

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25
FEBRUARY 2015**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Ali Bakir (Mayor), Patricia Ekechi (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Katherine Chibah, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Jansev Jemal, Doris Jagge, 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 Oykenner, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Claire Stewart, Jim Steven, Doug Taylor, Haydar Ulus and Glynis Vince

ABSENT Lee David-Sanders, Nesimi Erbil, Turgut Esendagli, Christine Hamilton, Suna Hurman, Anne-Marie Pearce, Rohini Simbodyal and Ozzie Uzoanya.

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ELECTION (IF REQUIRED) OF THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE MEETING

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

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

The Mayor informed Members that the person who had been invited to give the blessing at the Council meeting tonight had unfortunately been unable to attend. It was therefore not possible to offer any blessing at the meeting.

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

The Mayor made the following announcements:

(a) Update on Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Engagements

The Mayor reported that although the last Council meeting had only been a month ago, this had been another busy period for himself and the Deputy Mayor in terms of engagements. Particular highlights had included:

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- The “Speak Out” challenge at Kingsmead School
- An awards ceremony for Greater London North Scouts
- A fundraising event with the Rotary Club in Southgate
- An induction ceremony at Cockfosters and New Southgate Synagogue
- The UK Youth Parliament Elections
- The Adoramous Valentine’s Concert

(b) Mayors Charity Ball

The Mayor was also pleased to be able to confirm that his charity fundraising ball was being held on Saturday 18 April 2014. Invitations had now been issued and he hoped to see as many Members as possible supporting the event.

138 MINUTES

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 January 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

139 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lee David-Sanders, Turgut Esendagli, Christine Hamilton, Suna Hurman, Anne-Marie Pearce, Rohini Simbodyal, Ozzie Uzoanya.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors George Savva MBE and Haydar Ulus.

140 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Mayor invited John Austin (Assistant Director – Governance Projects) to make a short statement relating to the declaration of interests in respect of Agenda Item 7 (Budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/16 to 2018/19 – General Fund) and Agenda Item 8: (Housing Revenue Account Estimates 2015/16 and Rent Setting – HRA & Temporary Accommodation).

Council noted:

1. Under guidance issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government members would not be required to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPA) in relation to the budget or setting of the Council Tax. This was on the basis that Council Tax liability would apply to the borough’s population as a whole, with councillors not having any unique position in that regard. The requirements within Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 would, however, still apply, which required any Member who was two or more months in arrears on

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their Council Tax to declare their position and not vote on any issue that could affect the calculation of the budget or Council Tax.

2. The Councillor Conduct Committee (May 2013) had also granted a dispensation for all members in terms of the declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to the setting of housing rents

Subject to the requirements within Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, this would allow all members to participate in the debate and vote on decisions relating to the setting of the Council Tax and Housing Rents.

Having noted the advice provided, the following declaration of interests were made at the meeting:

Agenda Item 10: Review & Adoption of Statutory Pay Policy Statement – the following members declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

- Councillor Maguire as a full time employee of UNISON.
- Councillor Stewart given the interest declared by Councillor Maguire as a close family member.
- Councillor Lemonides as his spouse was a full time employee of the Local Authority.
- Councillor Orhan as a relative was an employee of the Council.

Agenda Item 11: Exercising Discretion under the Local Government Pension Scheme

(a) the following members declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

- Councillor Maguire as a full time employee of UNISON.
- Councillor Stewart given the interest declared by Councillor Maguire as a “close family member.
- Councillor Lemonides as his spouse was a full time employee of the Local Authority.
- Councillor Orhan as a relative was an employee of the Council.

(b) As a result of clarification provided at the meeting regarding the scope of the report, the following members declared Non-Pecuniary Interests:

- Councillor Achilleas Georgiou – as a member (not within Enfield) of the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- Councillor Anderson – as a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Agenda Item 13: The Care Act 2014 – having noted that the item had only been submitted for information, Councillor Oyken declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest given his role in an organisation operating within the domiciliary care sector.

Agenda Item 15.6: Motion in the name of Councillor Taylor on Free School provision – Councillor Laban declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest given that a close family member was employed as a headteacher at a Free School operating within the Borough.

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BUDGET 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2015/16 TO 2018/19 (GENERAL FUND)

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Stafford seconded the report of the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.158A) presenting for approval the Budget for 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Plan (General Fund).

NOTED

1. The recommendations within the report 2.2 - 2.10 had been endorsed and referred to Council for formal approval by Cabinet on 11 February 2015.
2. The report would need to be considered in conjunction with Report No.166A on the Part 2 Council agenda (Min.159 refers).
3. The significant response to the budget consultation process undertaken on the proposals for 2015/16 and outcome, as detailed within section 4 and Appendix 1 of the report.
4. The Leader of the Council's thanks to James Rolfe (Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services) and his officers for the preparation of the budget and to all those who had taken part in the consultation process.
5. The ongoing pressures on the Council's budget as a result of the reduction in local government funding and continued austerity measures by Central Government, increasing level of demand on services and the negative impact of the funding allocation damping mechanism. As a result the Leader informed Council that the Authority was considering mounting a joint legal challenge against the Government with a number of neighbouring boroughs in relation to the damping mechanism.
6. The approach highlighted by the Leader of the Council towards management of the Council's resources and delivery of a balanced budget. Despite ongoing austerity, cost shunting measures, reductions in funding and pressures created locally by the current economic climate, significant efficiencies had been achieved, front line services protected with the long term sustainability of key services maintained alongside a further freeze in the level of Council Tax and ongoing investment in key projects and priorities.

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7. The approach towards management of the Council's resources in both the short term and through the Medium Term Financial Plan had been designed to:
 - a. reflect the Administration's key priorities, commitments and core aim of making Enfield a better place to live and work by delivering Fairness for All; Growth & Sustainability and Strong Communities;
 - b. ensure that the Council continued to provide quality services that would meet the changing and growing needs and expectations of service users, support and safeguard the most vulnerable within the local community as well as keeping the borough safe and clean as opposed to only focussing on the provision of statutory services.
8. The need to recognise:
 - a. the ongoing financial pressure on the Council given the reduction in resources available to meet increasing service demands, which would continue to require difficult and tough decisions in relation to service provision and delivery of the Council's priorities.
 - b. the progress being made under the Enfield 2017 transformation programme towards the delivery of sustainable, integrated, efficient, cost effective and local services available to access when needed and supported through assisted self-service.
 - c. that borrowing in relation to the Capital Programme had increased but remained affordable and within the required prudential indicators.
9. The thanks to Council officers for their support and efforts in delivery of the budget proposals alongside the key achievements made by the current Administration, as highlighted by individual Cabinet Members.
10. The concerns highlighted by the Opposition Group in relation to:
 - a. the lack of recognition at what was felt to be an improving position in relation to the national economic climate with a fall in inflation and increasing rates of employment, although it was noted at the same time that unemployment in Enfield remained higher than the London average.
 - b. the impact of the previous Labour Governments management of the economy and contribution towards the economic crash.
 - c. the limited recognition of the funding support being provided by central Government and further reduction in the Mayor for London's budget to assist with the freeze in Council Tax levels.

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- d. the significant increase in the level of Council borrowing and debt under the current Labour Administration and impact in terms of the additional pressure created on the Council's revenue budget as a result of the associated debt and interest repayments.
- e. the ongoing investment in the Housing Gateway scheme, capitalising of certain revenue items, lack of progress made on delivery of other major housing and regeneration schemes such as Meridian Water and failure to utilise additional funding streams available for initiatives such as the Free School programme.
- f. what was felt to be the lack of financial planning required to identify and delivery the level of savings required to address the challenging financial position faced by the Administration since 2010.
- g. at the increased level of the Council's revenue spending on areas such as temporary accommodation when compared with other London Boroughs and at the focus on Enfield 2017 as the main strategy for delivery of efficiencies and savings given what was felt to have been the lack of alternative options and progress to date.
- h. at the failure of the Labour Administration to make the significant and difficult decisions required to address the budget gap moving forward.

As a result of the concerns expressed Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Hurer seconded reference back, under Council Procedure Rule 12.7 (a) (i) of the budget report to Cabinet for reconsideration, in order to apply the following principles, on the basis that the proper application of the measures identified would produce a reduction of 1% in Council Tax:

1. review borrowing and the current borrowing commitments.
2. amend the Housing Gateway project to purchase houses outside of London.
3. embrace more free schools and academies.
4. bring forward the 2017 project.
5. reduce the budget for temporary accommodation.
6. abandon the Landlord Licensing Scheme.

Whilst open to debating alternative budget proposals, the Leader of the Council highlighted what the Majority Group felt to be a lack of detail in the principles that had been outlined for consideration under the reference back. Following a lengthy debate the reference back was put to the vote and lost with the following result:

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Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Robert Hayward
Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terence Neville OBE JP
Councillor Michael Rye OBE
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against: 34

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
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 Pat Ekechi
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Ahmet Hasan
Councillor Jansev Jemal
Councillor Doris Jiagge
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Adeline Kepez
Councillor Bernie Lappage
Councillor Dino Lemonides
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Don McGowan
Councillor Ayfer Orhan
Councillor Ahmet Oykenner
Councillor Vicki Pite

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Councillor George Savva MBE
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Haydar Ulus

Abstention: 0

Consideration of the budget report and recommendations (unamended) then continued and after a further lengthy debate Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Taylor seconded closure motion 12.12 (ii) "that the question be now put". This was agreed unanimously, without a vote.

The recommendations in the report were then put to the vote and approved with the following result:

AGREED

- (1) With regard to the revenue budget for 2015/16:
 - (a) The council tax requirement for Enfield be set at £100.917m in 2015/16.
 - (b) Subject to final pupil count data, to approve expenditure of £307.837m in 2015/16 for the Schools budget, funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant.
 - (c) To set the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield's services for 2015/16 at £1,100.34 (as detailed in para 8.1 of the report), there being no increase over the 2014/15 Council Tax.
 - (d) To approve the statutory calculations and resolutions set out in Appendix 10 of the report.
- (2) That the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection and Cabinet Member for Finance be authorised to take the decision on the schools budget for 2015/16, taking into account the comments of the Schools Forum on 4 March 2015 and any relevant decisions which the Forum make under the DfE regulations (as detailed in section 5.8 of the report)
- (3) To approve, subject to consultation, the Fees and Charges for Adult Social Care Services for 2015/16, as detailed in section 10.17 and Appendix 11 of the report.
- (4) To approve the continuation of the existing policy for the calculation of Minimum Revenue Provision (as detailed in section 9.16 of the report)

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In accordance with the Standing Order Regulations 2014, the vote recorded in relation to decisions **(1)** – **(4)** above was as follows:

For: 52

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Don Delman
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Councillor Elaine Hayward
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Councillor Ahmet Oykenner
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor Michael Rye OBE
Councillor George Savva MBE
Councillor Toby Simon

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Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

- (5)** With regard to the Prudential Code and the Capital Programme:
- (a)** To note the requirements of the Prudential Code (as detailed in section 9 of the report)
 - (b)** To approve the Approved Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2018/19 (as detailed in Table 9 and Appendix 9 of the report) and note the indicative Capital Programme, which it was also agreed would be reviewed in the light of circumstances at the time.
 - (c)** To approve the Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement and criteria for investments (as detailed in section 9 and Appendices 4 and 5 of the report).
- (6)** To note, with regard to the Medium Term Financial Plan, the forecast for the medium term as set out in section 10 of the report and adopt the key principles set out in paragraph 10.13 of the report.
- (7)** With regard to the robustness of the 2015/16 budget and the adequacy of the Council's earmarked reserves and balances:
- (a)** To note the risks and uncertainties inherent in the 2015/16 budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan (as detailed in sections 10 & 11 of the report) and also agree the actions in hand to mitigate them;
 - (b)** To note the advice of the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services regarding the recommended levels of contingencies, balances and earmarked reserves (as detailed in section 12 of the report) and have regard to the Director's statement (as detailed in section 13 of the report) when making final decisions on the 2015/16 budget;
 - (c)** To approve the recommended levels of central contingency and general balances (as detailed in section 12 of the report);

In accordance with the Standing Order Regulations 2014, the vote recorded in relation to decisions **(5)** – **(7)** above was as follows:

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Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
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
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Councillor Ahmet Oykener
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor George Savva MBE
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor

Against: 19

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Robert Hayward
Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Michael Lavender

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Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terence Neville OBE JP
Councillor Michael Rye OBE
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Abstention: 0

- (8)** To approve the fees and charges for Environmental Services for 2015/16 (as detailed in section 10.16 and Appendix 12 of the report). Report No.166A on the Part 2 agenda also refers (Min 159).
- (9)** That the New Homes Bonus be allocated to maintain regeneration and homelessness services in accordance with paragraph 5.7 in the report.

In accordance with the Standing Order Regulations 2014, the vote recorded in relation to decisions **(8)** – **(9)** above was as follows:

For: 33

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
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Councillor George Savva MBE
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Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor

Abstentions: 19

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
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Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terence Neville OBE JP
Councillor Michael Rye OBE
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against: 0

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DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETING

Given the length of debate on the 2015/16 budget item and amount of business to be completed on the agenda members were asked to consider whether they wanted to extend the time of the meeting beyond the designated time of 10:15pm.

As there were still a number of items that members were keen to debate Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a procedural motion under Council Procedure Rule 11 (m) to extend the time of the meeting for an additional period of 15 minutes. This was agreed unanimously without a vote.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Stewart then moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a proposal to change the order of business on the agenda under paragraph 2.2 (page 4-6) of the Council Procedure Rules to enable the meeting to take the following as the next item of business:

Item 9 – Responding to the DCLG Report Inspection of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

The change in the order of the agenda was agreed, without a vote.

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

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RESPONDING TO THE DCLG REPORT INSPECTION OF ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor Orhan moved and Councillor Jemal seconded the report of the Director of Schools and Children's Services (No.169A) making recommendations to strengthen the robust governance and political oversight of safeguarding to vulnerable children and young people.

NOTED

1. That the report proposed the establishment of a specialist task group on Child Sexual Exploitation and its allied issues (of children who are missing or unaccounted for). This to be alongside the regular reporting to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. The following changes to the recommendations within the report, proposed by the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection when moving the item:
 - a. recommendation 2.2 (a) to be amended so that the proposed Task Group be made up of 6 Members which would be split 4:2 in terms of membership, in order to comply with the proportionality requirements, with names to be notified by each Group.
 - b. recommendation 2.2 (b) to be amended so that whilst the membership of the Task Group would still be set up in accordance with the requirements of political proportionality its detailed terms of reference and working arrangements would be subject to further consideration by the Group itself, and would then be reported back to Council for formal approval.
3. Whilst supportive of the amendments in outlined in 2. above the Opposition Group were concerned to ensure that membership of the Task Group excluded members of the Executive, given the need for it to be able to develop an appropriate challenging role of the Executive.
4. The work of the Task Group would be reported to Council on a biannual basis. The intention underpinning the recommendations was for the continuous drive for improvement by the Council and its partners in relation to the support and improved outcomes for vulnerable children.

During the debate on the report members were reminded that the meeting was due to end at 10:30pm. As there was still a number of members who had indicated they wanted to speak on the item and a need to consider the 2015/16 Housing Revenue Account and Rent Setting report and Part 2 Budget Setting report Councillor Stewart moved and Council Taylor seconded a further extension of the meeting by 15 minutes under Council Procedure Rule 11 (m). The extension was unanimously agreed without a vote.

Following a further period of debate the recommendations in the report (as amended) were agreed unanimously, without a vote.

AGREED

- (1) To note that Cabinet had agreed to support Scrutiny's focus on children's and young people's issues and recommend that Overview and Scrutiny Committee include a standing item on every Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda regarding children and young people's issues.
- (2) The establishment of a specialist dedicated Task Group with a strong focus on Child Sexual Exploitation and associated risks for children and young people. The task group to comprise 6 Members to be split 4:2 in terms of membership in order to comply with the proportionality requirements, with names to be notified by each Group.
- (3) The detailed terms of reference and working arrangements for the Task Group would be subject to further consideration by the Group itself, and would then be reported back to Council for formal approval.
- (4) The Task Group would report on its work to Council on a bi-annual basis along with any recommendation on tackling on Child Sexual Exploitation and the associated risks for children and young people.

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HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES 2015/16 AND RENT SETTING (HRA & TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION)

Councillor Oykener moved and Councillor Taylor seconded the report from the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care and Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.159A) setting out the proposed detailed budget for the Housing Revenue Account for 2015/16.

Given the time remaining to complete consideration of the agenda, the recommendations in the report were put straight to the vote and agreed unanimously without a vote.

AGREED

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- (1) To approve the detailed revenue estimates of the Housing Revenue Account for 2015/16
- (2) The rents be increased in line with Government guidance and Enfield Council Rent Policy. This would result in an average increase of 2.2% for Enfield tenants.
- (3) To approve the level of service charges for 2015/16, as set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report, for those properties receiving the services.
- (4) To approve the proposals for increases in other income for 2015/16 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.
- (5) The Temporary Accommodation rents as set out in Appendix 6 of the report, for 2015/16 and that the authority to review in the event of any changes be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Management and the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services.
- (6) To approve the total HRA capital programme of £52.7m for 2015/16 and a further 4 years.
- (7) That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration and the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care to approve tenders for Decent Homes and General Works.

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COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8 - DURATION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor advised, at this stage of the meeting, that the time available to complete the agenda (following the various extensions agreed) was shortly due to elapse. Given the need to allow time for a recorded vote on the Part 2 agenda item he advised that Council Procedure Rule 8 would therefore need to apply for the remainder of the agenda.

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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REVIEW & ADOPTION OF A STATUTORY PAY POLICY STATEMENT

RECEIVED the report of the Assistant Director Human Resources (No.149A) presenting the Council's Annual Statutory Pay Policy Statement for consideration and approval.

NOTED that the Pay Policy Statement had been considered and approved for recommendation on to Council by the Remuneration Committee on 26 January 2015.

AGREED to adopt, as recommended by the Remuneration Committee, the Statutory Pay Policy Statement attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Councillors Lemonides, Maguire, Orhan and Stewart declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in this item. As the matter was dealt with under the guillotine they did not withdraw from the meeting but took no part in the decision made on the report.

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EXERCISING DISCRETION UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

RECEIVED a report from the Assistant Director Human Resources (No.150A) detailing the new discretions available to the employers introduced under the Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 and putting forward recommendations on how the Council would exercise these discretions.

NOTED that the report had been considered and agreed for recommendation on to Council by the Remuneration Committee on 26 January 2015.

AGREED the recommendations in respect of the discretions detailed in 3.2.1 to 3.5.1 of the report to apply with effect from 1 March 2015.

Councillors Lemonides, Maguire, Orhan and Stewart declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in this item. As the matter was dealt with under the guillotine they did not withdraw from the meeting but took no part in the decision made on the report.

Councillors Anderson and Achilleas Georgiou declared non-pecuniary interests in this item.

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AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

RECEIVED a report from the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.139A) proposing changes to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, part of the Council's Constitution, to reflect best practice in procurement, reduce bureaucracy and comply with the forthcoming Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

NOTED that the revised Contract Procedure Rules had been considered and approved for recommendation on to Council by Audit Committee on 8 January 2015.

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- (1) To approve (as recommended by Audit Committee) the changes to the Contract Procedure Rules for inclusion within the Council's Constitution.
- (2) To note that implementation of the changes would take place immediately after the forthcoming Public Contract Regulations 2015 were implemented by UK Government on 26 February 2015.

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THE CARE ACT 2014

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

NOTED

1. Cabinet had considered and approved the report at its meeting on 11 February 2015. In approving the report, they had also referred it on to Council for information.
2. The progress made to implement the Care Act in Enfield and the key risks associated with implementation and the mitigating actions.
3. The financial modelling to understand the impact of the Care Act would continue at both local, regional and national level including through ADASS and London Councils, as advised at July Cabinet and October Council meetings. This would include ensuring a robust response to the government consultation on the funding reforms due in February. As previously reported, when the Government introduced the Care Bill it advised that any new burdens on local government would be funded. Until clear funding allocations were made available, there was a risk that this cost would not be fully funded, although at present it was not possible to form an opinion.
4. The major change taking place within Enfield 2017 which had provided a positive framework for Care Act implementation, in particular changes to the Gateway Services and assessment hub.

Councillor Oykener declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item. As the matter was dealt with under the guillotine he did not withdraw from the meeting but took no part in the decision made on the report.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME

1.1. Urgent Questions

None received.

1.2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED the sixty five questions on the Council agenda and written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet Member, Associate Cabinet Members.

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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 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.”

1.2 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”.

1.3 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.”

1.4 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.”

1.5 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.”

1.6 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.”

1.7 In the name of Councillor Sitkin:

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

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REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY ARRANGEMENTS AND 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.

AGREED to note the change in political balance on the Council as follows – Labour: 39 members; Conservatives: 22 members & Independent (Labour): 2 members 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 the following bodies:

- Licensing Committee; and
- Staff Appeals Panel;

1.2 Committee Memberships

AGREED the following membership change:

- (1) Planning Committee - Councillor Hurman to be replaced by a vacancy (replacement name to be notified).

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND USE OF URGENT ACTION PROCEDURE

1.1 Use of Council Urgent Action Procedure

NOTED the following decision taken by the Leader of the Council (4 February 2015), under the Council Urgent Action Procedure (in accordance with section 30 of the Council Procedure Rules) along with the reason for urgency, as detailed on the agenda:

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.

1.2 Nominations to Outside Bodies

No changes were notified.

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USE OF COUNCIL'S URGENCY PROCEDURE

NOTED the details provided of the following decision taken under the Council's urgency procedure relating to the waiver of call-in and the requirements for notice on the Key Decision List along with the reasons for urgency. The decisions 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.

- Terms to bid for purchase of 30-38 London Road, Enfield, EN2 6EF at auction.

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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 25 March 2015 at the Civic Centre.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED in accordance with 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 the part 2 agenda on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 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.

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BUDGET 2015/16 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (GENERAL FUND)

RECEIVED a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services (No.166A) detailing commercial sensitive information relating to the Environmental Services fees and charges for 2014/15.

NOTED the report had been submitted in conjunction with Report No158A on the Part 1 agenda (Min.141 refers). The recommendation in the report had been endorsed and recommended onto Council, at the Cabinet meeting held on 11 February 2015.

AGREED that the Pest Control, Commercial Waste, planning pre application service, sports pitches, golf special offers, events, Passenger Transport Services and Schools Health and Safety Fees and changes for Environmental Services for 2015/16 be approved, as detailed in section 3.1 and Appendix 12b of the report.

(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)

In accordance with the Standing Order Regulations 2014 the vote recorded in relation to above decision was as follows:

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Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Guney Dogan
Councillor Sarah Doyle
Councillor Christiana During
Councillor Pat Ekechi

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Councillor Krystle Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Ahmet Hasan
Councillor Jansev Jamal
Councillor Doris Jiagge
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Adeline Kepez
Councillor Bernie Lappage
Councillor Dino Lemonides
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Don McGowan
Councillor Ayfer Orhan
Councillor Ahmet Oykenner
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor George Savva MBE
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor

Abstentions: 19

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Robert Hayward
Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Michael Lavender
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terence Neville OBE JP
Councillor Michael Rye OBE
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against: 0