



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 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, 25th February, 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 (Pages 1 - 20)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 28 January 2015.

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. BUDGET 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2015/16 TO 2018/19 (GENERAL FUND) (Pages 21 - 202)

To receive the report of the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services presenting for approval the Budget for 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Plan (General Fund). (Report No.158A)

(Key Decision – Reference No.3957)

Members are asked to note that:

- Recommendations 2.1 – 2.10 were endorsed and recommended onto Council for formal approval by Cabinet on 11 February 2015.
- The report will need to be considered in conjunction with Report No.166A on the Part 2 Council agenda

8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES 2015/16 AND RENT SETTING (HRA & TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION) (Pages 203 - 230)

To receive the joint report of the Directors of Health, Housing & Adult Social Care & Finance, Resources and Customer Services presenting for approval the revenue estimates of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2015/16 and the updated position on the HRA 30 year business plan.

(Report No.159A)

(Key Decision – Reference No.3958)

Members are asked to note that the recommendations in the report were endorsed and approved for recommendation onto Council by Cabinet on 11 February 2015.

9. RESPONDING TO THE DCLG REPORT INSPECTION OF ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL (Pages 231 - 258)

To receive a report from the Director of Schools & Children's Services advising members of the publication of the recent report by the Government's investigation team into Rotherham Metropolitan Council and actions recommended in response by the Council. (Report No.169 A)

Council is asked to note that Cabinet agreed the report at its meeting on 11th February 2015. Council is therefore being asked to approve the establishment of a specialist dedicated Task Group with a strong focus on Child Sexual Exploitation and associated risks for children and young people.

10. REVIEW & ADOPTION OF A STATUTORY PAY POLICY STATEMENT (Pages 259 - 274)

To receive the report of the Assistant Director Human Resources presenting the Council's Statutory Pay Policy Statement for consideration and approval.

(Report No.149A)

Members are asked to note that the draft Policy Statement was considered and approved for recommendation onto Council, subject to the amendments identified, by the Remuneration Sub Committee on 26 January 2015.

11. EXERCISING DISCRETION UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (Pages 275 - 282)

To receive the report of the Assistant Director Human Resources detailing new discretions available to employers introduced under the Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 and making recommendations as to how Council should exercise these discretions. The report also reviews discretions available under previous regulations. (Report No.150A)

Council is asked to note that the report was agreed and referred on to Council for formal approval, by Remuneration Committee on 26 January 2015.

12. AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES (Pages 283 - 316)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services seeking approval to changes to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in order to reflect best practice in procurement, reduce bureaucracy and comply with the forthcoming Public Contracts regulations 2015. (Report No.139A)

Council is asked to note that the revised Contract Procedure Rules were considered and approved for recommendation on to Council by Audit Committee on 8 January 2015.

13. THE CARE ACT 2014 (Pages 317 - 326)

To receive a report from the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care summarising progress on local implementation of the Care Act 2014. (Report No.161A)

Members are asked to note that Cabinet considered and approved the report on 11 February 2015. In approving the report, Cabinet requested that it also be referred on to Council for information. **(Key Decision – Reference Number 3995)**

14. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)
(Pages 327 - 358)

14.1 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.

14.2 Councillors’ Questions (Part 4 – Paragraph 9.2(a) of Constitution – Page 4 - 8)

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

15. MOTIONS

15.1 In the name of Councillor Barry:

“This Council is proud of the support it has given to the North London Credit Union and commits itself to continue to support their ethical financial work which places affordability and fairness at the heart of its efforts to provide affordable banking for local people and local businesses both existing and new.”

15.2 In the name of Councillor Cazimoglu:

“The Council should reaffirm its commitment to the NHS and its opposition to privatisation in Enfield.

The NHS should be at the centre of all decision making as a preferred provider. The private sector should only be used in a supporting role and never when it destabilises a local NHS institution or fragments care. ‘Not for Profit’ organisations should be favoured where profits are reinvested into the NHS and not profits for shareholders.

When commissioning services, as far as possible we should endeavour to give the NHS the first chance to deliver and improve services”.

15.3 In the name of Councillor Neville:

“It has recently come to light that Councillor Nesimi Erbil was convicted of

two fraud related offences in relation to his license to drive a London taxi (black cab), the convictions having occurred last September.

The council is of the view that these offences, being offences of dishonesty render Councillor Erbil unfit to serve on the council and accordingly calls upon him to resign his seat forthwith.”

15.4 In the name of Councillor Laban:

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

15.5 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.”

15.6 In the name of Councillor Taylor:

“Currently, the Government is spending money on new Free Schools in areas where there are surplus places. This simply makes no sense when demand for places is so high, particularly in London.

By ending the scandalous waste of money from building new schools in areas of surplus places, more places can be created where they are needed.

Class sizes for 5, 6, and 7 year olds will be capped by a future Labour Government at no more than 30 pupils.

Enfield Council welcomes funding proposals that could improve the life chances of Enfield children.”

15.7 In the name of Councillor Sitkin:

“Under this pro-enterprise Labour Administration, Enfield Council commits to remaining open for business.”

16. REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS (Pages 359 - 360)

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

To receive 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 that have been set up for discharge of the Council's functions.

16.2 Committee 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.

17. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND USE OF URGENT ACTION PROCEDURE

17.1 Use of Council Urgent Action Procedure

Council is asked to note the following decision taken by the Leader of the Council (4th February 2015), under the Council Urgent Action Procedure (in accordance with section 30 of the Council Procedure Rules):

Decision:

To appoint Councillor Levy as Deputy Member on the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA) for a term of office to run until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2018.

Reason for Urgency:

The Council's nominated representative on LVRPA had advised they would be unable to attend the LVRPA meeting on 5th February 2015, which was due to consider an item relating to its Trust status. In order to ensure the Council was formally represented at this, and any future meetings, a Deputy Member was appointed. Whilst this appointment would normally have been listed for approval on the next available Council agenda, it wasn't possible to do so on this occasion given the timing of the LVRPA meeting.

17.2 Nominations to Outside Bodies

To confirm any changes to the nominations on Outside Bodies.

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

18. USE OF COUNCIL'S URGENCY PROCEDURE (Pages 361 - 362)

Council is asked to note the details provided of decisions taken under the Council's urgency procedure relating to the waiver of call-in and, where necessary, the requirement for notice on the Key Decision List along with the reasons for urgency. These decisions have 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.

19. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members are asked to note that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

21. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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