



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH
JANUARY, 2014 AT 7.00 PM**

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

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Date: 21 January 2014

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 January, 2014 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 Wednesday 27 November 2013.

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. OPPOSITION BUSINESS - LONG TERM INITIATIVES FOR THE BOROUGH (Pages 21 - 24)

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. Members are asked to note that these procedure rules are subject to amendment, following review by Members & Democratic Services Group with the changes to be submitted for approval under Agenda Item 8.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION: OPPOSITION BUSINESS, MEMBER & OFFICER PROTOCOL & MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCILLOR CONDUCT COMMITTEE (Pages 25 - 48)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services seeking approval to:

- (a) Amendments to the procedure for dealing with Opposition Priority Business;
- (b) A revised and updated Member/Officer Protocol; and
- (c) To the provision of substitute members on the Councillor Conduct Committee

(Report No.176)

Members are asked to note that the amendments to the procedure for dealing with Opposition Priority Business and Member/Officer Protocol were considered and approved for recommendation on to Council by the Members & Democratic Services Group on 13 January 2014. Subject to approval by Council, the amendments will come into immediate effect.

The provision of substitute members on the Councillor Conduct Committee has been agreed by the Councillor Conduct Committee (3 December 2013).

9. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2014/15 (Pages 49 - 268)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services reviewing and seeking approval to changes in the local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/15, which the Council is required to produce under section 13A(1)(a) and Schedule 1A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The report also recommends the 2014/15 council tax and business rate bases (Appendix D and E) and the council tax technical change (Appendix F).

(Report No.142A)

(Key Decision – Reference No.3832, 3833 & 3834 combined)

Members are asked to note that:

- (a) Cabinet (11 December 2013) considered and approved the local Council Tax Support Scheme for recommendation on to Council.
- (b) The NNDR 1 DCLG Business Rate Base Return (Appendix E) has been marked as “To Follow”, pending completion following receipt from DCLG on 17 January 14.

10. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY POLLING DISTRICTS & POLLING PLACES (Pages 269 - 278)

To receive a report from the Chief Executive & Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services providing details on the outcome of a review undertaken by the Electoral Review Panel of all polling districts and polling places, under the requirements of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013).

(Report No.177)

The Electoral Review Panel commenced its review on 1 October 2013 and following consideration of all representations received agreed the final outcome on 20 November 2013 for recommendation on to Council.

Council is being asked to consider and approve the final recommendations from the Panel for adoption with effect from 17 February 2014.

11. COUNCILLORS’ QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)
(Pages 279 - 310)

11.1 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.

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

The list of forty three questions received and their written responses are attached to the agenda.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 In the name of Councillor Charalambous:

This Council acknowledges with pride Chickenshed's contribution to arts, community and education in the London Borough of Enfield over the last 40 years and restates the Council's commitment to a continued partnership which has benefited so many of the borough's residents.

12.2 In the name of Councillor Hamilton:

I call on Enfield council to urge the Government, and in particular the Ministry of Justice, to think again about their proposals for the privatisation of the probation service where they are proposing G4S and the like running the probation service.

We oppose the government's plan to privatise the probation service to make cost savings from centrally managing more offenders in the community and closing prisons. This will increase risk to Enfield residents.

12.3 In the name of Councillor Hamilton:

This Council believes that the safety and security of Enfield residents is being put at risk by the Mayor of London and the Tory led Coalition Government as a result of cuts to the key emergency services – the Metropolitan Police Service, the London Fire Brigade, the London Ambulance Service and the Accident & Emergency Departments.

The Council believes that the cuts are too far and too fast and that the many millions of pounds being taken from the budgets of the NHS, the Metropolitan Police Service and the London Fire Brigade will inevitably endanger families and communities in Enfield.

The closures of Met police station front desks, fire stations and A & E departments alongside cuts to the London ambulance service means that the safety of Enfield residents is put at risk.

This Council calls on the Mayor of London and the Coalition Government to reconsider the changes which reduce the safety and security of our residents.

12.4 In the name of Councillor Lavender:

Enfield Council notes with sadness the death of Lord McAlpine and requests that Councillor Hamilton withdraws the remarks she made in a debate at Council that a senior Conservative was a paedophile at a time when unfounded allegations were being made against Lord McAlpine and which were subsequently withdrawn.

13. MEMBERSHIPS

To confirm the following changes to committee memberships:

(a) Older People & Vulnerable Adults Scrutiny Panel

Councillor R.Hayward to be removed from the membership list for the Panel.

14. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm any changes to nominations to outside bodies.

15. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 26 February 2014 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

In addition Members are asked to note that the final meeting of the 2013/14 Municipal Year will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 2 April 2014.

17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider, if necessary, 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.