



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH
SEPTEMBER, 2012 AT 7.00 PM**

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

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Date: 11 September 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, 19th September, 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 - 22)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 July 2012.

5. APOLOGIES

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members of the Council are invited to identify any disclosable pecuniary, other pecuniary or non pecuniary interests relevant to items on the agenda.

7. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 30 YEAR BUSINESS PLAN
(Pages 23 - 32)

To receive a report from the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care and Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services setting out the Council's proposed HRA 30 year Business Plan. (Report No.41A)

Members are asked to note that the recommendations in the report were approved by Cabinet on 18 July 2012 for recommendation onto Council. **(Key decision – reference number 3483)**

8. HOUSING MANAGEMENT REVIEW (Pages 33 - 44)

To receive a report from the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care, which sets out the results of the test of opinion survey undertaken in June 2012. (Report No.42A)

Members are asked to note that the recommendations set out in the report were approved by Cabinet on 18 July 2012, with Council being asked to approve the revision and extension of the Management Agreement with Enfield Homes. **(Key decision – reference number 3531)**

9. THE DRIVE TOWARDS PROSPERITY: ENFIELD'S CHILD & FAMILY POVERTY STRATEGY (Pages 45 - 52)

To receive a report from the Director of Schools and Children's Services and Director of Regeneration, Leisure and Culture seeking approval of the development of the Child and Family Poverty Strategy and the strategic action plan. (Report No.43)

Members are asked to note that the recommendations set out in the report were approved by Cabinet on 18 July 2012 for recommendation onto Council. **(Key decision – reference number 3381)**

10. SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13 (Pages 53 - 76)

To receive a report from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee setting out the annual programme for the Council's Scrutiny Panels and Overview and Scrutiny Committee. (Report No.65)

Members are asked to note that the report is due to be considered by Cabinet on 12 September 2012 and that details of the decision made will be circulated in advance of the Council meeting.

11. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12 (Pages 77 - 86)

To receive the annual report of the London Borough of Enfield's Audit

Committee for 2011/12. The report sets out the key issues dealt with by the committee during the past year.

Members are asked to note that the report was agreed at the Audit Committee meeting held on 10 July 2012.

12. WITHDRAWAL OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION VIA A PROPOSED BOROUGH WIDE ARTICLE 4 DIRECTIVE. (Pages 87 - 96)

To receive a report from the Director – Environment seeking approval to the introduction of a “non-immediate” Article 4 Direction to withdraw permitted development rights for small HMOs across the borough. (Report No.79)

13. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2011/12 (Pages 97 - 110)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services presenting the Council’s Treasury Management Outturn statement for 2011/12. (Report No.80)

14. PETITION SCHEME REVIEW (Pages 111 - 116)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services reviewing the Council’s current petition scheme. (Report No.75A)

Members are asked to note that the review was considered by the Members & Democratic Services Group on 4 September 2012 who, as a result, approved Option 1 (to continue with the scheme in its current format) for recommendation onto Council, subject to an update of the trigger referral amounts to take into account the current population figures for Enfield.

15. MEMBER GOVERNOR FORUM: TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 117 - 120)

To receive a report from the Director of Schools & Children’s Services seeking approval to the revised Terms of Reference for the Member Governor Forum. (Report No.76A)

Members are asked to note that the report was considered by the Members & Democratic Services Group on 4 September 2012, who approved the amended Terms of Reference for recommendation onto Council.

16. SCHOOLS FORUM: TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 121 - 132)

To receive a report from the Director of Schools & Children’s Services seeking approval to the revised Terms of Reference for the Schools Forum. (Report No.77A)

Members are asked to note that the report was considered by the Members

& Democratic Services Group on 4 September 2012, who approved, subject to a further minor change, the amended Terms of Reference for recommendation onto Council.

17. NEW STANDARDS REGIME: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON(S)

At the Council meeting (4 July 12) approval was given for the Councillor Conduct Committee to commence the recruitment process for the appointment of 2 Independent Persons, required as part of the new standards framework introduced by the Localism Act 2011.

The Councillor Conduct Committee is in the process of undertaking the recruitment process, with the first of the interviews due to take place on Monday 17 September 2012. Council will be asked to consider and approve any appointment recommended by the Councillor Conduct Committee, as a result of this process.

Given the timescales involved it has not been possible to interview all of the shortlisted candidates in advance of this Council meeting. A further interview will therefore need to be arranged, with the outcome being reported to Council on 7 November 2012.

18. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)
(Pages 133 - 150)

18.1 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.

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

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

19. MOTIONS

19.1 In the name of Councillor Lavender

In order to maintain probity and transparency this Council resolves:

- (i) to insert in future Conditions of Grant Funding of the Enfield Residents Priority Fund Grant Agreements as a condition of the award of any element of the Grant that the Grant Applicant discloses to the Council in the related Grant Funding Application Form any membership, or other financial or property interest or obligation (each an 'Interest') that any councillor, close relative or dependant of any councillor, or any political party any councillor represents has in relation to:

- (a) any such Grant Applicant; or
- (b) any property occupied by such Grant Applicant; or
- (c) in the Project

immediately upon the Grant Applicant becoming aware of such Interest arising; and

- (ii) that any councillor who either himself or herself has an Interest in, or becomes aware of any of their close relatives or dependants having any Interest in, or whose party they politically represent has any Interest in:

- (a) any existing or proposed Grant Applicant which has entered into a Grant Agreement; or
- (b) any property occupied by such Grant Applicant; or
- (c) in any related Project

shall have a duty to disclose full particulars of such Interest in the register of members' interests.

19.2 In the name of Councillor Lavender:

This Council:

- (a) notes the proximity of Barnet and Enfield Town Centres;
- (b) notes the existence of empty car parking spaces in both town centres;
- (c) notes the announcement on Tuesday 4th September of the reduction of car parking charges in Town Centres by Barnet Council; and
- (d) resolves to similarly reduce car parking charges in its Town Centres, particularly on a Sunday.

19.3 In the name of Councillor Lavender

This Council welcomes the Coalition Government's Infrastructure (Financial Assistance) Bill, which intends to give statutory backing to the UK Guarantees programme announced in July and the housing guarantee schemes to dramatically accelerate major infrastructure investment and provide major support to UK exporters.

The Council notes that the UK Guarantees scheme has been established to ensure that where major infrastructure projects may struggle to access private finance because of adverse credit conditions they can proceed as planned.

The Council also notes the Government's support for the long-term delivery of new rental homes and that the Government intends to issue debt guarantees to support the building of new private rented sector and affordable homes.

The Council notes that the Government is expediting the legislation in order to ensure that it can take forward detailed discussions with eligible commercial parties as soon as possible and subsequently provide suitable forms of guarantee.

The Council notes the scope of the Bill covers the transport, energy, communications and environmental sectors set out in the National Infrastructure Plan as well as the wider housing sector.

The Council resolves to monitor these developments to explore whether any of the many regeneration projects in Enfield, which were first formulated under the previous administration, but which seem to have ground to a halt under the present Labour administration can benefit from these initiatives.

19.4 In the name of Councillor Charalambous

Enfield Council recognises the stunning success of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games respectively and congratulates the torch bearers, volunteers, athletes and participants with a connection to Enfield who were involved in making the Games such a spectacular and inspirational global event and in turn proving the sceptics and naysayers so wildly wrong.

19.5 In the name of Councillor Hamilton

This Council condemns the financial and re-organisational pressures being imposed upon the NHS by this Tory led government which, in Enfield, has resulted in the announcement that the Evergreen Walk-In Centre will reduce opening hours.

Now that Andrew Lansley has been spectacularly sacked by David Cameron, we call upon the new Secretary of State for Health to properly fund Primary Health Care in Enfield and address the £70million shortfall needed for the development of Primary Health Care provision.

20. MEMBERSHIPS

To confirm any changes to committee memberships.

21. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm the following changes to nominations to outside bodies:

(a) Enfield Strategic Partnership

Councillor Prescott to replace Councillor Zinkin.

22. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 7 November 2012 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

24. 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).

No Part 2 items have currently been identified for consideration.