



## **LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD**

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH  
FEBRUARY, 2012 AT 7.00 PM**

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

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**Date:** 21 February 2012

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, 29th February, 2012 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

Yours sincerely

*J.P.Austin*

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 (IF ANY) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

4. **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 20)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 January 2012.

5. **APOLOGIES**
6. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** (Pages 21 - 22)

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. BUDGET 2012/13 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (GENERAL FUND) (Pages 23 - 216)**

To receive the report of the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services (No.189A) presenting for approval the Budget for the 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan (General Fund).

Recommendations 2.1 – 2.6 were endorsed and recommended for approval to Council, at the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February 2012. Recommendation 2.7 has also been included for Council approval. **(Key Decision – Reference No.3399)**

**8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES 2012/13 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (RENT SETTING - HRA) (Pages 217 - 236)**

To receive the joint report of the Directors of Health, Housing & Adult Social Care & Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.190A) presenting for approval the revenue estimates of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2012/13 following consultation with residents on the HRA budget position.

The recommendations set out in the report follow on from the report presented to and approved at the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February 2012. **(Key Decision – Reference No.3400)**

**9. DELEGATED AUTHORITY WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT AND ADOPTION OF SECTION 16 LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TRANSPORT FOR LONDON ACT 2003 (Pages 237 - 262)**

To receive a report from the Director of Environment (No.188) setting out and updating the delegated authority arrangements within the Environment Department, recommended as a consequence of changes in structures, posts and legislation. It also recommends that the Council adopts legislation to exercise powers to tackle unlawful vehicle crossovers.

**10. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES) (Pages 263 - 284)**

**10.1 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.”

Submission of urgent questions to Council requires the Member when submitting the question to specify why the issue could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the deadline and why it has to be considered before the next meeting. A supplementary question is not permitted.

10.2 Councillors’ Questions (Part 4 – Paragraph 9.2(a) of Constitution – Page 4 - 8)

The list of thirty questions received and their responses are attached to the agenda.

## 11. MOTIONS

### 11.1 In the name of Councillor Hamilton

Enfield Council congratulates the Enfield Independent on its campaign "don't carry, don't kill" for persuading the Conservative led government to change the bill to include a mandatory sentence for all 16 to 17 year olds "using a knife in a threatening or dangerous manner". The Enfield Independent led this campaign which included support from Enfield Council and groups such as STOP, TAGS, Anti-Knife UK and the Enfield based Nelson Williams Foundation as well as the three Enfield MPs.

The Council is opposed to any reduction to police numbers in the borough which would limit the ability to apprehend offenders who have used knives.

This Council also believes that imprisoning people for violent knife crime is only half the battle, it is vital that the criminal justice system provides the resources and expertise required to rehabilitate all young offenders rather than allowing them to languish in prison and become hardened criminals.

### 11.2 In the name of Councillor Taylor

This Council notes the Mayor of London Boris Johnson's decision not to increase the GLA precept in 2012/13 but also notes that, at the same time, he has introduced huge increases in fares.

### 11.3 In the name of Councillor Laban

This Council congratulates the Mayor of London Boris Johnson following his announcement to reduce the Mayor's GLA precept and commends his efforts over the last 3 years in which he kept the precept at 0%

#### 11.4 In the name of Councillor Hall

This Council congratulates the coalition government following its decision to renew its grant for another year to ensure that Council tax is maintained at the same level for a further year i.e. a 0% increase.

#### 11.5 In the name of Councillor Sitkin

This Council deplores the reduction in Enfield residents' purchasing power, hence in their ability to support local businesses, as a direct result of the Government's regressive VAT hike and the London Mayor's unwarranted fares' hike.

We therefore call upon George Osborne and Boris Johnson respectively to replace these misguided policies with other more progressive funding measures that do not target the disadvantaged in Enfield's communities the way these Conservative politicians are currently doing.

#### 11.6 In the name of Councillor McGowan

With most of the health profession now openly against the proposed health reforms, worried Cabinet Ministers should move beyond calling for face saving measures such as 'taking the Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, out to be shot', as quoted in the Times by a Downing Street source or replaced once the Bill becomes law as advocated by the Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats, Simon Hughes, in a recent interview with Andrew Marr.

They should instead join the majorities of the general public, health professionals and this Council in the movement to save the NHS and demand the Government withdraw the Health and Social Care Bill immediately.

### **12. USE OF URGENCY PROCEDURES - MONITORING UPDATE (Pages 285 - 286)**

Council is asked to note the details provided of 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 have 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.

### **13. MEMBERSHIPS**

To confirm any changes to committee memberships. The following changes had been notified at the time of agenda dispatch:

- (a) Member Governor Forum

Councillor Cole to be removed as an additional member of the Forum.

#### **14. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

To confirm any changes to outside body memberships. The following changes had been notified at the time of agenda dispatch:

(b) London Councils – Transport & Environment Committee

Councillors Brett & Levy to fill two of the deputy vacancies.

(b) North London Waste Authority

Councillor Bond to replace Councillor Murphy

(c) North London Waste Planning Members Group

Councillor Murphy to replace Councillor Bond

#### **15. CALLED IN DECISIONS**

None received.

#### **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members are asked to note that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 28 March 2012 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

#### **17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the press and public from the meeting for the item of business listed on the part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in those paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006), as listed on the agenda.