



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH JULY, 2012
AT 7.00 PM**

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

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Date: 29 June 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, 4th July, 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 - 14)**

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the following Council meetings held on:

- (a) Wednesday 4 May 2012 (Annual Council meeting)
- (b) Thursday 24 May 2012 (Freedom of Borough ceremony)

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. **OPPOSITION BUSINESS - HELPING ENFIELD'S HIGH STREET SHOPS & BUSINESSES** (Pages 17 - 20)

An issues paper prepared by the Opposition Group is attached for the consideration of Council.

The Constitution Procedure Rules relating to Opposition Business are attached for information.

8. **NEW LIBRARY STRATEGY** (Pages 21 - 66)

To receive a report from the Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture seeking approval of the Library Strategy.(Report No.14)

The recommendations set out in the report were endorsed and recommended onto to Council for approval, by Cabinet on 20 June 2012. **(Key Decision – Reference 3387)**

9. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12** (Pages 67 - 72)

To receive the annual report of the London Borough of Enfield's Standards Committee for 2011/12. The report sets out the key issues dealt with by the committee during the past year.

The report was agreed at the Standards Committee meeting held on 5 March 2012.

10. **DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT SERVICE CENTRE** (Pages 73 - 94)

To receive a report from the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care and Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services regarding the development of a Joint Service Centre. (Report No.241)

Please note Report No.243 on the Part 2 agenda also refers.

Members are asked to note that the recommendations in the report were approved by Cabinet on 25 April 2012. Council is only being asked to approve the addition of the scheme to the Council's Capital Programme, which has been included as an issue within the Part 2 report referred to above. The Part 1 report has therefore only been attached for information, as background to the recommendation made to Council.**(Key decision – Reference 3488)**

11. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 95 - 104)

To receive a report from the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care seeking approval of the HRA Asset Management Strategy for recommendation to full Council. (Report No.11A)

Members are asked to note that the recommendations set out in the report were approved by Cabinet on 20 June 2012 for recommendation onto Council. **(Key Decision – Reference 3485)**

Please note a copy of the HRA Asset Management Strategy is available (for reference) in the Members' Library and Group Offices. If required, additional copies can also be obtained by contacting James Kinsella (Governance Team Manager).

12. ENFIELD'S HOUSING STRATEGY 2012-2027 (Pages 105 - 118)

To receive a report from the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care presenting Enfield's 15 year Housing Strategy for approval.

Members are asked to note that the recommendations set out in the report were approved by Cabinet on 20 June 2012 for recommendation onto Council. **(Key Decision – Reference 3421)**

Please note a copy of the Enfield's Housing Strategy 2012-2027 is available (for reference) in the Members' Library and Group Offices and also via the Democracy page of the Council's website. If required, additional copies can also be obtained by contacting James Kinsella (Governance Team Manager).

13. DEPOT RELOCATION (Pages 119 - 150)

To receive a report from the Director of Environment seeking approval to the consolidation of depot functions onto a single site. (Report No.16)

Please note Report No.17 on the Part 2 agenda also refers).

Members are asked to note that the recommendations in the report were approved by Cabinet on 20 June 2012 for recommendation onto Council. **(Key decision – reference number 3488)**

14. DRAFT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (Pages 151 - 196)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services detailing the outcome of a review of the Council's Financial Procedure Rules and amendments proposed as a result. (Report No,230A)

Members are asked to note that amended Financial Procedure Rules were

considered and approved by Audit Committee on 4 April 2012 for recommendation onto Council.

15. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) - POLICY & PROCEDURE (Pages 197 - 228)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services detailing the results of a review of the Council's policy and procedure in relation to use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and changes proposed as a result. (Report No.233A)

Members are asked to note that the revised RIPA policy and procedures were considered and approved by Audit Committee on 4 April 2012 for recommendation onto Council.

16. THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 - REPLACING THE STANDARDS REGIME (Pages 229 - 260)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services on the standards regime and new arrangements for dealing with issues around councillor conduct. (Report No.20A)

Members are asked to note that the new arrangements set out in the report have been subject to consideration at both the Members & Democratic Services Group (6 June 12) and Councillor Conduct Committee (13 June 2012) prior to recommendation onto Council for approval.

17. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12 (Pages 261 - 294)

To receive the Scrutiny Annual Report detailing the work undertaken by the Council's scrutiny function over the 2011/12 municipal year. (Report No.25)

Members are asked to note that the report was agreed at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 19 April 2012.

18. USE OF THE COUNCIL'S URGENCY PROCEDURES (Pages 295 - 296)

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.

19. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES) (Pages 297 - 326)

19.1 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.

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

The list of fifty eight questions received and their written responses are attached to the agenda.

20. MOTIONS

20.1 In the name of Councillor Lavender

This Council recognises the important role played by the Green Belt in:

- (i) providing passive open space,
- (ii) providing publicly accessible recreation (particularly enjoyed by those who otherwise do not have access to private gardens),
- (iii) maintaining a sustainable environment for wildlife,
- (iv) inhibiting inappropriate development and arresting climate change and
- (v) preserving a sense of history and identity to Enfield, Edmonton and Southgate.

This Council recognises that its ability to maintain, preserve and provide such facilities and/or attributes is enhanced when its powers as planning authority are combined with the proper exercise of its power as landlord.

This council notes the uproar and concern caused by recent decisions of the Labour Council to dispose of interests in the Green Belt within the London Borough of Enfield.

This council therefore resolves not to make any further decision to

dispose of any property interest within the Green Belt applicable to any land within the boundaries of the London Borough of Enfield:

- (i) without a full impact assessment being published in relation to the above issues; and
- (ii) unless such decision is made by cabinet and is not subject to delegation to members or officers.

20.2 In the name of Councillor Neville

This council notes its failure to recover over 40% (£2.5m) of penalty charges issued in the financial year 2011-2012 and also notes the fact that over £1.2million of housing benefit was overpaid by the council due to its own errors in the financial year 2011-2012. It also notes that in total £5.8m of housing benefit was overpaid and not recovered in the financial year 2011-2012.

This council regrets its failure to properly safeguard public resources particularly at a time of severe austerity and instructs the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate the causes of these failures and to provide a report to council.

20.3 In the name of Councillor Hamilton

This council deplors the 100s of police vacancies, plus secondments out to other boroughs that is the current situation in Enfield, which is having a detrimental impact on Safer Neighbourhood teams especially in our most deprived wards.

Knife and gang crime is a serious concern and the Council is opposed to any shortfall and reduction to police numbers in the borough which would limit the ability to apprehend offenders who are members of gangs and carry and use knives.

We urge the GLA and MOPAC to review the policing numbers in Enfield and raise staffing levels to the numbers required to meet the Borough's policing priorities.

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.

21. MEMBERSHIPS

To confirm the following changes to committee memberships:

- (a) Crime and Safety and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Chamberlain to replace Councillor Hall

(b) Councillor Conduct Committee

Councillor Murphy to replace Councillor Cranfield

(c) Green Belt Forum

Councillor D.Pearce to replace Councillor East

Councillor Laban to replace Councillor Waterhouse

(d) Schools Forum

Councillor Simbodyal to replace Councillor Orhan

22. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm the following changes to nominations to outside bodies:

(a) Edmonton United Charities

Councillor Hall to replace Councillor Chamberlain on expiry of his term of office (18 July 2012).

23. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 19 September 2012 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

25. 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 they involve 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).