



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2015
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, 28th January, 2015 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

Yours sincerely

Armat Hussain

Assistant Director Legal & Corporate Governance

- 1. ELECTION (IF REQUIRED) OF THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR 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**

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the following Council meetings:

- 4.1 Council – Wednesday 19 November 2014 (Pages 1 – 26)
- 4.2 Extraordinary Council Meeting – Tuesday 23 December 2014
(Pages 27 – 32)

4.3 Second Extraordinary Council Meeting – Tuesday 23 December 2014
(Pages 33 – 36)

5. APOLOGIES

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

7. OPPOSITION BUSINESS - MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S FINANCES (Pages 37 - 40)

An issues paper prepared by the Opposition Group is attached for the consideration of Council.

The Constitution Procedure Rules relating to Opposition Business are attached for information. Members are asked to note that these procedure rules are subject to amendment, following review by Members & Democratic Services Group with the changes to be submitted for approval under Agenda Item 8.

8. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER 2014: ADJOURNED ITEM OF BUSINESS

At the second Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 December 2014 it was agreed that the debate on the following motion, having been moved by Councillor Fonyonga and seconded by Councillor Taylor, should be adjourned to the next Council meeting on 28 January 2014.

In adjourning the debate (under Council Procedure Rule 12.12 (a) (iii)) it was agreed that the motion should be placed at the start of the Council agenda for consideration following Opposition Priority Business.

The motion is as follows:

“Council notes that:

- 1) Working people are now £1,600 plus a year worse off than in 2010
- 2) Business investment trails our international competitors
- 3) The 1% tax cut for top earners takes £3 billion away from vital public services
- 4) The need for food banks in Enfield is growing

Council further notes the unfunded tax pledges of the Conservative Government in the Autumn Statement, and the Deputy Prime Minister's accusation that the Government was 'Kidding the public'.

The Council agrees that any political group represented on the Council is irresponsible if it does not appreciate the calamity of Government economic and fiscal policy and its impact on ordinary people in Enfield.

Council condemns any politicians, local or National, who seek to ignore the impact of Government cuts on the difficult decisions Councils have to take.

Council agrees:

- a) to take a responsible approach to budget setting in 2015-18 and expects any suggestions for growth, or protected spending, to be aligned with proposals for reductions elsewhere in the budget, to meet the £75 million plus pressures on the Councils' budget.
- b) to write to the 3 local MPs asking them to confirm their opposition to the Conservative Government's plan for excessive future cuts to public services as identified by the IFS, and to call for adequate funding for the London Borough of Enfield to preserve vital public services."

9. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME & COUNCIL AND BUSINESS RATE TAXBASE 2015/16 (Pages 41 - 250)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services reviewing and seeking approval to changes in the local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2015/16, which the Council is required to produce under section 13A(1)(a) and Schedule 1A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The report also recommends the 2015/16 council tax and business rate bases (Appendix D and E).

(Report No.154)
(Key Decision – Reference No.4016)

Members are asked to note that the NNDR 1 DCLG Business Rate Base Return (Appendix E) has been marked as "To Follow" pending completion, following receipt from Department of Communities & Local Government in January 15.

10. LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003 (Pages 251 - 292)

To receive the report of the Director – Regeneration & Environment seeking approval of the revised Licensing Policy Statement, which the Council has a statutory duty, under the Licensing Act 2003, to determine and publish every five years.
(Report No.155)

Members are asked to note that the Policy Statement was considered and approved for recommendation to Council by Licensing Committee on 19

November 2014.

11. DELEGATED AUTHORITY WITHIN THE REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT (Pages 293 - 322)

To receive a report from the Director – Regeneration & Environment setting out the delegated authority arrangements within the Regeneration and Environment Department and updating arrangements in respect of delegated powers within the Divisions for Community Safety, Planning, Highways & Transportation, Public Realm, Economic Development and Regeneration as a consequence of changes in structures, posts and legislation.

(Report No.156)

(Key Decision – Reference No. 4039)

12. SCHOOLS FORUM - AMENDMENT TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 323 - 332)

To receive a report from the Director of Schools & Children's Services seeking approval to changes in the Terms of Reference for the Schools Forum. The amendments follow enactment of the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2014 and inclusion of the School Business Manager as an observer.

(Report No.157)

The amendments to the Terms of Reference have been considered and approved by the Schools Forum for recommendation on to Council.

13. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES) (Pages 333 - 376)

13.1 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.

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

The list of seventy seven questions received and their written responses are attached to the agenda.

14. MOTIONS

14.1 In the name of Councillor Laban:

In light of recent events in relation to consultation, the Council calls upon the Leader of the Council to implement a review across all departments in order to provide residents with greater confidence in the way Enfield Council conducts consultation.

14.2 In the name of Councillor Laban:

The Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety to improve the relationship with the Friends of the Parks Groups by agreeing to consult them on council projects and decisions that relate to parks in our borough in recognition of their status as a key partner in the delivery of our parks service.

14.3 In the name of Councillor Maguire:

This Council calls on Conservative Members and Enfield Conservative MPs Nick De Bois and David Burrowes to exert maximum pressure on the Conservative led Government to reverse its tax cut for millionaires.

This Council believes that the decision to cut the top rate of tax from 50p to 45p was misguided and irresponsible.

This Council agrees that the money raised from reinstating the 50p top rate of tax should be used to invest in Council and Health Services that would benefit all the people, including the many thousands in Enfield who rely on them.

14.4 In the name of Councillor Barry:

While many ordinary people in Enfield face falling household incomes and rising costs of living, some multinational companies are avoiding billions of pounds of tax from a tax system that fails to make them pay their fair share. Local Governments such as ours in the UK and others in developing countries would all benefit from a fairer tax system where multinational companies pay their fair share, enabling authorities around the world to provide quality public services. The UK Government must listen to the strength of public feeling and use its powers effectively to end the injustice of tax dodging by large multinational companies in developing countries and the UK

The council therefore resolves to support the campaign for tax justice, for the benefit of those living in Enfield and beyond.

15. MEMBERSHIPS

To confirm any changes to committee memberships:

Please note any changes notified once the final agenda has been published will be tabled on the Council amendment sheet at the meeting.

16. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm any changes nominations on outside bodies.

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17. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider, if necessary, passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the press and public from the meeting for the item of business listed on the part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in those paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

No Part 2 items have currently been identified for consideration.