



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26TH
FEBRUARY, 2014 AT 7.00 PM**

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

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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, 26th February, 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 - 22)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 29 January 2014.

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.

Council is asked to note that the Councillor Conduct Committee (14 February 2013) agreed to grant a general dispensation under section 31 (4) (c) of the Councillor Code of Conduct allowing all members to participate in the debate and vote on decisions relating to the setting of the Council Tax, Housing Rents and Members Allowance Scheme. This dispensation is in effect until May 2014, so will apply for this meeting.

7. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION: STANDING ORDER REGULATIONS 2014 - RECORDED VOTES AT BUDGET MEETINGS (Pages 23 - 28)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services proposing changes to the Council's Constitution to incorporate an amendment to the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2014 which came into force on 25th February 2014. The amended regulations require that a recorded vote is taken in respect of the substantive budget motion and any amendments that are proposed to it.

(Report No.215)

8. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2014/15 TO 2017/18 (GENERAL FUND) (Pages 29 - 176)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services presenting for approval the Budget for 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Plan (General Fund).

(Report No.178A)

(Key Decision – Reference No.3764)

Members are asked to note that:

- Recommendations 2.1 – 2.12 (as amended) were endorsed and recommended onto Council for formal approval by Cabinet on 12 February 2014.
- The report will need to be considered in conjunction with Report No.186A on the Part 2 Council agenda

9. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES 2014/15 AND RENT SETTING (HRA & TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION) (Pages 177 - 202)

To receive the joint report of the Directors of Health, Housing & Adult Social Care & Finance, Resources and Customer Services presenting for approval the revenue estimates of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2014/15 and the updated position on the HRA 30 year business plan.

(Report No.179A)

(Key Decision – Reference No.3855)

Members are asked to note that the recommendations in the report were endorsed and approved for recommendation onto Council by Cabinet on 12 February 2014.

10. INVESTMENT IN PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (Pages 203 - 222)

To receive a report from the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care & Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Care seeking approval to inclusion of the borrowing requirement for the investment in private rented sector scheme on the Capital Programme. (Report No.184A)

Please note Report No.189A on the Part 2 agenda also refers.

Members are asked to note that the Investment in Private Rented Sector scheme was approved by Cabinet on 12 February 2014. Council is only being asked to approve the addition of the borrowing requirement for the scheme on the Council's Capital Programme. **(Key Decision – Reference Number 3782)**

11. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF A STATUTORY PAY POLICY STATEMENT (Pages 223 - 238)

To receive the report of the Chief Executive presenting the Council's Statutory Pay Policy Statement for consideration and approval. (Report No.216)

Members are asked to note that the draft Policy Statement was considered and approved for recommendation onto Council, at the Remuneration Sub Committee on 3 February 2014.

12. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)

12.1 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.

12.2 Councillors' Questions (Part 4 – Paragraph 9.2(a) of Constitution –

The list of sixty one questions received and their written responses are attached to the agenda.

13. MOTIONS

13.1 In the name of Councillor Sitkin:

“This Council notes how reduced central government funding of Enfield, including the 7% grant damping, has diminished the resources available to local residents. It asserts that there are alternative sources that central government could mobilise, specifically a Financial Transaction Tax (FTT) on the speculative activities that have accelerated the enrichment of the few to the detriment of the many. It therefore calls upon the government to levy the FTT and use the proceeds to increase central grants to local authorities like Enfield.”

13.2 In the name of Councillor Rye:

“Enfield Council appreciates the hard work of its staff, especially during a period when frequently the Council has to deliver good quality services with less resources.”

13.3 In the name of Councillor Orhan:

“Increasingly this Council is having to support families whose immigration status has not been resolved by Government. Currently, the Council is supporting 105 families, an increase on last year.

Undoubtedly this is a difficult position for these families as they are in a state of limbo. Some have been in this position for almost 5 years. As their immigration status remains unresolved, this Council is obliged under legislation to provide, social care, housing and education for these families and their children.

There is an estimated cost to the Council of £1,037,408.00 for the financial year 2013/2014.

The Council agrees that the Leader of the Council should pursue this with the objective of resolving the situation for these families, and gaining reimbursement from the Government for costs the Council has incurred.”

14. MEMBERSHIPS

To confirm any changes notified to committee memberships

15. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm any changes notified to outside body memberships.

16. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members are asked to note that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 2 April 2014 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

18. 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 items of business listed on the part 2 of 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) as listed on the agenda.