



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH,
2015 AT 7.00 PM**

**THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS OF THE
LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD**

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Date: 25 March 2015

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 March, 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 - 24)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 25th February 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. OPPOSITION BUSINESS - THE COST OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AND WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT (Pages 25 - 32)

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

The Council Procedure Rules relating to Opposition Business are also attached for information.

8. UPDATE ON THE STRATEGY FOR THE PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES (Pages 33 - 46)

To receive a report from the Director of Schools and Children's Services providing an update on the strategy for provision of secondary school places across the borough. (Report No.205)

Members are asked to note that the update was requested by Council (8th October 2014) as one of the outcomes of the debate on the strategy and approach towards the delivery of school places in Enfield, with agreement that the update be provided before the end of the current Municipal Year.

9. CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION TASK GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE & OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

To receive a report from the Director of Schools & Children's Services setting out the draft Terms of Reference and operating arrangements for the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group, established by Council on 25th February 2015.

TO FOLLOW
(Report No.206)

Members are asked to note that in establishing the Task Group, Council requested that a further report be submitted setting out the detailed Terms of Reference and operational arrangements for the Group, following initial consideration by members of the Task Group.

10. ESTABLISHING A LOCAL PENSIONS BOARD (Pages 47 - 62)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services regarding the introduction of a new pension governance structure, for implementation with effect from 1 April 2015. (Report No.207)

Members are asked to note that the report was considered and recommended on to Council in order to approve the changes required to the Constitution, by the Members & Democratic Services Group on 18 February 2015. Council is therefore being asked to approve the establishment of a Pension Board and a Pension Policy and Investment Committee, as detailed within the report.

**11. REFERENCES FROM MEMBERS & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES GROUP:
(A) AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY ON FILMING AT MEETINGS; (B)
ADOPTION OF A PROTOCOL OF MEMBER APPOINTMENT PANELS
AND UPDATE TO APPOINTMENT PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE AND
PROCEDURE RULES (Pages 63 - 72)**

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services seeking approval to:

- (a) amend the Council's policy on filming at meetings; and
- (b) adopt a protocol for Member Appointment Panels and update to Terms of Reference and Procedure Rules.

(Report No.208)

Members are asked to note that both of the above were considered and approved for recommendation on to Council by the Members & Democratic Services Group on 18 February 2015.

12. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2015/16

The Members' Allowances Scheme forms Part 6 of the Constitution. Paragraph 6.3 (c) states that "Annual Increases in allowances will be linked to average earnings, for the period ending the previous March of each year. New rates will be effective from the new Municipal year."

When considering the Scheme for the 2014/2015 financial year, Council resolved: "That the current Members Allowances Scheme is re-approved and that the automatic increase in allowances by the average earnings as at March not be implemented for the 2014/15 financial year. At the same time it be acknowledged that following the elections in May 2014, the Administration may wish to review allowances within the overall budgetary figure and in accordance with the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel."

There is a need to consider the level of allowances payable under the scheme for 2015/16, with Council asked to consider the following recommendation.

Recommendation

Council is invited to re-approve the current Members' Allowances Scheme for the 2015/2016 financial year, as set out in Part 6 of the Constitution, and to confirm that the automatic increase in allowances by the average earnings as at March be not implemented again.

**13. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)
(Pages 73 - 106)**

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 sixty one questions received and their written responses are attached to the agenda.

14. MOTIONS

14.1 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.”

14.2 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.”

14.3 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.”

14.4 In the name of Councillor J.Charalambous:

“In light of uncertainty over the future ownership of the former Middlesex University campus in Trent Country Park and overwhelming public support for the Save Trent Park Campaign, Enfield Council will take immediate steps to fulfil the requirements of the petition set up by the campaign group , which currently has over 3500 signatures – namely to grant the former Middlesex University campus the status of an Asset of Community Value (as per the application submitted by the Friends of Trent Country Park and Christ Church Cockfosters); amend planning rules to grant permanent public access across the grounds (as enjoyed for decades during Middlesex University’s ownership); actively encourage a long term public use for the listed mansion and grounds which will also promote the important role the Estate played in World War II; and re-evaluate the management and strategic vision of Trent Country Park as a whole.

14.5 In the name of Councillor Stewart:

“This Council believes that, since the General Election in 2010, the current Government has presided over one of the most devastating attacks on our society. Our communities in Enfield have felt the effect of the Conservative-led Government’s destructive policies and ideology to shrink the state and rely on market forces. We now live in a borough that has over 1,000 claimants affected by the bedroom tax, two foodbanks operating in the borough to feed the rising number of hungry families, and an increase in homelessness. These are just some of the indicators of a failed Government. Enfield Council has often been left to pick up the pieces, while facing increasing financial pressures imposed by central Government.

This Council calls upon the next Government elected on 7th May 2015 to put an end to this callous way of governing and to take responsibility for supporting the vulnerable and rebuilding our society.”

14.6 In the name of Councillor Sitkin:

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

14.7 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.”

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 the following change to nominations on outside bodies:

(a) Lee Valley Heat Network Ltd

Councillor Lemonides to be replaced by Councillor Oyken. Chief Executive and Director-Regeneration & Environment to be added and Assistant Director Legal & Governance to be removed from membership list.

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

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 13 May 2015 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre. This will be the Annual Council Meeting & Mayor Making Ceremony.

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.

