

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2011**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Jayne Buckland (Mayor), Christiana During (Deputy Mayor), Kate Anolue, Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Caitriona Bearryman, Chris Bond, Alev Cazimoglu, Bambos Charalambous, Yusuf Cicek, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Ingrid Cranfield, Christopher Deacon, Dogan Delman, Marcus East, Patricia Ekechi, Achilleas Georgiou, Del Goddard, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Denise Headley, Ertan Hurer, Tahsin Ibrahim, Chris Joannides, Eric Jukes, Jon Kaye, Nneka Keazor, Henry Lamprecht, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Simon Maynard, Paul McCannah, Donald McGowan, Chris Murphy, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Michael Rye OBE, Eleftherios Savva, George Savva MBE, Rohini Simbodyal, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Doug Taylor, Glynis Vince, Ozzie Uzoanya and Tom Waterhouse

ABSENT

Alan Barker, Ali Bakir, Yasemin Brett, Jonas Hall, Joanne Laban, Ayfer Orhan, Lionel Zetter and Ann Zinkin

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POETRY READING

The Mayor invited Sarah Doyle and Alan Ashby to read out their poem which is set out below:

Some Astronomical Facts About Neptune's Moon, Nereid

The eighth of Neptune's thirteen moons, Nereid has the most irregular orbit of any object in the Solar System, coming within 1.37 million kilometres of Neptune at its closest point, but ranging as far afield as 9.67 million kilometres from Neptune at its furthest.

Nereid and Neptune

By Sarah Doyle

Read by Sarah Doyle and Alley Ashley

Nereid:

The Solar System's prodigal,
An errant moon, one of a kind.
Compelled to rove, elliptical,
My path leaves Neptune way behind;
Immune to my own planet's call,
My orbit's arc so far inclined -
And oh! the places I have been,
The joy I've known, the wonders seen.

Neptune:
By nature, I am stoical.
I'm tolerant, but I'm not blind
To my eighth moon's eccentric trawl.
My other moons are so refined
And orbit closely, to a ball,
But Nereid stays unaligned –
And oh! I wonder where she's been,
The marvels known, the sights she's seen.

Nereid:
A voyager to my very core,
A gypsy moon, in soul and heart,
Exploring where no moon before
Has ever been. No map, no chart,
Just me, the sky's conquistador,
Alone. I need no counterpart -
And oh! the places I have been,
The joy I've known, the wonders seen.

Neptune:
Obeying no-one else's law,
She's ploughed her own path from the start.
Perceiving closeness as a flaw,
Turned wanderlust into an art.
My Nereid is never more
At home than when we're leagues apart -
And oh! I wonder where she's been,
The marvels known, the sights she's seen.

Nereid:
I've spun through space at lightning speed
And danced with stars, a vagabond,
Gyrating like a dervish, freed
Of all constraints, to roam beyond
This world. A pioneer, indeed;
No shackle, manacle or bond -
And oh! the places I have been,
The joy I've known, the wonders seen.

Neptune:
With each return, she plants a seed
Of hope; and yet, each time, I'm conned.
She has no roots, has just the need
To up her sticks, cut loose, abscond.
I watch her fading sphere recede,
Her roguish comet's colours donned -
And oh! I wonder where she's been,
The marvels known, the sights she's seen.

Nereid:

A humble moon in comet's guise;
A wanderer, who needs no rest,
But slips the Solar System's ties
To spread my wings and fly the nest.
Mine are the winds, the stars, the skies -
I'm Nereid and I am blessed.
And oh! the places I have been,
The joy I've known, the wonders seen.

Neptune:

The heart knows what the head denies -
I cannot help but love her best.
One fleeting stop-off, then she flies,
My pain at parting unexpressed.
Our lives no more than long goodbyes,
Her freedom is my love's bequest -
And oh! I wonder where she's been,
The marvels known, the sights she's seen.

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REVIEW OF MAYORAL YEAR

The Mayor made the following speech reviewing her year in office:

"I would like to thank my Mayoress Isabelle Buckland who has been exemplary in her role. I would also like to thank Melanie Harris and the other individuals that have supported me throughout the year. I would also like to thank the dedicated people that work in the voluntary sector that I have met during the year. I have been impressed by their tirelessly work supporting the most vulnerable and needy within the Borough.

The office of Mayor has given me the opportunity to support and promote the Arts in Enfield. This year a particular success was the initiation of the Mayors Poetry Competition and the Poet's in the Chamber portrait exhibition.

I will continue working to support the arts and voluntary sector in Enfield over the coming year. But first I will be taking a holiday in Cyprus, after which as an old Cypriot saying goes "when a pot rolls it finds its lid".

Councillor Taylor expressed his thanks and appreciation to Councillor Buckland for her year in office and read out the poem below he had written:

"It was in her Mayoral time and reign,
Poetry was introduced by Jayne,
Stanza, verse and rhyme,
Word and phrase sublime,

Colours, textures, sights and sounds,
Aural musicality abounds,
So now as Jayne steps down tonight,
Leaving culture burning bright,
Portraits on the wall displayed,
A litany of verse conveyed,
So let's give thanks for wordsmiths all,
Who do tease, engage and enthrall,
I will now end my comments with this rhyme,
It's congratulations Jayne for your time."

Councillor Lavender endorsed the thanks and appreciation expressed by Councillor Taylor and extended his best wishes to the Mayor.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Lavender:
"That Councillor Christiana During be elected Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the Municipal Year 2011/2012."

On being put to the vote the motion was carried unanimously and Councillor Christiana During was duly elected Mayor.

RESOLVED accordingly.

Councillor During then made and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested with the badge of office by the retiring Mayor, Councillor Buckland.

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MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

The Mayor made the following acceptance speech:

Honoured and Distinguished Guests, friends colleagues, fellow councillors I would like to welcome you, and to thank you for showing your interest and support by being here today.

I am proud and honoured to stand here as the elected Mayor of this great vibrant and diverse borough of ours.

My fellow councillors bestow a great privilege and responsibility upon me and I express my sincere appreciation to you all for placing your trust in me.

I take this responsibility and the trust you have shown in me very seriously. I commit to serving the people of the borough of Enfield to the best of my abilities with enthusiasm, compassion and devotion to our community.

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This very special speech is one of thanks. Thanks to you all individually and collectively for enabling me to take the Mayoral Office for a year.

To begin with I would like to thank my entire family my mother Mrs. Roberta Bull, my husband Seton During my children and grand children, brother's sisters, other families and friends for their support and understanding over the 9 years in my political role as councillor, and as Deputy Mayor of Enfield in 2010. I have appointed my daughter Doreen as my Mayoress but I look forward to also being accompanied by my husband Seton as my Consort during my Mayoral year.

I give thanks to Mr John Austin, Asst Director of Corporate Governance and the officers in Democratic Services and the Mayor's Office for their invaluable help and support during my year as Deputy Mayor. I especially look forward to working with Rhoda Aldridge, Melanie Harris, Norman Bremner and Steve Rose during the year.

I also give thanks to my political colleagues for the challenge, support and trust over the years, for electing the first, female, black, African Mayor of the borough of Enfield. This borough is proud of its diverse and vibrant community. Thank you so much.

In this milestone, I arrived in Britain in 1962 married Seton and soon started a career in nursing and midwifery.

At this stage I became a product of the Welfare State that cares for everyone from the 'Cradle to the Grave' under the National Health Service (NHS). There were many opportunities for prosperity. Seton and I raised our family of three children.

I studied and trained as an 'SRN' State Registered Nurse, and 'SCM' State Certified Midwife, at the Whittington Hospital, Highgate Hill N19. I also obtained a Diploma in Nursing at the University of London. These qualifications gave me a secure profession in the NHS for many years.

I was a ward sister/manager providing high quality nursing care in a safe ward environment at our local hospital. Then as Assistant Director of Nursing I had the challenge of managing nursing, and the clinical environment, to enhance and improve health outcomes for the patients at the North Middlesex Hospital and ultimately the people of Enfield. It was a great job which I loved doing. It also gave me an insight into inequalities in the provision of health and social care. These issues led me to become a councillor, to try to change things.

During my early years in Sierra Leone, a British Colony in West Africa where I was born, I went through the best form of education at that time. I attended the Methodist Girls High School in Freetown where the school's curriculum covered the same subjects as in British Schools.

My studies included civics and citizenship. This was my first opportunity to learn how Britain's Civic Society was structured. The role of the Mayor and

their civic duties. How colourful the robes were for the Mayor. The chains of office made of gold, the grandeur the history and the tradition. This is why Britain is called Great Britain.

This beautiful image made me think as a child that after I completed my education in Sierra Leone, I would like to travel to Britain to study for a profession. I hoped I would meet all these very important people, such as the Queen, the Mayor and Mayoresses and enjoy the beauty of how they looked.

Little did I know or even think of at that time at the Methodist Girls High School, in Freetown that I would be elected as Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield and put on this red robe I admired as a child in Africa so many years ago.

Today I would like to say my childhood experience has become reality. To become the Mayor of this beautiful borough is not just an honour; it is an enormous responsibility and a huge opportunity to make a difference in the borough.

My Charity Appeal for the year will cover the health and wellbeing of all the population of Enfield.

I pledge to work with all community, voluntary and charitable groups to give everyone the best quality of life, through improved health provision for all.

Thank you once again.

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APPOINTMENT OF MAYORESS**

The Mayor announced the appointment of Mrs Doreen Lawrence, as the Mayoress for the Municipal Year 2011/2012. She invested Mrs Lawrence with her badge of office.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor confirmed the appointment of Councillor Kate Anolue to be the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2011/2012. The Deputy Mayor then made and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invested by the Mayor with her badge of office. Councillor Anolue then made a speech of thanks.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYORESS**

The Deputy Mayor announced the appointment of Miss Chinelo Anolue, as the Deputy Mayoress for the Municipal Year 2011/2012. She invested Ms Anolue with her badge of office.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET

Councillor Taylor confirmed the appointments set out below:

Deputy Leader – Councillor Georgiou

Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Care – Councillor McGowan

Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration – Councillor Goddard

Cabinet Member for Children & Young People – Councillor Orhan

Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Public Health – Councillor Hamilton

Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and Leisure – Councillor Charalambous

Cabinet Member for Environment - Councillor Bond

Cabinet Member for Finance and Property – Councillor Stafford

Cabinet Member for Housing – Councillor Oyken

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PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR AND MAYORESS' BADGES

The Mayor presented past Mayor's and Mayoress' badges and certificates recording the Council's appreciation to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Jayne Buckland and Mayoress Isabelle Buckland.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, thanked them for the contribution they had made as Mayor and Mayoress during the Municipal Year 2010/2011.

The Leader of both Groups were presented with a small token of appreciation.

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PRESENTATION TO GEOFFREY MILLS (FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE)

The Mayor thanked Mr Geoffrey Mills for his service to the Council and its Standards Committee from 1999 – 2011 and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Mr Mills made a speech of thanks.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor had no announcements.

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MINUTES**

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 April 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brett, Barker, Hall, Laban, Orhan, Zetter and Zinkin

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members had no declarations of interest in respect of the items on the agenda.

**15
STANDARDS COMMITTEE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS**

Councillor Simon moved and Councillor Constantinides seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.1) reviewing the current independent membership arrangements on the Standards Committee.

AGREED that the membership of the Standards Committee be decreased from four independent members to three in the new municipal year 2011/12, in light of the Localism Bill.

**16
APPOINTMENT OF TWO INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillor Lemonides moved and Councillor Constantinides seconded a proposal that the process for appointments be similar to that for Standards Committee Independent Members and that an Interview Panel of 5 members (3 Labour and 2 Conservative) be drawn from the Audit Committee membership to undertake this appointment process.

NOTED that at the Council meeting of 2 March 2011 it was agreed to appoint two Independent Members to the Audit Committee from 2011/12.

AGREED to establish an Appointments Panel of 5 members (3 Labour: 2 Conservative) to be drawn from the Audit Committee membership to

undertake the recruitment and appointment of the two independent members of the Audit Committee.

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CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS BY LEADER

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Georgiou seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.3) seeking approval to include the power contained within subsection (1) of Section 236 within the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 within the Council's Scheme of Delegation and Constitution.

NOTED that the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed by the Governance Working Group on Tuesday 19 April 2011.

AGREED

1. to note the statutory power of the Leader under Section 236 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to delegate functions, which are the responsibility of the Executive, to other members (subject to them being exercised in members' own wards only)
2. that the Constitution be amended to reflect the power outlined in the above decision and as detailed in the report.

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RE-ALIGNMENT OF SCRUTINY PANEL REMITS AND EXTENDING THE ROLE OF THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Georgiou moved and Councillor Simon seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.2) recommending changes to the Scrutiny Panel remits and extension to the role of the chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

NOTED that the recommendations set out in the report were endorsed by the Governance Working Group on Tuesday 19 April 2011.

AGREED the necessary changes to the constitution be made to reflect:

1. the new Scrutiny Panel titles and their remits (as detailed within the report)
2. the proposal that the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee also chairs the Governance Review Group.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

None received.

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MOTIONS**

None received.

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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS**

Councillor Murphy moved and Councillor Constantinides seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (No.4) asking the Council to determine the constitution and political balance of the committees, joint committees and panels that have been set up for the discharge of the Council's functions.

AGREED

1. that the seats allocated to each political party, on the committees and boards to which Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 apply, be as set out in Appendix A of the report.
2. that in accordance with paragraph 3.3 of the report, to resolve without dissent that the rules of political proportionality should not apply to those bodies marked with an asterisk on Appendix A of the report.

**22
APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BODIES FOR 2011/12**

AGREED

1. the establishment of the Council bodies for the coming Municipal Year and to appoint memberships to these as set out in the list circulated prior to the meeting.
2. to confirm the terms of reference of those bodies set out in Part 2 (pages 2-27 to 2-68) of the Constitution.

**23
REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS**

AGREED the Council's representation on other bodies and organisations as detailed in the list circulated prior to the meeting subject to the following amendment:

1. Councillor Hamilton to replace Councillor Oykenner on the London Councils Crime & Public Protection Forum.

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COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

AGREED the authority's Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 (pages 3-3 to 3-12) of the Constitution.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

NOTED the indicative dates included on the calendar for future meetings of the Council up until 2014.

AGREED

1. the calendar of Council meetings, including the next Council Meeting on Wednesday, 6 July 2011 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.
2. that any further changes/additions to the calendar are delegated to the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, in consultation with both party groups.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council was to be held on Wednesday 6 July 2011 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.