

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Christiana During (Mayor), Kate Anolue (Deputy Mayor), Jayne Buckland, Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Alan Barker, Caitriona Bearryman, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Yusuf Cicek, Christopher Cole, Ingrid Cranfield, Dogan Delman, Marcus East, Patricia Ekechi, Achilleas Georgiou, Del Goddard, Jonas Hall, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Denise Headley, Ertan Hurer, Tahsin Ibrahim, Chris Joannides, Eric Jukes, Jon Kaye, Nneka Keazor, Joanne Laban, Henry Lamprecht, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Paul McCannah, Donald McGowan, Chris Murphy, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykener, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Rohini Simbodyal, Alan Sitkin, Andrew Stafford, Doug Taylor, Glynis Vince, Ozzie Uzoanya, Tom Waterhouse, Lionel Zetter and Ann Zinkin

**ABSENT** Ali Bakir, Andreas Constantinides, Christopher Deacon, Simon Maynard, Terence Neville OBE JP, Toby Simon and Edward Smith.

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**ELECTION (IF REQUIRED) OF THE CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

This was not required.

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**MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING**

Father John from St Demetrios Church gave the blessing.

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**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- She thanked Father John from Demetrios Church for offering the prayers.
- She welcomed Councillor Lee Chamberlain back to the Council and congratulated him on being elected to Bush Hill Park Ward.

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- She had attended Edmonton Carnival in July and had enjoyed seeing so many members of the community taking part and enjoying the day.
- She had visited the Autumn Show in Enfield Town Park in September and had enjoyed walking round the park, meeting the stall holders, watching some of the activities, and visiting the horticultural marquee. The day was a huge success with all the communities enjoying themselves.
- On Sunday 3 September she was joined by representatives from the Navy and the Royal British Legion, and a Representative of the Russian Defence Attache's Office for a wreath laying to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the Russian convoys at the Baltic War Memorial at the Civic Centre. This would become an annual event.
- The annual Mayor's Charity Fun Run was held on 11 September 2011. It was good to see so many children, young people, and the expert runners taking part. There was a lovely atmosphere and hopefully lots of money would be raised for the Mayor's charity and other worthy causes.
- The fund raising Greek dinner that Councillor George Savva organised was a great success and it raised over £970 for the Mayor's charity. Thanks were given to Councillor Savva.
- The Mayor hoped that as many Members as possible would be able to attend her Harvest Festival Civic Service on Sunday 2 October at 10.00am at St Matthews Church, South Street at 10am.

### **55 MINUTES**

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

### **56 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali Bakir, Andreas Constantinides, Toby Simon, Simon Maynard, Terence Neville, and Edward Smith. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Chris Bond and Martin Prescott.

### **57 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest in respect of any items on the agenda.

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**ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2010/11**

Councillor Stafford (Cabinet Member for Finance and Property) moved and Councillor Lemonides seconded the report of the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.95) reviewing the activities of the Council's Treasury Management function over the financial year ended 31 March 2011.

NOTED

1. The key activities outlined within the report relating to the Council's Treasury Management function.
2. Following concerns highlighted by the Opposition Group it was reported that the level of Council debt outstanding at year end had been reduced to £218m from £220m.

**AGREED** to accept the Treasury Outturn report.

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**ENFIELD JOINT STROKE STRATEGY 2011-2016**

Councillor McGowan (Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Care) moved and Councillor Savva seconded the report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care (No.77) proposing the agreement of a 5 year Enfield Stroke Strategy jointly with NHS Enfield.

NOTED

1. Cabinet on 14 September 2011 had agreed to recommend to Council approval of the Enfield Joint Stroke Strategy 2011-2016 and associated implementation plan.
2. The nine strategic objectives within the Strategy (as detailed within section 3.4 of the report), which had been aligned with the national stroke strategy and designed to address the main findings from the Care Quality Commission of Stroke Services in Enfield.
3. Each of the strategic objectives included a number of associated commissioning intentions designed to improve the range and quality of local stroke services; address health inequalities related to stroke; improve awareness of stroke symptoms; and reduce the prevalence of stroke.
4. The direct costs associated with strokes in Enfield and funding plan developed for implementation of the Strategy over the next three year period, as detailed within section 3.3 of the report
5. The cross party support expressed by members towards the Strategy and implementation plan.
6. Members congratulations to all concerned in development of the Strategy.

**AGREED** to approve the Enfield Joint Stroke Strategy 2011-2016 and associated implementation plan.

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**SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2011-12**

Councillor Sitkin (Vice Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee) moved and Councillor Brett seconded the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (No.74) setting out the annual work programme for the Council's Scrutiny Panels and Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

NOTED

1. Cabinet on 14 September 2011 agreed to recommend to Council formal adoption of the annual Scrutiny Work Programme for 2011/12.
2. The following concerns highlighted by members during the debate on this item:
  - a. To ensure that scrutiny was able to undertake robust and tangible challenge to the Executive;
  - b. To ensure the effective use of call-in.

**AGREED** to formally adopt the annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2011/12.

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**AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2010-11**

Councillor Lemonides (Chair of Audit Committee) moved and Councillor Ibrahim seconded the Audit Committee Annual Report detailing the work undertaken by the Council's Audit Committee over the 2010/11 municipal year.

NOTED

1. The report had been agreed at the Audit Committee meeting held on 7 July 2011.
2. The five key areas of work undertaken by the Audit Committee during 2010/11, as detailed within the report.
3. The thanks expressed to Council staff and external auditors for their support and contribution towards the work of the Committee over the year.

**AGREED** to accept the Audit Committee Annual Report 2010/11.

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**CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councillor Brett moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a proposal to change the order of business on the agenda under paragraph 2.2 (page 4-5) of the Council's Procedure Rules to enable the meeting to take item 12 (Motions) as the next item of business, with the motions to be taken in the following order 12.4; 12.5; 12.6; 12.2 and 12.1.

Councillor Headley confirmed that motion 12.3 had been withdrawn.

This was agreed by the Council.

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**MOTIONS**

1.1 Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Headley seconded the following motion:

“Council notes:

1. The disturbances in Enfield and the action of the emergency services and Council during, and in the aftermath of, the disturbances.
2. The high level of community and business engagement since the disturbances.
3. The need for the best evidence based approach to ensure there are no repetitions of the disturbances.
4. The tremendous work of the Council staff in bringing normality back to Enfield.

Council welcomes:

1. The already agreed ESP review of youth issues bringing together a multi-agency approach.
2. The Respect for Enfield and resident support for Enfield.
3. The Parent Champions / Parent Engagement Panel launched last Saturday targeting hard to reach communities and young people tackling gang and knife crime.

Council agrees:

1. To establish a Member led review to examine the specific Enfield dimension. The review to be constituted of 4 Majority; 2 Minority Councillors.
2. To feed views into the National Inquiry established by the Government.”

During a lengthy debate, Members expressed thanks to the Police, emergency services and Council staff for their exceptional work at the time of the disturbances and in bringing normality back to Enfield afterwards. Members also noted the following Terms of Reference for the Council Commission proposed under the motion.

**Terms of Reference for the Council Commission to examine the August 2011 disturbances in Enfield**

Reporting to full Council by January/February 2012

Lead Officer: Simon Tendeter

Terms of reference:

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1. To gather evidence to:
  - (a) examine the causes of the disturbances in Enfield in August 2011;
  - (b) understand the reasons which led people to take part;
2. To submit findings to the National Independent Riots Communities and Victims Panel and in due course LBE Cabinet and Council.
3. To report back to Council on the outcome of the Commissions review and make recommendations on actions to address its findings. (This was highlighted as an addition to the Terms of Reference at the Council meeting)

The motion was agreed unanimously.

- 1.2 Councillor McGowan moved and Councillor Anne-Marie Pearce seconded the following motion:

“This Council condemns the decision of the Secretary of State for Health to ignore the views of local residents and endorse the closure of vital services at Chase Farm Hospital.

This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write in the strongest possible terms to the Secretary of State calling on him to reverse his decision and stand by pledges made by leading figures of the Conservative Party to Save Chase Farm. Council invites the Leader of the Opposition to co-sign the letter.”

Following a lengthy debate the motion was agreed unanimously. During the debate it was noted that the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel had been asked to ensure that implementation of the findings from the Independent Review Panel (IRP) in relation to primary care and transport were monitored and kept under review.

- 1.3. Councillor Hamilton moved and Councillor Charalambous seconded the following motion:

“Enfield Council calls on the Mayor of London to think again about his decision to make cuts to policing in London and in Enfield.

The number of police in London will fall by 1907 officers between 2010 and 2013/14. Enfield has already lost five experienced sergeants because of decisions taken by the Tory Mayor of London and hundreds of more sergeants have been forced to reapply for their own jobs.

This Council calls on the Mayor of London to:

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1. Reverse his decision to cut 1907 police officers in London over the next three years, an average of 50 for every London borough including Enfield.
2. Drop his plans to cut 300 sergeants from London's 630 Safer Neighbourhood teams.
3. Abandon his plans to force 600 London police sergeants to reapply for their own jobs."

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

For: 30

Against: 22

Abstentions: 2

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#### **COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8 - DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETING**

NOTED in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8 (page 4-7 – Part 4), the Mayor advised the Council that the time available for the meeting had now elapsed and the remaining items of business would be dealt with in accordance with the expedited procedure.

The remaining items of business were then considered without debate.

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#### **COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME**

NOTED the fifty two questions on the Council's agenda which had received a written reply from the relevant Cabinet Member.

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#### **MOTIONS**

The motions set out below lapsed due to lack of time:

##### 1.1 In the name of Councillor Headley

"This Council resolves to hold a public meeting to ascertain the true nature and extent of the problems suffered by the residents of Eastern Enfield with odour emitted by the Deephams Sewage Works. The Council resolves to hold this meeting at the earliest opportunity and before any further decisions are made or responses made by Enfield Council on the residents' behalf."

##### 1.2. In the name of Councillor Lamprecht

"The consultation on the future of Southgate Old Town Hall was held during August when many local residents were away on holiday. The Council therefore resolves to reopen the consultation on the future use of

Southgate Old Town Hall and hold a public meeting to engage with residents in a constructive dialogue about the proposed use of this Civic amenity.”

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**USE OF URGENCY PROCEDURES: MONITORING UPDATE**

NOTED the details of the following decisions taken under the Council's urgency procedure relating to the waiver of call-in and, where necessary, the Forward Plan along with the reasons for urgency. These decisions had been made in accordance with the urgency procedures set out in Paragraph 17.3 of Chapter 4.2 (Scrutiny) and Paragraph 16 of Chapter 4.6 (Access to Information) of the Council's Constitution:

1. To grant a 125 year lease to the Woodpecker Hall Primary Academy
2. To agree the contract for adaptations to classrooms at the Prince of Wales Primary School
3. Housing Quarterly Electricity Contract Renewal
4. Cyntra Decent Homes Scheme 2011/12
5. Oasis Academy Hadley: Relocation of Power Cable

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

**AGREED** the following changes to committee memberships

- (1) The appointment of Mr Anthony Murphy as the Education Statutory Co-Optee nominated by the Catholic Diocesan on the following bodies:
  - Overview & Scrutiny Committee
  - Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel
  - Member Governor Forum
- (2) Complaints against Curriculum Panel - Councillor Chamberlain to fill vacancy created following Eleftherios Savva's resignation as a councillor.
- (3) Planning Committee - Councillor Chamberlain to replace Councillor Waterhouse.
- (4) Public Transport Consultative Group – Councillor Chamberlain to fill vacancy created following Eleftherios Savva's resignation as a councillor.
- (5) Staff Appeals Panel – Councillor Lamprecht to fill vacancy created following Eleftherios Savva's resignation as a councillor.



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**NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**AGREED** the following changes to representation on outside bodies:

- (1) Edmonton United Charities - Councillor Chamberlain to fill vacancy created following Eleftherios Savva's resignation as a councillor.
- (2) Enfield Homes - Councillor Chamberlain to replace Councillor Barker.
- (3) London Borough of Enfield/Enfield Racial Equality Council – Councillor Anwar to replace Councillor Cranfield.
- (4) London Councils Grants Committee – Councillor Hamilton to be appointed as the Council's main representative with Councillor Stafford as deputy.

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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 would be held on Wednesday 9 November 2011 at 7.00pm at the Civic Centre.