



LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 24TH
SEPTEMBER, 2015 AT 7.00 PM**

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

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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Council of the London Borough of Enfield to be held at the Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield on Thursday 24th September 2015 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

Yours sincerely

Armat Hussain

Assistant Director Legal & Corporate Governance

1. ELECTION (IF REQUIRED) OF THE CHAIRMAN/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

2. MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

The Mayor's Chaplain to give a blessing.

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

4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 32)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 24 June 2015.

5. APOLOGIES

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members of the Council are invited to identify any disclosable pecuniary

other pecuniary or non pecuniary interests relevant to items on the agenda.

7. SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORKPROGRAMME & WORKSTREAMS 2015/16
(Pages 33 - 48)

To receive a report from Overview & Scrutiny Committee setting out the Scrutiny Annual Work Programme and workstreams identified for 2015/16.
(Report No.54A)

Members are asked to note:

- that the report has been referred on to Council for formal approval following consideration by Overview & Scrutiny Committee (2 June 15) & consultation with Cabinet (16 September 15).
- Any comments made by Cabinet on 16th September 2015 will be reported to Council as part of the Council amendment sheet tabled at the meeting.

8. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15 (Pages 49 - 62)

To receive the annual report from the London Borough of Enfield Audit Committee for 2014/15, covering the key issues dealt with by the Committee over the past year.

Members are asked to note that the report was initially considered by Audit Committee on 9th July 2015 and is due to be resubmitted to the Committee for formal approval on 23rd September 2015.

The decision made by Audit Committee on 23rd September 15 will be reported to Council on the amendment sheet to be tabled at the meeting.

9. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee (November 2014) approved the recruitment process for the appointment of an Independent Member to serve on the Committee in an advisory and consultative manner.

Following a selection process, undertaken by an Appointment Panel established by the Audit Committee, the appointment of Mrs Chaitali Roy as Independent Member on the Committee has been recommended for approval. This appointment would be for a 2 year term of office to expire on 24th September 2017.

Recommendation:

Council is asked to approve and confirm the appointment of Mrs Chaitali Roy as an Independent Member of the Audit Committee for a term of office to expire on 24th September 2017.

10. REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY ARRANGEMENTS

To receive a briefing paper from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services advising members of a change in the political balance of the Council and associated review of the proportionality arrangements relating to the allocation of seats on the committees, joint committees and panels that have been set up for discharge of the Council's functions.

TO FOLLOW

11. COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES) (Pages 63 - 96)

11.1 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.

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

The list of fifty one questions and their written responses are attached to the agenda.

12. MOTIONS

12.1 In the name of Councillor Brett:

"Enfield Council regrets the recent statements regarding cuts to PCSOs at a time when reported violent crime is increasing in Enfield."

12.2 In the name of Councillor Maguire:

"Enfield Council notes the desperate plight of refugees fleeing Syria and

seeking safety in the countries of the EU.

This Council will work with other London Councils to play a part in a national response to the crisis.

This Council, however, insists that the Government must fully fund the national response for as long as it takes and not just for one year.”

12.3 In the name of Councillor Orhan:

“Following the campaign in the Londra Gazette and my letter to the Schools Minister urging him to intervene and force the AQA and OCR exam boards to reconsider the decision to scrap “A” levels and GCSEs of certain community languages such as Bengali, Gujarati, Punjabi, Polish and Turkish, it has been disappointing that other than a reprieve of a year no firm announcement of a commitment has been made by the Government that a u-turn has been achieved. It begs the question who is in charge of education in the UK and if this Government is committed to providing language skill opportunities much in demand in business and much in need by an outward facing country.

As this is of a huge interest for Enfield residents I ask the Council to fully support me in a letter urging the government to make a public statement that community languages will be taught in school beyond 2017.”

12.4 In the name of Councillor N.Cazimoglu:

“The country, particularly London, is facing a housing crisis and residents in Enfield are feeling the effects. This Council believes that the only real solution is to build more homes.

House building is at its lowest since the 1920's; private rents have increased by 37% in the past five years and the government continue to use billions of pounds of public money to subsidise private landlords through housing benefit.

This Council believes that government is complacent about the housing crisis which is affecting many of our residents in Enfield.

We call on the government to grant local authorities the powers and financial ability to increase the supply of housing for our residents. The government should go further than they already have in lifting the cap on borrowing for Housing Revenue Accounts. Council's must be given the financial flexibilities they need to be able to scale up housing development, both in partnership and directly.”

12.5 In the name of Councillor Laban:

“Enfield Council does not support any proposal for female only train carriages on trains. The idea amounts to nothing more than gender segregation and does nothing to address any of the issues of sexual harassment - those

people travelling within the borough of Enfield should feel safe on trains, isolating women and treating them as the problem is not the answer.”

13. USE OF COUNCIL'S URGENCY PROCEDURE (Pages 97 - 98)

Council is asked to note the details provided of a decision taken under the Council's urgency procedure relating to the waiver of call-in along with the reasons for urgency. The decision has been made in accordance with the urgency procedures set out in Paragraph 17.3 of Chapter 4.2 (Scrutiny) and Paragraph 16 of Chapter 4.6 (Access to Information) of the Council's Constitution.

14. MEMBERSHIPS

To confirm the following changes to committee memberships:

(a) Public Transport Consultative Group

Councillor Laban to be replaced by Councillor R.Hayward

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

15. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm any changes to the nominations on Outside Bodies.

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16. CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING & CHANGE IN DATE FOR JANUARY 2016 MEETING

17.1 Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

17.2 Change of date for Council meeting in January 2016

Members are asked to note that due to a clash with an event arranged to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day there is a need to reschedule the Council meeting on Wednesday 27th January 2016.

Following consultation with both Groups, it is proposed to move this meeting back by a day to Thursday 28th January 2016.

Recommendation:

Council is asked to approve the change in date for the January 2016 Council from Wednesday 27th to Thursday 28th January 2016.

18. 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 items of business listed on the part 2 of agenda on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in those paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

No Part 2 items have currently been identified for consideration.