relevant estate management matters."

AGREED

1. That the future arrangements for the Green Belt Forum set out below be approved:

a. the terms of reference of the Forum be widened to include all green belt land in the borough.

b. the Forum's role would be to:

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- i. comment on strategic and policy issues affecting the green belt in Enfield, such as government, regional or local policies, and changing patterns of usage.
 - ii. consider and comment on major developments which are likely to affect the character or appearance of the green belt.
 - iii. comment on the Council's various enforcement policies which are likely to affect the character and appearance of the green belt.
 - iv. keep under review the Council's overall management of the green belt in the Borough.
- c. the membership of the Forum to comprise of 7 councillors – 4 majority members and 3 opposition (see Minute 80 below).
 - d. in the light of Counsel's opinion summarised in paragraph 8.2 of the report, councillors who are members of the Green Belt Forum should not be members of the Planning Committee and that the Constitution be revised accordingly.
 - e. the Forum meetings take place in public, with an open invitation to local interest groups.

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10TH LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES BILLS, 3RD JOINT LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TRANSPORT FOR LONDON BILL

Councillor Rye moved and Councillor Lavender seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 126) proposing that the Council participate in the promotion of another general powers bill, namely the 10th London Local Authority Bill giving additional powers to London Boroughs and a Joint London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill.

NOTED that the report had been endorsed at the Cabinet meeting on 31 October 2007.

AGREED to participate in the promotion of the bills and pass the resolution in the form provided by the parliamentary agents as set out below:

"That the Council approves the inclusion in a bill or bills to be promoted by Westminster City Council or, as the case may be in a bill or bills to be promoted jointly by Westminster City Council and any other person as appropriate, of provisions effecting all or some of the following purposes –

- (a) to make provision about the decriminalisation of offences relating to public health, highways and road traffic and making contravention of the relevant legislation subject to a civil penalty charge regime; the introduction of a local levy, administered by London borough councils, on the provision of disposable shopping bags or to introduce a prohibition on the provision of

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disposable shopping bags; the introduction of a local levy administered by the London borough councils on the sale of chewing gum; an extension of the type of premises in respect of which a street litter control notice can be issued under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to include a wider range or non-domestic premises; to enable councils to better control the feeding of wild birds; to enable borough councils to make charges for the use of urinals; to make further provision about the control of the placing of items on the highway; altering London borough councils' powers to fix signs and apparatus to buildings; amending London borough councils' powers to charge for the provision of amenities on highways under Part VIIA of the Highways Act 1980; controlling the placing of household waste in street litter bins; to enable London borough councils to recover costs incurred by them in rectifying damage caused by them when removing unlawful advertisements; to enable London borough councils, as local housing authorities, to take enforcement action and recover costs in cases where there has been a failure to comply with a duty imposed in relation to the management of houses in multiple occupation under regulations made under Section 234 of the Housing Act 2004; imposing a requirement in respect of food premises which are subject to inspection by London borough councils under the Food Safety Act 1990 to display copies of inspection notices or summaries thereof on the premises; to impose a new licensing regime for social clubs; to alter the requirements relating to the service of documents under the City of Westminster Act 1966, which deals with sex establishments; to enable London borough councils to exert better control over the licensing of premises which, but for the Licensing Act 2003 would be required to be licensed as sex encounter establishments; to enable London borough councils to delegate their functions under existing street trading legislation and enable other bodies to manage street markets; to alter the street trading legislation in the City of Westminster so as to enable Westminster City Council, without a Court Order, to dispose of articles seized under the Act; to make further alterations to street trading legislation in London; to control the distribution of free refreshments on the highway and in other public open places; to enable the highway authority to recover traffic management and street cleansing costs incurred as a result of public events and to have the power to close or manage traffic for certain special events; to enable the highway authority to provide charging points for electric vehicles in the highway; to enable local planning authorities to require that a deposit is provided prior to commencement of development, to be offset against costs arising from making good damage to the highway caused by the construction of the development; to enable action to be taken against persons who interfere with gates placed in pursuance of powers under road traffic legislation; to enable councils to better control pedicabs; to enable councils to serve penalty charge notices by post where there has been a parking contravention, and where service was prevented by the vehicle driving away; to allow decriminalised enforcement in respect of advance stopping areas for cyclists at traffic lights; to allow decriminalised enforcement in respect of the use of mobile phones whilst driving; to enable London borough councils to vary fixed penalty levels for cycling on the footway; to enable the better control of the depositing of builders' skips on the highway; and to provide for a decriminalised regime of enforcement in relation to the driving of abnormal vehicles on the highway;

(b) to enact any additional, supplemental and consequential provisions that may appear to be necessary or convenient.”

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COUNCILLORS’ QUESTION TIME

1. Urgent Questions (Part 4 - Paragraph 9.2. (b) of Constitution – Page 4-9)

The Mayor, agreed to accept the following urgent question:

Councillor Rodin to Councillor Rye, Leader of the Council:

“Will the Leader of the Council join with me in condemning the decision of the London Assembly to express no confidence in Sir Ian Blair, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and will he instead also join me in thanking Sir Ian and the whole of the Metropolitan Police Service for all the excellent work they do on behalf of all the people of London?”

Reply from Councillor Rye

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Metropolitan Police Service for all their excellent work. I do not, however, agree with Sir Ian Blair and sought his resignation 2 years ago. I have been concerned at the regular loss of Borough Commanders and at London Leaders requested Sir Ian supported Enfield, by leaving our Borough commander in place for a period of several years. He replied that whenever Enfield had a good Borough Commander they would be moved to somewhere more important. I believe Sir Ian to be too politically correct and political. I believe the Metropolitan Police deserve a proper policeman in charge, like our former Borough Commander Sharon Rowe.”

2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

1. the fourteen questions, on the Council’s agenda, which received a written reply by the relevant Cabinet Member.

2. the following supplementary questions received for the questions indicated below:

Question 1

Councillor Adams to Councillor Barker, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services:

“Would Councillor Barker update the Council on the latest position with the Restaurant at Skinners Court?”

Reply from Councillor Barker:

“It was expected by all parties concerned – the Skinners’ Company, Hanover Housing Association, Avenance plc (catering company) and the Council that the restaurant would become firmly established, well used by residents as well as friends, relatives and other visitors. Sadly, and despite everyone’s efforts, this has not proved to be the case. The Skinners’ Company and Enfield Council had agreed to underwrite the costs of the service for up to one year. However, beyond that point, the restaurant would have to cover its own costs, and could not be subsidised on an ongoing basis by either of the above parties.

In the event, demand for the restaurant has never reached the level that would allow the service to cover its own costs, this is in part due to our success in helping more tenants to prepare and take meals in their own flats where it is their choice to do so. There have been marketing efforts and endeavours to subsidise the service by renting communal rooms out on an organised and structured basis to local voluntary groups, clubs and services. After much deliberation, the Skinners’ Company has reluctantly reached the view that it must terminate the catering contract with Avenance at the end of November 2007. Residents were advised of this news on Monday 29th October 2007.

The restaurant service at Skinners Court has proved not to be viable in the longer-term, but Council officers will be working closely with the residents of Skinners Court, involving their families wherever possible, and with our partners, to ensure that the needs of all residents continue to be met.

Of the 55 tenants who currently reside at the scheme, 25 people require meal provision or support to prepare their own meal, 15 of whom are regular users of the restaurant. All tenants who are assessed as requiring support to prepare a meal shall receive either assistance in preparing a meal or a hot meal delivered to their home depending on individual need.

The Council’s Home Care team together with partners at Hanover Housing Association and the Skinners Company are working actively to consider catering options for the future and held a consultation meeting with tenants and their families earlier today to discuss concerns and plan the way forward together.

I know that officers are keen to find a viable solution that achieves the required level of restaurant usage without tenants feeling uncomfortable about the number of other people visiting and I will continue to push for this and should any Members have ideas about how to achieve this please do contact me in the next few days.”

Question 4

Councillor Rodin to Councillor Neville, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene:

“Further to the letter of 17 July and the slippage on this matter, will he give an assurance that the residents living adjacent to Haringey’s controlled parking zone proposals in Bounds Green will be protected against any adverse effects of this scheme?”

Reply from Councillor Neville:

“The proposed CPZ you refer to is in the London Borough of Haringey which we opposed as we did in the case of a Match Day CPZ in Tottenham. In both cases we were overruled by the Mayor for London and residents of the wards concerned will have to live with the consequences of the Mayor’s decision. We will look at progressing proposals for these areas when resources allow. The Mayor indicated in a letter that he will make finance available, I have asked Transport for London to confirm this and they have said no finance has been allocated. I subsequently handed both letters to the Mayor when I recently met him and asked which of the letters was accurate. I am still waiting to hear!”

Question 5

Councillor E Savva to Councillor Neville, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene:

“Would Councillor Neville like to comment on what can be done to reduce further the number of accidents?”

Reply from Councillor Neville:

“One death on our roads is one too many, the figures highlight that more than half of the deaths in the borough are not on roads we control such as the M25, A10 and the A406. Unfortunately fatal accidents are not peculiar to Enfield. . Recent analysis of accidents both local and national shows that the vast majority of accidents are caused by driver error. Physical measures and other schemes are not able to prevent many of these accidents, as was recently seen in Nightingale Road where a person was killed despite the physical measures which the Council had introduced. The figures show that only 14% of the accidents in this borough are speed related.”

Question 9

Councillor Georgiou to Councillor Neville, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene:

“Would he agree that if he had funded the works, this policy change would not have been necessary?”

Reply from Councillor Neville:

"I don't regard this as a waste of money. I hope that Councillor Georgiou will acknowledge that we receive more requests for action than we have resources. In an ideal world I would like to say yes to all. At least we are now investing money in our roads which is more than he did, but sadly you can't please all the people all of the time."

Question 12

Councillor Rodin to Councillor Rye, Leader of the Council:

"Will he answer the question, is this a matter for public debate?"

Reply from Councillor Rye:

"I have provided a response to the question put."

Question 13

Councillor G Savva to Councillor Barker, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services:

"If and when the new location is identified will he do a full and proper consultation?"

Reply from Councillor Barker:

"Yes."

Question 14

Councillor Buckland to Councillor Neville, Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Scene:

"Can you give a firm timeframe, when will you replace the skate park?"

Reply from Councillor Neville:

"In the light of earlier comments about timescales, I am afraid that I am unwilling to give you a timetable at this stage."

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URGENT DECISIONS REQUIRING THE WAIVING OF THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE (PART 4.2 – PARAGRAPH 17.3 – PAGE 4-34/35 OF THE CONSTITUTION)

NOTED the urgent decisions below made in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure (Paragraph 17.3 – relating to the waiving of the requirement to allow a 5-day call-in period):

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1. Partnership Agreement with Partners in the Skills 4U Project Delivering Training to Unemployed Residents
2. Report on the Contract with Eden Brown for the Supply of Agency Staff
3. Civic Centre Electricity Supply Contract
4. Arrangements in Connection with the Forthcoming Mediation regarding Merlin and Curlew Houses, including the Delegation of Authority from a Director to a Council Officer
5. De Regulation of the Local Land Charges Register Fee (LLC1)
6. Supply of Electricity to ½ Hourly Billed Sites

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MOTIONS

Councillor Bond moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a motion that:

“This Council rejects the proposal of the Cabinet in Report 122 considered at the Cabinet of 31 October 2007, to continue with a single Scrutiny Commission to scrutinise the budget proposals in preference to a more detailed analysis by each Scrutiny Panel.

This Council supports the principle of openness in scrutiny and encourages an active participation by stakeholders in the budget setting process.

It is therefore agreed that each Scrutiny Panel will consider the budget proposals for the service areas that they scrutinise.”

After a short debate Councillor Pipe moved and Councillor Bond seconded the following amendment to the motion:

“This Council supports the proposal to continue with a single Scrutiny Commission to scrutinise the budget proposals.

This Council supports the principle of openness in scrutiny and encourages an active participation by stakeholders in the budget setting process.

It is therefore agreed that each Scrutiny Panel may consider the budget proposals for the service areas that they scrutinise if they wish.”

On being put to the vote the amended motion was agreed by the Council.

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MEMBERSHIPS

AGREED the following changes to committee memberships:

i. Green Belt Forum

Councillors Andrew, Dey, Lamprecht and Rodin to replace Councillors Dreblow, Hasan, Pearce and T Smith. One additional Conservative vacancy, name to be notified.

ii. Licensing Committee

Councillor Anwar to replace Councillor Constantinides. Vacancy to replace Councillor E Hayward.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED the following changes to nominations to outside bodies:

i. Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Greater London

Councillor Hall to replace Mr. David Marshall.

ii. The Old Enfield Charitable Trust

To reappoint Councillor Bond for a further term until 23rd November 2011.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

None.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 23 January 2008 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.