

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8
OCTOBER 2014**

COUNCILLORS

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

ABSENT Daniel Anderson, Nick Dines, Achilleas Georgiou, Robert Hayward, Dino Lemonides, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite and Haydar Ulus

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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 Martin Legg, Associate Minister, Bush Hill Park United Reform Church, gave the blessing.

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

The Mayor thanked Reverend Martin Legg for the blessing and made the following announcements:

1. Death of Pamela Adams, David Pam and Paul Head

The Mayor advised that it was with regret he had to inform members of the sad deaths of the following individuals:

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- (a) Freeman of the Borough, past Deputy Mayor and Councillor Pamela Adams.
- (b) Local Historian – David Pam
- (c) Principal and Chief Executive of the College of Haringey, Enfield & North East London - Paul Head.

The Mayor asked members to join him in observing a minutes silence in memory of the individuals concerned and in order to reflect on and recognise the contribution they had each made to the Borough. Condolences were offered to the respective families for their sad loss.

Councillor Neville followed the minutes silence by offering a few kind words of remembrance for ex-Councillor Pamela Adams on behalf of the Opposition Group highlighting her vibrant nature and dedication to supporting the elderly, disabled and more vulnerable residents in the Borough and close association with Ruth Winston House.

Councillor Taylor (Leader of the Council), speaking on behalf of the Majority Group, advised that he fully supported the comments made by Councillor Neville in relation to Pamela Adams and also commended the work undertaken by David Pam as a local historian. Councillor Taylor also took the opportunity to highlight the important and significant contribution made by Paul Head towards improving the educational opportunities for young people not only Enfield but also in Haringey and reported that it was with deep sadness he had noted his death.

2. Enfield's Successful Application for Re-Accreditation as a Fairtrade Borough

The Mayor was pleased to announce that Enfield had been successful in its application for re-accreditation as a Fairtrade Borough, also contributing to London as a Fairtrade city.

As part of the initiative, he reported that the Council continued to serve Fairtrade products, including tea, coffee, bananas and chocolate and had also been working with the community to ensure that Fairtrade products were available in local cafes and other catering establishments. In achieving reaccreditation the Fairtrade Foundation had noted that Enfield was continuing to secure strong links with local schools and also commented on the other positive activities in the workplace, libraries and other public places, helping to further promote Fairtrade.

The Mayor thanked all those who had worked on the application, with particular recognition to Nina Tweddle (Fairtrade Community Steering Group), Mark Hayes (Chief Executive, Christian Action Housing) and officers from the Scrutiny team for their support in the process. The Mayor then invited Nina Tweddle to come forward in order to formally present her with the reaccreditation certificate from the Fairtrade Foundation. Members joined the

Mayor in offering their congratulations for the success in achieving reaccreditation.

3. Update on Mayoral Engagements

The Mayor took the opportunity to update members on the range of engagements undertaken following the summer break. This had included him attending the opening of the Invictus Games; visiting the Palmers Green Festival and Enfield Town show; attending the Enfield Business launch, Meridian Water; Memorials for the 2 Brewers and Battle of Britain and the presentation of a minibus to the Highlands & Southgate ATC Squadron (funded through the Enfield Residents Priority Fund).

He had also started the Mayors Annual Fun Run and informed Members that he was looking forward to a busy time in the lead up to the festive season.

48 MINUTES

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

49 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Daniel Anderson, Nick Dines, Achilleas Georgiou, Robert Hayward, Dino Lemonides, Daniel Pearce & Vicki Pite.

An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Joanne Laban.

50 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Elaine Hayward declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 7 (Strategy and Approach to Delivering Pupil Places) in respect of her role as a council nominated representative and vice-chair of the Pupil Referral Unit who were referred to within the strategy document. She remained in the meeting and participated in the debate and decision on this item. (Min 52 refers)

Councillor Bernie Lappage declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to Agenda Item 8 (Lee Valley Heat Network Business Plan) as her spouse worked for one of the organisations listed as a potential key commercial partner for the Lee Valley Heat Network. Councillor Lappage withdrew from the meeting for the duration of this item and took no part in the debate or final decision. (Min.53 & 55 refers)

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CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Taylor 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 as follows:

- To deal with Item 1 on the Part 2 Agenda relating to the Lee Valley Heat Network Business Plan (having agreed to pass the motion to exclude the press and public) immediately after Item 8, which was the corresponding report on the Part 1 agenda.
- To then revert to the order of the agenda as listed and take Item 16.2 (Motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton re competition in the NHS) and Item 16.7 (Motion in the name of Councillor Stewart re the management of Employment & Support Allowance) immediately following Item 10.

The change in order of the agenda was agreed after a vote, with the following result:

For: 33
Against: 0
Abstentions: 18

Please note the minutes reflect the order in which the items were dealt with at the meeting.

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STRATEGY & APPROACH TO DELIVERY PUPIL PLACES

Councillor Orhan moved and Councillor Stafford seconded a joint report from the Directors of Schools and Children's Services, and Finance, Resources and Customer Services (number 15A) detailing the Council's approach and updating the Council's strategy towards the provision of school places in Enfield.

NOTED

1. The updated strategy detailed within the report had been approved by Cabinet on 23 July 2014, with Council being asked to approve (as recommended by Cabinet) the resulting changes identified in relation to the overall scheme allocation within the Capital Programme.
2. The context provided within the report for the updated strategy, which included:
 - a. An outline of the 2014 annual review of population projections in terms of the expected impact on demand for school places;

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- b. Updated information on the current and planned supply of mainstream school places;
 - c. The identification of an increasing demand pressure on provision for children with Special Education Needs; and
 - d. Details from approved construction indexes and recent market activity on costs.
3. The increasingly challenging conditions identified in relation to the provision of school places in relation to not only demand (with specific focus on both the South West and North Central areas of the borough) but also recent changes in market conditions for the construction sector, as detailed in section 4 of the report.
4. The progress made since 2010 in managing delivery of an additional 4,410 permanent school places under Phase I of the Primary Expansion Programme.
5. The need identified to deliver an additional nine extra forms of entry at primary level between September 2015 and September 2018, with the plans developed to address this need under Phase II of the School Expansion Programme detailed within sections 3 and 4 of the report.
6. The need identified by the Leader of the Council to recognise the hard work and success of all involved in the delivery of the expansion programme to date, which had been led by the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection.
7. The support expressed by the Opposition Group in relation to work being undertaken to deliver school places and recognition of the challenging circumstances within which this was having to be managed. Whilst supportive of the plans to monitor the progress of Free School & Academy provision concerns were, however, expressed in relation to:
 - a. the need identified for additional capacity at primary level (given the current projections) from September 2017 to September 2018 in order to ensure a degree of parental choice was maintained;
 - b. the need to recognise that the GLA school roll projections did not take account of significant local housing developments or the cross borough movement of pupils;
 - c. the adequacy of forward planning in relation to the strategy being developed to address the demand for permanent provision in relation to Special Education Needs places;
 - d. the limited detailed provided within the report in relation to the development of a strategy for delivery of secondary school places from 2018 onwards.

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As a result of the concerns expressed in relation to secondary provision Councillor E.Hayward moved and Councillor Rye seconded an amendment to the report seeking the inclusion of the following as an additional recommendation:

“That a further report be provided for Council within the current Municipal Year relating to the strategy for the provision of Secondary School Places.”

Following a short debate, during which it was noted that secondary provision would meet projected demand up to 2017/18 with plans already being developed to address provision beyond that date, Councillor Orhan advised that she would be willing to accept the additional recommendation for consideration within the report and this was approved without a vote.

8. In response to the concerns raised the Cabinet Member for Education, Children’s Services & Protection highlighted:
 - a. the work being undertaken to ensure the necessary level of Special Education Needs provision was available within the borough;
 - b. the challenges caused by Government policy in relation to the lack of consultation required with local authorities over the establishment and location of Free Schools in the planning of provision and need to ensure that the level of Basic Need Grant funding was sufficient to meet the level of need identified in relation to the delivery of school places.
 - c. The need to recognise that as a result of the strategy and work undertaken to date it had been possible to ensure Enfield continued to meet its statutory requirement for the provision of school places whilst maintaining an element of parental choice.

Following a lengthy debate the recommendations (as amended) were unanimously agreed, without a vote.

AGREED

- (1) Having noted the decision taken by Cabinet on 23 July 2014, to approve the changes required to the Capital Programme in relation to the updated strategy for the School Expansion Programme, as detailed within the report.
- (2) In addition, that a further report be provided for Council within the current Municipal Year relating to the strategy for the provision of Secondary School Places.

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LEE VALLEY HEAT NETWORK BUSINESS PLAN

Councillor Sitkin moved and Councillor Stafford seconded a report from the Director for Regeneration and Environment (No.25A) detailing progress on development of the Lee Valley Heat Network business plan and seeking approval to the inclusion of funding for the scheme in the capital programme.

NOTED

1. The Phase I Business Plan had been approved by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 and referred on to Council in order to approve the addition of funding in the capital programme to support development costs through to financial close by September 2015.
2. Additional information in support of the capital funding requirement had been outlined in an accompanying report (No.27A) listed as Item 1 on the Part 2 Council agenda (Min.55 refers).
3. The aims behind the Lee Valley Heat Network (LVHN) as detailed with section 1 of the report which included the opportunity to deliver the significant economic, environmental and social benefits, detailed in section 3 of the report.
4. The risks identified in relation to delivery of the LVHN associated with its status as a large-scale capital infrastructure project, as detailed in section 1 and 7 of the report.
5. The significant interest already generated in respect of development of the Network as detailed in section 3.5.8 of the report. This had included support and funding from the Greater London Authority, as detailed in Appendix 5 of the report.
6. The timetable, delivery mechanism and Procurement Strategy developed for delivery of Phase I of the LVHN as detailed in section 3 of the report.
7. Development of the Business Plan had been supported by detailed external technical, commercial and legal advice from consultants with recognised experience in District Heat Networks.
8. Whilst not opposed to the concept behind Heat Networks, concerns were expressed by the Opposition Group in relation to the following issues:
 - a. The significant financial risks associated with delivery of the project given the current constraints on the Council's capital and revenue position;

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- b. The commercial viability of the Business Plan given the identified need to secure sufficient consumer demand and progress still to be made on the Meridian Water development.
 - c. The complexity in developing and maintaining energy efficient district heat networks.
9. In response to the concerns expressed the Leader of the Council supported by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development advised that the risks associated with the Business Plan and delivery project were fully recognised. The potential to deliver a sustainable heat network was however seen as a unique opportunity to deliver the economic, environmental and social benefits identified as well as linking with energy strategy and policy at a national, regional and local level. Delivery of the project had been planned in tranches, to ensure that the Council's exposure to financial risk was managed with the final decision relating to the overall capital investment not required until demand had been confirmed and the various procurement exercises completed.

A lengthy debate then followed during which members felt it would be beneficial to consider the supporting financial detail contained within the Part 2 report on the Business Plan. Members therefore agreed to continue the debate in Part 2 of the agenda.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

AGREED to pass a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the item of business listed on part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person – including the authority holding that information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

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LEE VALLEY HEAT NETWORK BUSINESS PLAN

The debate on the Lee Valley Heat Network Business Plan then continued with Councillor Sitkin moving and Councillor Stafford seconding the Part 2 report from the Director of Regeneration and Environment. (No.27A) providing additional financial information in support of the Business Plan and recommended inclusion of additional funding in the capital programme.

NOTED

1. The supporting financial information in relation to development and delivery of the Business Plan, as detailed within the report, which had

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been approved by Cabinet on 23 July 2014 in conjunction with Report No.25A on the Part 1 agenda.

2. Council approval was only initially being sought to an investment of £1.285m in order to fund development costs up to financial close in September 2015. Whilst Cabinet had provided an “in principle” commitment to the full investment, this would be subject to further work during the final development stage and subsequent final approval in accordance with the Council’s governance arrangements.
3. The concerns expressed by the Opposition Group in relation to the technical and financial assumptions on which the Business Plan had been based and to ensure that the project costs and benefits were kept under objective review as the project was finalised.
4. The assurance provided, in response to the concerns in 3. above, that both a rational and objective approach would be taken to the review of the Business Plan and costs in order to ensure that the project was progressed on a viable basis.

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).

Following further discussion, members then agreed to return to Part 1 of the agenda in order to conclude the debate on the item.

Having moved back into Part 1 of the agenda the recommendation in the Part 1 report was put to the vote and agreed. In accordance with section 15.4 of the Council Procedure Rules the Opposition Group requested a roll call vote, with the result as follows:

For: 32

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Guney Dogan
Councillor Sarah Doyle
Councillor Christiana During
Councillor Nesimi Erbil
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga
Councillor Christine Hamilton
Councillor Ahmet Hasan
Councillor Suna Hurman

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Councillor Jansev Jamal
Councillor Doris Jiagge
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Adeline Kepez
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Don McGowan
Councillor Ayfer Orhan
Councillor Ahmet Oykener
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Rohini Simbodyal
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya

Against: 19

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Lee David-Sanders
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Michael Lavender
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terence Neville
Councillor Ann Marie Pearce
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Abstention: 0

AGREED to approve (having noted the additional information in Report No.27A on the Part 2 agenda) the addition to the Capital Programme, of £1.285m to fund ongoing development costs for the Lee Valley Heat Network Business Plan through to financial close in September 2015.

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CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor B.Charalambous seconded a further 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 16.2: Motion in the name of Councillor Hamilton on competition within the NHS.

Councillor Neville (as Leader of the Opposition) sought clarification on use of the procedural motion, given the change in order of the agenda already agreed at the start of the meeting. (Min 51 refers). John Austin (Corporate Governance) advised that paragraph 2.2 of the Council Procedure Rules allowed the order of business at Council meetings to be changed either at the discretion of the Mayor, or by a vote (if required) at the meeting without discussion. According to the Constitution there was nothing to prevent the procedure being applied more than once during the meeting, subject to it being formally approved.

The change in the order of agenda was agreed after a vote. In accordance with section 15.4 of the Council Procedure Rules the Opposition Group requested a roll call vote, with the result as follows:

For: 33

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Guney Dogan
Councillor Sarah Doyle
Councillor Christiana During
Councillor Nesimi Erbil
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga
Councillor Christine Hamilton
Councillor Ahmet Hasan
Councillor Suna Hurman
Councillor Jansev Jemal
Councillor Doris Jiage
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Councillor Adeline Kepez
Councillor Bernie Lappage
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Don McGowan

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Councillor Rohini Simbodyal
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya

Against: 19

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Lee David-Sanders
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Michael Lavender
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terence Neville
Councillor Ann Marie Pearce
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Abstention: 0

Following the advice received, Councillor Hurer then moved and Councillor Lavender seconded an additional 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 (in place of Item 16.2):

- Item 16.7: Motion in the name of Councillor Stewart on management of the Employment & Support Allowance.

John Austin reminded members that use of the procedural motion was subject to either the discretion of the Mayor or by agreement of the meeting. In order to enable the meeting to proceed, the Mayor was therefore asked to rule on the procedural motion and informed members that he was not prepared to accept or approve it.

Councillor Hurer immediately moved and Councillor Rye seconded a further 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 (in place of Item 16.2):

- Item 16.4: Motion in the name of Councillor Neville on development of the Barnet & Chase Farm Hospital site.

The Mayor was once again asked to rule on the procedural motion and informed members that he was not prepared to accept or approve it and the meeting moved on to deal with Item 16.2, on the basis of the decision agreed above.

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

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MOTIONS

1.1 Councillor Hamilton moved and Councillor Cazimoglu seconded the following motion:

"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.

It is therefore important that due to the NHS crisis caused by the Tory led coalitions shambolic Health and Social Care Act, that the residents of Enfield can be reassured that the takeover by the Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust of Barnet and Chase Farm NHS Trust will be scrutinised to ensure that any additional funding will be used to improve and redevelop Chase Farm NHS Trust.

We also call upon the three Enfield MPs and the London MEPs to support the call for the NHS to be removed from the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and for the Prime Minister to veto health from the TTIP agreement. TTIP is a proposed “free trade” deal between the European Union and USA, including the ability for companies to sue governments.

The NHS must be excluded from the trade deal. The Tory led government’s Health & Social Care Act 2012 accelerated the sell-off of the NHS to private health firms, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) now threatens to make this sell off irreversible as it will undermine government freedom to change policy on private provision in the NHS.”

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

For: 33
Against: 19
Abstentions: 0

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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.

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ADOPTION OF NORTH CIRCULAR AREA ACTION PLAN**

RECEIVED a report from the Director of Regeneration & Environment (No.40A) seeking approval to the formal adoption of North Circular Area Action Plan to form part of Enfield’s Local Plan.

NOTED that the Area Action Plan had been considered and recommended to Council for formal adoption by Cabinet on 12 August 2014.

AGREED

- (1) To note receipt of the Planning Inspector’s final report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, that concludes the North Circular Area Action Plan is ‘sound’ and legally compliant.
- (2) To formally adopt (as recommended by Cabinet) the North Circular Area Action Plan to form part of Enfield’s Local Plan.

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

RECEIVED a report from the Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.51A) summarising the work undertaken to date towards introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Enfield and seeking approval for the Enfield Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule, for consultation and submission to the Secretary of State for public examination.

NOTED the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule had been considered and recommended to Council for formal approval by Cabinet on 17 September 2014.

AGREED to approve the Enfield Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, for consultation and submission to the Secretary of State for public examination

The Leader of the Opposition asked for all members of the Opposition Group present at the meeting to be recorded as voting against the above decision.

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SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORKPROGRAMME & WORKSTREAMS 2014/15

RECEIVED the report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (No.77) setting out the Scrutiny Annual Work Programme and workstreams identified by Overview & Scrutiny Committee for 2014/15.

NOTED the work programme and workstreams had been referred onto Council for formal approval following consideration by Overview & Scrutiny Committee (24 July 2014) and consultation with Cabinet on 12 August 2014.

AGREED to approve adoption of the 2014/15 scrutiny work programme and workstreams for the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1, of the report.

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**REFERENCE FROM THE MEMBERS & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES GROUP
- AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES: COUNCIL
QUESTIONS**

RECEIVED a report from the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.78) seeking approval of an amendment to the Council Procedure Rules to include Associate Cabinet Members (ACM's) within the procedure for Council Questions.

NOTED the proposed change had been considered and approved for recommendation to Council by the Members & Democratic Services Group on 16 September 2014.

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AGREED to approve (as recommended by Members & Democratic Services Group) the following amendments to Section 9 (Council Questions) within the Council Procedure Rules:

- (1) Extending the list of members which Council Question can be addressed to, in order to include Associate Cabinet Members:

“Any Councillor may ask a Cabinet Member, Associate Cabinet Member, Overview & Scrutiny/Scrutiny Workstream Chair or Statutory Committee Chair a question at a Council meeting.”

- (2) Updating the list of outside bodies on which questions can be addressed to members serving on them, as follows:

- Association of London Government – amend to London Councils
- Enfield Strategic Partnership Board – change to Enfield Strategic Partnership

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THE CARE ACT 2014

RECEIVED a report from the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care (No.20A) setting out the key requirements of the Care Act, the potential impact on the Council and progress made locally to implement it.

NOTED that Cabinet had considered and approved the report on 23 July 2014. In approving the report, Cabinet had referred it on to Council for and information.

AGREED to note:

- (1) that the Care Bill received Royal Assent in May and was now an Act of Parliament.
- (2) that the consultation on the draft regulations and guidance for Part 1 of the Care Act had been published; and that Cabinet had agreed the delegation of the Council's response to the Cabinet Member of the Health and Adult Social Care;
- (3) the implications of the Care Act on local authorities, and that Cabinet had approved progress made locally to prepare for the implementation (as detailed in paragraph 6 of the report) and the funding allocations attached (as detailed in paragraph 7, of the report).
- (4) that Cabinet had agreed to a full impact assessment and gap analysis being produced on the basis of the key milestones set out in legislation for 2015 and 2016; and
- (5) the potential impact of the Act locally, including key financial risks.

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APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER

Council was asked to consider a change in the Monitoring Officer arrangements, as a result of the Assistant Director Corporate Governance having taken flexible retirement with effect from 1 October 2014.

AGREED that Council formally approve (in accordance with the requirements in Section 5 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989) a change in Monitoring Officer arrangements with the Assistant Director Legal and Governance (Asmat Hussain) being appointed as Monitoring Officer with effect from 9th October 2014 and John Austin together with Jill Bayley, Linda Dalton, Jayne Middleton-Albooye and John Oakley taking on the role of Deputy Monitoring Officers.

The Leader of the Opposition asked for all the members of the Opposition Group present at the meeting to be recorded as having abstained from the above decision.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)

1.1. Urgent Questions

The Mayor informed Council of the receipt of an urgent question from Councillor Neville relating to a recent Portfolio decision on the closing of park gates. Members were advised that having considered the reasons for urgency along with the fact that the decision had been called-in for review, the Mayor had decided not to accept submission of the question under the urgency procedure.

1.2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED the fifty three questions on the Council agenda and written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet Member.

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MOTIONS

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

1.1 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.”

1.2 In the name of Councillor Oykenner:

“The Council welcomes the establishment of a local authority company to develop own and manage a portfolio of properties to be made available for private rent.”

1.3 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.”

1.4 In the name of Councillor Neville:

“The Council calls upon the Cabinet to implement Labour’s election pledge “to encourage residents to shop locally” by firstly implementing a 20 minute free parking at Pay and Display bays in town centres, and secondly ensuring that in designing the Cycle Enfield project existing on-street parking spaces are not reduced.”

1.5 In the name of Councillor Taylor:

“Enfield Council welcomes

- An increase in nurses
- Better access to housing
- Fairer taxation
- An increase in the minimum wage
- A freeze of gas and electricity bills until 2017

Enfield residents will benefit from changing the economic conditions currently creating a fall in incomes. Enfield residents will benefit from the safeguarding of the NHS promised by a change of Government.”

1.6 In the name of Councillor Stewart:

“Enfield Council is extremely concerned about the Government’s mismanagement of Employment and Support Allowance. Large backlogs, an increasing number of sanctions and poorly administered

Work Capability Assessments are having a devastating effect on the most vulnerable in Enfield. The Leader of the Council is requested to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Iain Duncan Smith, to raise our concerns.”

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REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY ARRANGEMENTS & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

1.1 Review of Council Proportionality Arrangements following a change in political balance on the Council

RECEIVED a briefing paper from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services advising members of a change in the political balance of the Council and associated review of the proportionality arrangements relating to the allocation of seats on the committees, joint committees and panels.

NOTED that as a result of objections raised by the Opposition Group, the allocation of one seat on the Edmonton Partnership Working Group to the Independent Member could not be approved for recommendation.

AGREED to note the change in political balance on the Council as follows – Labour: 40 members; Conservatives: 22 members & Independent: 1 member and revised proportionality arrangements in terms of the allocation of seats on Committees and other relevant bodies, as detailed in the briefing paper. which would involve the Majority Group vacating a seat on each of the following bodies:

- Public Transport Consultative Group;
- Staff Appeals Panel; and
- Edmonton Partnership Working Group

1.2 Committee Memberships

(a) Appointment of Independent Person – Ethical Governance and Standards Framework

NOTED that following interviews held on 24 July 2014 the Councillor Conduct Committee had recommended the appointment of a second Independent Person under the Council’s Ethical Governance and Standards Framework.

AGREED that the appointment of Sarah Jewell as an Independent Person under the Council’s Ethical Governance and Standards Framework be confirmed for a two year term office to expire on 8th October 2016.

(b) Changes to Committee Membership

AGREED to confirm the following changes to committee memberships:

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- (i) Adoption Panel – Councillor Celebi to replace Councillor Vince
- (ii) Audit Committee – Councillor Hamilton to replace Councillor Ulus
- (iii) Deaf Community Forum - To establish the following membership:
Labour Group: Councillor Georgiou (Chair), Bond, Cazimoglu, McGowan & Simbodyal and Conservative Group: Councillor Fallart, A.M Pearce
- (iv) Edmonton Partnership Working Group – Councillor Ulus to be replaced by a vacancy
- (v) Electoral Review Panel – Councillor Bond to replace Councillor Charalambous
- (vi) Green Belt Forum – Councillor Bond to replace Councillor Ulus
- (vii) Pension Fund Board – Councillor Cazimoglu to replace Councillor Ulus
- (viii) Public Transport Consultative Group – Councillor Chibah to be replaced by a vacancy
- (ix) Staff Appeals Panel – Councillor Dogan to be replaced by a vacancy

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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

- (1) London Councils: Associated Joint Committee Transport & Environment – Councillor Dogan to replace Councillor Sitkin as Deputy.
- (2) Edmonton United Charities – Denise Headley & Jonas Hall to be replaced by Councillor Celebi and Councillor Steven for a term to expire on 8 October 2018.
- (3) Housing Gateway Ltd – Assistant Director Corporate Governance to be replaced by Assistant Director Legal and Governance
- (4) Lee Valley Heat Network Ltd (formerly referred to as New River Trading Services Ltd) – Councillor Sitkin to replace Councillor Stafford & Assistant Director Corporate Governance to be replaced by Assistant Director Legal and Governance
- (5) Newlon Housing Association – Councillor Hurman to replace Councillor Ulus

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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 19 November 2014 at the Civic Centre.