

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY
2014**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Ali Bakir (Mayor), Patricia Ekechi (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Erin Celebi, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Lee David-Sanders, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Nesimi Erbil, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Suna Hurman, Jansev Jemal, Doris Jiagge, Eric Jukes, Nneka Keazor, Adeline Kepez, Joanne Laban, Bernie Lappage, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Donald McGowan, Andy Milne, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oyken, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Rohini Simbodyal, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Claire Stewart, Jim Steven, Doug Taylor, Haydar Ulus, Ozzie Uzoanya and Glynis Vince

ABSENT Alev Cazimoglu, Lee Chamberlain, Katherine Chibah, Turgut Esendagli and Alessandro Georgiou.

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**ELECTION (IF REQUIRED) OF THE CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF
THE MEETING**

The election of a Chair/Deputy Chair of the meeting was not required.

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

Reverend Dr Steve Griffiths – St Andrews Church, Enfield gave the blessing.

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**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

The Mayor made the following announcements.

Reverend Dr Steve Griffiths from St Andrews Church, Enfield was thanked for offering the blessing at the start of the meeting.

1. Update on Mayoral Engagements

The Mayor took the opportunity to highlight the range of engagements he had been involved in supporting, since taking up office. This had included:

- engagements across the borough and further afield;
- meeting Royalty, marking Armed Forces Day, visits to organisations involved in supporting the young and elderly and attending the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace, where Enfield had achieved a respectable 8th place;
- welcoming a number of new citizens to Enfield;

The Mayor advised that he had been particularly impressed by the welcome and hospitality he had received when visiting Murrayfield Care Home and from the children of the Prince of Wales School who were undertaking a wonderful project in terms of growing and producing their own food.

During August, the Mayor advised that he would be taking a long overdue trip to visit his parents in Turkey and so he took the opportunity to wish all councillors a relaxing summer.

2. KRATOS (Children in Care Council)

The Mayor then moved on to welcome representatives from KRATOS (Children in Care Council) who he had invited to attend the meeting in order to highlight the range of work they were involved in supporting. The Mayor informed members that KRATOS had been formed to represent the views of looked after children and care leavers in Enfield, with the organisation actively engaged in supporting looked after children and care leavers.

Over the past year over 100 young people had been involved in a variety of events and activities organised through KRATOS, giving them a say about the support they received from Children Services, Health and Education.

The Mayor invited five representations from KRATOS to come forward and briefly address Council, in order to highlight the range of work and support being provided and priorities for their organisation moving forward.

The representatives invited to address the meeting included the chair and three young people currently in foster care. The range of support and activities highlighted included:

- the provision of a safe and supportive environment in which to meet and interact with people from similar backgrounds.
- The opportunity to take part in training and development of other skills e.g. young leaders programme; Duke of Edinburgh Award; young inspectors programme; professional development of social care staff and Princess Diana awards
- The provision of an advocacy service for young people in care or care leavers.

Members thanked the representatives for the attending the meeting in order to highlight the work being undertaken by KRATOS.

3. Members Conduct

The Mayor completed his announcements by reminding members, as this was the first Council business meeting of the new Administration, that he would be seeking their co-operation in ensuring that meetings were conducted with due respect for each other, the office of Mayor and the Constitution.

Members were reminded of the need to conduct themselves in a manner which upheld the reputation of their office and of the Council and to comply with the rules of debate, which included refraining from interruption or private conversations whilst other members were speaking.

Whilst not wanting to use them, he reminded members of the power he had as chair (under Council Procedure Rule 19) to ensure good conduct at Council meetings. These included, moving that the member concerned be not heard further or leave the chamber.

26 MINUTES

The Mayor advised members of an amendment to the minutes from the Annual Council Meeting (11 June 2014) which had been detailed on the Council amendment sheet tabled at the meeting.

The amendment related to the second roll call vote on the Political Management and Member Engagement Structure report (Min.13 referred – Page 11 of the agenda pack) which should have recorded the vote(in relation to the final decisions approved as 39 For and 20 Against and not 20 For and 39 Against

AGREED that, subject to the amendment detailed above, the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday 11 June 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

27 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alev Cazimoglu, Lee Chamberlain, Katherine Chibah, Turgut Esendagli and Alessandro Georgiou.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Erin Celebi and Achilleas Georgiou.

28 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

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OPPOSITION BUSINESS - TACKLING ABUSE IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR

The Mayor opened this item by referring Members to the legal advice that had been issued in relation to legal proceedings issued against the Council in relation to the Cabinet decision on the Assisted and Selective Licensing Scheme for Private Sector Landlords, which was the subject to Opposition Business.

He then invited the Leader of the Opposition to make a statement in relation to discussions that had taken place in advance of the meeting with the Assistant Director Legal Services. Whilst not being in agreement with the legal advice provided in relation to the matter now being subjudice, the Leader of the Opposition confirmed that he had agreed to the debate being adjourned on the basis that the Majority Group had agreed:

- to the debate being rescheduled as Opposition Business, once the legal proceedings against the Council had been concluded; and
- that the adjournment would not result in any negative impact in the total number of Opposition Business debates during the Municipal Year;

On this basis, Councillor Neville formally moved and Councillor Laban seconded adjournment of the Opposition Business debate to a future meeting, to be undertaken once the current legal proceedings had been concluded. This was agreed without any further debate.

AGREED to adjourn consideration of the item pending completion of legal proceedings involving the Council relating to this item.

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AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION - CHANGE TO POLITICAL MANAGEMENT AND MEMBER ENGAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Councillor Simon moved and Councillor Savva seconded the report from the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.34) detailing a number of amendments to the constitution arising from changes to the Council's political management and member engagement structure agreed at the Annual Council meeting (11 June 2014).

NOTED

1. The main constitutional changes outlined in the report had been designed to reflect the changes already agreed to the Council's political management and member engagement structure in relation to:
 - a. the introduction of a revised delivery model for scrutiny focussed on a single Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) with two standing

- workstreams established in order to discharge the requirements in relation to health and crime & safety scrutiny and the ability to appoint other workstreams to undertake “task and finish” reviews on priority areas;
- b. the replacement of the Area Forum model with a more localised ward based approach towards member engagement; and
 - c. the introduction of the Associate Cabinet Member (ACM) role
2. The report set out the detailed changes (in tracked version) required to the constitution in order to facilitate the changes outlined in 1. above, as requested by Annual Council (11 June 14). Members had also been supplied with a copy of the proposed amendments in final format, without the tracked changes.
3. The following concerns raised by the Opposition Group in relation to the proposed changes:
- a. at what was felt to be the weakening of the Council’s scrutiny function and more limited opportunities available to hold the Executive to account and for wider member engagement and development, which it was felt the new scrutiny structure would result in;
 - b. the lack of detail provided within the report on the level of quantified savings to be achieved as a result of the new arrangements and loss of experience in relation to the scrutiny officer support arrangements;
 - c. the lack of detailed cross party and public consultation regarding the proposed changes;
 - d. the role and cost of the ACM positions, which it was felt:
 - closely resembled the constituency roles of the current Members of Parliament in the borough; and
 - should be directly accountable to Council rather than Cabinet;
4. In response to the concerns expressed by the Opposition Group members were advised:
- a. that the new scrutiny delivery model had been designed to provide a more flexible and focussed approach within the more limited financial and operational resources available. The statutory requirements in relation to health and crime & disorder scrutiny would be maintained but under a more member led and streamlined function. Scrutiny would continue as a cross cutting service but working in a smarter and more efficient way. The new scrutiny structure would continue to be supported and it was felt would give members more time to spend with constituents and in

undertaking more in-depth reviews designed to better meet the needs of local residents.

- b. in view of the issues raised, specific reference would be included within the Terms of Reference for Overview & Scrutiny Committee to the discharge of not only health but also the crime and disorder scrutiny requirements as set out in the Police & Criminal Justice Act 2006. These areas would be subject to standing workstreams, with all workstreams established on a proportional basis.
- c. the proposals had been designed to assist members in developing their representational role by establishing clearer and more focussed mechanisms for listening to and representing local people and ensuring the delivery of more responsive services based around the Council's strategic objectives.
- d. The creation of the Associate Cabinet Member positions had been designed to provide a focal point for co-ordinating member engagement in terms of regeneration and the other strategic objectives and in serving as a link between the locality and Cabinet/Council.

Following a long debate the recommendations in the report were put to the vote, and agreed with the following result:

For: 36
Against: 20
Abstentions: 0

AGREED that

- (1) The constitutional changes to the procedure rules relating to scrutiny be approved, as detailed in Appendix A of the report.
- (2) The constitutional changes to the procedures relating to Area Forums be approved, as detailed in Appendix B of the report, in order to reflect the establishment of a more localised ward forum based approach to member engagement.
- (3) Reference to the newly created Associate Cabinet Member (ACM) posts be added to the Constitution, as detailed in Appendix C of the report, with Council noting (as detailed in 3.5.4 of the report) that the ACM role would be subject to further detailed consideration by Cabinet, and any additional constitutional changes identified as a result being reported to Council.
- (4) Council discharges its powers of scrutiny on such matters designated within the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 through the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, who will

work closely with the standing work streams in relation to crime and health.

- (5) In accordance with Section 9FB of Local Government Act 2000 the current Head of Electoral, Registration and Governance Services be appointed as the Statutory Scrutiny Officer.
- (6) Council delegate authority for any further administrative amendments to the constitution, arising from the decisions in 1- 5 above, to be made by the Director of Finance Resources and Customer Services. This to include specific reference within the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference (on the terms detailed in 4. above) to the requirements in relation to scrutiny under the Police & Criminal Justice Act 2006.

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ENFIELD'S RE-ACCREDITATION AS A FAIRTRADE BOROUGH

Councillor Stafford moved and Councillor Sitkin seconded a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services (No.4A) detailing the Council's application to continue accreditation as a Fairtrade Borough.

NOTED

1. The intention to apply for re-accreditation as a Fairtrade Borough had been approved by Cabinet (25 June 14), with the accompanying report referred on to Council for information.
2. The cross party support expressed towards the principle of Fairtrade and decision for the Council to apply for re-accreditation as a Fairtrade Borough.
3. The thanks expressed to:
 - a. the ex-council members from both political groups who had originally championed the Council's application as a Fairtrade Borough, with specific reference made to Chris Cole and Annette Dreblow; and
 - b. Christian Action Housing, for their support in the re-accreditation process as a Fairtrade Flagship employer;
4. The Council's ongoing commitment to the objectives of Fairtrade in terms of their positive environmental, economic and social impact and in support of the ongoing "Good Food for London" campaign as part of the broader food growing initiatives of the Council.

Following a short debate the recommendations in the report were unanimously approved, without a vote.

AGREED to note that Cabinet (25 June 14)

- (1) had approved the intention to apply for re-accreditation to remain a Fairtrade Borough in view of the benefits that Fairtrade was felt to provide.
- (2) had approved a change from the supply of Rainforest Alliance to Fairtrade tea and coffee in the Civic Centre restaurant.

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COUNCILLOR CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

Councillor Brett moved and Councillor Rye seconded the 2013/14 Annual Report from the London Borough of Enfield Councillor Conduct Committee.

NOTED

1. The Annual Report had been approved and recommended onto Council by the Councillor Conduct Committee on 30 April 2014
2. The cross part support expressed for the way in which the Committee had operated during the year.

AGREED that the Councillor Conduct Committee Annual Report 2013/14 be noted and approved.

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SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

Councillor Simon moved and Councillor Rye seconded the 2013/14 Scrutiny Annual Report detailing the work undertaken by the Council's scrutiny function during the previous municipal year.

NOTED

1. The Annual Report had been approved and recommended onto Council by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2013.
2. The brief outline provided by each of the Scrutiny Chairs of the key areas of work undertaken by their Panels during 2013/14 and thanks to members, officers, the public and other key stakeholders for their engagement and support in the process.
3. The concerns highlighted by the Opposition Group regarding the capacity of the new scrutiny model to engage in the same depth of work as the previous structure.
4. In response to the concerns in 3. above members were reminded that the changes to the scrutiny arrangements had been designed to provide a more flexible and streamlined structure that would still function

effectively but within the more limited financial and operational resources available.

AGREED to endorse and approve the 2013/14 Scrutiny Annual Report.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14 & AMENDMENT TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

Councillor Lemonides moved and Councillor Simon seconded:

- (a) the London Borough of Enfield's Audit Committee Annual Report 2013/14; and
- (b) the amendments to the internal audit section within the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee, which had been designed to reflect the current role of the Committee and Internal Audit service.

NOTED

- 1. The annual report had been considered and recommended onto Council by Audit Committee on 9 July 2014.
- 2. The key areas of work undertaken by the Audit Committee during 2013/14, as outlined in the Annual Report, and thanks to members and officers for their support in the work of the Committee over the year.
- 3. The following amendment to the Annual Report (tabled at the meeting on the Council amendment sheet) – Section 1: Membership of Committee to include Councillor Don Delman.
- 4. Audit Committee (9 July 2014) had considered and approved the proposed amendments to their Terms of Reference (as detailed in Agenda Item 12.2) for reference on to Council.
- 5. In addition to the amendments to the Audit Committee Terms of Reference set out under agenda item 12.2, the Chair of the Audit Committee advised of his intention to seek a review of the current requirements in relation to members of the Audit Committee being able to lodge objections to the Council's Statement of Accounts. Whilst recognising the legal rights for local government electors to raise objections to the accounts and not seeking to prevent challenge, it was felt that members of the Audit Committee already had sufficient opportunity to raise issues of concern, hence the need for a review.

AGREED to approve:

- (1) The Audit Committee Annual Report 2013/14, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Don Delman under the Committee Membership list in Section 1 of the report.

- (2) The changes, as detailed under agenda item 12.2, to the Internal Audit section of the Audit Committee Terms of Reference in order to ensure that they reflected the current role of the Committee and Internal Audit service.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)

1.1 Urgent Questions

None received.

1.2 Questions by Councillors

NOTED

1. The sixty three questions on the Council's agenda which had received a written reply from the relevant Cabinet Member.
2. The following supplementary questions and responses received for the questions indicated below:

Question 1 (Councillor Questions) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council.

"Whilst recognising the Member & Democratic Services Group as the appropriate body to consider this request, can I ask whether the Leader supports the proposal that councillor questions should be moved to the beginning of the council agenda with the time allowed increased to one hour?"

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

The Council has a process for considering changes to the constitution via the Member and Democratic Services Group so it would be sensible to consider this suggestion, along with any other changes proposed, through that process.

Question 2 (local election result) from Councillor During to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Can the Leader comment further on the scale of the collapse of the Conservative vote at the recent local government elections in Enfield?

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

Looking at the results, the Conservative vote reduced by 4% across the borough as a whole compared to the previous election. Focussing on specific areas their vote reduced by 4.65% in Cockfosters and 7.77% in Grange wards. This compares to an increase of 10.14% for the Labour vote in

Ponders End. We are looking forward to further increases in the next local elections.

Question 4 (Ashmole School) from Councillor B Charalambous to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection.

Is the Cabinet Member considering additional provision, beyond that due to be provided by Bowes Primary School as a "partner school", to supplement the number of school places in the area?

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

As a result of our carefully managed and planned approach I would like to remind Council of the numbers of school places we have already secured in Enfield and am confident that the innovative arrangements being introduced will provide the places required to meet the identified need for school places in that part of the borough.

Question 5 (Associate Cabinet Members) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Did Councillor B. Charalambous position as prospective parliamentary candidate for Enfield Southgate have a bearing on his appointment to the position of Associate Cabinet Member?

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

No. Councillor Charalambous activities outside his role as councillor have no bearing whatsoever on his appointment as Associate Cabinet Member.

Question 7 (Measuring the success of Associate Cabinet Members) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Given what appears to be their close resemblance to the role of an MP or GLA member, what value will the role of Associate Cabinet Member add to the existing democratic arrangements in the borough?

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

We have already covered this issue at the meeting, where I have been clear about the role, responsibilities and merits of the new position. I don't feel there is anything further I can do to explain the role other than to add that the effectiveness of these new posts can be judged as part of a review planned at the end of the first year.

Question 8 (Youth activities during the school holidays) from Councillor Hurman to Councillor Simbodyal, Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport, Youth and Public Health

Can the Cabinet Member tell us how she will ensure that young people are made aware of the range of activities available to them over the summer?

Reply from Councillor Simbodyal:

There are a fantastic range of activities on offer over the summer for young people to access. In terms of communication, we are starting by prioritising vulnerable young people, including young people in care, young carers and those from the Youth Offending Service, who have been given the chance of early enrolment in the activity programmes. This has involved us communicating with over 400 professionals who work with these vulnerable young people to encourage them to take up these places. New communication channels have also been used including Facebook, Twitter and other social media long with the development of a Young Enfield Magazine being distributed through schools and youth clubs.

Question 9 (Accountability of Associate Cabinet Members) from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

From the report considered earlier on the agenda relating to the constitutional changes, I see that the Associate Cabinet Members will be answerable to Cabinet. Will the Leader be willing to consider bringing forward proposals to at least allow Associate Cabinet Members to be questioned at Council?

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

I can see the justification in this proposal, not on the basis that they receive a Special Responsibility Allowance, but in view of the wider role the posts have in each locality. I am therefore going to ask the Members & Democratic Services Group to consider amending the Council Procedure Rules to allow ACMs to be included under Council Questions.

Question 10 (World War 1 remembrance) from Councillor Lappage to Councillor Bond, Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Can I ask what other remembrance activities are proposed?

Reply from Councillor Bond:

Beside the normal activities taking place on Remembrance Sunday, we are also planning to install a remembrance spot in a park likely to be located in eastern Enfield, which will hopefully be created before the end of the year.

Question 12 (CCTV Parking Enforcement) from Councillor Stewart to Councillor Bond, Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Can Councillor Bond tell us about the importance of CCTV in terms of assisting in the prevention of illegal parking?

Reply from Councillor Bond:

CCTV plays an important role in ensuring that residents are able to travel around the borough safely by assisting to tackle illegal parking. It is unfortunate that Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government does not share this view or see the advantages of its use in this way.

Question 13 (North London Waste Plan) from Councillor Lavender to Councillor Bond, Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Has the Council or is it the intention of the Council to identify or nominate any site in the borough for waste purposes not currently being used in this way?

Reply from Councillor Bond:

Yes.

Question 14 (Support for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises) Councillor Jemal to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Can you provide more information on the support provided to small and medium sized enterprises in terms of access to finance?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin:

Recognising that city financial institutions are failing small and medium term enterprises we are working with the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services to look at possible support options including the North London Credit Union; setting up of a peer to peer lending scheme and the potential of organising some form of crowd funding initiative.

Question 16 (School places in Southgate Green) Councillor Anderson to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Are any other developments in terms of school places planned in the Southgate Green area?

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

I would refer back to my response to the previous supplementary question from Councillor B Charalambous (see 4. above). Yes, I would like to reassure the Council that we are looking to provide additional school places in those areas identified as being most in need with further announcements planned shortly. I would also like to place on record my thanks to Bowes Primary and

Broomfield Schools for the sterling work that they are doing to bring about new places in that area of the borough.

Question 18 (CCTV Parking Enforcement) Councillor Keazor to Councillor Bond, Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Does the Cabinet Member feel the Prime Minister has missed the opportunity to get rid of Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government as part of the latest Cabinet reshuffle?

Reply from Councillor Bond:

Yes, but looking at the alternative talent on offer this is not surprising.

Question 20 (European Union Waste Framework Directive) Councillor Hamilton to Councillor Bond, Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Does Councillor Bond think that the present grant renegotiations with the European Union will have an effect on the revised waste framework directive?

Reply from Councillor Bond:

No, as it is not clear what the renegotiations will involve.

Question 21 (Council Tax) Councillor Dines to Councillor Stafford, Cabinet Member for Finance

Does the Cabinet Member agree with Harriet Harman MP who is quoted as saying that the middle classes should pay higher taxes?

Reply from Councillor Safford:

I can confirm, contrary to claims made by the opposition prior to the local election, that we have no plans to raise Council Tax at the moment and will continue to assess the Council's financial position on a year by year basis.

Question 22 (Estate Renewal Projects) Councillor Jiaage to Councillor Oykenner, Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

How do you respond to criticism about progress on the small housing site developments in Parsonage Lane and Lavender Hill being delayed?

Reply from Councillor Oykenner:

My response is that this appears to involve political games. I am proud to report that this Administration is delivering, unlike the Opposition who closed and boarded up the properties in these areas with no strategy for redevelopment.

We have put in place a strategy and developers are now on site, starting the process of building much needed and affordable homes. We have made excellent progress with developments in Chase, Town and Turkey Street wards. Whilst progress has been more limited around Forty Hill, this has been due to their location in a Conservation Area which has required specific approvals to be obtained.

We have promised and are now delivering, working in an innovative way which has generated interest on a national and regional basis and led to a series of articles in The Guardian newspaper. We know that the Conservative led Coalition Government are not keen but the Council has found a different way to fund, build and deliver affordable housing using a scheme that is the first of its kind.

Question 24 (2014 Care Act) Councillor Doyle to Councillor McGowan, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care

Can the Cabinet Member outline the cost of the 2014 Care Act to Enfield?

Reply from Councillor McGowan:

The significant downside to the Act is the cost. The Local Government Association and London Councils have used an independent financial model to highlight the full impact of these additional costs. In Enfield it's estimated that the additional, currently unfunded, costs are likely to be in the region of £8m - £15m by 2018/19. This will require the Government to provide a fair funding settlement for health and social care and not leave councils like Enfield with insufficient funds to meet the growing demands of vulnerable people in care.

Question 25 (Churchfield School) Councillor Neville to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Whilst more than happy to visit the school I would, in the meantime, like to know if this school's ethos will be enhanced by such a post and, if so whether consideration should be given to their recruitment across all schools.

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

There isn't really anything more I can add to that already included in my written response. Schools are responsible for managing their own budgets and will take their own decisions on how funding is spent. The facts in relation to this case are set out in my written response.

Question 26 (Delivery of Primary School Places) Councillor Hasan to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Can the Cabinet Member advise if she will be writing to the new Secretary of State for Education, about the challenges facing Enfield in providing sufficient school places?

Reply from Councillor Orhan:

Please be assured that I will be writing to the new minister about the particular challenges faced in Enfield, particularly in light of the reduction in Government funding for education provision. I hope she will receive my letter with some sympathy and consider approving an increase in funding.

Question 27 (Community & Custom Built Homes) Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

What steps are the Council taking to market the community building scheme fund and make sure people know about it?

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

We are in the vanguard of councils on this scheme which the Department of Communities and Local Government has set up. The Government are due to consult later in the year on extending the scheme and the Council will engage with that consultation process.

Question 28 (Commemoration of the First World War) Councillor Kepez to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Can the Leader advise of the plans for commemoration activities, particularly around the 4 August 2014?

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

National ceremonies will be taking place to mark the centenary of the outbreak of World War I on 4 August 2014 including London and Belgium. In Enfield we will be holding a commemoration event in Broomfield Park on the same day.

National events are also being organised to commemorate the Battle of Jutland (as part of the war at sea), the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Ypres.

On 11 November 2014 we will commemorate Armistice Day and will be looking, as a Council, to dovetail our activities with key dates.

There is already an exhibition in the Enfield Museum focussed around Enfield's involvement in the war and in the supply of armaments.

Key dates highlighted for members, on which further notice will be provided, are as follows:

- Armistice Day 11 November 14
- Arctic Convoy Remembrance– 15 November 14
- Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 January 15
- Armed Forces Day – 27 June 15

Question 29 (CCTV Camera Enforcement) Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Does the disagreement between Norman Baker MP (Transport Minister) and Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, affect your view on the use of CCTV camera vehicles and fines for parking enforcement?

Reply from Councillor Taylor:

Whilst I'm not privy to debates in Cabinet, it's clear that Eric Pickles' views on this are not unanimously endorsed by motoring organisations or businesses. The results of the consultation show that some businesses feel CCTV is appropriately used and there is an economic need to enforce parking restrictions. Other organisations oppose the ban arguing that CCTV is vital to improve safety. 62% of respondents believed that local authority parking enforcement was reasonably applied in their area, which would suggest that Norman Baker's comments are more in line with these views than Eric Pickles.

At this stage the Mayor advised that the 30 minutes permitted for Councillor Questions had ended. As no extension in time was moved the meeting proceeded to the next item of business.

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CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Georgiou seconded a proposal to change the order of business on the agenda under paragraph 2.2 (page 4-5) of the Council's procedure rules to enable the meeting to take the following as the next items of business:

- Item 14.4: Motion in the name of Councillor B.Charalambous on refusal of application for a Primary School at Ashmole Academy.
- Item 14.3: Motion in the name of Councillor Stewart on Passport Office delays.
- Item 14.5: Motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton on Health & Social Care Act.
- Item 14.1: Motion in the name of Councillor Rye on review of scrutiny arrangements.

- Item 14.2: Motion in the name of Councillor Neville on purchase of Chase Farm Hospital NHS Trust site.

The change in order of the agenda was put to the vote and agreed with the following result:

For: 36
Against: 20
Abstentions: 0

Please note the minutes reflect the order in which the item was dealt with at the meeting.

37 MOTIONS

- 1.1 Councillor B. Charalambous moved and Councillor Orhan seconded the following motion:

“This Council notes the decision of the Department for Education to refuse to fund a primary school at Ashmole Academy and the impact this decision will have on school places in the borough of Enfield. This Council further notes the efforts of the Council to provide school places for the projected increase in population over the next decade and beyond and calls upon the Conservative led coalition Government to fully explain why it failed to fund Ashmole school, disappointing so many Enfield families with this decision.”

During the debate on this item, the Opposition Group highlighted what they felt to be the need for a direct mandate to be provided for the Cabinet Member for Education, Children’s Services and Protection to write to the Secretary of State for Education to express support for a new primary school on the Academy site. As a result Councillor Neville then formally moved and Councillor E.Hayward seconded the following amendment to the motion:

Delete all the words after the first sentence and replace with:

“The Council mandates the Cabinet Member for Education, Children’s Services and Protection to write to the Secretary of State for Education expressing support for a new primary school on the Ashmole Academy site.”

The amendment was subject to a period of debate, during which Councillor Charalambous (in exercising his right of reply as mover of the original motion) advised that the Council would be writing to the Secretary of State for Education asking for the decision to refuse the application for funding to be reconsidered. The amendment to the motion was then put to the vote and lost, with the following result:

For: 20
Against: 36
Abstentions: 0

The debate then continued on the original (unamended) motion, during which Councillor B. Charalambous moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a further amendment, as follows:

To insert immediately after the word “explain” in the final sentence the words “and reconsider”.

Following a short debate the amendment was then put to the vote and agreed, with the following result:

For: 36
Against: 0
Abstentions: 20

The substantive motion (as amended and detailed below) was then put to the vote and agreed, with the following result:

“This Council notes the decision of the Department for Education to refuse to fund a primary school at Ashmole Academy and the impact this decision will have on school places in the borough of Enfield. This Council further notes the efforts of the Council to provide school places for the projected increase in population over the next decade and beyond and calls upon the Conservative led coalition Government to fully explain and reconsider why it failed to fund Ashmole school, disappointing so many Enfield families with this decision.”

For: 36
Against: 0
Abstentions: 20

38 DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor advised, at this stage of the meeting, that the time available to complete the agenda had now elapsed so Council Procedure Rule 8 would apply.

NOTED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8 (page 4-8 – Part 4), the remaining items of business on the Council agenda were considered without debate.

39 MOTIONS

The following motions listed on the agenda lapsed due to lack of time:

1.1 In the name of Councillor Rye:

“Enfield Council congratulates the officers supporting the scrutiny function over the past 10 years and achieving the CFPS award for excellence in 2010

and the MJ award in 2012 and the Association of Public Services Award also in 2012. Enfield Council undertakes to review the effectiveness of any new Scrutiny arrangements by commissioning an independent peer review to report by June 2015.”

1.2 In the name of Councillor Neville:

“The Council welcomes the completion of the purchase of the Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust by the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust. The Council notes that this is the first piece of potentially positive news in the chequered history of Chase Farm for a very long time!

The Council shares both, the Royal Free’s assessment that the site needs to be redeveloped and it’s acknowledgement that parts of the site are “no longer suitable for the delivery of modern health care”. The council is concerned however to see that the £100million of government investment in the site is actually delivered, and as quickly as possible. It looks forward to working with the Royal Free to secure this much needed and long overdue redevelopment, for the benefit of Enfield residents.”

1.3 In the name of Councillor Stewart:

“This Council recognises the distress and costs brought on to Enfield residents because of the Home Secretary’s crisis at the Passport Office. This Council calls on the Passport Office to refund all those residents who had to incur extra fees and costs because of the Home Secretary’s poor management of the agency. The Leader of the Council should write to the Home Secretary to pass on our view.”

1.4 In the name of Councillor Hamilton:

“This Council is calling on the three Enfield MPs to support the private members bill by MP Clive Efford to repeal the competition provisions in the coalition’s Health and Social Care Act. The bill will tackle Section 75 rules which force CCGs (Clinical Commissioning Groups) to put services out to market even if they do not want to.

This Council is dismayed by the fact that private providers have won the majority of tenders for services since the Health and Social Care Act came into force in April 2013, this shows that the Tory pledge that the NHS is not being privatised is untrue.

Therefore, we call on the three Enfield MPs to demand that the Tory led coalition government repeals the competitive tendering legislation in the Health and Social Care Act so that:

- CCGs are free to commission in the best interest of patients, as was promised before the passing of the Act and
- Scant NHS resources are used for front line patient services.”

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USE OF THE COUNCIL'S URGENCY PROCEDURES

NOTED the details of the following decision taken under the Council's urgency procedure relating to the waiver of call-in and, where necessary, the notice required of a Key Decision along with the reasons for urgency. The decision had 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:

- Contract for external wall installation, roof replacement/insulation upgrade, window replacement, external structural repairs and associated works to the Exeter Road Estate & Welch House, Woolpack House.

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MEMBERSHIPS

AGREED to confirm the following changes to committee memberships:

(1) Councillor Conduct Committee

The following be appointed as substitute members:

Labour Group: Councillor B Charalambous and Councillor Pite

Conservative Group: Councillor Lavender and Councillor AM Pearce

(2) Conservation Advisory Group

Councillor B Charalambous to be replaced by Councillor Pite

(3) Health and Wellbeing Board

Councillor Orhan and Councillor Taylor to fill vacancies.

(4) Joint Consultative Group for Teachers and Staff Forum

Councillor Kepez to fill the vacancy

(5) Pension Fund Board

Councillor Taylor to replace Councillor Keazor

(6) Public Transport Consultative Group

Councillor Chibah to fill Labour Group vacancy.

(7) Schools Forum

Councillor Keazor to fill the vacancy

(8) Secondary Tuition Centre

To be removed from the Membership List

(9) Staff Appeals Panel

Councillor Jiagge to be appointed as Chair and Councillor Erbil as Vice Chair.

Councillor Abdullahi to fill vacancy.

(10) Town Twinning and Tourism Working Group

Councillor Erbil to replace Councillor Bakir

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED to confirm the following changes to nominations to outside bodies:

(1) Enfield Homes Board

Councillor Fallart to replace Councillor Chamberlain.

(2) LBE Enfield Racial Equality Council

Councillor Jukes to replace Councillor Chamberlain.

(3) London Councils – Greater London Employment Forum

Councillor Taylor to be nominated as the main representative with Councillor Stafford as deputy.

(4) North London Limited

To delete from the list as the body is no longer in existence

(5) Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London

Councillor Jemal to fill vacancy

(6) Safer and Stronger Communities Board

Councillor Bond to be confirmed as Council representative.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council would be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 8 October 2014 at the Civic Centre.