



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL COUNCIL
MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH
MAY, 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 Annual meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Enfield to be held at the Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield on Wednesday, 13th May, 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. MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

The Mayor's Chaplain to give a blessing.

2. 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.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR

To elect the Mayor of the London Borough of Enfield for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

4. APPOINTMENTS

4.1 Appointment of Mayors Consort

The Mayor to announce the appointment of the consorts for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

4.2 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

To receive the Mayor's written notice of the appointment of a Councillor of the London Borough of Enfield to be Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015/2016 and record the appointment.

4.3 Appointment of Deputy Leader and Cabinet

To note the appointment by the Leader of the Council of the Deputy Leader and the Cabinet, as detailed under item 10.1 on the agenda.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR AND CONSORT BADGES

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor will present past Mayor's and past Mayors Consort badges to Councillor Ali Bakir and Berdan Bakir.

6. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 26)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 25 March 2015.

8. APOLOGIES (IF ANY)

9. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND PANELS

To receive the report of the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services asking the Council to determine the constitution and political balance of the committees, joint committees and panels that have been set up for discharge of the Council's functions. (Report No.1)

TO FOLLOW

10. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BODIES FOR 2015/2016

10.1 To establish Council bodies for the coming Municipal Year and to appoint memberships to these (see list on yellow). **TO FOLLOW**

10.2 To confirm the Terms of Reference of those bodies set out in Part 2 of the Constitution.

11. REPRESENTATIONS ON OTHER BODIES AND ORGANISATIONS 2015/16

To consider the Council's representation on other bodies and organisations as required (see list on green). **TO FOLLOW**

12. COUNCIL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Council is asked to agree the authority's Scheme of Delegation as set out in Part 3 (pages 3.2 to 3-13) of the Constitution.

13. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES) (Pages 27 - 54)

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 forty nine questions and their written responses are attached to the agenda.

14. MOTIONS

None received.

15. AMENDMENT TO MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME

To receive a briefing paper from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services seeking approval to an amendment to the SRA payable under the Members Allowance Scheme in relation to the changes agreed by Council (25 March 2015) around governance of the Council's Pension Fund.

TO FOLLOW

16. MEMBERS STANDARDS FRAMEWORK - EXTENSION OF TERM OF OFFICE OF AN INDEPENDENT PERSON

Under the revised standards framework introduced by the Localism Act 2011 the Council has appointed two Independent Persons.

The Term of Office for one of those Independent Members (Christine Chamberlain) is due to expire on 30 June 2015 and having considered the position the Councillor Conduct Committee (24 March 2015) has agreed to recommend to Council that her term of office should be extended for a further 2 year period.

Council is asked to note there is no statutory limit on the length of time an Independent Person can serve.

Recommendation:

Council is asked to approve the extension of the term of office for Christine Chamberlain as an Independent Person for a further two year period to expire on 30 June 2017.

17. USE OF COUNCIL URGENCY PROCEDURE (Pages 55 - 56)

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

Decision:

To agree the scheme of delegation (as detailed in the attached paper) in relation to the newly formed Council Housing and Strategic Services Division within Regeneration & Environment.

Reason for Urgency:

Council (28th January 2015) approved a report from the Director – Regeneration & Environment updating the scheme of delegation for that Department. Following the reintegration of Enfield Homes to the Council and decision to locate the newly formed Council Housing and Strategic Services Division within that Department there has been an urgent need to update the Departmental scheme of delegation to authorise officers within that Division to continue undertaking legal proceedings and attending court on behalf of the Authority.

It was not possible to include these additional powers within the original report to Council as the decision to integrate Council Housing and Strategic Services within Regeneration & Environment was taken after it had been agreed by Council. There is a need to ensure that officers within the newly created Division are authorised to be able to continue undertaking legal action and relevant legal proceedings as a matter of urgency (rather than

awaiting the next ordinary business meeting of Council) in order to ensure continuation of service, avoid duplication of work between housing and legal and minimise the risk of any challenge to ongoing legal proceedings.

18. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

18.1 To approve the calendar of Council meetings, including the proposed date for the next Council Meeting on Wednesday 24th June 2015 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre. The calendar has been the subject of consultation with officers and both political groups. **TO FOLLOW**

18.2 The Council is asked to approve the calendar, subject to any further changes/additions being delegated to the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services, in consultation with both party groups.

19. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members are asked to note that subject to Item 18 above, the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 24th June 2015 at 7:00pm in the Civic Centre.

21. 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 agenda on the grounds that it involves 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).

(Please note there is currently no Part 2 Agenda)

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

COUNCILLORS**PRESENT**

Ali Bakir (Mayor), Patricia Ekechi (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Lee David-Sanders, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Christiana During, Nesimi Erbil, Turgut Esendagli, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Jansev Jemal, Doris Jiagge, 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 Oykener, Anne-Marie Pearce, 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, Ozzie Uzoanya, Glynis Vince and Lee Chamberlain

ABSENT

Katherine Chibah, Sarah Doyle, Christine Hamilton, Ertan Hurer, Suna Hurman and Rohini Simbodyal

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

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

161**MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING**

Rabi Levy from Palmers Green and Southgate Synagogue gave the blessing.

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

The Mayor made the following announcements:

(a) Review of Mayoral Year in Office

As this was the final ordinary meeting of Council prior to the Annual Council Meeting, the Mayor provided a brief review of his year in office. He highlighted how much he had enjoyed carrying out his duties in every corner of the borough as well as events outside Enfield. Being first citizen of the borough had been an honour and he thanked Council for nominating and supporting him throughout the year.

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He could not estimate how many events he had attended but pointed out that he had been very busy, as had Councillor Ekechi in support as Deputy Mayor. He thanked her for attending the functions he had been unable to.

He had enjoyed meeting a wide variety of people, young and old along with many different voluntary and community groups who did so much good work for the people of Enfield.

He advised it was not possible to pick out a single highlight, as there had been so many, but had particularly enjoyed visiting many junior and secondary schools and welcoming lots of children into the Council Chamber for various debates and visits.

Finally he took the opportunity to thank officers for their support over the year with special mention of Melanie Harris, Peter Stanyon, Lisa McEwan, Alison Brookes, Norman, Andy and Mark, as well as John Austin, Asmat Hussain and James Kinsella for their help on Council itself.

(b) Local Government Chronicle Award for Community Involvement.

The Mayor advised that earlier in the month Enfield had won the top accolade for Community Involvement at the prestigious Local Government Chronicle awards.

The work recognised innovation in partnership working with projects that directly sought out and involved the active participation of customers and service users to drive quality improvements. Four service areas had been highlighted in the award.

- Adults: Quality Checkers – users, family and friends acting as critical friends to enable service improvement.
- Schools and Children's Services: (a) Youth Engagement Panel – A partnership programme with the police to develop a Youth Engagement Panel that worked to move young people from a position of disaffection to one of active involvement, social responsibility and achievement; (b) Young Inspectors – youth service participants as inspectors of provision, undertaking training alongside professionals and raising standards in youth based centres across the council; and (c) Parent Engagement Panel – the development of a network of peer support panels serving parents across the whole borough, preventing isolation and enabling greater participation in community based activities and services.

The Mayor informed Members that in each case these initiatives had facilitated the development of a skilled, aspirational, confident, resilient and self-supporting community. Participants had developed a greater understanding of what the council did, how it worked and how they could play a part in service improvement. This had enabled the creation of opportunities

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for work, enterprise, education and training and a community who were knowledgeable about and an asset to Enfield.

The Mayor presented the award to Eve Stickler (Assistant Director Commissioning and Community Engagement – Schools and Children’s Services) who had led the Council’s bid submission.

(c) Enfield Public Safety Centre Awards

The Mayor advised he was also pleased to announce that the Enfield Public Safety Centre had been nominated for 7 awards from the Metropolitan Police and that Alan Gardner, who managed the CCTV function with Community Safety had received individual recognition as the CCTV Manager of the Year.

Other operators were awarded for their efforts in capturing suspected and known criminals, which had helped to make Enfield a safer place.

Amongst the incidents for which Enfield received recognition were those that led to the arrest of a wanted prisoner, suspects for attempted murder and kidnapping and safe recovery of over £30,000 worth of stolen vehicles.

The first ever ceremony of awards by the Metropolitan Police Service had been held at New Scotland Yard on 20 March 2015 and the winning of these awards was seen as recognition of the quality of CCTV services in Enfield, and was also felt to demonstrate the hard work and dedication of staff in reducing crime, and improving safety in Enfield.

The Mayor presented the award to Alan Gardner, in recognition of his work and those of the other CCTV monitoring staff.

(d) 50th Anniversary of the London Boroughs

The Mayor reminded members that 2015 was the 50th anniversary of the creation of the London Boroughs in their current form which meant in effect that Enfield as a borough would be 50 years old. He advised Members of the plans being developed for a programme of LBE50 activities running throughout the year, which would begin with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque donated by London Councils outside the Civic Centre on Monday 30 March 2015 at 10.30am. Members were invited to attend the ceremony.

(e) Mayor’s Charity Ball

Finally the Mayor reminded members of his forthcoming charity ball which was to take place on Saturday 18 April at La Royale. Tickets were £50 each, with the money raised being used to support children with learning difficulties. He encouraged all members to attend.

Before moving on, Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council, took the opportunity to thank Councillor Bakir, as Mayor, on behalf of the Council,

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acknowledging the hard work that accompanied the role and thanking him for his efforts over the year. As this was his final business meeting of Council as Mayor he wished him a successful continuation in his role as an elected member for the remainder of his term of office.

Councillor Neville, Leader of the Opposition, endorsed Councillor Taylor's comments, thanking the Mayor and highlighting the fairness with which he had chaired meetings of the Council. He also wished him a successful remainder of his term as Mayor in the run up to the Annual Council Meeting.

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MINUTES**

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 February 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Katherine Chibah, Sarah Doyle, Christine Hamilton, Ertan Hurer, Suna Hurman and Rohini Simbodyal.

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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: Opposition Business – The cost of temporary accommodation and what can be done about it:

Members were advised that notice had been received by the Monitoring Officer, signed by the Leaders of both Groups, requesting that a dispensation be granted enabling all members to participate in the debate and decision on this item at the Council meeting. The request had been made in view of the number of members who would otherwise be prevented from participating in the debate due to them needing to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, on the grounds this was likely to (a) impede the transaction of business; and (b) so upset the representation of different political groups on Council as to alter the outcome of any vote. Having considered the request the Monitoring Officer had agreed to grant the dispensation which it was noted would only apply for this meeting.

The following interest were declared in relation to other items on the agenda:

Agenda Item 8: Update on the Strategy for the Provision of Secondary School Places

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- Councillor Laban declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as a close family member was employed as a headteacher of a Secondary School operating within the Borough.

Agenda Item 10: Establishing a Local Pensions Board

- Councillor Maguire declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as a full time employee of UNISON;
- Councillor Stewart declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest given the interest declared by Councillor Maguire as a “close family member”.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Before moving the first item listed on the main Council agenda, the Mayor advised Members that he had agreed to the inclusion of two urgent items for consideration at the meeting. He then invited John Austin (Assistant Director Governance Projects) to make a brief statement advising how it was intended to deal with both items.

John Austin referred members to the Supplementary Council Agenda, which contained a report from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services (No.213) detailing two petitions, which although still subject to final verification, appeared to contain the required number of signatures for debate at Council. The required figure was 3124 (1% of the assessed population based on the 2011 census population).

Members were advised that the first petition related to the site of the Green Dragon Public House and the second to the former Middlesex University site in Trent Park. It was confirmed that the Mayor had agreed to deal with both petitions as urgent items (pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended) on the grounds that they had firstly been received after the dispatch of the main Council agenda and secondly as both petitions concerned live applications under the Assets of Community Value nomination process and could not therefore await consideration at the next ordinary business meeting in July 2015.

In addition, members were advised that the main Council agenda included a motion (Agenda Item 14.4) submitted in the name of Councillor J.Charalambous which also directly related to the petition on the former Middlesex University site in Trent Park.

Council was informed that the Leaders of both Groups had therefore agreed to recommend a change in the order of the agenda (under paragraph 2.2 (page 4-6) of the Council Procedure Rules) in order to enable both petitions to be considered as follows:

- Firstly to receive and consider the petition on the Green Dragon Public House, in accordance with the Council’s Petition Procedure. Under the procedure the lead petitioner (Mike McLean) would have 5 minutes to

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address Council. This would be followed by a 15 minute period for debate by Council, prior to Members being asked to consider the recommendations in the report circulated with the Supplementary Agenda.

- Having dealt with the petition on the Green Dragon Public House, Council would then move on to consider the petition relating to the former Middlesex University site in Trent Park as part of the motion submitted on the same issue with Councillor J.Charalambous (as lead petitioner) having agreed to combine both items. The normal rules of debate in relation to motions would apply for this item.

The change in the order of agenda (as set out above) was agreed unanimously without a vote with the minutes reflecting the order in which the items were dealt with at the meeting.

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PETITIONS - SAVE THE GREEN DRAGON PUBLIC HOUSE & SAVE TRENT PARK

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Stewart seconded the report of the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.213) circulated as a Supplementary Council agenda which detailed two petitions being submitted for consideration by Council as urgent items, under the Petitions Procedure.

The Petitions were dealt with in the following order:

1.1 Petition: Green Dragon Public House

NOTED

1. The background and history of the site on which the Green Dragon Public House had been located.
2. The current use of the building on the site as a discount retail store, which had been converted from the public house under Permitted Development Rights.
3. The Assets of Community Value nomination process, which Members were informed the property was now subject to following an application submitted on 6 March 2015. The nomination process was governed by set criteria, which included as one element an assessment regarding the strength of local community feeling. The nomination would be considered by an Evaluation Panel made up of officers with relevant knowledge and professional skills and it was therefore felt reasonable for the petition to be referred on to the Panel for consideration as part of that process.
4. In terms of any further action in relation to the petition, it was not felt appropriate (whilst the application was subject to the live nomination

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procedure) for the Council to agree anything further outside of that procedure. Should the property be successful in its nomination as an Asset of Community Value it would lead to a moratorium, in respect of any future disposal of the asset.

The Mayor then invited Mike McLean (as lead petitioner) to address the meeting, who highlighted the following issues:

- The petition contained approximately 4,200 signatures which had been gathered in support of protecting the site from redevelopment and its continued use as a public house.
- The long history of the site in terms of its use as a public house and its iconic status as a building at the centre of the local community.
- Although business had declined in recent years it was felt that its use as a public house could generate significant interest, under the right style of management given its location at the heart of the community and good transport links.
- Members of the local community had been disappointed at what they felt to have been the secretive nature of the sale of the site to the current owner, with other companies who specialised in the pub sector having since expressed potential interest in continuing to run the property as a public house.
- Concerns were expressed at the current viability of the property in terms of its use as a “pop up” discount retail store and impact this may have on any future development or use.
- The need to recognise the local community value of the premises and to support, in any way possible, the aims of the petition in safeguarding and protecting its future use as a public house and preventing any other form of development on the site.

The Mayor thanked Mr McLean for his presentation, which was then subject to a short debate. Issues highlighted during the debate included:

- (a) the rich heritage and iconic landmark status of the premises and site within Winchmore Hill.
- (b) whilst previously a popular destination the need was recognised, given its recent decline, to demonstrate sufficient demand for the premises to remain as a public house and viable business which supporters of the petition felt was possible given the right investment, product and management.
- (c) the importance in maintaining community hubs as a place where the local community could congregate and serve as a focus for the local neighbourhood

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Following this debate members were asked to consider the recommendations in the report and what action they wished to take in response to the petition, with the following actions agreed unanimously, without a vote.

AGREED

- (1) To note and acknowledge the importance of the issue and strength of community feeling on the issue, highlighted within the Petition.
- (2) To note that the property was subject to a live application under the Asset of Community Value procedure and to refer the petition to the Asset of Community Value Nomination Panel for consideration under that process.

1.2 Petition & Motion re Former Middlesex University site in Trent Park

Councillor J.Charalambous moved and Councillor Neville seconded the following motion, which was also considered alongside the petition submitted on the same matter:

“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.”

In jointly presenting the motion and petition, Councillor J.Charalambous highlighted the following issues, as lead petitioner:

- The historic significance of the mansion and grounds, which it was felt were now at risk.
- The need to safeguard and preserve the mansion and grounds long term future, which had also now been identified as a high national priority by English Heritage.
- The cross party support expressed in relation to consideration of the Save Trent Park petition.
- The opportunity identified by the Save Trent Park campaign for the Council to assist in protecting what was regarded as a valuable asset by

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supporting the actions identified in both the petition and motion and in supporting the future long term public use of the site. It was felt these actions would also assist in the process of attracting a suitable owner for the site who would work to maintain the property whilst also ensuring public access.

Following presentation of the petition and the motion being moved and seconded Councillor Taylor then moved and Councillor Neville seconded the following amendment to the original motion:

To delete the wording of the original motion and replace with the following:

“Council notes the petition presented to Council on behalf of the Save Trent Park Campaign on Wednesday 25th March containing over 3700 signatures from members of the public.

It highlights concerns over the current state of the heritage assets of the former Middlesex University campus in Trent Country Park, uncertainty over their current and future ownership and requirements for their public use and management.

Council further notes the requests contained in the petition:

- (i) To grant the former Middlesex University campus site the status of an Asset of Community Value (as per the submitted application which is currently being considered by the Council's Nomination Panel against the published ACV Evaluation Criteria).
- (ii) To grant permanent public access across the grounds.
- (iii) The request to actively encourage a long term public use for the listed mansion and grounds
- (iv) The request for a re-evaluation of the management and strategic vision of Trent park on a whole

Council will:

- (1) look for a positive future for the heritage assets at the site that will protect and promote their historic value and involve Members in the decision making process where possible.
- (2) establish a Working Group with equal representation from both political parties to consider how best to secure the long term public use and maintenance of the listed mansion and grounds.”

In moving the amendment and responding to the petition Councillor Taylor highlighted the following issues:

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- The Assets of Community Value nomination process, which Members were informed the property was now subject to following an application submitted earlier in March 2015. The nomination process was governed by set criteria, which included as one element an assessment regarding the strength of local community feeling. The nomination would be considered by an Evaluation Panel and it was therefore felt reasonable for the petition to be referred on to the Panel for consideration as part of that process. It would not be possible for Council to predetermine any decision under the Assets of Community Value procedure.
- The need to recognise that the granting of unfettered public access could also work against the identification of any potential new owner for the site in terms of future use.
- The need to recognise that the Council would not be in a position to financially support any acquisition of the site. He was however keen for the Council to assist in looking to secure, working on a bi-partisan basis across both political groups, a positive solution that would not only secure, protect and promote the long term future for the heritage assets on the site but also their public use and ongoing maintenance.

The comments and approach outlined by the Leader of the Council were supported by Councillor Neville who also highlighted:

- The cross party support for the amended motion and difficulty recognised in having to deal with heritage assets.
- The need, whilst recognising the financial constraints on the Council, to ensure that its responsibilities in relation to safeguarding of the building and enforcement activity were fully applied.
- The opportunity available to harness and bring together support in order to find a viable solution that would protect and safeguard the future long term public use of the assets.

Following a debate the amendment to the motion was agreed unanimously, without a vote.

The substantive motion (as amended) was then put to the vote with members also asked to consider any further action they wished to take in response to the petition. The substantive motion was agreed unanimously, without a vote along with the following additional recommendations in relation to the petition:

AGREED

- (1) To note and acknowledge the importance of the issue and strength of community feeling on the issue, highlighted within the Petition.
- (2) To note that the property was subject to a live application under the Asset of Community Value process and to refer the petition to the Asset

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of Community Value Nomination Panel for consideration under that procedure.

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OPPOSITION BUSINESS - THE COST OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AND WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT

Councillor Smith introduced the issues paper, prepared by the Opposition Group. Issues highlighted were as follows:

1. The opportunity was being taken to raise housing as an area for debate in view of the spiralling cost of Temporary Accommodation and action being taken to address this issue both in terms of managing supply and reducing the overall level of demand.
2. The complexity of the issues to be addressed were recognised, with the paper looking to highlight the work also being undertaken by officers and members involved in the review currently being undertaken by the Temporary Accommodation Scrutiny Work Stream who had been looking at what could be done to resolve the issues around the rising level of need for temporary accommodation in Enfield.
3. The cost of providing temporary accommodation for households accepted as homeless was now the single largest cost pressure facing the Council over the next financial year, with the cost pressure identified for 2015/16 identified as £7.7m.
4. Whilst the obvious solution would be to provide more affordable homes the measures in place to increase housing supply were expensive and would also take time to deliver. The Opposition Group were also not supportive of the approach being taken under the Housing Gateway initiative given the impact on the local housing market. The paper had not, however, focussed on these measures as the need to build more housing was accepted between political parties at both a local and national level. In addition the paper had not focussed on the impact of "Right to Buy" as an issue, given this was current Government policy that the Council had little, if any influence over. Another major issue highlighted related to population increase and migration, although again it was accepted this was something beyond the immediate control of the Council.
5. The Opposition Group had identified a number of more locally focussed measures which they felt would assist in addressing the current position and managing the overall cost of temporary accommodation. These related to the following areas (as detailed within the Opposition Business Paper):
 - a. acting to reduce the number of households accepted as homeless by tightening the burden of proof in relation to the criteria laid down in government guidelines;

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- b. providing greater financial and more targeted incentives to private landlords; and
- c. increasing the number of homeless households in temporary accommodation being placed in accommodation outside of the Borough. This would need to be based on a targeted approach which recognised the associated legal issues but it was felt could be achieved with the necessary political will by the Majority Group. It was pointed out that more homeless households were placed in Enfield by other Councils than any other London Borough last year, with the exception of Lewisham and Croydon.

Whilst recognising that the issue was complex with no simple solutions and was not something for which the Council was entirely responsible, Councillor Smith concluded by highlighting the need for difficult decisions to have to be made and implemented in order to address the situation and urged the Administration to seriously consider the measures identified within the Opposition Business Paper.

Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration, responded on behalf of the Majority Group highlighting:

1. that whilst pleased to focus on housing as an issue, he was concerned about the use of evidence and data provided in relation to an ongoing scrutiny review being used as the basis for the Opposition Business Paper. He felt this could be seen to undermine the scrutiny process and potentially impact on the consensual way in which the Temporary Accommodation work stream review had been undertaken to date.
2. the need to recognise the impact of the current coalition government's housing and welfare reform policies, especially in relation to "Right to Buy" and the increase in discount, which since 2012 had led to the sale of 320 properties in Enfield.
3. Due to the complexities of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) formula it would be virtually impossible to replace units lost under Right To Buy with new stock on a one to one basis. A recent nationwide study, carried out by Shelter, found that a Council would have to sell eight properties under the current HRA formula in order to replace one.
4. The restrictions currently placed on HRA borrowing limits had also limited the ability for local authorities to be able to build new stock.
5. The pressure on temporary accommodation was fully recognised, but some of the information referred to in the opposition business paper was incorrect e.g. figure quoted on the cost pressure and housing subsidy. Not to do anything about housing would present a risk to the Council and the Administration was working hard to increase the supply of housing

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using initiatives such as the Housing Gateway and small housing sites schemes.

6. The Council had written to Ian Duncan Smith (Secretary of State for Work and Pensions) and Brandon Lewis (Minister of State for Housing and Planning) about the cost pressures faced by the Council as well as the impact of cuts to the Discretionary Housing Payment. The response from ministers had been disappointing, only stating that they would continue to monitor the situation.
7. The efforts being made by the Council to manage the pressure in relation to the placing of households in temporary accommodation
8. The need for the opposition to respect the scrutiny process. As Cabinet Member for Housing he had sought to involve the opposition lead on Housing in consultation around policy development, such as on the Housing Allocation Policy. He was happy to attend scrutiny work stream sessions to provide information on the Administration's approach towards tackling the issue of temporary accommodation and called upon the opposition to work with the current Administration in order to look for positive ways in which the problem could be tackled.

Other issues highlighted during the debate were as follows:

- (a) The need highlighted by members of the Opposition Group:
 - to recognise that the information from the scrutiny review used to inform the opposition business paper had been provided in an open public meeting and was therefore within the public domain. The criticism in relation to an undermining of the scrutiny process was not therefore accepted.
 - to carefully consider the recent history in relation to housing policy, which had not seen the "Right to Buy" legislation repealed by the previous Labour Government and the smallest number of houses built (according the Office for National Statistics) during the same period since the 1920's.
 - to recognise that the current housing shortage had been created not only as a result of the limited building programme under the previous Labour Government but also as a result of what was regarded as a failure to secure transitional arrangements and properly plan for the expansion of the European Union and associated levels of migration experienced as a result.
 - to challenge the limited progress being made on delivery of the housing development at Meridian Water and failure of the Council to secure 2nd tranche Housing Zone status for the development.

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- to look for ways to increase the level of affordable housing at the same time as looking for more targeted approach in terms of the provision of financial incentives to landlords as a means of securing rented accommodation and preventing evictions. Enfield currently paid landlords at Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rent levels but support was expressed for the proposal within the opposition business paper to consider offering higher rents than LHA in return for longer term security of tenure and lower turnover.
 - for the Council, given the increase in the number of households being accepted as homeless within the Borough, to adopt a more sceptical and rigorous approach towards assessing applicants. Support was expressed for more focus on the burden of proof under homelessness guidelines to be placed on the claimant rather than on the Council.
 - for serious consideration to be given to the proposal that the Council should seek to significantly increase the number of households in more expensive temporary accommodation placed in permanent accommodation out of the borough where the difference between rental costs and the LHA was lower than Enfield. It was recognised this would need to be in accordance with DCLG guidance and in suitable locations to avoid disrupting employment, caring responsibilities and children's education but a number of potential areas had been identified outside of the M25, which the opposition felt needed to be seriously considered.
- (b) the need identified by members of the Majority Group:
- to recognise the decrease in value of housing investment in relation to building over the past 30 years.
 - to highlight what was felt by the Majority Group to be the main cause of the current housing problems which was the government's programme of welfare reform and unintended consequence of the benefits cap.
 - To highlight what was felt to be the flawed nature of the opposition business paper in terms of not seeking to address the main causes of the current housing problem and only the symptoms.
 - To recognise that the opposition's proposal in relation to increasing the burden of proof on households presenting themselves as homeless was illegal under current legislation and homelessness guidance. It was also felt that the proposal to incentivise landlords was also flawed and would only serve to further distort the private rented sector housing market.
 - To avoid stigmatising or blaming those homeless households currently placed in temporary accommodation for the situation in

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which they found themselves or to blame this entirely on the issue of migration. Often these were the poorest and most vulnerable households and the placing of those in temporary accommodation out of borough was something that required careful and sensitive approach.

- For a more rounded approach towards addressing not only the symptoms but also the causes of the current housing situation and for this to be focussed on the review currently being undertaken by the Temporary Accommodation scrutiny work stream rather than subject to political debate.

Councillor Smith summed up, on behalf of the Opposition Group, by highlighting that it had not been his intention in preparing the paper to disrespect scrutiny or the work of the Temporary Accommodation scrutiny work stream. His aim had been to raise the profile of what he felt to be an important subject, and not to make political points. He did not personally agree with every aspect of the government's current housing policy and welcomed the approach agreed by Cabinet in March relating to the Right to Buy One for One Replacement Scheme. The intention was not to stigmatise the poor but to look for solutions that would help to address a complex and difficult situation, which it was felt the recommendations in the report would all assist in doing.

In response, Councillor Taylor (Leader of the Council) highlighted the progress being made by the current Administration in seeking to increase the level of housing supply within the Borough. It was felt that the way households presenting as homeless were managed was proportional and fair and the proposals within the opposition business paper in this respect were felt to be unlawful, unworkable and also undesirable and were not something the Majority Group could support. In terms of the other proposals, it was felt these could best be considered as part of the ongoing review being undertaken by the Temporary Accommodation scrutiny work stream, which would be able to apply the necessary rigour and challenge to their consideration. For these reasons the recommendations in the Opposition Business paper were not supported.

As an outcome of the debate the Leader of the Opposition requested that a vote to be taken on the following recommendations within the Opposition Business Paper:

- (1) That the Council reduce the number of households being accepted as homeless by placing the burden of proof on claimants to demonstrate that they meet the tests laid down in Government guidelines.
- (2) That the Council incentivise private landlords to let to Enfield Council at rents that more closely reflect market levels in order to reduce the use of more expensive emergency accommodation.

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- (3) That the Council take steps to move significant numbers of households currently in emergency accommodation to cheaper areas outside the M25.

The above recommendations were put to the vote and not approved. 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: 21

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Lee David-Saunders
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Robert Hayward
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Michael Lavender
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terry Neville
Councillor Anne Marie Pearce
Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against: 35

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Gurney Dogan
Councillor Christiana During
Councillor Pat Ekechi
Councillor Nesimi Erbil
Councillor Turgut Esengali
Councillor Krystal Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Ahmet Hassan
Councillor Jansev Jemal

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Councillor Doris Jigge
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 Oykenen
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Haydar Ulus
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya

Abstentions: 0

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Following on from Opposition Business, Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a proposal to move the order of the items on the agenda under paragraph 2.2 (page 4-6) of the Council Procedure Rules to enable the meeting to consider the following as the next items of business:

- Emergency Motion: – in the name of Councillor Orhan
- Motion 14:5: Motion -in the name of Councillor Stewart

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

For: 30

Against: 21

Before considering either of the above items, Councillor Lavender then moved and Councillor Rye seconded a further change in the order of business in order to enable Agenda Item 9: Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group – Terms of Reference and Operational Arrangements to be considered in advance of the above motions.

This further change in the order of agenda was put the vote and not agreed, with the following result:

For: 21

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Against: 30

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

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EMERGENCY MOTION**

The Mayor advised that he agreed to accept the following item as an emergency motion, with copies tabled for members at the meeting. This had been on the basis of the reasons for urgency provided in advance of the meeting.

Having welcomed the Mayor's decision, Councillor Orhan moved and Councillor Neville seconded the following motion:

"This Council calls for cross party support of the 20 March 2015 online petition by Londra Gazette against the short sighted decision announced by the Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Exam Board (OCR) to drop the Turkish Language 'A' Level examination, particularly as there is strong evidence that the participation of students sitting the Turkish Language exams are higher than for German or Spanish which will not be discontinued.

Given that Turkish is one of the most spoken languages in Enfield, this Council calls on Nicky Morgan, the Education Secretary, to apply pressure on OCR to reverse the decision to scrap 'A' Level Turkish Language."

Cross party support was expressed for the motion although as a result of the debate, Councillor J. Charalambous moved and Councillor Neville seconded as an amendment the inclusion of the following additional wording at the end of the motion:

"and also calls for pressure to be applied into reversing the decision to scrap other language subjects that have been dropped."

The amendment, as set out above was agreed without a vote, and the substantive motion (as amended and set out below) was then agreed unanimously without a vote:

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calls for pressure to be applied into reversing the decision to scrap other language subjects that have been dropped.”

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MOTION

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Jiagge seconded the following motion:

“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 coalition 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 food banks 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 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 7 May 2015 to put an end to this callous way of governing and to take responsibility for supporting the vulnerable and the rebuilding our society.”

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

For: 32

Against: 21

Abstentions: 0

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Stewart then moved and Councillor Rye seconded a further 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 Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group – Terms of Reference and Operational Arrangements.

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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CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION TASK GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE & OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS & DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Orhan moved and Councillor Abdullahi seconded the report from the Director of Schools and Children's Services (No. 206) setting out the proposed Terms of Reference and operating arrangements for the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group, established by Council on 25 February 2015.

NOTED

1. That in establishing the Task Group, Council had 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.
2. The innovative and trailblazing nature of the Task Group in terms of Enfield's approach towards strengthening the governance arrangements and political oversight around the safeguarding of vulnerable children and young people.
3. The Terms of Reference proposed for the Task Group, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, which had been subject to consultation with members of the Task Group.
4. Membership would consist of non-Executive Members with the Task Group required to report to full Council twice a year.
5. The cross party support for the establishment of the Task Group and its role, as set out within the proposed Terms of Reference, including the need identified to undertake a review of relevant legislation.
6. The need identified to ensure, in terms of maintaining political proportionality on the Task Group, that reference to its membership avoided mention of specific political groups and was instead based on members from the Majority and Opposition Group.
6. Whilst supportive of the proposed remit of the Task Group, the need was also recognised to avoid any complacency in terms of the approach adopted towards investigating and tackling concerns raised in relation to the safeguarding of vulnerable children and young people within the Borough. An assurance was provided by the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection that all concerns raised were taken seriously and subject to robust investigation procedures.

There then followed a short debate on the report. Given the time available before the meeting was due to end and number of members who had indicated they still wished to speak Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Stewart seconded a procedural motion during the debate under Council

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Procedure Rule 11 (m) to extend the meeting for an additional period of 15 minutes. This was agreed unanimously without a vote.

The recommendations in the report were then put to the vote and agreed unanimously without a vote.

AGREED to approve the Terms of Reference for the Task Group, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report subject to its composition being amended to read 4 members of the Majority Group and 2 members of the Opposition Group.

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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 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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UPDATE ON THE STRATEGY FOR THE PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

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

NOTED that the update was requested by Council (8 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.

AGREED to note the report provided.

The Leader of the Opposition asked for his Groups concern to be noted that it had not been possible to debate the report at the meeting.

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

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ESTABLISHING A LOCAL PENSIONS BOARD

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

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NOTED that the report had been considered and recommended on to Council by the Members and Democratic Services Group on 18 February 2015, in order to approve the changes required to the Constitution,.

AGREED to approve the establishment of the Pension Board and Pension Policy and Investment Committee with the terms of reference as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report and to amend the Council's Constitution accordingly.

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, given concerns relating to the composition of the Local Pension Board.

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

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**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**

RECEIVED a report from the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No: 208) seeking approval to:

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

NOTED that the proposed amendments and protocol had been considered and approved for recommendation on to Council by the Members and Democratic Services Group on 18 February 2015.

AGREED

- (1) The amendment to section (c) of the policy for filming at Council meetings, as set out in para 3.1.7 of the report and to the administrative change in terms of how the policy is cross referenced within the remainder of the Constitution, as detailed in section 3.1.8 of the report.
- (2) To adopt the Member Appointment Panel Protocol and approve the amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Appointments Panel and Officer Employment Procedure Rules, as detailed in section 3.2 and Appendix 1 of the report.

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MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2015/16

Members were asked to consider an update from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services, listed on the agenda as Item 11 relating to the Members Allowance Scheme for 2015/16.

NOTED

1. The Members Allowances Scheme (Part 6 of the Constitution - Paragraph 6.3 (c)) stated 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."
2. When considering the scheme for the 2014/15 financial year, Council had resolved "That the current Members Allowance 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".
3. The need, following on from 2.above, to now consider the level of allowances payable under the scheme for 2015/16.

AGREED to re-approve the current Member's Allowances Scheme for the 2015/16 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.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)

1.1 Urgent Questions

None received

1.2 Questions by Councillors

NOTED the sixty one questions on the Council's agenda and written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet Member, Associate Cabinet Members and Scrutiny Work Stream Chair.

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MOTIONS

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

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1.1 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.”

1.2 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.”

1.3 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.”

1.4 In the name of Councillor Sitkin:

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

1.5 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.”

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MEMBERSHIPS

AGREED the following changes to committee memberships:

(1) Child Sexual Exploitation and Associated Risks to Children and Young People Task Group

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To note the membership appointed following the last Council meeting had been as follows - Councillors Abdullahi, Chibah, E Hayward, Jemal, Lappage and Vince.

(2) Deaf Forum

Councillor Simbodyal to cease serving as a member of the Forum as a result of the membership being reduced from 7 to 6 members.

(3) Pension Policy & Investment Committee

6 members to be appointed (names to be notified) split 4 Majority: 2 Opposition.

(4) Local Pension Board

3 members to be appointed (names to be notified) split 2 Majority: 1 Opposition.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED the following changes to nominations on outside bodies:

(1) Lee Valley Heat Network Ltd

Councillor Oykenor to replace Councillor Lemonides. The Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Environment be added and the Assistant Director of Legal and Governance be removed from the membership list.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED the next meeting of the Council would be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13 May 2015 at the Civic Centre. This would be the Annual Council meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony.

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Council Questions – Wednesday 13 May 2015

Section 1: Questions to Cabinet Members

Question 1 from Councillor Laban to Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment explain why some residents associations who represent areas that will be affected by Cycle Enfield have not been allowed to serve on the Cycle Enfield Partnership Boards whilst others have?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The Cycle Enfield Partnership Boards are part of the project governance arrangements. They act as a sounding board for emerging designs. Attendees are expected to garner support from the communities and organisations that they represent and help us whittle down the options to take forward to consultation. To keep the Partnership Board meetings to a manageable size, only residents' associations whose areas touch or are crossed by a main road route were invited to attend.

Question 2 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member explain why the MP for Enfield Southgate is not invited to both the Enfield North and Enfield West Cycle Enfield Partnership Boards given the fact that Grange Ward comes under the North East Cycle Enfield Partnership Board but is actually within the Enfield Southgate parliamentary constituency?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

On 16 July 2014, Council agreed some amendments to the Constitution, including the creation of three new Associate Cabinet Members. Each Associate Cabinet Member provides a focal point around regeneration and other strategic development initiatives within an area e.g. Enfield North, Enfield West and Enfield South East (see attached plan). The Associate Cabinet Member areas are closely aligned with the parliamentary constituencies. However, there are a few anomalies as follows:

1. Grange ward is in Enfield North and is part of Enfield Southgate Constituency
2. Ponders End ward is in Enfield North and is part of Edmonton Constituency
3. Highlands ward is in Enfield West and is part of Enfield North Constituency

This explains why the Member of Parliament for the Enfield Southgate Constituency is invited to Partnership Board meetings for Enfield West and the Member of Parliament for Enfield North Constituency is invited to Partnership Board meetings for Enfield North. Interestingly, no members of Parliament have accepted our

invitations or attended any of the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meetings held so far.

Question 3 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member ensure that the MP for Enfield North is also invited to the Enfield West Cycle Enfield Partnership Board as Highlands Ward is within the Enfield North parliamentary constituency; however that comes under the Enfield West Cycle Enfield Partnership Board?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

As explained in answer 2 above, the Associate Cabinet Member areas are closely aligned with the parliamentary constituencies but there are a few anomalies. To date, Members of Parliament were invited to the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meeting using a best fit approach. I will discuss the possibility of the Member of Parliament for Enfield North attending both meetings with the relevant Associate Cabinet Members.

Question 4 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety set out what plans his department has to improve engagement with the east of the borough as the Cycle Enfield exhibitions that relate to Edmonton and North East Enfield have the lowest public attendance records?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

To improve engagement in the east of the borough, we will:

1. Choose venues for the next round of public exhibitions that are as attractive and conspicuous as possible
2. Review the timing and duration of public exhibitions to make them as accessible as possible
3. Deliver presentations to community and faith groups
4. Hold a youth event for each main road route
5. Distribute information packs to local businesses
6. Hold a business event for each main road route
7. Publish larger adverts in local papers
8. Consider advertising Cycle Enfield events in social media

Use Council events e.g. the Town Show to capture people's imagination and encourage them to engage with us.

Question 5 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety set out to date how many business groups have met with the Cycle Enfield team as part of the initial engagement process?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

- Met with representatives from Enfield Business and Retailers' Association (EBRA) at the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meeting on 5 January 2015
- Met representatives from EBRA at the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meeting on 8 January 2015
- Met various business owners/managers at the Cycle Enfield Exhibition on 11 February 2015
- Met various business owners/managers at the Cycle Enfield Exhibition on 17 February 2015
- Met Huw Jones (North London Chamber of Commerce) and Mark Rudling (EBRA) on 16 February 2015
- Met representatives from EBRA at the Cycle Enfield Partnership Board meeting on 19 February 2015
- Met with Helen Osman (N21) on 19 March 2015
- Met with Ian Welland, Manager of the Palace Exchange shopping centre on 16 April 2015
- Walkabout at Enfield Town Centre with Mark Rudling (EBRA) on 16 April 2015.

Question 6 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Fly tipping levels have risen year on year on since 2012 and residual waste has also gone up, please could the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety set out what action plan his department has put in place to reverse this trend?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The operational resources deployed to clear fly tips have not increased during this period, and the fly tip tonnages have only increased marginally over the 3 years.

To address this marginal increase in tonnages additional enforcement resources have been trialled from January 2015. For the first 3 months 373 notices have been served.

As previously updated the new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) contract will help to address the increasing residual tonnages along with the work on fly-tips and waste enforcement. Officers are also reviewing ways to reduce waste and increase recycling to 45% based on other boroughs experiences.

Question 7 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Parents of the children who attend St Andrew's School have contacted me regarding the traffic light junction at Parsonage Lane/Baker Street complaining that the traffic lights do not give any signal as to when the correct time is to cross and feel it is

dangerous for children. This junction is not only used by children who attend St Andrew's but also Enfield Grammar and Enfield County. Can the Cabinet Member advise whether he would be willing to investigate the possibility of having a lollipop person patrol that junction during the local school's dropping off and pick up times as this would be cheaper than having to reconfigure the traffic lights and install a full scale crossing.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The crossing was last reviewed when the previous school crossing patrol retired in January 2012. After careful consideration and discussions with the Police it was decided that the school crossing patrol should not be replaced, mainly because of safety concerns due to the sometimes contradictory information given to motorists by the traffic signals and the school crossing patrol. Although the junction has a good safety record, I fully support the idea of better pedestrian facilities wherever practicable. However, I am conscious that this was looked at by the previous Conservative administration but not taken forward because of the long delays to traffic that were predicted. I have asked officers to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine whether the traffic conditions have changed sufficiently to make the introduction of pedestrian facilities more viable now.

Question 8 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

At a recent Friends of Enfield Playing Fields meeting, senior representatives from the group announced that they had been contacted by the Environment Department about the possibility of having an all-weather sports pitch, however the person who contacted them failed to tell the Public Realm Improvement Officer who attends the Friends of Enfield Playing Fields meeting so therefore the Officer was completely unable to answer questions on the topic and did not even know of the proposed plan.

Can the Cabinet Member advise what measures are in place to ensure that officers who attend future Friends of the Parks (FOPs) meetings are fully briefed so they are able to respond to issues raised at these meetings.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The way that officers meet with the FOP's is being reviewed. Officers attend around 100 meetings with FOP's each year.

Question 9 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The Pevensey Road flats currently have large household wheeled bins that are often overflowing with their lids wide open for all to see the overflowing refuse spilling out. When I enquired, I was told that the flats could not have the larger style recycling bins for flats and enforcement would be needed so that the current provision would not be overflowing, however due to Enfield Homes coming back within the Council, they had no idea how to enforce even though they are now within the same directorate. Can the Cabinet Member advise what steps are being taken to ensure a

“One Enfield Approach to Delivery” within his Department and the necessary guidelines are in place to tackle these type of issues, now and in the future.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Council Housing and Public Realm are working closely to align services and the bin provision here will be reviewed to ensure the optimum numbers and size of bins are located at these properties.

Question 10 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The algae is again forming in the New River, please could the Cabinet Member for Environment set out what action plan is in place this year to make sure it is regularly cleaned during the summer months when it is at its worst?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Duck weed and algae in slow moving water such as the New Rover Loop is unavoidable. I am reminded of King Canute.

Question 11 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Does the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety support some of the other boroughs' view that an audit of the North London Waste Authority is needed to make sure that both Enfield Council and tax payers are receiving value for money from our waste disposal authority?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

I am unaware of any calls for audits. I believe Enfield's taxpayers are receiving very cheap waste disposal costs and in fact we have saved local taxpayers millions by increasing recycling rates following our introduction of wheeled bins.

Question 12 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The new highways contractor currently charges significantly higher rates for new crossovers than the previous one. Because of this the Environment Department is investigating the possibility of reducing the cost of crossovers, however at the same time it is conducting a crossover enforcement programme. If the Environment Department is successful in its efforts to reduce the cost of crossovers and extensions to the crossovers then those people who experience enforcement in the latter half of the programme will therefore pay a lower amount.

Does the Cabinet Member agree that the enforcement programme should halt until the outcome of the Environment Department's work to lower the cost of crossovers is concluded, so everyone pays the same amount so that the council's key priority of "fairness for all" is truly delivered.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

No, we will not halt our enforcement programme. I would like to remind you that it is illegal to drive across a pavement or verge without a vehicle crossover. If residents are doing this at the moment, then they should not. Our current initiative focusses on classified roads and we will continue to prioritise our efforts on those locations where residents are causing damage and or are causing a danger. This will involve following up with enforcement action on the worst offenders. We will then review the success of the current phase before continuing on borough roads.

The current contract rate is based on the recent London Highways Alliance Contract (LoHAC). Although this contract provides lower rates overall than our previous contract, the specific rates for constructing vehicle crossover are more expensive. We are currently evaluating contractors' responses to a recent tender exercise for the construction of vehicle crossovers. As a result of this, we will review the current unit rate for constructing vehicle crossovers in order to ensure 'value for money' for our residents.

Question 13 from Councillor Laban to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Please could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration inform the chamber when we are likely to get much needed homes on the Parsonage Lane and St Georges Road small housing sites?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

I am pleased to say that the 3 four bedroom homes being built along St Georges Road will be completed by late July 2015 and the 29 two and three bedroom homes being built along Parsonage Lane by November 2015.

These are the first of the 94 new homes to be built across the original seven small sites and all 94 will be delivered this year.

Question 14 from Councillor R. Hayward to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Please could the Cabinet Member for Housing update the chamber on Enfield's application for a housing zone?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Enfield's Housing Zone is on track to be approved by the Greater London Authority on 13th May 2015.

Question 15 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Can he please update me on the conversations he or officers have had with:

- The owners of the various retail parks along the A10 concerning boy racers gathering there on Sunday nights?
- The Metropolitan Police/Transport for London (TfL) traffic teams concerning speeding on the A10, particularly on Sunday nights?
- Hertfordshire Police or Councils in Hertfordshire concerning joint operations considering the problems that there are with speeding/racing on the A10 North of the M25 roundabout?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

As a local authority, we have been undertaking work with the police and other partners around the issue of cars gathering in nearby areas, particularly industrial estates, where those drivers then go on to speed on the A10. We have coordinated activity through the Joint Tasking arrangements to resolve car “cruises” when these occur, and have been successful in removing them from a variety of estates through measures such as enforcement, improved security or redesign of the car parks to reduce their appeal. We have had some success at areas including Ravenside Retail Park and Enfield Retail Park on Crown Road.

However, because there are several areas where this can be a risk, we continue to work to make these more secure, including providing permanent or temporary CCTV as appropriate.

The Metropolitan Police in Enfield continue to work with Transport for London who have responsibility for the A10 around the enforcement of speeding and with the central police traffic team that undertake and coordinate activity. I am sure Councillor Dines would join me in requesting that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime continues to pay attention to this area alongside their current priorities of reduce cycle deaths in Central London.

Question 16 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Can he please update me on the conversations he or officers have had with Barnet Police or Barnet Council concerning joint operations considering the problems that there are with boy racers in their cars or on their motorbikes meeting in the Friern Barnet Retail Park before speeding on the A406/A10 in Enfield?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

As mentioned in my last response, we have had numerous conversations with the Police around cars speeding on the A10/A406 and gathering on industrial estates and how we can tackle this.

These operations and action are undertaken by the central Metropolitan Police traffic unit, which is a central resource and not a borough based service, so liaison is coordinated through that team. The Neighbourhood Inspector has also prioritised this issue for some time and continues to do so.

Although the area in question is just outside Enfield we will continue to work in partnership together to stop these disruptive gatherings from occurring and to work to reduce speeding on the borough's roads.

Question 17 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

How much has been spent by the Council on the market garden initiative and how many jobs have been created?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

The Council entered into a grant agreement with the Greater London Authority (GLA) for £600,000 funding to deliver a market gardening project. The revenue spend for market gardening for 13/14 and 14/15 is £330,000 which has been claimed from the GLA grant. Capital expenditure for 13/14 and 14/15 is £252,000 and this has been spent as part of the Council's approved capital programme and the medium term financial plan.

- Sixteen community growing projects are receiving funding for local growing projects.
- Community growing projects have delivered more than 100 volunteer places at Forty Hall Farm market garden, Albany Park and Arnos Park alone. The numbers are set to rise as the other projects progress with their projects.
- The Forty Hall market garden supplies Budgens, Forty Hall Café, Baskervilles Tea Shop and other outlets with fresh produce on a weekly basis.
- One new business, the Enfield Veg Co. has been created and has been operating for over a year now.
- Twenty-two primary schools have received funding and training to start growing on their school grounds, and over 600 children have been involved in the growing projects.
- An additional 35 primary schools are keen to grow and will receive support over the next year, with the potential reach another 900 schoolchildren.
- The Farm Start project will provide job and business opportunities for more than six fully trained growers to try their hand at growing for the commercial market

Of course the bulk of the jobs created will arise if the project moves to full implementation, but to date 3 new jobs were created.

Question 18 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

How much money has been spent by the Council in encouraging the growth of the tech sector in Enfield and how many jobs have been created?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

The council with Johnson Matthey, London Waste Eco Park and Kelvin Hughes, recently organised a three day initiative introducing 28 young people aged 14 - 17 to the world of engineering.

Students at Winchmore, Edmonton County, Chace Community, St Anne's and The Latymer Schools spent three days at each company taking part in some practical engineering. The next step, working with local schools will be to investigate the need and plausibility for an engineering pathway for young people specifically tailored to the needs of local engineering firms.

This did not incur any direct costs beyond staff time.

The EnfieldThinks project in Enfield town is designed to provide a range of taster sessions for residents of all ages including business start-up and science and engineering. This project is funded by the training providers involved (the three further education colleges and Birkbeck University) with £20,000 from the Mayor's High Street Fund. As well as the education offer, we are also looking at future potential use of these units for new business start-up models.

The Meridian Water development in the southeast of the borough seeks to create approximately 3,000 new jobs, many of which are expected to be in the tech sector. The Council's Inward Investment strategy will actively encourage this industry to relocate to Enfield, or start a new business in Enfield.

The European Union funded Retrofit London project is working with 175 Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SME)s in Enfield, Haringey, Waltham Forest and Lewisham and includes SMEs in construction and allied professional fields and producers of energy saving technology and products and aims to create 25 new jobs and safeguard 35 existing jobs by December 2015. SMEs supported producers of bio-fuel and energy efficient glazing systems and other products. Construction SMEs taking part in the Retrofit London Project are accredited Green Deal Installers with a cluster of 12 out of about 22 Installers in London located in Enfield. Enfield Council is investing £172,405 in match funding towards this project between Nov 2013 - Dec 2015.

Question 19 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Has the Council considered setting something up akin to a tech incubator that encourages young people in Enfield to set up businesses/pursue their creativity in the tech sector?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Most Enfield schools run enrichment sessions for students in year 10 and above which will include an element of business. Schools may commission entrepreneurial organisations such as the Prince's Trust on an ad hoc basis to support students showing interest in this area.

The initiative described above in response to Question 18 to work with the borough's engineering businesses will raise the profile of this sector and foster interest, as well as the EnfieldThinks project.

The Council works closely with Enterprise Enfield, the borough's enterprise agency, to stimulate and develop business development in all sectors particularly the tech sector. Working with Capital Enterprise the agency is keen to copy and adapt models such as Tech City in Old Street so they can be developed in Enfield.

Question 20 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

Does the Council have a strategy for encouraging the growth of the tech industry in Enfield? If it does, what are the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)/measurable outcomes that it is working towards?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development

The initiative described above in response to Q18 to work with the borough's engineering businesses will raise the profile of this sector and foster interest, as well as the EnfieldThinks project.

The council will explore the potential to increase the number of schools offering IT courses at KS4 and above, as well as increasing number of children (especially girls) studying STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects.

Enterprise Enfield is exploring the development of an incubator space at Enfield Business Centre where start-ups would be offered space to develop with supportive in-house business advice.

The Greater London Authority (GLA) Broadband voucher scheme is being extended to continue supporting businesses to increase their broadband speed and will be integrated into regeneration programmes such as Meridian Water.

Question 21 from Councillor Dines to the Leader of the Council

Will Councillor Taylor rule out the release of any green belt land in Enfield for residential or commercial development over the next:

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15 years?

Reply from the Leader of the Council

It would be premature to comment on the future of the green belt in advance of a review of the Council's Core Strategy (Local Plan) which is now underway.

Enfield's Local Plan is key to shaping the future of the borough and ensuring that the right amount of development is built in the right place at the right time. It must be based on evidence of the economic, social and environmental character and prospects of the area. Consultation on key issues for the Local Plan Review will start this summer. This will outline the challenges faced by Enfield and seek views and ideas from local residents, businesses and other stakeholders on how growth could be accommodated.

Question 22 from Councillor Dines to the Leader of the Council

Does Councillor Taylor agree with the Labour Mayoral candidate David Lammy MP that the green belt should be reviewed to allow residential development on it? If he doesn't, has he told David Lammy MP that Enfield's green belt will never be released for residential development?

Reply from the Leader of the Council

David Lammy MP is not the Labour candidate for London Mayor.

Question 23 from Councillor Dines to the Leader of the Council

The 'Local London: Driving growth through devolution' document' has some interesting proposals in it that are worth considering in more detail. Why are we not pursuing this agenda with our immediate neighbours, Haringey and Barnet, as well given the local links that we have?

Reply from the Leader of the Council

Barnet Council is now a member of the West London Alliance, which is the focus of their sub-regional work.

The Retrofit London project described above in response to Question 18 works closely with Haringey.

Enfield is in a key position within the London Stansted Cambridge Corridor which includes Haringey to the south. New research by London Stansted Cambridge Consortium estimates that over 14,000 new jobs could be generated in the life sciences sector along the London-Stansted-Cambridge Corridor alone before 2023.

The report predicts total life sciences employment could rise to 54,600 jobs by 2023 in the corridor between London, Essex, Hertfordshire and Cambridge taking into account the significant projected inward investment into the area, believed to be the highest growth rate in Europe. The report supports the UK Government's prediction that to 2018, the corridor will see a net increase of 7,700 life science employees,

giving an average annual growth rate of 3.5%, the greatest being in the biotech sub-sector, at 9%.

Through its inclusion in the North East cluster of 10 boroughs, Enfield is well-placed as a west positioned partner, and new funding opportunities for employment and skills development are actively being pursued with the sub-region.

Question 24 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

Given we are entering a new financial year will the Council now consider releasing funds for the extension of the double yellow lines at the corner of Rosewood Drive and Wroxham Gardens?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

We will consider Rosewood Drive / Wroxham Gardens as part of our junction protection programme. However we get many requests of this nature, far more than we can fund. We therefore prioritise each request against a set of criteria which includes road casualty record, number of vehicles and pedestrians using the junction and proximity of schools. We will fully assess the Rosewood Drive / Wroxham Gardens junction but I suspect it will score quite low when compared to many busier junctions that we have had similar request for.

Question 25 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm that at no point during the next three years will residents living in Chase Ward have to pay for their garden waste to be collected by the Council?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

Due to the budget savings facing the Council both imposed and planned, services are continually being reviewed against the need to reduce budgets. I can give no commitments because of the budget reductions that we will have to make.

Question 26 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm that at no point during the next three years will residents living in Chase Ward see their 'black' bins collected fortnightly?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

I refer you to Question 25.

Question 27 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

Below are some of the comments I have received from residents in Enfield over recent weeks. Does the Cabinet Member agree with me that the Council, local police, Met Police centrally, Transport for London and the owners of the retail parks need to work together and prioritise enforcement on the A10:

- I nearly got run over on Tesco's Ponders End zebra crossing (outside their frontdoor!) by one of these ***** who then did a high speed 'donut' around the car park roundabout just to show off his bright green death machine.
- My car was hit by a hit and run ***** in a fast car a couple of weeks ago just up the road from McDonald's. Somehow the police were unable to identify their car despite 2 cameras pointing at the junction.
- I hated living nearby and the fact Enfield council and the police did nothing for years. Apparently, the 'boy racers' aren't even boys but husbands and grown men!
- I work in Hackney and I enforce for littering in a public place I think the enforcement officers for Enfield should do an operation with the local SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) and start issuing fines to these youths and it might make them a bit more respectful of the area!!
- I have work colleagues from all over London. The South, West and East and when I've complained about not having much sleep on a Sunday night due to these so called men in their stupidly loud and anti-social cars, they have said oh we know about the A10 strip our mates go there. It's not just people from around Enfield, this is a well-known "racing" road for these idiots. It's all organised on social media. People literally come from miles around to show off and "race" each other on a road with a 40mph speed limit. The noise is dreadful and used to wake my son up. Fortunately he is now quite a heavy sleeper. Even now as I am sitting here typing this I can hear one outside.
- Between 9pm and 1am, I'd say is the loudest times of Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.
- I live between both of these sites off Addison Road (A10 and Brimsdown) and this noise is so bad during the warmer nights I cannot have the windows open at night, it needs to stop before someone is killed or injured.
- We live near Bullsmoor lights and its awful keeps us awake and sometimes wakes the baby. The scary thing is there are other motorists on the road and their life's are being put at risk through no fault of their own. These cars go so fast I'm surprised their hasn't been a fatal accident already it needs stopping before there is
- I know someone who lives on the corner of Lee Road, and she's being driven to distraction by it. Her son refuses to sleep in the front now

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

I congratulate Councillor Dines in meeting some of his constituents. A rare event indeed.

I am fully aware of the impact this can have which is why we are working in partnership to tackle this problem.

As Councillor Dines knows from my other responses, the enforcement of speeding on the A10 is a matter for the Metropolitan Police and Transport for London (TfL) and I again ask if Councillor Dines would join me in asking the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime continue to make central resource available to support the local Ward Team, for whom this continues to be a priority.

I should also add that as a local authority with joined up CCTV systems, we are already monitoring any TfL traffic cameras in the area at appropriate times and passing information or activity to the Police to enable a response.

Question 28 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Assuming Meridian Water does eventually get developed, what is the working assumption as to how many residential units a year will be released onto the market and what will the starting date of their release be?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The Council is targeting housing completions on Meridian Water from 2018. The rate of completions will be determined by the master developer (once appointed).

Question 29 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Has the granting of housing zone status at Tottenham Hale, and the large number of residential units being planned there, impacted in any way upon the Council's assumptions as to how many units a year will be released onto the market?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

There is a housing supply crisis in London. The Council has been advised that Meridian Water and Tottenham can both deliver large volumes of homes without giving rise to market saturation.

Question 30 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

With respect to the placing of people in Enfield in temporary accommodation, how many conversations have you had with Haringey Council concerning the number of people they place into the Borough?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Enfield Council is in a live and active partnership with Haringey Council as part of the North London Housing Partnership. The full membership of this group consists of Enfield, Haringey, Barnet, Islington, Camden and Westminster. The Council is represented at a senior management level at regular meetings, where all matters relating to homelessness across the partnership are discussed: this includes the number of placements made in all the partner boroughs. To exemplify the high profile and importance given to this subject, of 12 meetings which took place during 2014-15, the subject was discussed 10 times.

Question 31 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

With respect to the placing of people in Enfield in Temporary Accommodation, how many conversations have you had with Barnet Council concerning the number of people they place into the Borough?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Enfield Council is in a live and active partnership with Barnet Council as part of the North London Housing Partnership. The full membership of this group consists of Enfield, Haringey, Barnet, Islington, Camden and Westminster. The Council is represented at a senior management level at regular meetings, where all matters regarding homelessness across the partnership are discussed, this includes the number of placements made. To exemplify the high profile given to this subject of 12 meetings which took place during 2014-15, the subject was discussed 10 times.

Question 32 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

How many people/families have been housed out of Enfield over the last calendar year and what other authorities were they placed in?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Private Rented Sector Lettings

Local Authority	
Barking & Dagenham	2
Barnet	4
Birmingham	1
Bournemouth	1
Broxbourne	5
Chichester	1
Cheshunt	2
Haringey	11
Harlow	1
Hertsmere	1
Middlesborough	1
Newham	1
Preston	1
Southwark	1
Tendring	1
Waltham Forest	1
Welwyn & Hatfield	1
Wellingborough	1
Wolverhampton	2
	39

Temporary Accommodation Lets

Local Authority	
HARINGEY	200
BROXBOURNE	63
BARNET	47
HACKNEY	35
HARLOW	28
WALTHAM FOREST	23
NEWHAM	18
BRENT	9
BARK & DAG	8
EPPINGFOR	8
CROYDON	6
ISLINGTON	6
HERTSMERE	6
HARROW	5
THURROCK	4
REDBRIDGE	4
LEWISHAM	4
WELWYN HATFIELD	3
LAMBETH	3
LUTON	3
BEXLEY	3
PETERBOROUGH	3
WESTMINSTE	2
HAVERING	2
GREENWICH	2
RICHMOND	2
SLOUGH	2
BROMLEY	1
WOKING	1
	501

Question 33 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

When is work set to start on the 'small site' plots in Chase Ward?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

Development works are programmed to start on site at Tudor Crescent by the end of next month (May 2015) and complete by November 2015, and at Forty Hill & Lavender Hill the following month (June 2015) with completion planned at these two sites in December 2015.

Question 34 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Education Children's Services & Protection

When will the announcement of which secondary schools are going to get a bulge class to meet the identified demand for secondary school places in Central and Western Enfield be made?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

We regularly review information about the demand for secondary places. The current school roll projections do not suggest a need for bulge classes in addition to current plans for provision of additional secondary school places from Heron Hall and Ark North Enfield between September 2016 and September 2018.

For additional provision in 2019 and 2020, the need for temporary arrangements will depend on the outcome of discussions and plans for the permanent provision. If temporary arrangements are needed then we would not expect to be confirming that until 2017.

Question 35 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Education Children's Services & Protection

The Secondary School places paper, which incredibly the Council did not debate at the last Full Council, identified that a new school will likely be needed in the Centre or West of the borough to balance out the over provision in the East of the Borough.

Can I please be provided with an update on how the search for a site is going? I understand specifics can't be mentioned but can you give a categorical assurance that a site will be found and a deal struck so that a new Secondary School will be ready by September 2019 as the report indicates is needed?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

The Secondary School Places paper produced to update Council stated that in addition to a need for 10 forms of entry by September 2018 (11 additional forms will be provided by Heron Hall and Ark North Enfield) a further 16 forms of entry would be required between September 2019 and September 2020. There are a multitude of options to provide those 16 forms and the paper states that they could be provided through two new schools. However, if in discussion with the Education Funding Agency (EFA) it transpires that new schools will not provide enough provision then the expansion of existing schools would be an option.

Question 36 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Education Children's Services & Protection

Can I and residents be assured that if a Free School or Academy provider is willing to provide a new Secondary School in the centre/west of the borough that it will be seriously considered?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

I am sure that Councillor Dines is aware of the legislation around free schools and academies.

The Council is pragmatic in terms of the funding and delivery of additional secondary school places. The most important element of any proposal is that there must be a clear and evidenced commitment to quality of provision and a willingness to work with the Council and other school providers in the borough to deliver the best possible education to children in our borough.

Question 37 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Education Children's Services & Protection

Does the expected provision of a three form entry Primary School at Chase Farm mean that the expected number of forms of entry in the centre and west of the Borough for Secondary School provision needs to be increased upwards? Was this taken into account in the Secondary School places paper? If it wasn't, then what will the upwards revision be?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

The need for additional secondary school places to serve an area is based on population and school roll projections not the amount of primary school provision. The residential development at Chase Farm will create demand for secondary school places but the provision requirements in the immediate area are less clear due to different travel patterns of secondary school children.

The impact of the residential development at Chase Farm on demand for secondary school places will be assessed as part of this year's school places report. The assessment cannot be done now as there needs to be a discussion with the Greater London Authority (GLA) about how the delivery of the residential development over the long-term will be picked up by their school roll projection model.

Question 38 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Will the Council be looking to own private rented sector units at Meridian Water?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The Council is open to owning homes at Meridian Water. These homes could include private rented sector homes.

Question 39 from Councillor Dines to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

How much did the LDA Design Vision masterplan for Meridian Water cost and is this still a 'live' document within the Council or is it now considered out of date?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The Masterplan and all the evidence gathered to support the Masterplan cost the Council £340,000. The Masterplan has been adopted and is therefore a planning consideration. The Masterplan principles remain current.

Question 40 from Councillor Smith to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Could the Cabinet Member provide the Council with the Enfield expenditure and income figures for the three types of temporary accommodation (Private Sector Leased (PSL), Private Leased Annex (PLA) and Nightly Paid Accommodation (NPA) for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 (projected)?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The table below shows Temporary Accommodation rents Expenditure and Income

	Expenditure	Income	Net
2013/14 outturn	£'000	£'000	£'000
PSL	7,609	(10,623)	(3,014)
PLA	8,873	(10,698)	(1,825)
NPA&BB	10,181	(6,770)	3,411
	<u>26,663</u>	<u>(28,091)</u>	<u>(1,428)</u>
2014/15 outturn			
PSL	7,454	(10,420)	(2,966)
PLA	10,047	(10,935)	(888)
NPA&BB	15,796	(11,738)	4,058
	<u>33,297</u>	<u>(33,093)</u>	<u>204</u>
2015/16 (forecast based on EY model)			
PSL	7,472	(9,436)	(1,964)
PLA	11,017	(11,267)	(250)
NPA&BB**	22,054	(19,486)	2,568
	<u>40,543</u>	<u>(40,189)</u>	<u>354</u>

* The 2015/16 forecast for NPAs assumes a £5m mitigation savings will be achieved.

The figures in brackets represent income.

Question 41 from Councillor Smith to the Cabinet Member for Housing & Estate Regeneration

Could the Cabinet Member tell the council whether he is involved with any discussions with the Greater London Authority GLA or London Councils to restrict the flow of homeless households from other boroughs into Enfield and what is the current position?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration

The homelessness challenges facing London Boroughs are discussed regularly at The London Councils Housing Directors meetings. To exemplify the high profile given to this subject of 6 Housing Directors meetings which took place from March 2014 to date, the subject was discussed 6 times. It was also discussed twice at the Leaders London Council Meeting from October 2014 to date.

Since 2010, I and the Leader have written to Grant Shapps, on numerous occasions and recently written to Brandon Lewis (Feb 2015) and Iain Duncan-Smith (March 2015).

The monitoring of movement of households between boroughs is available for the first six months of 14/15 only. It indicates that 783 households were placed in Enfield during this time by other boroughs.

Question 42 from Councillor J Charalambous to the Leader of the Council

I am disappointed to see that the Council has waited until the very end of the 8 week statutory period in considering whether or not to grant the heritage assets at Trent Park the status of an Asset of Community Value – at the time of writing no decision has been announced and the deadline of the outcome is today (28 April 14 - which coincides with the deadline for submitting this question). Does he not think it is unfair that the Council has taken so long to consider this relatively straightforward application which should, in my estimation, have taken no more than 4 weeks to consider?

Irrespective of whether or not the heritage assets at Trent Park are granted the status of an Asset of Community Value by Enfield Council will he ensure that, together with the soon to be established working group, he will guarantee that the Council will do everything in its power to ensure the grounds to the front and rear of the mansion are granted permanent public access, and that the history and heritage of the site is promoted – with a museum and memorial to be installed at the very least to honour the Secret Listeners of World War II whose work at Trent Park was integral in the war effort?

Reply from the Leader of the Council

I have been clear from the outset that Trent Park is an important part of Enfield's history, and I am again happy to add my support to the Council doing everything it can to ensure it remains part of the Borough's future. I am grateful for Councillor Charalambous' opinion on the time it should have taken to consider this application, and I note his assessment of how long it should take is based on no empirical evidence or knowledge.

Question 43 from Councillor J. Charalambous to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

There has been a marked rise in hawkers in Cockfosters in recent months – over the past year on at least three separate occasions young men have approached my door and those of my neighbours claiming to be on a prison probation programme and using hard sale tactics to sell household cleaning products. I have spoken to the police who have confirmed there is no such scheme and that their behaviour is illegal, and I am grateful to them for their prompt action in seeking to identify these individuals. My concern is that many elderly and vulnerable people find these individuals intimidating and are forced to part with money for things they don't require, and moreover that they are exposed to other potential risks and dangers.

What will the Council do to inform people of the fraudulent behaviour of these hawkers and to advise residents not to open the door and engage with them? In my view a letter highlighting this issue to all households where the hawkers operate is a minimum.

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

The Trading Standards team operate a programme of educational talks and events to advise vulnerable and older people across the borough on how to prevent them becoming victims of doorstep crime and rogue trading. This usually includes at least one talk/event at the over 50s forum. This advice is also included as part of the 'Safe as Houses' package operated by the Community Safety team for prevention of burglary and distraction burglary.

Trading Standards also work with partners like the Police and immigration to undertake proactive patrols on building works to check that householders are not being ripped off by rogues. They undertook one of these Operation Liberal patrols on Cockfosters ward in February 2015.

In relation to your concerns about hawkers selling goods at the door in Cockfosters ward, we will contact the Safer Neighbourhoods Team, CAPE, any Neighbourhood Watch and resident associations in that ward to make them aware and to remind residents of precautions to take, such as:-

- Don't answer the door unless you are expecting a visitor
- If you do answer the door, make sure your back door is locked whenever you answer the front door and either talk through the locked front door or if you open the door keep the chain on
- Politely ask them to go as you are not interested in buying goods on the doorstep
- Don't let them inside
- Persons selling goods door to door are required to be licensed by the Metropolitan Police. Ask them for their ID and licence and that you will check with the Police

Question 44 from Councillor J. Charalambous to the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

There has been a prolific rise in planning applications in Hadley Wood for infilling to provide new oversized houses on residential plots – this is to the dismay of many local residents who see the character of their neighbourhood changing rapidly. What can he do to ensure that infilling or new developments that are granted consent are more sympathetic in size and location than is currently the case?

Reply from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

All applications for extension and new infill development are carefully considered against the policies contained in the Council's adopted Core Strategy and Development Management Document. Recognising the importance of new development to economic growth and the supply of much needed housing, the national planning policy statement contains a presumption in favour of allowing development to proceed unless the effect on the area or residential amenity is in itself harmful. Applications for development in Hadley Wood will continue to be assessed against these policies taking into consideration site circumstances and the

comments of local residents to ensure development is of the highest quality within the existing framework of national, regional and local planning policy.

Section 2: Questions for Association Cabinet Members

Question 45 from Councillor Dines to the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield North

Can the Associate Cabinet Member please explain what work he has carried out in relation to Chase Ward in his role as Associate Cabinet Member since January 1st 2015? Does he think this represents good value for money?

Reply from the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield North

Specific responsibility for issues related to Chase ward are of course the prerogative of the ward councillors. I am surprised that you are not aware of that.

Question 46 from Councillor Chamberlain to the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield South East

Could the Associate Cabinet Member please tell the council what meetings he has attended and with whom since last Council meeting?

Reply from the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield South East

I have been very busy since the last council meeting, attending many meetings with residents, community groups, officers and meeting with my family. Indeed the first meeting I attended after the last council meeting was with my wife - that was right after the council meeting - and the first meeting the following day was with my son and my grandchildren, who I took to the park. Perhaps Councillor Chamberlain would like to walk with me to the park; it's a great way of meeting with and talking to local people.

If Councillor Chamberlain would like to be specific as to which meetings he is interested in that I attended, e.g. meetings with residents, community groups, offices or my family, I will gladly supply them to him. To list all these meetings here would be too many to include. For starters, Councillor Chamberlain should read Report No.224 that went to Cabinet on 29 April 2015.

Question 47 from Councillor Laban to the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield North

Could the Associate Cabinet Member please tell the council what meetings he has attended and with whom since last Council meeting?

Reply from the Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield North

Please refer to the last Cabinet agenda.

Question 48 from Councillor Neville to the Associate Cabinet Member Enfield West

Could the Associate Cabinet Member please tell the council what meetings he has attended and with whom since last Council meeting?

Reply from the Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield West

Please refer to the last Cabinet agenda.

Section 3: Questions to Statutory Committee Chairs

Question 49 from Councillor Neville to the Chair of Planning Committee

Will the Chair make a statement about the decision of the High Court in February to quash the grant of planning permission for 36 Walsingham Road approved by his committee in June 2014 and to further order the council to pay the applicant the entirety of her costs after a separate hearing on the issue in which the judge rejected outright the council's arguments to pay only a fraction of costs.

Can he give the council an indication of what this case has/or is likely to cost council tax payers, and will he tell the council whether he and Labour members of the Planning Committee have learned any lessons on the way that the committee under his chairmanship attempted to ride roughshod over ordinary residents whose only offence has been to have the wit and the wherewithal to bring a strong legally represented challenge to the arrogance of the planning authority in refusing requests for a deferral and proper consideration to be given to the residents reasonable and well-argued representations.

Would he further confirm that this case following close on the heels of the judgement against the council in the Landlords Licensing Case demonstrates that "people power" backed by the courts is thankfully alive and well and is on the march in Enfield against a council that has perhaps got a little above itself in its decision making.

Reply from the Chair of Planning Committee

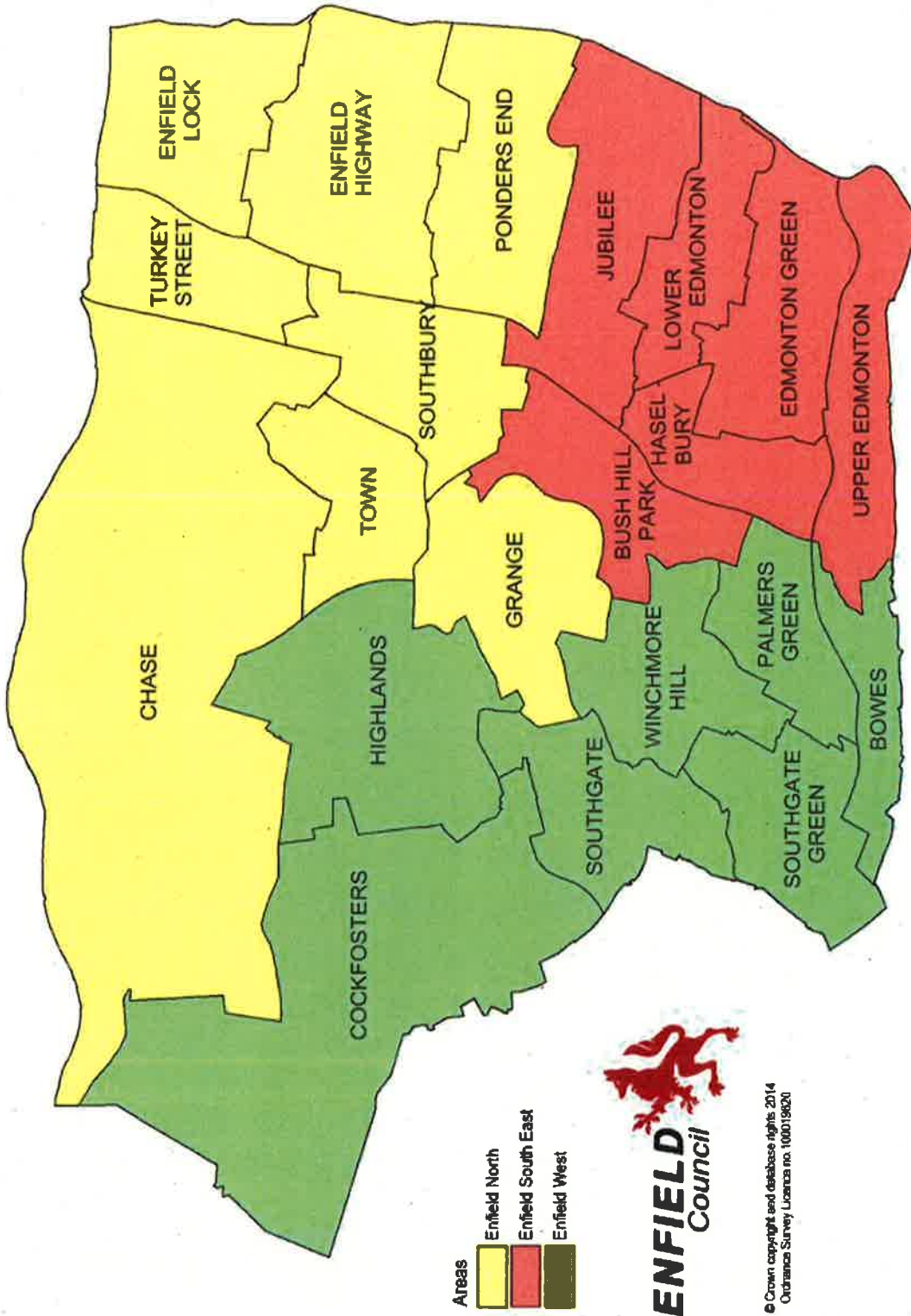
The decision to grant planning permission for development at 36 Walsingham Road was the subject of Judicial Review. The Council accepted a technical error in its approach to the assessment of the application (Ground 1) and the decision was quashed on this ground (Ground 1) alone. There was no consideration of the merits of Grounds 2 – 7 advanced by the claimant's argument and the judicial review process does not convey any inference on the acceptability of the Council's decision.

The Council has not yet received notification on the decision on the award of costs. No record is maintained of the time spent on each application making it difficult to estimate costs but the purpose of the Council in acceding to Ground 1 at an early stage was to minimise costs to all parties.

The planning application was subject to public consultation whose comments were

taken into consideration by officers and the Planning Committee. The presence of local objections, however, does not always justify a refusal of planning permission as the application must be determined on its planning merits. As a result of the Judicial Review, the application falls to be re-determined by the Council as local planning authority and that process has recently commenced with public consultation.

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Delegated Authority within the division for Council Housing and Strategic Services.

- 1.1 Pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, power is delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Environment in respect of all relevant housing legislation and regulations, as amended and subject to future amendments (the Acts).
- 1.2 Pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, power is delegated to the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services in respect of the Acts.
- 1.3 That the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services be appointed as a Proper Officer and have delegated power to appoint Proper Officers pursuant to sections 112, 234, 270 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the purposes of signing all Notices, Orders, Licences and other documents, given, made or issued by them on behalf of the Council under the Acts.
- 1.4 That there be delegated to Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services power to authorise officers to serve and sign in their own name all relevant notices in accordance with the Acts.
- 1.5 That the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services, be authorised pursuant to Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 to institute, prosecute or defend proceedings in any County or Magistrates Court in respect matters falling within the Acts.
- 1.6 That there be delegated to Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services the power to authorise officers of the Service to pursue pursuant to Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 to institute, prosecute or defend proceedings in any County or Magistrates Court in respect of matters falling within the Acts.
- 1.7 That the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services be authorised under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 to appear on behalf of the Council before any Magistrates Court in relation to proceedings instituted under the Acts.
- 1.8 That there be delegated to the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services the power to authorise officers of the Service to appear on behalf of the Council in any Magistrates Court under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to proceedings instituted under the Acts.
- 1.9 That the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services be authorised under 60(2) County Court Act 1984 (CCA 1984) and section 12(1) Legal Services Act 2007, (LSA 2007) to appear on behalf of the Council before any County Court in relation to proceedings instituted by or against them.

- 1.10 That there be delegated to the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services the power to authorise officers of the Service to appear on behalf of the Council in any County Court pursuant to sections 60(2) CCA 1984 and section 12(1) LSA 2007, in relation to proceedings instituted by or against them.
- 1.11 That the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services , be authorised to institute, prosecute or defend proceedings in any Tribunal in to proceedings instituted under the Acts.
- 1.12 That there be delegated to the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services the power to authorise officers of the Service to appear on behalf of the Council in any Tribunal in respect to proceedings instituted under the Acts.
- 1.13 That there be delegated to the Assistant Director of Council Housing and Strategic Services the power to authorise officers to exercise powers and duties falling within the Acts, subject where appropriate to officers holding the appropriate level of competence which may include qualifications, knowledge and or experience.