



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
1ST APRIL, 2009 AT 7.00 PM**



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

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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, 1st April, 2009 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

Yours sincerely

Assistant Director, Corporate Governance

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. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (15 MINUTES APPROXIMATELY)

4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 14)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 February 2009.

5. APOLOGIES

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Pages 15 - 16)

Members of the Council 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.

7. DISTRICT AUDITOR'S ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER - AUDIT 2007/08 (Pages 17 - 36)

To receive the report of the Chief Executive (No. 211) summarising the more important matters arising from the Relationship Manager and District Auditor's audit and inspection programme for 2007/8 and commenting on current issues.

The attached report is to be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 25 March and the Audit Committee on 31 March 2009.

8. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009-2012 (Pages 37 - 44)

To receive the joint report of the Interim Directors of Education, Children's Services and Leisure (No. 232). This summary report seeks Council's approval to the Plan previously circulated to all Members.

The detailed report (No. 214) setting out the Children and Young People's Plan for 2009 – 2012 was circulated with the agenda for the Cabinet meeting to be held on 25 March 2009. Further copies are available in the Members Library and on request from the Democratic Services Team.

9. EMPTY PROPERTY COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS (CPOIII) (Pages 45 - 96)

To receive the report of the Director of Health and Adult Social Care (No. 213) seeking Council approval to make Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) on five empty residential properties whose owners have proved unresponsive to attempts by Officers to bring them back into residential use.

The attached report is to be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 25 March 2009.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 97 - 114)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 233) recommending the approval of an updated Risk Management Strategy reflecting current thinking and best practice.

The recommendations set out in the attached report were endorsed at the Cabinet meeting on 4 March and the Audit Committee on 14 January 2009.

11. CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES – ANNUAL REVISIONS (Pages 115 - 160)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No. 234) setting out the significant areas of revision to the Council's contract procedure rules and the benefits to the Council for the proposed changes.

The recommendations set out in the attached report were endorsed at the meetings of the Constitution Review Group on 5 March 2009 and the Audit Committee on 14 January 2009.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CONSTITUTION REVIEW GROUP (Pages 161 - 168)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance & Corporate Resources (No. 236) setting out a number of issues and recommendations from the Constitution Review Group meeting held on 5 March 2009, namely:

- i. Councillor Call For Action – New Procedure
- ii. Changes to the Council Meeting Procedures relating to Opposition Business.

13. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)
(Pages 169 - 180)

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

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.

13.2 Councillors' Questions (Part 4 – Paragraph 9.2(a) of Constitution – Page 4 - 8)

The eighteen questions and responses are attached to the agenda.

14. MOTIONS

14.1 In the name of Councillor Rye

“Enfield Council regrets that the Government chose to raise the Council Housing Guideline Rate by 6.2% and welcomes the proposed reduction in these rents and notes that this reduction is still above the overall council tax increase for Enfield residents of 1.9%.”

14.2 In the name of Councillor Rodin

“This Council is aware of the financial difficulties being faced by many Enfield residents in the current economic situation. It recognises that its decision to increase the Council Tax for 2009/10 was unwelcome. It is also aware that the Council has substantial financial reserves. It therefore resolves: -

1. to change its decision taken at the Council meeting on 25 February to increase the Council Tax for 2009/10 and instead to set a Council Tax for 2009/10 at the same level as that for 2008/9
2. to declare its intention to set the Enfield element of the Council Tax for 2010/11 at the same level as the Council Tax for 2008/9.”

15. MEMBERSHIPS

To confirm any changes to committee memberships.

16. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm any changes to nominations to outside bodies.

17. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 6 May 2009 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.